



the abaconian

Abaco's most complete newspaper

FREE at over 100 Abaco locations

VOLUME 21 NUMBER 16 August 15th, 2013

Airport progress continues to be delayed *FES sees a November or December opening*



Above: fencing going up around the Marsh Harbour International Airport.

By Timothy Roberts

While progress on recently signed contracts at the Marsh Harbour international Airport are now under way, progress on the terminal continues to be delayed as FES waits for government approval and mobilization on change orders that were known since December 2012.

As of August 12 progress can be seen as the perimeter fence is now under way and the security booth for the control tower appears to be half-way finished after some initial delays. However, the re-routing of the runway light controls and the installation of the generator at the control tower, along with adjustments to the interior of the new terminal building have been set back due to delays in acquiring government approval and mobilization.

In January the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Urban Renewal, Philip 'Brave' Davis said that there were things not taken into consideration in the original design and that these components would prevent the opening of the airport as it would not meet the standards to become an international airport.

Please see Airport Page 5

Residents call Landfill a disgrace *Minimal maintenance on site while new contract is delayed*



The Central Abaco Landfill has been the focus of numerous complaints in recent weeks as there have been delays in issuing a new contract after Central Government took responsibility for its maintenance away from Local Government as of July 1. See page 6.

Abaco MP Key returns to House after fellow party members boycott



Above: The Member of Parliament for Central & South Abaco, Edison Key, returned to his seat to vote during a heated Parliamentary session regarding stem cell research. Mr. Key's fellow FNM party members decided to leave in solidarity because of the forced removal of Party Leader Dr. Hubert Minnis from the House of Assembly. See page 5. Photo courtesy Nassau Guardian.

PRSRST STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
WEST PALM BCH FL
Permit NO 4595

The Abaconian
Stuart Web Inc.
6675 SE Groupier Ave
Stuart, FL 34997
Change
Service
Requested

Renew your subscription before the expiration date shown in the label below.

North Abaco

Opposition leader visits North Abaco



Above: Leader of the Opposition, Dr. Hubert Minnis, lays a wreath at the site where the late Charles Maynard passed away last year while coordinating the North Abaco by-election

FNM Honours Anniversary of Maynard's Passing

By Timothy Roberts

On August 10, Dr. Hubert Minnis along with party chairman Darron Cash

and members of the Free National Movement (FNM) held a brief memorial service for former FNM National Chairman Charles Maynard laying a wreath on the side of the road at the site of his passing.

The service celebrated the life and legacy of the late Charles 'Charlie' Maynard who was also Minister of Youth,

Sports and Culture who was described by Dr. as a dedicated and patriotic Bahamian statesman who prided himself on service to, and love for country, and a man who was passionate about the positive development of the youth of The Bahamas.

Charles Maynard died suddenly on August 14, 2012, just outside of Blackwood, in North Abaco. At the time of his death, Mr. Maynard was coordinating the FNM campaign for the North Abaco by-election held in October last year.

FNM Meets with North Abaco Supporters

By Timothy Roberts

During a visit to North Abaco on August 10 the leader of the Free National Movement along with the party's chairman Darron Cash and other party officers held a meeting with party supporters at the Treasure Cay Public Beach.

Dr. Hubert Minnis took time to explain to party members about the FNM's recent actions in the House of Assembly and his "stand for democracy" as he was 'Named' and suspended for two sessions by the Speaker of the House, Kendall Ma-

yor.

He said "I rebelled because I wanted to defend and maintain democracy. They tried to stagnate democracy but we are not going to allow them to."

He said he was determined "not to apologize and not to back down because I knew that our former leader fought and brought about democracy and I was certainly not going to allow it to go backwards, but to ensure it goes forward."

Dr. Minnis said to his supporters that they need to be ready to campaign as the current administration "does not have the moral authority to govern and we must be ready [when election is called] to take over from them."

He said that as he and his team move through the family islands and all the constituencies they will not stop campaigning until they have won the next election; "when we are sworn in as the new government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas."

He told supporters that the party wants to ensure that they are connected and communicate well with their supporters.

Abaco Shipping

BAHAMAS ADDRESS

P.O. BOX AB 20737

Marsh Harbour

Abaco, Bahamas

Tel: 242-367-2091

Fax: 242-367-2235

unitedabacoshippingco@coralwave.com

U.S. DELIVERY & RECEIVING ADDRESS

GULFSTREAM LINES/
HEAVY LIFT SERVICES

801 Avenue E

Riviera Beach Fla. 33404

Tel: 561-840-9393

Fax: 561-863-3451

Contact: Tina Diaz

M. V. DUKE OF TOPSAIL

A Bahamian owned company serving
The Bahamas for over 25 years

U.S. DELIVERY ADDRESS

- ◆ Freight runs from West Palm Beach to Nassau / Marsh Harbour
- ◆ Weekly freight runs to and from Nassau

General Cargo, 20' & 40' Dry and Refrigerated Containers, Drive-on Ramps

RELIABLE, DEPENDABLE AND PERSONLIZED SERVICE

WHEN SHIPPING TO ABACO...REMEMBER
ABACO SHIPPING





Damianos

Sotheby's
INTERNATIONAL REALTY

Hope Town, Lubbers Quarters & Tilloo Cay

SIRbahamas.com



NEW LISTING

HOPE TOWN THE PHILLIPS HOUSE Landmark trophy home of timeless design and superior construction. Panoramic water views from this property are absolutely unrivalled. 5b/ 6.5b; 3,840 sq. ft. of finished living space; 4,460 sq. ft. of loggia and verandas. Dockage for small and large vessels. Call for more details. **WEB:4000044192 US\$3,500,000.** Kerry.Sullivan@SothebysRealty.com



HOPE TOWN MERIDIAN on the hilltop of Aunt Pat's Bay, features 5b, 4.5b, & 2,500 sq. ft of imported Brazilian Ipe finished deck space. **WEB:4000039960 US\$2,200,000.** Jane.Patterson@SothebysRealty.com



HOPE TOWN LAS BRISAS Located at south end, 3b with loft, 3b. Ocean & Tilloo views, open floor plan. 2 deeded dock slips, Back-up generator, Tahiti beach close by. **WEB:4000041085 US\$1,195,000.** Jane.Patterson@SothebysRealty.com



HOPE TOWN HILLTOP - Harbour views, newly renovated Key West-style, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, pool, high-end finishes, professionally landscaped. **WEB:4000018685 US\$995,000.** Kerry.Sullivan@SothebysRealty.com



HOPE TOWN QUACK CAY 3b 2b beachfront home with high ceilings & expansive ocean views. Shared backup generator. Close to all amenities. **WEB:4000019283 US\$950,000.** Jane.Patterson@SothebysRealty.com



HOPE TOWN New Price NORTH STAR Waterfront Private, spacious 2b 2b home, close to sandy ocean beach and dockage. **WEB:4000019469 US\$935,000.** Jane.Patterson@SothebysRealty.com



HOPE TOWN TAHITI HAI 4b 2b plus efficiency apt. Panoramic water views, fun island-style décor. Dock slip included. **WEB:4000005895 US\$879,000.** Kerry.Sullivan@SothebysRealty.com



HOPE TOWN New Price MAY HOUSE OCEANFRONT This cozy round design 2/2 home situated on 1 1/2 acre. Near dockage and beaches. **WEB:4000024644 US\$875,000.** Jane.Patterson@SothebysRealty.com



HOPE TOWN BAY STREET TELLIN' Prime location with bonus harbour lot & shared dock. Immaculate 2b 2b, excellent rental history, turnkey. **WEB:4000039066 US\$825,000.** Kerry.Sullivan@SothebysRealty.com



HOPE TOWN MOMMA'S MARLIN Priced to Sell 4b/2b beachfront villa on the Atlantic w/ views of White Sound Harbour. Many recent upgrades. Turnkey. **WEB:4000008785 US\$795,000.** Kerry.Sullivan@SothebysRealty.com



HOPE TOWN BENEMI Hope Town harbour views from this 3b 2b home steps from ocean beach, private dock. **WEB:4000041687 US\$695,000.** Jane.Patterson@SothebysRealty.com



HOPE TOWN BANANAQUIT Cottage 2b 2b with covered decks, views of the Sea of Abaco and lighthouse. Room to expand ground floor. **WEB:4000027817 US\$547,000.** Jane.Patterson@SothebysRealty.com



A #4000017417 NORTH END 2 lots one block off the beach. B\$125,000 / B\$145,000. Kerry Sullivan
B #4000009967 LOT 66 Northend lot, 1/2 acre underbrushed lot, build up to ocean views. \$138,000. J. Patterson
C #4000016241 HERON VIEW North End with 50% dock ownership. New Price US\$249,000. K. Sullivan
D #4000042904 APPLE YARD **Under Contract** Beachfront lot, Hope Town Harbour. \$165K. K.Sullivan
E #4000006571 NEW SETTLEMENT Lots w/ underground utilities & concrete roads, from US\$85,000. K. Sullivan
F #4000030203 OCEAN VIEW LOTS - Four, 1/4 acre each, ocean views, near beach. From \$165,000. Jane Patterson
G #4000000689 ELEVEN AT BIG POINT 1/2 acre beachfront building site. US\$395,000. Kerry Sullivan
H #4000032178 HANG TEN **New Listing** 200 feet on the ocean near public dock. \$379,000. Kerry Sullivan
I #4000039527 SURF & SEA **New Listing** Aunt Pat's Bay, hillside lot with dockage. US\$220,000. K. Sullivan
J #4000011372 BIG ROCK HILL One acre oceanfront, 140' on the Atlantic. US\$665,000. Kerry Sullivan
K #4000007027 REEL TREASURE **New Listing** Private dock slip & ocean view. \$325,000. K.Sullivan



HOPE TOWN SWEET HAVEN Newly renovated with modern amenities, furnished 3 BR 2 bath home with large deck. Ocean views. **WEB:4000033614 US\$480,000.** Jane.Patterson@SothebysRealty.com



HOPE TOWN MERLEE'S PLACE In the heart of the action! Adorable 2b/1b heritage home, fully renovated, large yard for further expansion. **WEB:4000027993 US\$395,000.** Kerry.Sullivan@SothebysRealty.com



LUBBERS QUARTERS THE SUMMIT OF ABACO This luxury home has been reduced. Amazing views with a private boat slip & turn key. **WEB:4000007445 US\$550,500.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



LUBBERS QUARTERS New Price PINK PALM Retreat to this 2b 1 b beach bungalow w/dock. The beach & ocean at your doorstep. **WEB:4000036604 US\$499,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



LUBBERS QUARTERS DOLPHIN HOUSE Coastal Living style beachfront 2b 2b with a semi private dock and a 23' Parker boat. **WEB:4000041378 US\$599,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



TILLOO CAY TRANQUILITY Owner says bring offers on this 2b 2b home on 3 3/4 acres with pool, 80-foot dock & private boat basin. **WEB:4000021760 US\$850,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



TILLOO CAY BLUE DOUBLOONS Waterfront 2-storey 2b 2b home. Decks for entertaining, A/C, 15kW generator, golf-cart & boat. Turn key. **WEB:4000031079 US\$696,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



TILLOO CAY New Price BEACHWOOD COTTAGE Enjoy picturesque sunsets from this cozy 1b 1b waterfront cottage with dock. **WEB:4000005832 US\$285,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com

Lots & Acreages

LUBBERS QUARTERS ABACO OCEAN CLUB - Call Laurie Schreiner 367.5046 for more information.
 LOT 16 Steps away from the beach & dock on the south west side. **WEB:4000040192 \$49,000.**
 LOT 21&22 Half-acre within steps of the sea & dock & boat slip. **WEB:4000017223 \$149,900.**
 LOT 46 Waterfront oversized lot w/ room for a dock. **WEB:4000007872 \$172,500.**
 LOT 87 Interior lot. Less than 200 sq. ft. from the Sea of Abaco. **WEB:4000005135 \$99,000.**
 LOT 148 Elevated lot with Sea of Abaco views **WEB:4000039728 \$90,000.**
 LOT 149 Perfect elevation for picturesque views, dockage. **WEB:4000007445 \$99,000.**
TILLOO CAY BEACH LOT 27 New Price Superior elevation, shared dock. **WEB:4000038102 \$75K.** Laurie Schreiner
 BEACH LOT 22 Nicely elevated for fantastic views. **WEB:4000039059 \$137,500.** Laurie Schreiner
 BEACH LOT 17 Elevated, deepwater frontage. **WEB:4000030533 \$187,900.** Laurie Schreiner
 SOAP POINT LOT 3 Waterfront lot, 43,560 sf elevated, dock. **WEB:4000031352 \$199K.** L. Schreiner



COLDWELL BANKER PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL

HISTORY IS THE DIFFERENCE, EXPERIENCE IS THE DIFFERENCE, GLOBAL IS THE DIFFERENCE

Exceptional properties require exceptional marketing, and through the Coldwell Banker Previews International program, we have the tools to assist you in buying or selling your luxury property.



NEW PRICE

BATAVIA, PELICAN SHORES

Well appointed 3 bed/ 3 bath home on large harbour front lot. Its open floor plan with large windows and doors leading onto the patio is the ideal spot for entertaining. Cathedral ceiling, Mexican floor tiles and mature landscaped yard are extra special features. The private deep water dock is a valuable asset to this already splendid property.
\$990,000 Ref. #8051

mailin@cbbahamas.com

242.367.2992



NEW EXCLUSIVE

TIGH-NA-MARA, TREASURE CAY

Spacious 7,350 sq.ft. home on lot running 80' feet on the world famous Treasure Cay beach. Features 7 beds/ 7 baths, 2 powder rooms, a double car garage, guest house and work shop. Has many extra features. A must see!
\$1,959,000-Ref. #8118

chris@cbbahamas.com

242.367.2992



REDUCED

AYNYA, DICKIE'S CAY

Calling all boaters. Sea to sea property with deep water dockage in Man-O-War's protected harbour. Other features include home with incredible sea views, in ground pool, fish cleaning station, and a dock house with bunk beds and kitchenette.
\$995,000 Ref. #7559

mailin@cbbahamas.com

242.367.2992



SKYVIEW, MARSH HARBOUR

4 bed/ 2.5 bath hilltop sanctuary located on 1.4 acres. Features include a swimming pool, great elevations and mature landscaped grounds.
\$795,000 Ref. #7364

mailin@cbbahamas.com

242.367.2992



BRIGANTINE BAY, TREASURE CAY

Cozy 2 bed/ 2 bath home on extra large lot in the heart of Treasure Cay. Across the street from Brigantine Bay and a short walk from beach, shops, restaurants etc.
\$329,000 Ref. #8043
shirley@cbbahamas.com



ONE OF A KIND

BEACH FRONT, MAN-O-WAR CAY

Sea to Sea property with 180' of powder white beach and 170' on the peaceful Sea of Abaco. Nothing else on the island quite like it! It's all about location and the view!
\$1,250,000 Ref. #8083
mailin@cbbahamas.com



REDUCED

LE GIBRALTAR, MAN-O-WAR CAY

Lovely 4 bed/ 4 bath home in Man-O-War Cay. Features extensive decks, garage, work shop and tiki bar. Crow's nest provides views of the sea. Newly renovated and furnished.
\$475,000 Ref. #8044
mailin@cbbahamas.com



NEW EXCLUSIVE

MERMAID'S COTTAGE, MAN-O-WAR CAY

2 bed/ 2 bath cottage furnished. Features large breakfast bar, oversized master tub with double shower and a wrap around porch. Just a 2 minute walk to the beach. Immaculate condition.
\$295,000 Ref. #7549
mailin@cbbahamas.com



HAPPY "OURS", TREASURE CAY

Open concept 3 bed/ 3 bath home located in Treasure Cay just minutes away from a breathtaking beach and a lovely golf course. Priced to sell!
\$349,900 Ref. #8023
chris@cbbahamas.com



REDUCED

COMMERCIAL BLDG, MARSH HARBOUR
8,000 sq. ft. commercial building on 13,955 sq.ft lot on Don Mackay Blvd. High traffic area and prime location for business venture.
\$899,000 Ref. #7974
mailin@cbbahamas.com



NEW EXCLUSIVE

BAHAMA PALM SHORES

Best priced beachfront lot in Bahama Palm! Runs 100' on the powder white 8 mile beach. Just under .75 acres this large lot is conveniently located in section 1.
\$230,000-Ref. #8109
mailin@cbbahamas.com



ROYAL PALM, TREASURE CAY

2 bed/ 2 bath furnished ground floor condo with beautiful views of the harbour & marina. Complex offers 4 swimming pools and 2 tennis courts. Close to beach & amenities.
\$259,000-Ref. #8003
shirley@cbbahamas.com



REDUCED

MARINER'S COVE, TREASURE CAY

1 bed/ 1 bath second story condo, fully furnished and overlooks a marina. Amenities include pool, tennis courts, and gym.
\$155,000 -Ref. #7858
mailin@cbbahamas.com



NEW KITCHEN

CHALET, MARSH HARBOUR

JUST RENOVATED! Brand new kitchen in this unique 7 bed/ 5 bath property with a great view. Three separate living quarters, room for guests or monthly income from renters.
US \$675,000-Ref. #7718
pleasants@cbbahamas.com



REDUCED

MANGRO-LA, LUBBERS QUARTERS
Authentic island living in this cozy 3 bed/ 3 bath cottage steps away from the sea in Lubber's Abaco Ocean Club. Quick boat ride to Tahiti Beach, Hope Town or deep sea fishing.
\$329,000-Ref. #7745
pleasants@cbbahamas.com



NEW EXCLUSIVE

MARSH HARBOUR

3 bed/ 2 bath house tucked away on large elevated wooded lot next to Sunrise Bay. House needs TLC but is live in ready. Property enjoys access to the nearby beach.
\$299,000-Ref. #8138
mike@cbbahamas.com



YELLOW ELDER, MARSH HARBOUR

Charming 3 bed/ 2 bath cottage with 144 feet of waterfront on the Sea of Abaco with a bulkhead in place and a prime space for a dock.
\$775,000-Ref. #7703
pleasants@cbbahamas.com



REDUCED

SIMMON'S PLACE, MARSH HARBOUR

Commercial Property on main tourist strip. Comprises four store fronts and two 1 bedroom apartments. Investment Property!
\$362,000-Ref. #6766
mailin@cbbahamas.com



LOT# 8 JOE BOOKIE'S BAY

Quiet, private 4.847 acre lot a few miles from Little Harbour and Cherokee Sound. Completely off the grid and secluded with exceptional views of the Atlantic ocean.
\$199,000-Ref# 7801
mailin@cbbahamas.com



REDUCED

YELLOWWOOD LOT 4C
Large elevated lot in Yellowwood Creek offered at a fantastic price. This lot enjoys views of the nearby creeks and is only minutes to Cherokee Sound and Little Harbour.
\$60,000 Ref. #6123
mailin@cbbahamas.com



REDUCED

COZY COTTAGE, MAN-O-WAR CAY

Bahamian style 2 bed/ 1.5 bath adorable cottage. Centrally located and close to harbour and lovely beaches. Priced to Sell!
\$220,000-Ref. #7675
mailin@cbbahamas.com



ISLAND HAVEN, MAN-O-WAR CAY

4 bed/ 3 bath spacious island home on 6,300 sq.ft. lot. Features wrap around porch, central a/c, laundry room, and sun patio.
\$345,000-Ref. #7380
mailin@cbbahamas.com



REDUCED

BEACH FRONT LOT, HOPETOWN

Build your dream home on this ocean front property on a beautiful beach in the heart of the settlement, steps away from all of hopetown amenities.
\$445,500-Ref. #7095
shirley@cbbahamas.com



GREAT DEAL

BAHAMA PALM SHORES

2 bedroom cottage in a quiet neighbourhood. Built on stilts with an open floor plan to capture the gentle breeze. Large fenced in yard and only minutes to the 8 mile beach. Motivated Seller!
\$179,000-Ref. #7828
mailin@cbbahamas.com

Vacant Land

REDUCED Guana Sea Side Village - 3,080 sq. ft. Beach access. \$36,500
Bahama Coral Island - 10,000 sq. ft. lots starting at \$12,000
Bahama Palm Shores - Residential lots available. Starting at \$21,000
Marsh Harbour - Large homesite adjacent to Sunrise Bay \$210,000
Lubber's Quarters - Nice sea view lot with dock slip \$99,000

Treasure Cay - Inland lot near security gate - \$40,000. Ref.# 7910
Man-O-War - Sea to Sea, 180' of beach front \$1,250,000
Bookie's Bay Lot #8- 4.847 acres with 135' of Oceanfront. \$199,000
Marsh Harbour- Affordable vacant lots starting at \$45,000
Cherokee - Vacant inland lot 8,400 sq.ft. quiet area \$70,000

Susan's Cove - 15,174 sq.ft. lot w/ amazing hilltop views of Guana,\$99,900
Murphy Town - Residential lots. Financing available. From \$45,000
Little Harbour - Elevated lot with views of Atlantic,\$119,000
Sweetings Village - 9,000 sq. ft. vacant lot. \$42,000
Yellowwood - Hilltop lots w/views of Cherokee Creeks. From \$60,000



PLEASANTS HIGGS
HOPE TOWN
242.367.2992



MAILIN SANDS
MARSH HARBOUR
242.367.2992



SHIRLEY CARROLL
MARSH HARBOUR
242.367.2992



MIKE LIGHTBOURN
PRESIDENT
242.393.8630



TARA CLARIDGE
MARSH HARBOUR
242.367.2992



CHRIS CLARIDGE
MARSH HARBOUR
242.367.2992

Follow us on:



Our network of agents cover The Bahamas local networks in Nassau, Abaco, Eleuthera, Exuma and all other islands.



LIGHTBOURN REALTY

Central & All Abaco

Airport From Page 1

On January 11, 2013 Mr. Davis said. "Those designs are almost complete; hence the airport opening will be delayed for another three to four months. Whatever there is to fix, we will fix it."

However, in July work was not yet completed and during a visit to Abaco on July 5 Mr. Davis said that they are addressing what they call the "punch list" at the moment and added that "The challenge they have at the moment is relocating the generator and the energy system for the lighting of the airport which is now going to be placed in the [control] tower, which was not part of the original plan."

At the time he said that the government reviewed the change order for the work to be done and assessed the additional costs and said that the work has been authorized to commence and "it is hoped that it will not cause any inordinate delays."

According to one of the partners of FES Construction Company, James Edgecombe, the terminal has passed electrical and plumbing inspections and is waiting

on building and fire inspections. He added that the Control Tower Equipment had also been tested and is operational.

He indicated that the remaining work to be done along with the necessary training need for the staff and management of the terminal, and also the setting up of the ticket counters and shops would likely push the opening back to November or December.

Care Landscaping, the company hired to do the landscaping at the airport, has also faced delays in being able to carry out maintenance due to a lack of payment from government.

Nick Mailis, one of the owners of Care Landscaping, said that he hopes finances are appropriated soon so that they can address the now overgrown grass at the airport. "We are apologetic and embarrassed that we have not been able to continue with keeping the landscaping looking as good as we are capable of doing; however, there is only so much we can do without being paid."

MP Key defends choice to stay Other party leaders weigh in

On August 7 police officers entered the House of Parliament to remove Free National Movement (FNM) leader Dr. Hubert Minnis. This was in response to Dr. Minnis' refusal to withdraw comments he made last month regarding the Prime Minister. As the officers came to remove Minnis, he and seven FNM Members of Parliament left the Chamber in solidarity. The only FNM MP to remain was Central & South Abaco MP Edison Key.

The stem cell bill, which was to be debated that day, was passed. Mr. Key said that his support for the bill was one reason why he did not join his FNM colleagues in their impromptu boycott of the House of Assembly.

After the incident Mr. Key said he was not concerned about backlash from his party. He claimed he was not going against the FNM. Instead, he said, he was representing his constituents. "The people sent me to the House to represent them," he said of the matter.

Mr. Key was the only member of the FNM to attend Parliament on August 12. Other FNM MPs said they will maintain their boycott until Opposition Leader Minnis is no longer barred from the House.

According to rumblings in the party, the FNM plans to discipline Mr. Key. As of August 12, however, according to FNM Deputy Leader Loretta Butler-Turner, no decision had been made regarding Mr. Key.

Mr. Key said he does not deserve any disciplinary action but also said that it would ultimately be up to the FNM.

"It's entirely up to the leadership of the party if they want to discipline me in any way, but I didn't do anything wrong,"

said Mr. Key.

Regarding whether the party would insist on a public apology from Key, Dr. Minnis remarked that he had no comment and that the party will deal with it internally first.

Mr. Key also responded to criticism from Democratic National Alliance party leader Branville McCartney, who said it was wrong of Mr. Key to not stand with his fellow party members. Mr. Key responded, "Branville needs to go to church and ask the Lord to forgive him; he seems to be all mixed up."

Prime Minister, and leader of the Progressive Liberal Party, Perry Christie applauded Mr. Key for being "in favour of democracy."

The Prime Minister went on to say, "Clearly the PLP is a party with a big tent. Key, in the right circumstances, could apply and be made welcome."

Mr. Key was a PLP member until 2004 when he switched sides to join the FNM.

When pressed about the possibility of switching sides and joining the PLP again, Mr. Key coyly said, "You never know what I'll be doing. I stick with my wife."

On August 10, during Dr. Minnis flight to tour North Abaco, he was approached by Mr. Key, who was on the same flight. Eye witness reports say the two spoke concerning the events of the past week.

Mr. Key did not join Dr. Minnis for the party leader's weekend of political activities on Abaco.

We are the Largest Mattress Retailer in the Bahamas!



Enjoy your home away from home and vacation like a true Bahamian!

Express Yourself

WIN** August's Bahamian Getaway Trip and Experience Cozy living or walk away with a comfortable Mattress.



Includes Mattress & Boxspring.

Over \$500,000 in Prizes available. 6 winners each month! 2 per store!



Visit us at www.grandlucayan.com or call us to book your stay at 855-582-2926.



Want to travel the world? Premier Travel can take you there! Stop putting off that dream vacation of yours and call us today at 242-328-0264 for any and all of your travel arrangement needs!



Tel: (242) 367-PLUS (7587)

Fax: (242) 367-1237 • Maxwell's Plaza • Mon-Thur 9 AM - 6 PM • Fri-Sat 10 AM - 7 PM

NASSAU • Tel: (242) 397-PLUS (7587) • Town Centre Mall
GRAND BAHAMA • Tel: (242) 352-PLUS (7587) • Madeira Croft

FP1769

FURNITURE PLUS

Nassau • Grand Bahama • Abaco
www.furnitureplus.com

Central & All Abaco Landfill maintenance contract delayed



Above: The Central Abaco Landfill on August 10. On July 1 the Department of Environmental Health took over responsibility for the landfill; however, with no contract for maintenance in place the garbage piles up making many parts of the landfill site inaccessible. Photo by Andrew Pinder.

By Timothy Roberts

The Central Abaco Landfill has been the focus of numerous complaints in recent weeks as there have been delays in issuing a new contract after Central Government took responsibility for its maintenance

away from Local Government as of July 1.

Beginning July 1 the Department of Environmental Health took over responsibility for the landfill; however, there was

Please see Landfill Page 7



Cherokee Air
Making it better in the Bahamas

Providing safe, reliable transportation to and from the islands of The Bahamas and Florida

Marsh Harbour, Abaco, Bahamas
242.367.1920 Fax: 242.367.1921
eMail: info@cherokeeair.com

www.cherokeeair.com



CUSTOMS BROKERS

Assisting Bahamian businesses, homeowners and visitors to Abaco with their many Import/export needs

Marsh Harbour, Abaco, Bahamas
Tel: 242.367.2089 Fax: 242.367.2530
eMail: info@arawakagency.com

www.arawakagency.com



Fixed Based Operations (FBO) facility providing a full line of amenities for aircrafts and pilots

Marsh Harbour, Abaco, Bahamas
242.367.1900 Fax: 242.367.1901
eMail: fbinfo@cherokeeair.com

www.cherokeeair.com

ABACO

Marble & Granite



Marble and Granite
counter tops, showers
and floors installed

Made in Marsh Harbour
Call 367-6867 or 367-4726

View installations
on our web site:

abacomarbleandgranite.com

Harbour's Edge



Bahamian cuisine

on Hope Town's waterfront

Bar Opens Daily 10 a.m.
Closed on Tuesdays

Happy Hour 5 - 6 p.m.

Lunch & Dinner Daily

Lunch 11:30 am - 3 pm • Dinner 6 - 9 pm

ICE

Appetizers 11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Call 366-0087 • 366-0292 • VHF Ch 16

RENTAL
BIKES

Central & All Abaco

Landfill From Page 6

not contract yet in place for the maintenance of the site.

The former contractor was hired to continue for July but was not paid by the end of the month and is presently still waiting to be compensated for his work.

Ken Dorsett, Minister of the Environment and Housing when contacted concerning conditions at the landfill indicated that it had been cleared on August 11 and would be maintained on an interim basis until the Request For Proposal (RFP) is issued.

Mr. Dorsett said that the RFP is being finalized by the Department of Environmental Health Services but did not answer questions of why it was delayed or when it will be finalized and a contract awarded.

Earlier in 2013 Cabinet made a decision that all landfills will fall back under the purview of the (DEHS) and on February 8 Mr. Dorsett visited Abaco.

He said at that time that they wanted to see what they are up against to address issues of remediation and "to make sure that the amount of money that the government has invested in infrastructure in Abaco to deal with waste disposal is properly utilized."

In 2012 Central Abaco District Council put out a bid for tender and received several proposals which have also been forwarded to the DEHS in Nassau.

When pictures were taken of the landfill on August 9 garbage was piled in heaps

across one of the access roads and next to the main landfill pit which, as indicated by the heavy growth on it, has not been utilized for some time. There are also what appears to be thousands of tires piled up on the northern side of the dump.

A bulldozer was sent on August 11 to clear the garbage and push back the area being utilized as a dump site on the southern side of the compound; however, the piles of garbage near the old pit and the piles of tires remain untouched.

Weather Anchorman on how he determines the local forecast

By Mirella Santillo

"Weather is the element of nature that man has no control over what is going to happen. We are at the mercy of its fury. It can be the splendor of a vacation or completely ruin it."

Such was the welcome of Weatherman Silbert Mills as I enter the building of Bahamas Christian Network.

Had I been a vacationer it would have ruined my vacation, as when I arrived at the Bahamas Christian Network for my meeting with Weatherman Silbert Mills, a torrential rain was falling. I was informed that there was a trough East of us that was traveling West towards Abaco. Because of anticyclone conditions in the atmosphere, the trough was to linger over us for a couple of days.

ple of days.

According to our local Radio and TV anchorman, Pastor Silbert Mills, there is more to predicting the local weather forecast than just perusing the internet and going on the air.

Yes the internet does help and the United States weather programs contribute to accumulating data, but the information gathered from NOAA, the National Marine Weather, the National Hurricane Center, Intellicast, Atlantic Tropical Weather Discussion or Weather Underground, have to be compiled, analyzed, applied to our longitude and latitude and divulged according to the needs of the local residents: Fishermen and farmers are concerned with ground weather while pilots need to know the aloft conditions.

Mr. Mills became interested in weather conditions when he started flying aircraft as a private pilot in 1978. To become a pilot you have to understand more than the weather basics, he explained. You must learn to interpret the difference between surface winds and winds aloft and be able to read a barometric surface chart which might differ a lot from a reading at 30,000 ft. Winds might be blowing from the West on the ground and switch to the East while air-born. The speed of the winds might vary also from surface to air. The dynamics of cold front have to be understood as well for aerodynamics purposes: the wind speed ahead of a cold front will be different from the one at the back of the cold front. In our area cold front can

be expected from October to March/ April. During the remainder of the year, one has to be preoccupied with tropical weather.

Armed with that knowledge, it is no wonder that Pastor Mills would have become the Weather Man for his radio and television stations.

The usual day for Silbert Mills starts very early, around 5:00 am at which time he starts studying the various data provided by the United States many sources of weather forecast mentioned above, concerning the South West Atlantic region which extends South of Bermuda to all of The Bahamas.

When the written data has been retrieved, he then turns to Satellite imagery which provides maps of weather conditions. After studying the primary sources, he then checks the secondary sources such as Weather Underground that provide regular data through the day.

The data is then applied to picture and put out in proper sequence to deliver a forecast in audio for the radio station, in video for the TV broadcast.

Pastor Mills provides a weather report of 3 to 4 minutes daily Monday to Friday, depending on the weather. Longer and more frequent reports will be delivered in case of a tropical storm or a hurricane, until the storm passes.

Affordable Mid-Size

Hyundai Sonata

Sonata is a Top Safety Pick by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Powered by a high-tech direct injection engine, it fuses beauty, performance and efficiency in one stylish package.



Hyundai Sonata

Honda Accord

The Accord is powered by a 2.4-litre, 4-cylinder engine. It is renowned for its high resale value and has been on Car and Driver's 10 Best List 24 times. The Accord has a 5-star safety rating.



Honda Accord

Toyota Camry Hybrid

Camry Hybrid is powered by a 2.4-litre, engine with Hybrid Synergy. It is comfortable, fuel efficient and dependable. This stylish model delivers a higher level of performance and driving dynamics.



Toyota Camry Hybrid

All models are sold at standard Nassau prices, backed by full factory warranties.



Don MacKay Blvd
Marsh Harbour
tel: 367-2916
fax: 367-2918
email: amml.abaco@gmail.com
www.automallbahamas.com



Open Year Round

Sea Spray will pick up from Hope Town

Boat House Restaurant

Bahamian Breakfast - Sat. & Sun.

Come lounge at **The Helm**, our indoor bar
Enjoy a delicious dinner with us



One, two & three bedroom units



FULL SERVICE MARINA

- 60 Deepwater Slips • Fuel/ Oil/ Bait/ Ice
- Fresh Water • Garbonzo Reef Bar



SEA SPRAY
Resort & Marina

White Sound, Elbow Cay

For local transportation to Sea Spray call VHF 16 or 366-0065

email : info@seasprayresort.com

www.seasprayresort.com

From the Editor's Desk // No Burning



If I were to attempt to tackle any of the issues on this front page I think I would have a coronary. Another set of delays for the airport? The Central Abaco Landfill not being maintained? The minutiae of our political leaders' squabbles, while the important things keep falling apart around us?

No, thank you. Not today.

On a different note: we are just getting some good weather and it's still early in the crawfish season. I'd much rather talk about that, today. And who wouldn't want to talk about it? Crawfish is delicious. It's been a core component of our fisheries industry for decades. And you can't have a better day in the boat than when you are with friends and family spearing for crawfish.

Despite some nasty weather in the first few days of crawfish season, I managed to get out in the boat to experience the all-Bahamian pastime of looking for whips. While out in the boat with my fiancé and friends we managed to score a few tails. We speared mostly those weird looking, but incredibly delicious, Spanish lobster. I suppose all the regular spineys were cleaned out before the season even started.

But what really struck me was every time the squalls over the mainland and cays peeled back a flurry of boats would come rushing out into the Sea of Abaco.

Much like when you flip a crawfish trap and a bunch go scurrying. I thought how lucky we are to live here, in this country and in these islands, where we can be so carefree. I thought about my future children and grandchildren and what the experience would be like for them.

Will they enjoy August 1 the same as I did. Will there be any crawfish left? Despite the out of season poaching that we all know happens nearly unchecked I think this upcoming generation of Bahamians has a better appreciation for our environment and its pleasurable bounties.

Perhaps we should start applying some of that pride and appreciation of the environment. We need to start now. Otherwise we get situations like our landfill.

The contract for the landfill has expired. We are going on over a month now that now one has been officially signed on to manage it. Central Government has its promises. But it seems they're too busy playing games of which MP belongs to whom to focus on the real issues.

The landfill became a disaster almost immediately after its opening. It was poorly managed. More than poorly managed. It is almost as if the company that was hired, and has been "maintaining" the landfill up until last month, was doing everything possible to render the whole concept of a landfill void. Consistent fires at our "no burning" dump. The leachate pond has been spilling over and poisoning our well water. And the trash sorting and organizational skills at the landfill were almost as bad with the company in charge there then now when there is nobody.

But that is no excuse for Central Government to sit pretty while we Abaconians figure things out for ourselves. They promised local government that they would be taking on that responsibility. I just hope it doesn't take as long to sort out as it is taking our airport.

But on a nice, summer day out on the waters of Abaco it's hard to remain stressed. I would recommend a day in the boat to everyone. But see to it that, after we are sun kissed and full of tasty crawfish meat, we do not forget it is our duty to make sure this Bahamaland is one we can be proud of to leave to our children.

Community Calendar

- Aug 17: Quality Business Center Q-Card Grand Opening
- Aug 29: Treasure Cay Beach Resort Back to School Bash
- Sept 7: Cancer Society Free Pap Smears, Breast Exams and PSA Testing
- Nov 9: Kayak Challenge
- Nov 23: Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department 2nd annual Fireman's Ball

Why subscribe?

The Abaconian will keep you informed on issues such as:

- Resort & hotel development
- Improvements to (and disrepair of) infrastructure
- Important Utility Updates
- Fishing, boating & sporting activities
- Immigration, taxes or duty changes
- Changes to laws and regulations
- Community events
- New business ventures
- Changes in airline service
- Actions by local government

Order The Abaconian Today

Name _____
 Address _____
 Address _____
 City _____ St. _____
 Postal code _____ + _____ Country _____
 E-mail or Tel # _____
 24 issues - US\$ or B\$ _____ Above subscription is a gift from: _____
 \$45 USA via 3rd Class _____
 \$25 Bahamas via surface _____ If you want to renew this gift next year,
 \$20 to Abaco _____ please give us your address below
 US\$65 Canada via Airmail _____
 US\$95 UK, Europe Surface _____

Mail to: 2022 Aero Circle, New Smyrna Beach, FL, 32168
 or: P.O. Box AB 20213, Marsh Harbour, Abaco, The Bahamas

  **WE NOW ACCEPT MASTER CARD/VISA**

NAME ON CARD: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Master Card <input type="checkbox"/> Visa
CARD NUMBER: _____	EXP DATE: _____
SIGNATURE: _____	AMOUNT PAID: _____

The Abaconian Abaco's most complete newspaper.

Bradley M. Albury 2022 Aero Circle 7,500 copies
 Editor-in-Chief New Smyrna Beach Published twice
 AB 20213 FL 32168 monthly
 Marsh Harbour
 Abaco, The Bahamas

Logo Photo Credit: Tuppy Weatherford
 Reporters/Freelance Contributors: Canishka Alexander,
 Samantha Evans, Jennifer Hudson, Timothy Roberts, Mirella
 Santillo, Rashida Murray, Lee Pinder

Free at over 100 Abaco locations from Grand Cay to Moore's Is.
 Subscription rates: \$20.00 - Abaco \$25 - other Bahamas
 (One Year) \$45.00 USA \$65 Canada - airmail
 \$95.00 UK, Europe & Caribbean - surface

Phone 242-367-3200 Subscribe NOW
 FAX 242-367-3677 Order form on
 AbaconianNews@gmail.com Page 9

Letters to the Editor

Changes Needed in Fisheries Regulations

Dear Editor;

Very rarely in life do we get to make decisions that make everyone involved or affected happy. All one can hope to do is make these decisions based on what's best for the majority. We are faced with the dilemma of having our economy driven by the tourist dollar. In this regard it can be a very delicate subject implementing changes that will upset many of our boating visitors.

I strongly feel that we need immediate changes with bag limits of fish and shellfish taken from our waters by foreigners. The cold hard fact of the matter is that there are many, many visitors who even abuse the very generous bag limits in place now.

Below is what I think is a very reasonable daily bag limit of legal sized fish for foreigners fishing in Bahamian waters.

*10 crawfish total per boat

*A total of 6 pelagic fish in any combination of species

*6 conch total per boat

*A maximum of 25 pounds scale fish (excluding all grouper species and hog fish) per boat

*A maximum total 4 Grouper species and/or Hogfish in any combination per boat

Further to these daily limits, Crawfish season for visitors to The Bahamas needs to open a minimum of two weeks after it opens for Bahamians. Also, in no uncertain circumstances should foreigners be allowed to harvest from traps (condos).

I feel that Bahamians should not have to compete with foreigners for crawfish especially on the first of the season.

Any foreigner caught breaking these rules should face immediate imprisonment and have their vessels and gear taken immediately and have them sold at a public auction for Bahamians only. No breaks, NO warnings!!! To say the least the message will get out quickly. If not, we will make a large amount of money for Fisheries patrols and equipment!

Many people reading this will appreciate where I'm coming from and the necessity of these new limits, restrictions and enforced penalties. However I'm also painfully aware of the many, many people both foreign and Bahamian alike that will take issue with this. To the visitors I will say as much as we need your dollar and appreciate your choice of The Bahamas, we must look towards the future. Our resources are finite and quite frankly when they are gone so too will you be.

To my fellow Bahamians, we must as a nation protect what is ours for us and future generations. ANY foreigner who needs to take larger limits than the ones I have suggested should not be welcomed here. There is no way anyone could need more than the daily amounts suggested.

When we have no conch, crawfish and groupers left they won't come here anymore. When we don't have our natural resources where will we go?

Jeremy Wong
Marsh Harbour, Abaco

A Thank You from the Swim Club

Dear Editor;

The Abaco Swim Club swimmers were very successful at The 42nd RBC National Swim Meet June 20-24. We thank our dedicated parents, grandparents, family, friends and corporate sponsors that have continued to support us. We would like to extend a THANK YOU to all of them.

Albury's Ferry Service, Bahamas Air, P&S Ltd, PJ Bahamas, Albury's Trucking, Frederick's Agency, Jib Room, Scotia Bank, Abaco Petroleum Ltd, Abaco T-Shirt & Design Ltd., Abaco Insurance Agency, Abaco Shipping, Arawak Agency's, Dr. James & Kristi Hull, Maxwell's, Scandi Homes, Sims Group, The Chemist Shoppe, The Lock Doctor, Van Stratton Insurance.

A special thank you to all individuals and businesses that donated to our auctions at our Fund Raiser held May 17.

On Their Cycle

Dear Editor;

Please allow me to vent my frustrations concerning the power on this island. Or should I say lack thereof!

When will BEC get their act together? My bill keeps going up, up up and still further up. And it seems the outages are following suit! It blows my mind that BEC is allowed to continue operating as it does.

It blows my mind like BEC blows my appliances with their incompetent surges. Just turn it off!

How do you have a MONOPOLY that LOSES money? How do you have a company that charges so much, and provides so little, that needs to be bailed out every year because they don't even know how to do a proper payroll.

Between the unions and the clowns each government installs as BEC's director, it seems we're stuck on this cycle.

Don't get me wrong. I know these fellows work hard. After hurricanes they have us up in as fast a time as you could hope. But they seriously need to do a clean sweep of everyone who has anything to do with management.

I need to stop writing this email. I can't afford to keep my computer on.



Located on the pristine Atlantic beaches of South Abaco, Schooner Bay Village is a planned, open harbour village carefully designed to gently co-exist and complement our unparalleled natural environment. Charming cottages surrounding a vibrant, secure harbour - only now allowing access to the bountiful waters between Cherokee Sound and Hole in the Wall but minutes away. Appealing traditional architecture that follows classic island patterns, taking advantage of cool trade winds and cross ventilation.

Our interesting and diverse residents and guests certainly share more than one common thread - a love of place, a passion for adventure and outdoor activities, respect for our natural environment, and a genuine desire for real, cherished family focused memories.

Come experience our pristine beaches and waters; the epic blue water and flat water fisheries; the spirit of our new blossoming community. Old friends with new friends all celebrating our sublime, simple and authentic Bahamas.

Only a 30 minute drive from the Marsh Harbour airport is Out Island life without Out Island logistics.

Come see for yourself what all the buzz is about...

Vacation Rental Cottages With Docks - Now Available
Harbour, Village and Beach Lots From Low \$200's

TIMELESS BAHAMAS Found Today



BLACKFLY LODGE NOW OPEN

BEACH CABANA

LUNCH & DINNER - FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS • SUNDAY BRUNCH 11:30AM
LIGHTBOURN FAMILY FARM • OPEN 8AM-4PM (MON-FRI)



Central & All Abaco

Abaco Cancer Society Thrift Shop celebrates ten years

By Jennifer Hudson

The Abaco Cancer Society Thrift Shop celebrated its 10 year anniversary on August 10. A large number of volunteers gathered to reminisce over the shops successful journey for the last 10 years and to express gratefulness for the point it has reached today.

The Abaco Cancer Society was founded in 1990 and soon after began a series of fundraisers such as booths at the Christmas bazaars and jumble sales as fundraisers. The jumble sales, which took place outside dentist Vince Mcweeney's office on Don MacKay Boulevard, became so popular that one of the society's founding members, Marjolein Scott, came up with the idea of opening a thrift shop. Some people were skeptical that this could ever work but 10 years of successful growth have proved those naysayers wrong.

As a member of the Marsh Harbour library, Mrs. Scott visited that building frequently. Constantly searching in her mind for a suitable location for a thrift shop, she noticed that she always passed a locked door at the southern end of the library. Upon enquiry she was told by Yvonne Key that the room would be available but that since the room had at one time been used by Dr Gottlieb as his surgery, there was a very large x-ray machine in there which would have to be removed. Due to the danger posed by high amounts of radioactive material the x-ray machine had to be dismantled appropriately and so a technician was flown over from Florida to assist with the safety of the operation before all of this heavy equipment could be hauled away.

Once cleared, the original three thrift shop volunteers, Marjolein Scott, Jennifer Hudson and Wendy Gwynn, set to work with brooms, mops and buckets to transform the room which had sat collecting spiders, other bugs and dust over the years. Curtains were put up at the windows, a small air conditioning unit installed after which Ed Scott, Marjolein's husband, set



Above: Abaco Cancer Society Thrift Shop volunteers. Left to right: Cheryl Andrews, Betty Edmonds, Christine Sawyer, Marjolein Scott, Jennifer Hudson, JoAnn Bradley.

about making and installing some sturdy wooden shelves.

The room was very small and quickly became overcrowded so we were then given the use of an additional room at the northern end of the library. As the shop continued to increase in both the number of customers and amount of donations, tables were also set up outside on fair weather days.

After a couple of years a library committee began to make initial plans for a new library building and since the feeling was that the old library may soon be torn down Mrs. Scott turned her thoughts to an alternative site for the thrift shop.

Randy Key came to her aid in very generously donating the use of the steel building next to Abaco Groceries for use as a thrift shop. This location is very spacious allowing for the display of many more items of clothing, housewares and furniture and also a good storage and sorting area.

Ed and Marjolein Scott have done a

beautiful job of painting and freshening up the inside making it a very attractive facility. Since moving to this new location the number of customers that frequent the shop on a Saturday has increased by leaps and bounds which is a blessing since the more goods sold the more money there is to help cancer sufferers on Abaco. The amount of donations has also vastly increased for which the society is very grateful because without donations the thrift shop cannot exist. They sell everything from designer clothes to work clothes, clothes for babies, teens and adults plus books, household items, trinkets and furniture.

The thrift shop is manned solely by volunteers who freely donate their time every Saturday to the running of the shop and all of the money raised is used to assist cancer patients of Abaco. Last year alone \$48,000 was donated from the proceeds of the thrift shop to aid 62 patients. The Abaco Cancer Society is the only branch in the entire Bahamas that helps patients in this way.

One of the thrift shop's most notorious visitors was the Barefoot Bandit who broke the lock on the door and trashed the shop on 7 August 2010. However, on finding the cash register empty, he, fortunately, only made away with T-shirts. Another unwelcome visitor was Hurricane Sandy which, on October 25, 2012, badly damaged the northern wall of the building causing the shop to be closed for one month for repairs.

The thrift shop volunteers are very grateful to all of the supporters who have provided them with donations and shopped with them over the years and continue to do so on a regular basis. They are always looking for clothes, household goods and furniture in good clean condition.

Marjolein Scott, Vice President of the Abaco Cancer Society and organizer of the thrift shop, is making a plea for people and families who have benefited from the proceeds of the thrift shop to collect and bring in donations of useable items. She suggests arranging collection points for donations, sorting the items, making sure items are clean and properly bagged, and especially transporting them from the cays where it may be more difficult for people to get over.

The Thrift Shop is open every Saturday morning from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Follow them on their Facebook page where special items can be bought and sold.

Upcoming Cancer Society events include:

- Free Cancer Screening Clinics on September 7 between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. at the Government Clinics in Marsh Harbour and Cooper's Town. Pap smears and breast exams for women and PSA blood testing and digital exams for men.

- November 9 3rd Annual Kayak Challenge at Little Harbour (with Friends of the Environment)

- November 30 Abaco Island Artists Show at Pete's Pub.

Back for Limited time only

Doublicious
Double Flavor. The Perfect Combination of Salty and Sweet.



Don McKay Blvd
Marsh Harbour
Ph: 367-2615



Abaco Beach Resort

AT BOAT HARBOUR
EST. 1955



The Abaco Beach Resort at Boat Harbour announces the availability of a limited number of luxury condominiums for sale at

The Harbour Residences

For more information visit

www.AbacoBeachResort.com or call 242-367-2585 or 242-367-2158

Central & All Abaco

Rotary Changeover Dinner recognizes two new Paul Harris Fellows

The Rotary Club of Abaco held its Changeover Banquet on June 29. The Banquet was an awards dinner as well as an officer installation. Two Hope Town residents were honoured with the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship: Vernon Malone and Candice Key. The club held the dinner at Sea Spray Resort on Elbow Cay.

Present at the Banquet also was the Rotary International's Past Assistant District Governor of The Bahamas, Lindsey Cancino.

The dinner saw the proverbial baton change hands. 2012-2013 Rotary Club of Abaco President Dwayne Wallas passed the torch to the now current President Desmond Bootle. The President Elect for the 2014-2015 year is Steve Davis.

During the ceremony the Club presented Elbow Cay locals Candace Key and Vernon Malone with the Paul Harris Award. The Paul Harris is awarded to donors who give \$1,000 or more to Rotary's Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus (Rotary International's Polio eradication program) or to the Humanitarian Grants Program.

Both recipients were pleasantly surprised by their awards.

One of Mr. Bootle's first changes as President is a change to the Rotary Club of Abaco's meeting time. The club will now meet Monday evenings at 5:30pm at the Abaco Beach Resort's Anglers Restaurant.



Above: At the Changeover Banquet the baton is handed from the one President and Board to the next. The Rotary Club of Abaco also honoured two individuals with Paul Harris Recognitions. Both Vernon Malone and Candice Key were truly shocked to be the recipients. Pictured are 2013-14 President Desmond Bootle, President Elect 2014-15 Steve Davis, Outgoing President 2012-13 Dwayne Wallas, Vernon Malone, Candice Key, Past Assistant Governor Lindsey Cancino, Bryan Thompson, Secretary, Debbie Malone past secretary, and Community Service Director 3 times straight Valerie Dean.



Right: Rotarians sharing a joke on the way to the Awards Banquet being held at Sea Spray.

ABACO ACE HARDWARE

The helpful place.

ALL YOU NEED UNDER ONE ROOF

FULL RANGE OF HURRICANE SHUTTERS

Roll-a-way and Aluminum Panels

- Plywood
- Barrel Bolt
- Nails
- Flashlights
- Batteries
- Coolers
- Tarps
- Lanterns
- Hammers
- and more



We have the supplies you need to keep your home safe!

CRAWFISHING SEASON IS HERE & WE HAVE ALL THE GEAR YOU NEED!



- Wet Suits
- Masks
- Fins
- Spears & Slings

Diving Gear You Can Depend On!

RELIABLE POWER

At Home or on The Job Site

We Stock Gas & Diesel Generators for Home or for Business



KEEP YOUR CRAWFISH CHILLED IN A GE CHEST FREEZER

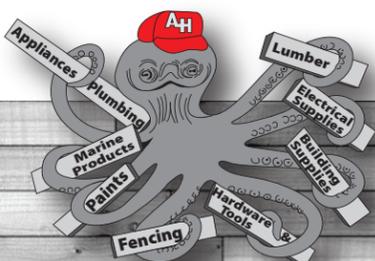


Full Line of GE Products
EXCLUSIVE GE DEALER Full Warranty & Service



It's Summertime GRILL OUT!

We have a wide variety of Grills to fulfill your BBQ Hunger



Thank You For Your Patronage!

PH: (242) 367-2170

Don MacKay Blvd., Marsh Harbour, Abaco



Artfully uniting extraordinary homes with extraordinary lives.



NEW PRICE

MARSH HARBOUR CHATTERBOX Wide waterfront panoramas of Fanny Bay from this 2b/2.5b home make for a serene & private setting. Soaring ceilings & an open concept plan create a great opportunity for personalization for a family or a couple desiring extra room! A large "dock gazebo" provides everything you need for those sunny days relaxing waterside. **WEB: 4000024885 US\$875,000.** Kristi.Wong@SothebysRealty.com



PRIVATE ISLAND, SANDY CAY 8 acres with 2 beaches, 6BR and 6 baths. Gym & marina plus lot & dock on MOW. Electricity from mainland. Turn-key. **WEB: 4000035714 US\$10.9m.** George.Damianos@SothebysRealty.com



SUGAR LOAF CAY HUMMINGBIRD HOUSE Charming island home on 2.25 acres & great price on desirable Sugar Loaf Cay. Protected dockage. **WEB: 4000038225 US\$675,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR New Price RAINBOW RENTALS Metal bldg. on 1 acre with 200' waterfront, 150 ft. dock, 16 rental boats. **WEB: 14671 US\$3m. Land/Dock/Bldg. only \$2m.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR NEW LISTING CORAL POINT #9 Picturesque 5b 4.5b family home set on elevated 1 acre lot with wide porches and Sea of Abaco views. **WEB: 4000043823 US\$850,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR HIGH ROCKS VILLA 4b 3b w/ views of the Sea of Abaco, pool & extreme privacy close to town. Huge verandah for entertaining. **WEB: 4000000739 US\$575,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR COVE ESTATES LOT 91 1.5 acre commercial parcel, rare opportunity in the heart of town. Income producing. **WEB: 4000030155 US\$455,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



GREENTURTLE CAY SUMMER WIND Sea to Sea 4b 3b, expansive porches with breathtaking views. Dock, boat house, standby generator, staff cottage, 2 golf carts. **WEB: 4000040502 US\$3,250,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY THE ENGLISH HOUSE 3b/2b 2,000sf furnished home with 124 ft. on Treasure Cay's main beach. Great views. Must See. **WEB: 4000030538 Bring Offers.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY FINAL APPROACH Canal front 5b 4b 4,880sq. ft. home with 100 ft dock, 50KW generator, 4 car garage. **WEB: 4000012155 Seller says bring offers.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY Three bed 2 bath 2,500 sq. ft. beachfront home. Beautiful sanctuary with walled courtyard and ocean terraces. Luxury turn-key. **WEB: 4000018918** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY SUNSEEKER COTTAGE Beachfront 2 storey 4b 3b w/ golf cart/storage. 2 fresh water pools, immaculate landscaped gardens. Must see! **WEB: 4000041829 US\$1,499,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY ROCK POINT LANDING Beachfront 4b 3b, 2 storey home, 2 garages, 3 carports. Off main road, very private. **WEB: 4000016642 US\$940,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY SURF SHACK Furnished Sunrise Point two storey 4b 3.5b home with swimming pool. Ocean views, generator, storm shutters. **WEB: 4000040986 US\$899,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY SEA SHELLS Furnished 3b 2b home with 118ft of Beachfront. Very private on Windward Beach. New Patio. **WEB: 4000018810 US\$800,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY PAPI'S PALACE 3b,2b Furnished 2 storey beach home. **Seller financing up to 90% @ 5% Interest.** **WEB: 4000009501 Great Cash Deal.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY WINDWARD BEACH 90 ft of beach frontage. Beautiful rock walls on beach & road. High Elevation Homesite. **WEB: 4000039430 US\$599,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



WINDING BAY HOPE COTTAGE 4b 4b home in Ritz Carlton's Winding Bay with every imaginable option included. **WEB: 4000016528 US\$1,500,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



WINDING BAY THE ABACO CLUB Exclusive resort overlooking fabulous 18 hole links golf course & stunning beachfront. Starting at **US\$850,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



SOUTH ABACO LITTLE HARBOUR HOME Ocean Views 3b/2b **WEB: 4000013799 \$279,000.** LITTLE HARBOUR COTTAGE 2b 2b w/ generator, needs TLC. **WEB: 4000013802 \$199,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



SOUTH ABACO SCHOONER BAY 100 Acre beachfront parcel. 2,400 feet of pristine beach with elevations up to 75 ft. Utilities present. **WEB: 4000044196 \$11,000,000** George.Damianos@SothebysRealty.com



SOUTH ABACO BEACHFRONT COMMUNITY NEAR SCHOONER BAY. 40 Acres. 46 homesites. Utilities, beach cabana, roads, rainwater holding tanks & landscaping. **WEB: 4000039063 \$8,000,000.** George.Damianos@SothebysRealty.com



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



GUANA CAY ORCHID BAY - BAREFOOT COTTAGE 5b 4b home. Access to pool, tennis & beach. Fishing, snorkeling off private 65' dock. **WEB: 4000014653 US\$1,550,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY ORCHID BAY LOT 6 135' of beach frontage w/ 25' elevation, underground services. Gated community. **WEB: 4000018907 US\$975,000.** 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



GUANA CAY SHORE THING 3b 1.5b elevated home with views of the Atlantic and access to private beach. Great Rental. **WEB: 4000034484 US\$575,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY TRIPLE COTTAGE Rustic Beach cottages, minutes walk from mile long sandy beach, close to all amenities. Good rental. **WEB: 4000030363 US\$380,000.** Jane.Patterson@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY NEW LISTING OCEANFRONT LOT 100ft of rocky shoreline on the Atlantic Ocean with sandy beach nearby. **WEB: 4000044235 US\$240,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MAN-O-WAR CAY NEW PRICE ANNE BONNY Charming down east 3 bed cottage with 360 degree views. Protected dock for two boats. **WEB: 4000014286 US\$785,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MAN-O-WAR CAY TROGLDYTE 1.01 acres sea to sea at Cave Hill. 130 ft of beach front. 80 ft dock with boat lift. **WEB: 4000026419 US\$950,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MAN-O-WAR CAY FOREVER SUMMER 3 bed 2 bath home on elevated lot, fully fenced, standby generator. Steps to beach. **WEB: 4000019092 US\$320,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com

SIRbahamas.com

Damianos

Sotheby's
INTERNATIONAL REALTY



MARSH HARBOUR LOFTY FIG VILLAS 6 units, office/laundry building & pool. Prime commercial opportunity in heart of Restaurant Row. **WEB: 4000017924 US\$2,200,00.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR HIDEAWAY Sea to sea, 150' dock & boat lift. Main house with 1 1/2 bed 1 1/2 bath, guest quarters with 2 bed 2 bath. **WEB: 4000013022 US\$1,495,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR ROBYN'S NEST, THE RESIDENCES Uniquely crafted 2b 2.5b residence is equipped w/the finest furnishings and fittings. **WEB: 4000028012 US\$1,000,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR DOOR PRIZE, GREAT ABACO CLUB Uniquely private 3b 3b on double lot with 2 large boat slips. **WEB: 4000039374 US\$950,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR YELLOWFIN, GREAT ABACO CLUB Best buy on the market! 3b 2b on double deep water canal lot with large pool. **WEB: 4000028479 US\$899,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR ABACO TOWNS #17 NEW LISTING 2b 2b with sea views. Amenities include pool, private beach & tennis courts. **WEB: 4000040896 \$206,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



TURTLE ROCKS CORNISH HOME 2 storey furnished 4500sf home on 21,000sf. High elevation affords great views & cool breezes. Near beach. Very Private. **WEB: 4000042023 \$1,100,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



NORTH ABACO FIRE ROAD #8 Waterfront 2BR/2B furnished 1200sf home on 22,192sf Lot with dock on Sea of Abaco. **WEB: 4000030286 US\$249,999.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



GREEN TURTLE CAY BLUFF HOUSE BEACH RESORT & MARINA, 46 slip marina, marina office, 2 restaurants, 8 waterfront hotel rooms, 27 residential lots with utilities. **WEB: 4000041074** George.Damianos@SothebysRealty.com



GREEN TURTLE CAY SOUND HARBOUR 8b 8b home with 455 ft of waterfront on 1.3 acres. 2 private docks, boat ramp, beach. **WEB: 4000040901 US\$3,790,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY YELLOWFIN 3b 2b canalfront home w/ dock, boatlift. **WEB: 4000019767 US\$1,250,000.** BLUEFIN 3b 2b **WEB: 4000019775 US\$880,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY CAMELOT BEACHFRONT 3b 3b. 2600 sq.ft. airy & bright, great value home. Includes car, golf cart & lots more. Furnished. **WEB: 4000039232 US\$1,249,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY BANYAN BEACH LOT #16, multi-family lot, 149 ft. of powder sand beach, .95 acres opposite golf-course. **WEB: 4000036623 US\$1,200,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY New Listing BUNGALOW B Beachfront home. Like new. Huge covered Porch. 3 bedrooms have ensuite baths. Furnished. Beautiful high wood ceilings. **US\$1,199,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY SAIL 'A' VIE Canalfront 3b 2b. 1994 sq.ft. airy & bright, good value home enjoys exceptional privacy w/ dock & boat lift. Furnished. **WEB: 4000038012 US\$920,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY SUNRISE POINT #1 Beachfront Lot, 27,110 sq. ft., Easy access to both beaches. Desirable Homesite with utilities. **WEB: 4000030636 US\$549,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY SUNSANTIONAL COTTAGES Waterfront cottages. Make an offer. Investment opportunity. Dredged channel. Perfect Location. **WEB: 4000038307** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY ROYAL PALM 2404 Like new. Marina view 3b 3b. 1220 sq. ft. condo. Dock & Storage closet. Furnished. **WEB: 4000038194 Bring Offers.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY BAHAMA BEACH CLUB 3, 4 & 5 bed luxury condos on beach with great views & every imaginable amenity. Pool & Bar. **WEB: 4000019527 Starting at US\$490,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY BRIGANTINE BAY TOWNHOUSE Beachfront 2b 2.5b end unit. Newly renovated. Easy access to town centre. 2 storeys w/ ocean & beach views. **WEB: 4000012691 US\$349,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



SOUTH ABACO SCHOONER BAY LITTLE BRIDGE S07 Lot is 5,319 sq. ft. is 60 feet by 84 feet deep. Eco-friendly community with a rich ecosystem. **WEB: 4000041730 \$440,000.** George.Damianos@SothebysRealty.com



SOUTH ABACO MAIN SCHOONER BEACH F02 Lot. 6,008sf, 47 feet on the ocean. Sustainable materials, eco-friendly construction. **WEB: 4000041731 \$490,000.** George.Damianos@SothebysRealty.com



SOUTH ABACO JR'S BONEFISH COTTAGES Duplex with two 2b/1b apartments, dock & beach access. Great rental. Both for \$650,000. **WEB: 4000039026 \$350,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY SONBREAKERS 6b 5b home on 135ft of beach in Orchid Bay. Fantastic snorkelling right at your back door. Great rental. **WEB: 4000028041 US\$2,500,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY ORCHID BAY Highest elevation with panoramic views. Luxury 5 bed 4.5 bath on 4 acres. Patio and pool. Excellent rental. **WEB: 4000014519 US\$2,250,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com

Lots, Acreage & Other Properties



TREASURE CAY

Call Stan Sawyer for more information 577.0298

- A Sunseeker Cottage Beachfront 2 storey 4b 3b w/ golf cart/storage. 2 fresh water pools, immaculate landscaped gardens. Must see! **WEB: 4000041829 US\$1,499,000.**
- B Papi's Palace Furnished 3b 2b beach home. Seller financing up to 90%.
- C Banyan Beach Lot multi-family lot, 149 ft. of powder sand beach, .95 acres opposite golf-course. **WEB: 4000036623 US\$1,200,000.**
- D Beach Townhouse End unit. **WEB: 4000012691 \$349,000.**



Bahama Beach Club - Luxury condos on beach with great views and every imaginable amenity. Pool & Bar.

- #2004 5b 4b upper condo. Carport. Right on Beach. **WEB: 4000012702 US\$1,195,000.**
- #2032 3b 3b upper condo. Golf Cart Garage. **WEB: 4000019527 US\$490,000.**
- #2018 4b 2b upstairs condo w/ garage. Never rented. **WEB: 4000015219 US\$580,000.**
- #2051 3b 3b lower condo. Steps from beach. **WEB: 4000019275 US\$939k.**
- #2054 3b 3b upper condo w/ Golf cart garage. **WEB: 4000016240 US\$875,000.**
- #2078 3b 3b upper condo. Excellent Rental. **WEB: 4000019500 US\$990,000.**
- #2088 4b 4b upstairs condo. Carport. Right on Beach. **WEB: 4000026852 US\$1.95m.**

Call Stan Sawyer for more information 577.0298

- F Crosswinds 4b 3b w/ beach views. **WEB: 4000005039 US\$585k.**
- G Sunrise Point Lot 4 Beachfront lot \$925,000.
- H Waterfront Beach Homesite Lot. 90 ft of beach frontage. Beautiful rock walls on the beach & road. Utilities at Road. **WEB: 4000039430 US\$599,000.**
- I High & Dry Canal view home, 1,344 sq. ft., 2 storey, 3 bed 2 bath, furnished. **WEB: 4000032980 \$465,000.**
- J Marina Lot 5 Choice canalfront. **WEB: 4000009545 \$270k.**
- K Rock Point Lot 4 Waterfront 90 ft. **WEB: 4000019391 US\$320k.**
- K Rock Point Lot 7 Waterfront 90 ft. **WEB: 4000032169 \$185,000.**
- K Rock Point Lot 8 11,818 sf residential. **WEB: 4000031389 \$185,000.**

Call Stan Sawyer for more information 577.0298

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

MAINLAND

BAH. PALM SHRS. LOT 43 Residential lot \$30,000. Bill Albury 557.2929
MARSH HBR. High Rocks. Waterfront lot. **WEB: 4000008281 \$480k.** Bill Albury
MARSH HBR. Sunrise Bay #1 w/ foundation **WEB: 4000036762 \$165k.** B.Albury
MARSH HBR. Sunrise Bay #33 17,000 sq. ft. **WEB: 4000038014 \$280k.** B.Albury
GREAT CISTERN 27 Elevated lot w/ water views. **WEB: 4000040794 \$125,000.** B.Albury
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

South Abaco

Pete's Pub hosts party for Customer Appreciation Day



The "Ring Toss" game proves to be a popular test of skill. Above: partygoers take turns trying to hook the ring during the Pete's Pub Customer Appreciation Day.

Pete's Pub and Gallery in Little Harbour held its Annual Customer Appreciation Beach Bash on Saturday, August 3. The event was formerly the "Naked Dinghy Race."

A good crowd had gathered for the party. Patrons strolled through the art gal-

lery, swam in the warm waters right off the beach and enjoyed a pig roast and drink specials.

The famous Pete Johnston, for whom the Pub is named, was present that day mingling with the crowd.

First invitational fly-in and South Abaco weekend planned for August 23-25

Press Release

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida—Schooner Bay Harbour Village will host its First Annual Invitational Fly-In and South Abaco Discovery Weekend on August 23-25.

Kurt Ave, event organizer, said "We are honored to have this event hosted by Schooner Bay Harbour Village, Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, The Bahamas Out Island Promotion Board, and Cherokee Aviation (FBO)."

Mr. Ave added, "Guests will enjoy an unrivaled selection of pursuits that celebrate the Bahamian Out Island lifestyle we all love so much. From pristine beaches, world class deep sea and bone fishing to spectacular diving and the best family activities in The Bahamas, Schooner Bay Harbour Village is the ultimate destination for your private plane."

Participants of the Fly-In will fly into MHH and park at Cherokee Aviation (FBO). Complimentary overnight parking for 23 and 24 of August. Round trip ground transportation to Schooner Bay Harbour Village will be arranged.

Overnight shared cottage accommodations offered at special rate of \$200 per couple, per night (includes double room accommodations, ground transportation, use of 4-seater golf cart, cottage breakfast provisions and dinners)

"The Fly-In will become an annual event to promote private pilot flying in the Bahamas Out Islands and the Schooner Bay lifestyle", Ave said.

To learn more about the "First Invitational Fly-In and South Abaco Discovery Weekend" visit www.discoverschooner-bay.com, email info@discoverschooner-bay.com.

STANDARD HARDWARE

Lumber & Plumbing Supplies

Hurricane Season is here! Are you and your home ready?

STANDARD HARDWARE carries the supplies you need to protect your home and keep the lights on!

Come let us help you prepare before the storm arrives!

BE PREPARED!

PLYWOOD

IN A VARIETY OF SIZES



GENERATORS



FLASHLIGHTS & BATTERIES



CLEAR HURRICANE PANELS

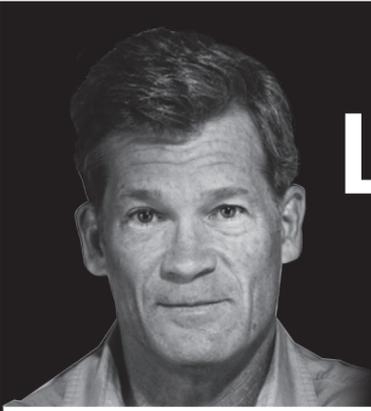


...and much more!

Atlantic Tropical (and Subtropical) Storm Names for 2013

Andrea	Ingrid	Rebekah
Barry	Jerry	Sebastien
Chantal	Karen	Tanya
Dorian	Lorenzo	Van
Erin	Melissa	Wendy
Fernand	Nestor	
Gabrielle	Olga	
Humberto	Pablo	

Queen Elizabeth Dr. • Marsh Harbour • Abaco
 Ph: (242) 367-2660 • Fax (242) 367-2645
 email: standardhardware@netbusiness.com



Louis Bacon Responds to Peter Nygard's Smear-Campaign

Why Respond Now?

For several years Peter Nygard and his minions have been running a smear-campaign against me. You may have seen some of the preposterous slurs which have been published via anonymous websites, vicious and disgusting videos on YouTube, flyers inserted into newspapers and so on.

For the most part, Nygard's attacks are laundered through others. Now Nygard himself has gone on the offensive, most recently at a press conference held at Nygard Cay on Monday 15 July. Commentators have noticed that whenever he is asked a probing question about his conduct, his response, akin to that of a small child caught telling a lie, is always "It's Louis Bacon's fault". He is deploying increasingly desperate measures to divert attention away from the intense media scrutiny he is under for his illegal activities with Crown Land, his non-payment of ten years of property taxes adding up to \$3 Million, his conflicting accounts of bankrolling the last election and his current promotion of himself as the Bahamas' Overlord.

So as not to divert the glare on Nygard's transgressions, which he properly deserves, I wish to address the allegations he is propagating about me so they can be relegated to the large trash piles of lies that he continues pile up around himself. I have already publically done so in an open letter widely published in April which can be found at: <http://www.savethebays.bs/index.php/pdf-links/save-the-bays-gazette-2/>

But the truth bears repeating with such a demagogue. Incidentally I made clear in that open letter that Nygard is running a smear-campaign against me. Although he is accustomed to suing for defamation, he has not challenged any claim I made against him. Nor has he challenged the claims he has stolen Crown Land and so reveals himself as the scofflaw that he is.

Some of the absurd allegations against me that have emanated from Nygard's minions --drug smuggling, arson and murder -- are farcical and have not made it past the gutter journalists he has employed. But the constant refrain from Nygard himself is that I am a liar every time he is caught in another dishonesty—it is an interesting peculiarity that psychologists call projection, one of the traits of a person diagnosed with a Narcissistic Personality Disorder—accusing another of what one is directly and publicly guilty of. But the direct allegations from Nygard himself are ugly, corrosive projections that have had the purpose of deflecting blame from him, with the story becoming that of his wild accusations instead of that of his transgressions against the Bahamian people—this the technique of a demagogue.

I would like to examine his fallacious allegations for what they are:

Nygart's lies about me

1. That I paid off the previous government to do my bidding, whatever he thinks that might be.

Peter proffers this at a point when there is a firestorm of controversy surrounding his self-proclaimed funding of the winning party.

Besides offering no shred of evidence, this has elicited a public complaint and threat of legal action from FNM leader Dr. Hubert Minnis. Numerous Bahamians are questioning whether he provided such funding in return for a grant of Crown seabed surrounding his Nygard Cay or some other favour

1. That I am a racist.

Nygart and his sidekicks have alleged on a number of occasions that ancestors of mine living in the 19th and 18th centuries, whom I of course never knew, were associated with racist groups or slaveholding. It is absurd to say I am a racist based on this. A large part of American history of those centuries is about the racial injustice, whether racism in the North, slavery and Jim Crow laws in the South, or forced removal and extermination of ethnic Indian tribes in the West. From the 21st century vantage this long history of my country's early days is shameful, but it is just that—history that has no bearing on me or my morals except as a reminder of the inhumanity of mankind and that racial intolerance is itself intolerable.

What has been documented this century were the shameful and coercive labor practices of Nygard's clothing manufacturers. Not to mention countless law suits brought by employees highlighting abusive labor practices at his corporate headquarters and residences: staff fined for events entirely beyond their control like guests being bitten by mosquitos, employees prevented from leaving his compound, being subjected to two hour screaming tirades from the man himself and so on.

Of course, Nygard denies all such claims. It's interesting though that following CBC's 45 minute exposé of his coercive and demeaning labour practices, he has only brought defamation proceedings in relation to 83 seconds of the footage and not disputed the rest of the contents.

2. That I find it "problematic" that black Bahamians have been visiting Nygard Cay for decades.

I don't know where this assertion has come from, aside from Nygard's warped mind. It has no basis in fact. He makes the same assertion of the Lyford Cay community, many of whom themselves are black, whose school and Church are fully integrated or mostly black.

4. That I claim to have saved Clifton Beach for Bahamians when actually I want to exclude them.

Again, this is absurd. The whole focus of the Save Clifton campaign was to ensure that the site was not lost to an enormous gated development which would exclude Bahamians from the area. I pushed for a National Park, offered a previous administration to fund the purchase for a Park. I engaged EDAAW (an internationally recognised public land planning firm specialising in the responsible and sustainable development of sensitive lands,

national parks and open spaces) to draw up detailed plans for a National Park. Once the Clifton Heritage Authority Act came into force, creating the Clifton Heritage Authority to protect the site, I donated EDAAW's work product to the Christie government to help the National Park dream become a reality. Such acts are demonstrably inconsistent with my wanting to "exclude" Bahamians from Clifton.

5. That I lied about leading the original Save Clifton campaign.

I have never claimed sole responsibility for the campaign to Save Clifton from development – far from it. What I actually said on accepting the Audubon Medal for Conservation when sharing a number of lessons I've learnt about leadership was: "Lead, but from behind. It may sound counterintuitive, but sometimes we are most effective when we quietly provide support and direction to those that have the most to lose, those who have been in the local community the longest, who count on the land for their livelihood, their health, their sanity." This has been twisted beyond recognition by Nygard and Keod Smith to imply that I am taking credit for all the hard work and dedication of those who were the faces and voices of the campaign. Again, this is simply not true. I was involved in marshaling and supporting the international forces that helped take the fight directly to the developer and their financiers who folded. To this day, I continue to praise the hard work of those at the front line during the original campaign, whose hard work saw the creation of the Clifton Heritage Park, including today's Prime Minister Perry Christie.

Prime Minister Christie praised my efforts this Spring in regards to my role in the outcome of the battle at Clifton—who are the Bahamians to believe, their own Prime Minister who was so instrumental in the outcome of the Park, or Peter Nygard, newly self-appointed as the Bahamas' Regent, who admits he did nothing to help save Clifton for the Bahamian people during that fight? Indeed, Save the Bays photographic study revealed how Nygard's tramping of drifting sands had denuded Jaws Beach of sand. Nygard grandstands about his very recent help to the Clifton dock while he robs it of its historical sandy beaches.

Some of Nygard's other lies

Peter Pinocchio, as he should be known, has offered up the above incendiary accusations when caught playing footsie with the truth, especially these cases below:

Land Accretion

Peter has lied in claiming that the accretion of land to his property at Nygard Cay is due to natural causes.

For years Nygard has carried out vast unauthorised construction, dredging and land reclamation on his property, Nygard Cay, in blatant disregard for the Bahamian environment, its laws and its people. As long ago as 2000 he boasted to the New York Times that "I have my own set of values" that set him apart from society. The article goes

on to note that Nygard was "pumping sand daily to expand his stretch of beach on his five acres."

As a result, the land mass at Nygard Cay has grown from 3.25 acres in 1984 to more than 6 acres in 2010 in perhaps the most valuable real estate in all of the Bahamas, the only private peninsula in the upscale Lyford Cay's gated community. In other words, it has almost doubled in size. Ludicrously, Peter claims this is due to 'natural accretion' which the government has repudiated forcefully in court documents filed in response to his action against the office of the Attorney General.

He has even requested a lease of the crown land that he has built upon. One does not need a lease for land that has naturally accreted. So which is it Peter Pinocchio, natural accretion that you have stated has caused the increase; or public Crown Land that requires the lease that you have applied for—you have advanced both contradictory positions?

Contradictions about his PLP donations

Peter has made extremely contradictory public statements regarding his financial donations to the PLP.

Speaking to the press on 15 July 2013, Nygard claimed he is not certain what donations he has made to the PLP, even implying he may not have made any. Yet in an affidavit filed by Nygard on 2 April 2012 in support of his (latter withdrawn) criminal conspiracy claim against me he boasted about his support for the PLP Government:

"In addition, I am one of the major backers of opposition leader Perry Christie and his PLP Party.... I am a major PLP financial contributor..."

And lately, Peter has intimated that the \$5mm donation was in reality to facilitate stem cell research.

Which is it Peter Pinocchio, \$5mm donation, no donations, a donation for a stem cell center, and if the latter where has the \$5mm been spent?

A dirty tricks campaign against me

Nygart has orchestrated a smear campaign against me which entailed his lawyer, Keod Smith, acting as a conduit to pay off Sherman Brown and Earlin Williams to write ludicrous articles claiming that I conduct an international drug smuggling operation, have been involved with a number of mysterious deaths, payoffs, etc.

Many of the outrageous articles have been authored by his PR officer Earlin Williams - who is currently attempting to defend himself in court on the bizarre basis that someone else with his name wrote them. The slurs have then appeared on Sherman Brown's Bahamas National and a number of anonymous attack websites. The fact that websites were created purely to harm my reputation has been confirmed as a result of court proceedings. Court documents also show Nygard orchestrated the smear campaign published in the Bahama Journal. The recent Tribune article, published July 23, exposes how deep Nygard's duplicity actually went; he paid for his lawyer to entertain journalists and MPs in order to discredit me.

Peter recently proclaimed he spends

5% of his entire time on matters to do with me. Given there is only one very small piece of litigation over a roadway between us, clearly a huge amount of energy is going into his nefarious smear-campaign.

Deflection

All this goes to the heart of the reason for Peter's recent personal and increasingly hysterical attacks on me – deflection. In my view, it is all a smokescreen to mask his unlawful theft of Crown Land. And to bury reports that he has not been paying his taxes. And to deflect the natural public perception that his \$5mm donation (if that is what it is, a donation) will grant this foreigner – presently in contempt of Bahamian Court – favour in his application for Crown Land when hundreds of native Bahamian's requests are not addressed. It is also an attempt to divert attention away from his proposed plans for a stem cell research center at Nygard Cay, which itself would seem to be a device he hoped to deploy to have his other building requests approved on appropriated Crown Land. Here he has dissembled again, first saying the center was to be in Nygard Cay and then later saying it would be absurd to think he would house it there. Whichever tale Peter Pinocchio is spinning again there is currently intense media speculation that Peter is expecting certain approvals for the center in return for donations to the governing party's election campaign.

It should therefore come as no surprise that Nygard's immediate response to this unwanted media attention on his recent prevarications over donations and stem cell funding was to call a press conference and call me a racist and a liar—certainly diverts focus from the real issue. In my answering to his bullying, his incitements and race baiting, I hope the spotlight can refocus on the real issue at hand—Pinocchio Nygard the Narcissist.

This Nygard is dishonest and disreputable and an embarrassment to most Bahamians as well as in the eyes of the rest of the world. He is presently in contempt of Bahamian Court, entertains like an conquering emperor on \$25mm of prime Crown Land he has stolen from the Bahamian people while having stiffed the same Bahamian people \$3mm in many years of unpaid property taxes; ill-gotten savings that, he plowed back into supporting one political party's re-elections from whom he seems to expect favors. His response to being exposed is to give \$10 thousand to a couple of sports charities to make amends.

That the Bahamian people have to put up with this guest who is fouling civil society is a travesty. It is not lost on the world press that as the financial Forbes Magazine puts it "He Answers to No-One". Based on the evidence, I think that's a fair depiction, and Peter Pinocchio certainly is not answering the Bahamian peoples' probing questions of his character and veracity by fabricating lies about me.

Yours faithfully,

Louis Bacon

South Abaco

Endangered albatross sighted off Abaco



Above: Black-browed albatross off Sandy Point, Abaco. Photographed by Diane Claridge. (c) Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Organisation 2013

Press Release

During a three-hour survey for whales off Sandy Point, Abaco on Sunday, July 21 scientists from the Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Organisation had an exceptional sighting. Dr Diane Claridge, the group's Executive Director, recalls details of the sighting.

"We were drifting waiting for a beaked whale to resurface when our intern Tristan Albury pointed towards a white object floating in the distance and asked what it was. We decided that it was a piece of trash, unfortunately a common sighting, and continued to focus our search for the whale. A half hour later, we still had not re-sighted the whale and believed that it may have gone down on one of its one-hour long feeding dives. So with time to kill and the "trash" still in sight, we had another look with binoculars. We realised immediately that it was a very large bird and slowly motored towards it for a closer look. I began taking photographs of it because we already knew it was unusual and we wanted to be sure to identify the species.

"As we got closer, Roxy Corbett, a visiting scientist and avid birder exclaimed that it was an albatross! I couldn't believe it. We were able to approach within 100 feet at which point it swam towards us providing an opportunity for us to document its body condition; it appeared healthy with no obvious signs of distress.

"Later when back ashore, we compared our photographs with those available online and learned that it was a juvenile Black-browed albatross, an endangered bird with a 7-foot wing span known from subtropical to polar regions of the southern hemisphere! As far as I know this species has never been recorded previously in the tropical North Atlantic. I have seen albatross during whale surveys in Alaska but never dreamed that I'd ever see one in The Bahamas.

"Although we are thrilled by the rarity of this sighting, the outcome for a bird so far out of its normal range is not usually good. However, there are two Black-browed albatross that strayed into the North Atlantic previously that have taken up long-term residence in Scotland and the Faroe Islands so who knows where this one may end up. Sunday afternoon was indeed exceptional: in addition to this remarkable sighting, we also saw 4 different species of whales and dolphins, all within 5 miles of Sandy Point."

Central & All Abaco

Medical fundraiser engages community



Above: Earnest Scott was overwhelmed by the support he received from the community.

By Canishka Alexander

The family of Ernest Scott received overwhelming support from the Abaco community at his medical fundraiser at the BAIC Park on July 27.

Steak and rib dinners were sold with the usual side orders along with delectable conch fritters, and tasty coconut and pineapple tarts. Entertainment was provided, and the bouncing castle stole the show for the younger ones.

Scottie, as he is better known, was able to travel from Nassau for the special day to witness the love and generosity of his community. He spent parts of the day seated, and at other times, he hobbled on crutches around the site to mingle with his friends and family.

Toward the end of the event, his wife Malena Scott said that 600 tickets had been printed, and according to her records, close to 500 had been sold. She was reassured that with their earnings from the fundraiser, and the assistance of the National Insurance Board, they would be able to tackle Scottie's whopping medical bill, which loomed in the area of \$100,000 initially.

Pilot Club engages in community service

By Samantha Evans

The Pilot Club of Abaco is a very community minded club and they do their best to get involved in projects that will make their community better. One such project that they are a part of is the rebuilding of a home for Angie and Brent Lowe in Spring City. On Saturday, July 6, beginning at 9 am, the Pilot Club members met at the site of the Lowe's House to begin some ground work to assist with the rebuilding of their home.

"I would like to thank each and every one who has donated, and who came out to help and support me," Scottie said. "In gracious keeping with them and for them being so kind and dear to me, I pray that the Lord Almighty will take care of each of us in our endeavours."

Emotionally shaken up as he watched well-wishers turn up in large numbers for the fundraising event, Scottie fought back tears as he cherished the moment of being with his family and friends before heading back to Nassau to prepare for his surgery on July 29.

Despite the intense pain that surged through his back, Scottie was still grateful to God for sustaining him.

"I try to walk it off, but the pain is still there," he said, flinching. "I have two vertebrates that are out of whack, and my spine has some problems from something before, but I give God thanks."

He concluded by thanking his wife, and his family and friends who have been so dear and close to him in his time of need.

purchased by the Pilot Club members who received a discount from Red Top Block and Concrete in Murphy Town. According to Public Relations person on the project, Margo Dean, they will be opening an account at Abaco Hardware by the end of July so that anyone who wants to assist with the purchase of blocks or any other needed items can simply make their final contribution to that account.

Once the steel has been laid and the ready mix poured, they will need the blocks. It is the goal of the Pilot Club to have this family in their home for the Christmas Holiday so any public donations whether in the form of money or labor will be greatly appreciated.

Dean also stated that the family will need major appliances such as a refrigerator, stove, washer and dryer. This will be the focus of the Pilot Club of Abaco this year along with their fight against brain-related diseases so they are happy to be working in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Abaco and The Scurvy Few to assist the Lowe's to get back into their home. The contractor in charge of the project is Don Wilmott of Woslee Construction.

Rotary donates \$2,400 to Abaco Crash Fire & Rescue



Above: Rotary Club member Bill Albury presents Chief Albury with a cheque.

On August 6 Colin Albury, Fire Chief at Abaco Crash, Fire and Rescue in Treasure Cay, spoke to the Rotary Club of Abaco. After his speech he was awarded by Lil Bill Albury, on behalf of the Club, \$2,400. The money will go towards the purchase of new equipment for the rescue organization.

Chief Albury also spoke about the dangers of improper golf cart use. According to his reports, golf carts that have been modified and then rented out account for a large percentage of serious injuries in the Treasure Cay area and elsewhere.



“MY FUTURE IS INVOLVED, I DESERVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW.”

Demand a Freedom of Information Act

so that the Bahamian People are 'In The Know'; all true democracies throughout the world enjoy and prosper from this fundamental right.

Sign the petition www.chn.ge/15O68LY



learn more at savethebays.bs



Central & All Abaco

Well contamination terrifies Sweeting's Village families

By Canishka Alexander

All seems to be well in the Sweeting's Village Subdivision this week, but less than three weeks ago it was literally a nightmare for two families living there.

On July 13, Brendan and Ruth Saunders and their next-door neighbours, Christopher and Tara Claridge, discovered that their wells had been contaminated by someone illegally dumping fuel somewhere on the grounds of the private subdivision on Abaco.

While the Claridges only have one well, the Saunders have a 15 foot and a 30-foot well. The couples complained that the fumes were so bad that they could not use their water for anything.

"Saturday morning I took a shower, and I said to Chris, I feel like I just showered in paint thinner," Tara lamented. "It was that strong because I had to actually turn off the shower because I could feel my chest like getting really tight. We thought it was just our filter, so he went and changed the filter later on Saturday, and it was still just as bad."

Christopher and Tara thought that giving the water a second time to run through the new filter would do the trick. Unfortunately, when the couple began rinsing dishes later on that night to load in the dishwasher, the water began to smell like gasoline at that point.

On her Facebook page, a distraught Tara wrote: The smell is so bad, my eyes burn when we turn on the tap, my throat is sore...there is a film on top of the water - obviously oil and gas. We are only using the water now to flush toilets and bottled water for everything else... There is nothing comical or humorous about this - health risk and very dangerous. We cannot bathe in the house, wash dishes, do laundry, wash our hands - nothing. If anyone knows anything about who dumped a large amount of oil/gas in the area please come forward. We WILL get to the bottom of this.

Ruth and Brendan didn't know what was happening until Sunday morning because they had been away from home. However, when Ruth brushed her teeth, and felt oil on her face after washing it, she knew something was terribly wrong. A tenant in the apartment next door to the two homes had been treated the night before at the government clinic because her skin had become irritated from using the water. However, she left the island a few days after.

The Saunders examined the heater and water softener only to discover that the water they scooped up was black. The water the Claridges acquired had a film on top of it. While the Claridges decided to move their jeep, the Saunders removed their boat from the yard to rule out a likely culprit.

At this point, both families began to speculate that someone had intentionally contaminated their water table.

After speaking with the Water and Sewerage Corporation, the Department of Environmental Health and police officials, Ruth decided to contact Brendan Swaby, president of Sentinel Drilling, to get to the bottom of the problem. She also received feedback from Jeremy Wong of Well Done Drilling Services, and he suggested that she use detergent to break down the fuel.

Wong and Swaby then recommended

that they drain the well, so the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department stepped in. Firefighters Timothy McDonald and Mateo Hicks came to assist, and pumped two thousand gallons of water from the wells.

Tara also spoke to the staff at Friends of the Environment where she was given a few pointers. Unfortunately, the main thing they had ever dealt with was well and septic issues.

Before Swaby's visit, they contemplated having to dig another well, and were hopeful that the water table had not been entirely compromised because digging another well would have been futile.

In his first analysis of the well, Swaby, a drilling specialist whose company specializes in drilling and rehabilitating wells, discovered fuel oil in the well, and gasoline was his first suspect. To rectify the problem, Swaby had to pump a few thousand gallons of water and fuel oil off to lessen the quantity of the substance in the water.

Then he did a rehabilitation process by sleeving the well with a PVC pipe 10 feet below the water table rather than at the top because fuel oil floats. The well was sealed off with bentonite clay and cement, which seemed to remedy the problem. The secondary well that was used has been abandoned.

While he was pleased with the results, Swaby told them to keep in mind that fuel oil is like a plume meaning it settles in one area and eventually starts to spread wherever the movement of water is like a well source.

"This is not a commonplace problem, but it is not something to be taken lightly," Swaby emphasized. "The only time I have encountered this problem was where people lived close to gas stations that had leaking tanks, and they had a similar problem. There was not an extremely large amount

of fuel in Sweetings Tract. It could have come from illegal dumping, but we were not able to find a source to say exactly where it came from.

"If it had been a large amount of gas, it would have been a situation of epidemic proportions because the entire neighbourhood could have been affected. I have seen other places where folks had to revert to city water because it was so bad."

Another rehabilitative process, he said, would be to use a sump pump to pump the top of the water table where the fuel oil is to try eradicate as much as possible.

"There was definitely a lot of fuel residue in the pipes in the home. I used a gasification process using chlorination to clean the pipes, and eradicate the fuel residue from the home itself. After a few hours of pumping and heavy chlorination, I was able to remove the residue, and the water seems to be very good," Swaby said.

Health wise, Swaby said there would have definitely been health effects for the families if they had not addressed the problem and continued to use the water for any prolonged period of time.

He said: "Gasoline will have a detrimental effect - either on your skin or from inhalation. There was a noxious gasoline fume in the water, so my major concern is that it was isolated."

Meantime, Swaby was convinced that the fuel was contained in the general area, so a container was used to pump water into it. By pumping, it pulled a lot of plume to where they were pumping, and eradicated the fuel oil from the ground instead of leaving it there to spread. He commended the fire department and Jeremy Wong for the use of an old storage fire truck to pump contaminated water into to get rid of fuel already in the aquifer, and for providing a secondary source of potable water for the Saunders' use.

While the couples knew they would be faced with added expenses, the more pressing need was to have clean water. There was also the fear of what would happen if someone struck a match because of how strong the fumes were.

"Saturday and Sunday night were the worst to the point that I could have the toilet lid closed and I would close out bathroom door, and an hour later I could come back and open that door and the fumes were so strong just from the water settling in the toilet.

"Then I stupidly tried to do a load of towels Saturday morning not even thinking, and when I opened the dryer, they smelled as if they had been soaked in gasoline," Tara further revealed. "You don't want to smell the water that's coming out of [the tap from] my sink; you could sell this to Esso."

Ruth looked forward to Keith Bishop and a representative from Environmental Health to stop by that week, so that she could have additional proof to file a police report in the event of sabotage, or at the very least, to create awareness.

For 13 years, Ruth said they had never had a problem with their well, and the same had been for the Claridges after five years of living there. Going back to their theory of sabotage, they considered how foolish it was to lash out at one person in the neighbourhood because everyone lives so closely together.

"If you're mad at one person, you're not just affecting one person. It's not like the water table ends on our property line," Tara commented.

Ruth added: "If you're dumping fuel, you had no idea of the repercussions or who could have been hurt in the process of dumping fuel. My concern is the loss and the cost of what was done."

Please see Well Page 18

Drill Rig
Marine Construction
Building Abaco's finest docks for over 30 years

Our services include ~
Dock Construction ■ Boat Lift Sales & Service
Sea Walls ■ Dock Accessories
Demolition & Removal

Names you can trust in the marine construction business!

Freddy Albury
Founder / CEO

Kyle Pearce
Managing Partner

Abaco's Premiere Dock Builders
Better Docks, Better Prices, Better Service

We are *Authorized Dealers* for I.M.M. BOATLIFTS
DESIGNED FOR A LIFETIME BUILT FOR A LIFETIME
imm I.M.M. BOATLIFTS

Phone: (242) 577 DOCK (3625)
Home: (242) 367-6066
Fax: (242) 367-6066
www.drillrigmarine.com
E-mail: drillrigmarine@gmail.com

Central & All Abaco

Well From Page 17

Ruth said that her conversation had been very helpful, with Barrington Murphy, the Abaco manager of the Water and Sewerage Corp., and that he offered to have the water tested as well.

Throughout their ordeal, Ruth discovered that the government had carried out a scope of works for the area, but was not able to afford to give them access to running water. Both couples voiced that they had no problem contributing because several of the residents had contributed to having the roads repaired to save their vehicles.

“We are pushing this issue to raise awareness to all residents of Sweeting’s Village, and to all concerned that this is also the turning point for us to get city water for us,” Ruth noted. “With this issue, we could have automatically turned over to city water. It needs to be decided if this is going to be a private development or a government development.

“If everyone is willing to pull together, this would be a really nice area if we got public water and the roads were paved.”

Tara admitted that she would also like to have both options because water is always needed, and she had been terrified throughout the ordeal because she has a toddler.

The Saunders and Claridges would like to particularly thank Brendan Swaby of Sentinel Drilling, Nassau; Timothy McDonald and Mateo Hicks of the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Dept. for their dedication and assistance; Jeremy Wong for coming to their rescue with clean water; and to their neighbor, Lisa Scott, for assisting Christopher and Tara with clean water as well.

“All is well in Sweeting’s Village for tonight. Thank God for good friends and neighbours. Love you lots!” Tara exclaimed.

Abaco Lighthouse Beamers Toastmasters receive club awards

By Canishka Alexander

Calling it an evening to remember, members of the Toastmasters International Abaco Lighthouse Beamers had reason to celebrate during their “Toastmaster of the Stars” Awards and Social Night 2012-2013 on July 27. Toastmasters were honoured for their hard work and received Funny Awards and Club Awards for their efforts.

District 47 Area Governor, Toastmaster Jethro Dickson travelled from Grand Bahama to attend the outstanding event.

In the Funny Awards category, the winners were: Immediate Past President and Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) Jamaro Thompson for the Hot Air Award; the Ah Um Award went to Toastmaster (TM) President Charmaine Bonaby; Always Misbehaving: TM Travis McDonald; Late again: TM Julieth McCafferty; I Ain’t Coming: TM Taryn Russell; Most Dependable: TM Charmaine Bonaby; and All Smiles: TM Julieth McCafferty.

There were five winners in the Club Awards category. TM Brittney Smith received the Spirit of Excellence Award; TM Glender Knowles, Spirit of Success; DTM Jamaro Thompson, Talk It Up; TM Syrena Hollingworth, Table Topics Speaker of the Year; TM Travis McDonald, Speaker of the Year; and DTM Jamaro Thompson as the Evaluator of the Year. Special congratulations was awarded to TM Brittney Smith, who was declared the Toastmaster of the Year.

President Bonaby said that besides the



Above: Members of the Abaco Lighthouse Beamers Toastmasters Club on July 27 at their Awards and Social Night. Photo by Charmaine Bonaby.

presentation of awards, guests and Toastmasters were given the opportunity to mix and mingle. Already 20-members strong, she was pleased to add that their club has received six new members for the year.

“Although the club is something that grooms your public speaking and your leadership, it’s also a fun-filled, positive environment because the Toastmasters’ mission is to provide a mutually supportive environment for Toastmasters,” President Bonaby explained. “People may be afraid of public speaking, but it’s all about helping each other, so there’s no fear to join the club.”

Earlier that day, an officers training session was held at Friendship Tabernacle Church, and an Installation Ceremony for the newly elected executive members of the Abaco Lighthouse Beamers is sched-

uled for October.

“Once again, I would like to thank everyone who participated, contributed, and attended our Awards/Social last night. It was truly an evening to remember, and will have everyone wanting to come back for more,” she praised. “And a big congratulations to all of our awards winners. A job truly well done during this Toastmasters year.

“We as Beamers surely do not disappoint, and last night proved just that. Hats off to all our Toastmasters as we continue to beam all over Abaco and around the world.”

Prospective members can join Toastmasters during bi-monthly meetings, which are held at the Conch Inn every second and fourth Thursday at 6:30 p.m.



HOPE TOWN HARBOUR LODGE
ELBOW CAY ABACO BAHAMAS

July Contest Winners



Left to Right: Monise Nicolas, Karen Forbes (Restaurant Manager) & Monique Phillippe

All the waitress at the **Hope Town Harbour Lodge** are joining in on a little friendly competition to see who sells the most bottles of wine each month. This past month we had a tie! They each received a \$50 incentive for their efforts.

The Hope Town Harbour Lodge has an extensive wine list, most coming from France

THE NEW GOVERNMENT COMPLEX TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Administrator’s Office.....	242-699-0000
Dept of Education.....	242-699-0016
Dept of Environmental Health.....	242-699-0032
Min of Finance/Business License.....	242-699-0052
Dept of Immigration.....	242-699-0067
Magistrate’s Court.....	242-699-0092
National Insurance Board.....	242-367-2639
Public Treasury.....	242-367-2647
Dept of Social Services.....	242-699-0150
Ministry of Tourism.....	242-699-0152
Local Government Council.....	242-699-0165
Auditor General Dept.....	242-699-0171
Bahamas Mortgage Corp.....	242-699-0177
Dept of Information Technology.....	242-699-0182
Dept of Housing.....	242-699-0187
Dept of Labour.....	242-699-0200
Dept of Marine Resources.....	242-699-0202
Road Traffic Dept.....	242-699-0217
Ministry of Youth Sports & Culture.....	242-699-0228
Prime Minister’s Office.....	242-699-0241
Passport Office.....	242-699-0244

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE TO CUT OUT AND SAVE



Sales Team of
Ed Newell - Broker
Cindy Newell - Sales Agent
James Moir - Nassau Office



ABACO ESTATE SERVICES
REAL ESTATE SALES • VACATION RENTALS
Prime Real Estate Listings Throughout Abaco



Members



Members
Bahamas Real Estate Association

TREASURE CAY

Vacant Land
Treasure Cay Beach Parcels

- Ocean Blvd. Beach Lots 92A & 93** - # 2361 - Exceptionally large 2.0 acre level parcel w/174' sandy beach frontage, cleared & level lot, electricity installed. Incredible sea views. **\$2,300,000.**
- Ocean Blvd. Lot 90, Block 2** - # 2102 - Large beachfront lot with 140' of sandy beach frontage. Ideal for estate home. Sensational sea views! **\$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.**
- Beachfront Lot 11, Treasure Cay Beach**: # 2270 12,866 s/f elevated, cleared parcel with 118' sandy beach frontage. Fabulous panoramic beach & sea views. All utilities available. **\$1,199,000.**
- Windward Beach Lots 12 & 13** # 2031 - 100' sandy beach frontage each, 21,675 s/f cleared, walled parcels. All utilities available. Fabulous sea views. **EACH \$599,000.**
- Beachfront Lot 58, Windward Beach** - # 2333 - 22,900 s/f level parcel with 101' of Abaco beach frontage. All utilities available. Fantastic sea views. **\$599,000.**
- 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. **\$389,000.**
- 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 lot/w 80' seawalled canal frontage, New deep water sheltered "T" dock with power & water. **\$315,000.**
- Galleon Bay Canal Lot 34, Blk. 203** - # 2320 - Cleared 15,045 s/f parcel with 126' seawalled canal frontage, dock with power & water, dolphin pilings. **\$275,000.**
- Brigantine Bay** # 1494 - 18,807 s/f cleared parcel 120' deep water bulk-headed frontage. **\$270,000.**
- Brigantine Bay** # 1622-1625 - 4 adjoining level & cleared canal lots ranging in size from 11,693 s/f to 13,876 s/f with deep water canal frontages from 74' to 87'. All lots with bulkheaded sea walls installed. All utilities available. Great water views along sheltered Brigantine Bay. **From \$266,000. to \$592,000.**
- #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.**
- Sea of Abaco Lot 5, Rock Point** - # 1543 - 11,700 s/f cleared lot/w 77' sea front. Utilities available **\$179,000.**
- Brigantine Canal # 1971** - 17,300 s/f parcel, 123' sea walled frontage, All utilities available, Sea of Abaco views. **\$149,000.**

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.**
- Inland Lot 7, Block 190, Galleon Bay Drive** - # 2314 - 11,000 s/f corner parcel at Regatta Crescent. All utilities available. Close to beaches. **\$34,999.**

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.**
 - Orchid Bay Beach Lot # 25** - # 1530 - 173 acre beach lot with 135' Atlantic Ocean beach frontage. Usage of Orchid Bay amenities. **\$1,499,000.**

"Ocean Symphony" # 6 Ocean Ridge Estates - # 2346 - 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath newly built furnished 2,235 s/f Atlantic Ocean home with pool on 16,725 s/f parcel with 111' hardrock shoreline. Includes dock slip on Sea of Abaco. **\$1,495,000.**

Sea View Lot K-82: # 2298 - 8,744 s/f lot located less than 200' from Sea of Abaco beach. Access to Atlantic Ocean beaches. **\$199,000.**

"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.**

TURTLE ROCKS

#2269 - Turtle Rocks West - 2.50 acre waterfront parcel extends from S.C. Bootlegger cove to Sea of Abaco, 148' hard rock shoreline. Good elevations, great sea views. **\$299,000.**

Turtle Rocks South Beach Lot # 2195 - 2,395 Acre beachfront parcel with 100' sandy beach frontage. Extends from S.C. Bootlegger cove 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

"Fisherman's Paradise Marina" Loggerhead Creek - # 2355 Under development on 10 acre tract w/1,300' shoreline. Designed for deep water slips for vessels up to 35'. Electricity installed. **"As Is" \$2,495,000.**

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 & guest house. Pool, private dock, boat lift. 21,926 s/f lot with 100' shoreline **\$995,000.**

Boiling Hole # 1029 - 10.9 acre waterfront tract with 156' Sea of Abaco bayside Sea of Abaco frontage. Utilities available at road boundary. **\$107,800.**

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.**

Boiling Hole - # 1030 - Two Sea of Abaco waterfront lots (16,689 s/f & 18,192 s/f) with 1380' water & highway frontage. Hard rock shoreline. Utilities available. **EACH \$65,900.**

GREEN TURTLE CAY

"Island Reach" - Harbourfront & Sea View Lots # 1405- Bluff side of White Sound - 11 residential hillside & protected harbour lots 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.**

Triplex, Murphy Town - # 2291, 6 bed, 4 bath, 2,700 s/f complex on 8,000 s/f +/- parcel. Good rental income potential. **\$299,000.**

"Regattas of Abaco 408" - #2009 2 Bed, 2 bath 2nd level 1,200 sq. ft furnished condo w/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, CBS block 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 - # 2253, Large 20,807 s/f lot adjacent to Leisure Lee, close to beach. Electricity, telephone & DSL available **\$50,000.**

LEISURE LEE

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.**

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.**

Lot # 15 - Great Abaco Hwy - Near Leisure Lee - # 567 - 2.139 acre parcel w/ 50' elevations, 110' frontage on both highway & Coromont Pond. Utilities available. **\$129,000.**

#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.**

#1902 - Lot # 170 - 13,459 s/f, close to beach. Ocean views from your 2nd level home. All utilities available.

We Exceed Client Expectations!

Please contact us for additional details on this sampling of our featured listings or for information on our other prime properties throughout
Phone: (242) 365.8752 • Cell: (242) 577.6570 • www.abacoestateservices.com

CRIME REPORT

Stealing

On 9th August, 2013, at 11:43pm, a 45 year old female of Hope Town reported that sometime between 7:30pm and 11:00pm on Friday 9th August, 2013, some unknown person/s stole \$51.00 from her residence. Police action requested.

This matter is under active Police investigation.

Stealing

On 7th August, 2013, a 26 year old male of Murphy Town, Abaco, report that sometime between 9:45pm on Friday 2nd August, 2013 and 2:00am on Saturday 3rd August, 2013, some unknown person/s stole her hand bag containing cash, her Bahamian passport, jewelry and other personal effects. She suspects a Rasta male who dropped by her home and she allowed him inside of her residence. Police action requested. This matter is under active Police investigation

Stealing

At 9:30pm on 10th August, 2013, a 40 year old male of Don McKay Blvd, Marsh Harbour, Abaco, reported that sometime between 9:00am and 6:00pm on Saturday 10th August, 2013, some unknown person/s entered his apartment and stole a Dell laptop and an undetermined amount of cash. No signs of forced entry. Police action requested.

This matter is under active Police investigation

Found Dangerous Drugs

On Sunday 12th, August 2013, Officers of the Drug Enforcement Unit (Abaco and Grand Bahama Unit), while in the area in south Abaco saw what appeared to be suspect marijuana plants being grown. Police action requested.

Officer while in the area retrieved the suspect plants ranging in height of 3 to 4 feet with a street value of \$5,000.00 were

brought to the Marsh Harbour Police Station for further investigation. This matter is under active Police investigation

Possession of Dangerous Drugs

On Friday 9th, August 2013, at 1:00 p.m Officers of the Drug Enforcement Unit (Abaco and Grand Bahama Unit), while on patrol Arrested a 33 year old male of Dundas Town after he was found in possession of suspected Marijuana.

He was brought to the Marsh Harbour Police Station reference to possession of Dangerous Drugs.

Possession of Dangerous Drugs.

On Friday 9th, August 2013, at 2:30 p.m. Officers of the Drug Enforcement Unit (Abaco and Grand Bahama Unit), while on patrol Arrested a 30 year old male of Murphy Town and a 17 year old

juvenile of Murphy Town after they were found in possession of suspected Marijuana. They were brought to the Marsh Harbour Police Station reference to possession of Dangerous Drugs with the intent to supply. The sum of \$576.00 was confiscated as proceeds of dangerous drugs.

Call 919 to report suspicious behavior



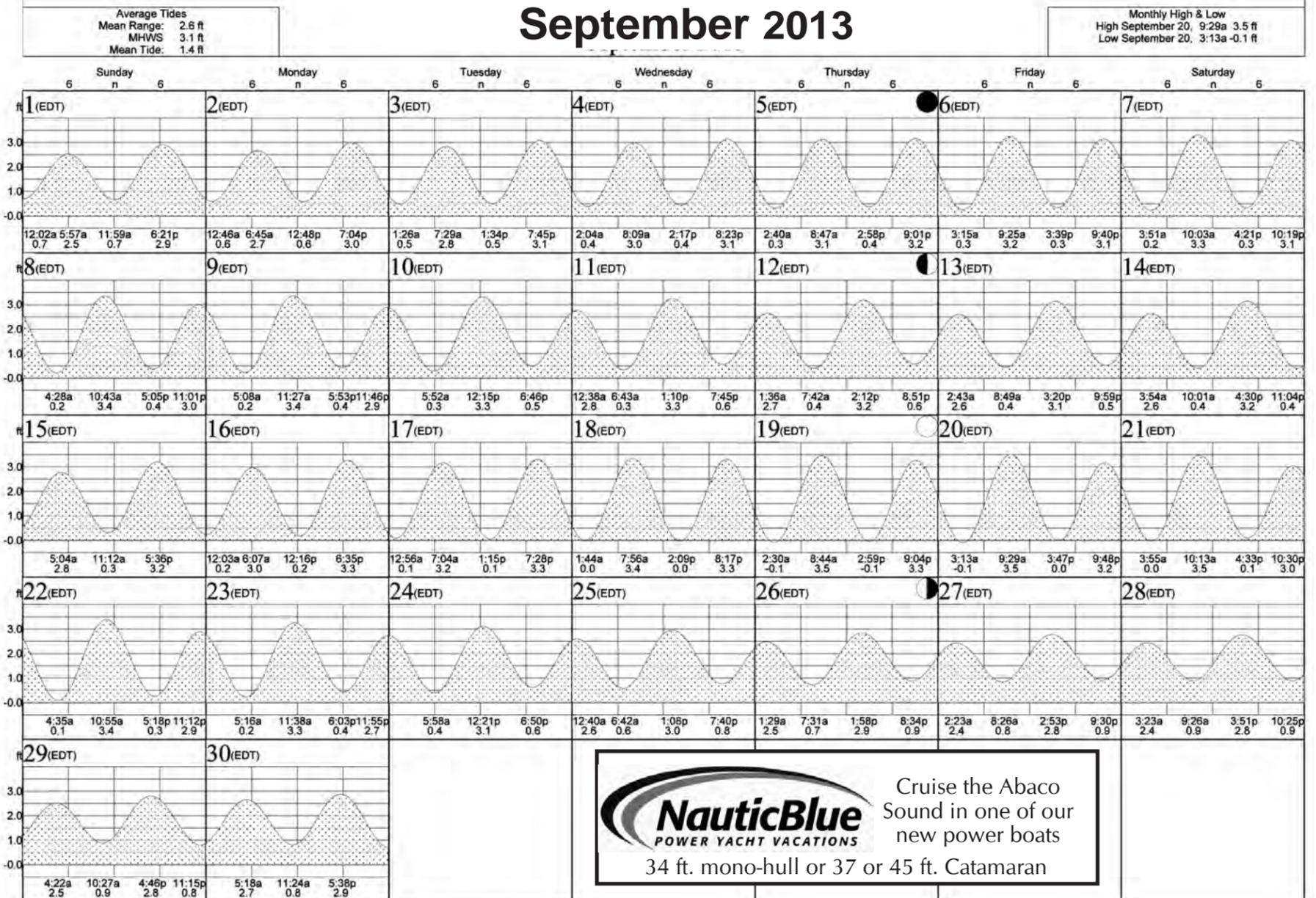
Compliments of **The Moorings and The Conch Inn Hotel and Marina**



Printed by Tides & Currents for Windows™ by Nobeltec Corporation (503) 579-1414 - www.tides.com

Tide - North Bar Channel September 2013

Monthly High & Low
High September 20, 9:29a 3.5 ft
Low September 20, 3:13a -0.1 ft



Printed by Tides & Currents for Windows™ by Nobeltec Corporation. (503) 579-1414 • www.tides.com

NauticBlue
POWER YACHT VACATIONS
Cruise the Abaco Sound in one of our new power boats
34 ft. mono-hull or 37 or 45 ft. Catamaran

The Conch Inn Marina

- Full service docks with power
- Cable TV connections
- Texaco fuel station

The Moorings Yacht Charters

- **The Best Sailing Vacations In The World!**
- **Prestige Class** crewed yacht charter
- Sailing Sloops and cats 35 ft. - 47 ft.
- Power catamarans 37 ft.

The Conch Inn Resort

- Hotel rooms on the harbour front
- Fresh water pool
- **Curly Tails** waterfront restaurant and bar
- Dive Abaco - a complete dive facility

The Conch Inn Resort and Marina

PO Box AB20469, Marsh Harbour, Abaco
Ph 242-367-4000 • Fax 367-4004
Email: themoorings@batelnet.bs
www.themoorings.com

Come and experience the beauty of the Bahamas. We are waiting for you.

Central & All Abaco

General findings of Shanty Town Report disturbing



Above: shanty houses in the Abaco immigrant community of "Pigeon Peas." Their proximity to each other pose a serious fire hazard for the communities. Photo courtesy Deran Thompson Sr.

By Timothy Roberts

A report on shanty towns, as promised by the Minister of the Environment and Housing Ken Dorsett, was released on July 3, 2013 highlighting troubling data on environmental concerns in these communities across New Providence and several out islands including Abaco.

The report, which covered shanty towns in New Providence, Andros, Exuma, Eleuthera and Abaco found a large number of troubling issues including environmental hazards and illegal activities.

A shanty town is defined as a cluster of dwellings which do not meet minimum environmental or regulatory standards with respect to water supply, solid waste management, sewage disposal, general aesthetics and structure.

The report observed that most, if not all, of these Shanty towns is on Government crown land issued to Bahamians families for the purpose of agriculture. A survey conducted two years ago noted that these "communities" are informally organized, overcrowded with illegal/poorly constructed dwellings, improper or no sewage disposal systems, compounded with derelict vehicles and garbage accumulation which give rise to the breeding of rodents, mosquitoes and other disease carrying vectors.

An emerging trend is the increasing number of Bahamians (or persons, who claim to be Bahamian) who live in or frequent these towns. Many of the long-term

shanty town occupants express that "new arrivals" do not have the same reverence for proper hygiene and respect for law and order resulting in the decline of the towns.

The report highlighted that buildings in these shanty towns are made from discarded wood or metals without any regard

for the Bahamas Building Code and that construction was ongoing in most of these towns. A number of the structures are now rented by Haitians to persons claiming to have Bahamian Citizenship and illegal immigrants.

Profitable businesses of varying nature, inclusive of liquor stores, convenience shops, numbers, animal rearing (chickens, sheep, goats, and pigs), cock fighting, recycling of bottles, and coal production, are being operated in these towns.

The storage of bottles being housed in these "towns" gives rise to mosquito and other disease carrying vectors. The manufacturing of coal seems to be a big business as Bahamian Pine is being utilized in disregard to the Forestry Act.

The report stated that water is available in all towns, and in some instances being piped into houses. Of great concern is the biological quality of the water. Only three of the forty-six water samples taken meet World Health Organization (WHO) Standards. All the others failed with very high fecal coli form counts. Two of the samples had residual chlorine present.

The number of sanitary convenienc-

es is not in proportion to the population, according to the report, as human feces were observed in common walking areas between dwellings, in nearby bushes, and around animal pens. The inadequate disposal of sewage increases the risk of transmission of fecal-borne diseases and contamination of groundwater supply.

Household refuse, mostly food by-products, are routinely thrown outdoors, often within the pathway, around the houses, or wherever is convenient. There is strong indication of rodent infestation in and around living/sleeping quarters as evidenced by live rats, and burrows.

The proliferation of derelict vehicles is a major concern as they serve as harborage for vectors such as mosquitoes and rodents.

The average house within these "towns" is approximately 80 square feet and houses a family of six (6). It is fair to assume that overcrowding is an issue. This issue is not as significant as the structural integrity, minimal (or lack of) sewage and water infrastructures and solid waste management issues.

They will be off to college sooner than you think!



- Let us help you prepare for:
 - Unexpected events or accidents
 - Your children's future expenses
 - Saving for retirement
 - Buying your home
 - Life's little surprises



Come in and talk to us about your Life Insurance and investment needs.



BAF FINANCIAL
& INSURANCE (BAHAMAS) LTD.
Financial Solutions for Life

242-367-5601
www.mybafolutions.com
life@mybafolutions.com
Celebrating 91 years of service to the Bahamas.



NICK SIMS
PRESIDENT & ENGINEER

DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION
Planning, Management, Execution of all Stages of Residential, Commercial, Infrastructure or Renovation Projects

ENGINEERING DESIGN & CONSULTING
Structural & Civil Engineering
Licensed Professional Engineer

ESTATE SERVICES
Property Management & Maintenance

Abaco Shopping Center, P.O.Box AB 20200
Marsh Harbour, Abaco, Bahamas
jnicksims@gmail.com

242-577-7467
TEL/FAX: 242-367-SIMS

BETTER BUILDING SOLUTIONS

'Dis & Dat'

Unable to go in the boat for August 1, Editor looks for crawfish in the abundant potholes around town



Above: The Abaconian's editor-in-chief, Bradley Albury, was unable to go crawfishing on the First of August. Though disappointed, he decided to check the many, deep potholes around town for Spiny Lobster. Though many of the holes in the middle of town were fished out, he did find limited success next to the Marsh Harbour International Airport.

"Honesty and Quality You Can Count On"

Brandon Thompson
242-357-6532

Dock Construction
Residential and Commercial
Customized to suit your lifestyle

Boat Lifts
Sales and Service
Quality boat lift dealer for 10 years

And Much More...
Offering unsurpassed attention to detail with almost two decades of hands on experience

Contact us today!
www.lbtmarine.com
bthompson@lbtmarine.com
Cell: 242-357-6532
Ph/Fax: 242-367-2704

Albury's Ferry Service
There & Back....Again
EFFECTIVE: JULY, 2012
Ph: 242-367-0290 Fax: 242-367-0291

REGULAR FERRY SCHEDULE

Marsh Harbour to Hope Town
20 minute ride
7:15am / 9:00am / 10:30am / 12:15pm 2:00pm
4:00pm / 5:45pm

Hope Town to Marsh Harbour
8:00am / 9:45am / 11:30am / 1:30pm 3:00pm
4:00pm / 5:00pm / 6:30pm

Marsh Harbour to Man-O-War
20 minute ride
7:15 / 10:30am / 12:15pm / 2:30pm*
4:00pm / 5:45pm
*Except Sundays and Holidays

Man-O-War to Marsh Harbour
8:00am / 11:30am / 1:30pm / 3:15pm* / 5:00pm
*Except Sundays and Holidays

Marsh Harbour to Scotland/Guana Cay
30 minute ride
6:45am / 10:30am / 1:30pm / 3:30pm 5:45pm

Scotland/Guana Cay to Marsh Harbour
8:am / 11:30am / 2:30pm / 4:45pm / 6:30pm

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

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

REGULAR FERRY FARES
One Way: \$17.00
Round Trip - Open Return: \$27.00
Children 6-11: Half Price
Children 5 and under: Free

Hope Town and Man-O-War ferries depart from the Ferry Dock at Crossing Beach.
Guana /Scotland Cay depart from the Conch Inn.
Prices subject to change without notice.

Advertise with The Abaconian
367-3200

Hotels and House Rental Agents

Island-wide Abaco Listings		
Abaco Cottage	114 hse	366-0576
Abaco Vacation Planner +	25 hse	367-3529
Casuarina Point		
Sea Grape/Coco Plum	2 Units	367-2107
Cherokee		
Lee Pinder	3 hse	366-2053
Marina Albury Cottages	5 cottages	366-2075
Grand Cay		
Rosie's Place		352-5458
Green Turtle Cay		
Barefoot Homes	14 hse	577-4092
Bluff House Club	12 units	365-4200
Cocobay Cottages	6 cott	800-752-0166
Green Turtle Club	35 rm	365-4271
Island Properties	34 hse	365-4047
New Plymouth Inn	9 rm	365-4161
Ocean Blue Properties	34 hse	365-4636
Other Shore Club		365-4226
Roberts Cottages	3 cott	365-4105
Guana Cay		
Dive Guana	11 hse	365-5178
Dolphin Bch Resort	4 rm 10 cott.	365-5137
Guana Sunset Beach	13 units	365-5133
Ocean Frontier	6 cott	519-389-4846
Ward's Landing	4 units	904-982-2762
Ruth Sands	9 hse	365-5140
Hope Town		
Abaco Inn	22 rm	366-0133
Crystal Villas	5 villas	321-452-0164
Elbow Cay Prop	53 hse	366-0035
Firefly Resort	7 villas	366-0145
Hope T Harb Lodge	25 rm	366 0095
Hope T Hideaways	63 hse	366-0224
Hope Town Inn	6 rm 4 Villas 3 Suites	366-0003
Hope T Villas	3 hse	366-0266
Hope Town..cont		
Lighthouse Rentals	4 cott	366-0154
Sea Gull Cottages	4 hse	366-0266
Sea Spray Resort	6 villas	366-0065
Tanny Key	43 hse	366-0053
Turtle Hill	4 villas	366-0557
Lubbers' Quarters Cay		
Lubbers' Landing	4 villas	577-2000
Man-O-War		
Island Home Rentals	2 hse	365-6048
Waterway Rentals	14 hse	365-6143
Marsh Harbour area		
Abaco Beach Resort	82 rms	367-2158
Abaco Real Estate	6 hse	367-2719
Abaco Towns	16 apts	367-0148
Ambassador Inn	6 rms	367-2022
Conch Inn	9 rms	367-4000
Living Easy	16 hse	367-2202
Island Breezes Motel	8 rms	367-3776
Lofty Fig Villas	6 eff	367-2681
Pelican Beach Villas	6 cott	367-3600
Regattas	32 apts	577-6764
HG Christie	11 hse	367-4151
Sandy Point		
Oeisha's Resort		366-4139
Pete & Gay's Resort	14 rm	366-4119
Rickmon's Bonefishing	10 rm	800-628-1447
Spanish Cay		
Spanish Cay Resort	18 rm 6 hse	365-0083
Treasure Cay		
Abaco Estate Services	Mult hse	365-8752
Bahama Beach Club	88 units	365-8500
Brigantine Bay Villas	5 units	877-786-8455
Treasure Cay Resort	95 rms	365-8801
Turtle Rock		
Villas at Palmetto Beach	3 villas	262-820-1900

Web Sites with Abaco Information
www.abaconian.com www.abaco.net www.abacocottage.com
www.abacos.com www.oii.net www.bahamas.com

Rev. July 2013

Visitors' Guide

Restaurants • Services • Transportation
www.theabaconian.com

Emergency Services		
Police - Marsh Harbour	367-3437	• 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	
Treasure Cay Fire & Rescue	365-9111	
BASRA Bah Air Sea Rescue.....Marine VHF 16.....	366-0282	
Hope Town	366-0549	Marsh Harbour 367-3752
Guana Cay	365-5178	Treasure Cay 365-8749

Medical Services		
Abaco Family Medicine, Marsh Harbour	367-2295	
Abaco Medi-Center.....	367-9999	
Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic	367-0020	
Chiropractor-Dr. Lewis.....	367-0020	
Corbett Clinic, Treasure Cay	365-8288	
Integrated Medical Center.....	367-1304	
Emergency	458-1234	
Marsh Harbour Medical Centre.....	367-0050	
Government Clinic, Marsh Harbour	367-2510	
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	
Out Island Chiropractor.....	367-2584	

Dental Services		
Agape Family Dental, Marsh Harbour.....	367-4355	
Abaco Dental Asso.....	367-0164	
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		
Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is	367-2266	
AirGate Aviation - New Smyrna Beach	367-1900	
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231	
US Reservation.....	1-800-433-7300	
Bahamasair - Nassau, W. Palm B, Ft Laud	367-2095	
Craig Air - Jacksonville	367-3522	
Island Wings - Ft. Lauderdale.....	1-954-274-6214	
Regional - Freeport.....	367-0446	
Silver Airline - Orlando, Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415	
US Reservation.....	1-800-231-0856	
Sky Bahamas - Nassau	367-0996	
Reservation.....	1-242-377-8993	
Western Air - Nassau	367-3722	
Local air charters serving Bahamas & S.Florida		
Abaco Air	367-2266	
Cherokee Air Charters	367-1920	

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

Taxi Cab Fares one or two passengers		
Extra \$3 for each passengers above two		
• Marsh Harbour Airport to: Effective Dec 08		
Clinic, Downtown, Stop Light.....	\$10	
Ab Bch Resort, Eastern Shore close, Ferry	\$15	
Spring City.....	\$15	
Dundas Town, Nat Ins bldg, C Abaco Primary Sch	\$15	
Murphy Town & Great. Cistern	\$20	
Snake Cay	\$35	
Casuarina Point.....	\$60	
Cherokee, Winding Bay, Little Harbour	\$80	
Bahama Palm Shore	\$90	
Crossing Rocks.....	\$105	
Sandy Point.....	\$150	
Leisure Lee	\$50	
Treasure Cay Airport, G Turtle ferry	\$80	
Treasure Cay Resort.....	\$85	
Fox Town	\$165	
• Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:		
Clinic, downtown, Ab Beach Hotel	\$ 10	
Nat. Ins. Bldg, Murphy Town, Gr. Cistern	\$10	
Wait time \$0.40 per minute, Hourly rate \$40 per hour		
Children under three - free - Caged pets - as people		
Luggage \$0.75 each over two, large bags \$1 ea.		
• Treasure Cay Airport to: Effective Dec 08		
Green Turtle Cay ferry dock.....	\$10	
Madeira Park	\$20	
Sand Banks	\$25	
Treasure Cay Resort.....	\$30	
Leisure Lee	\$45	
Black Wood	\$20	
Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$40	
Cedar Harbour	\$60	
Wood Cay	\$70	
Mount Hope	\$80	
Fox Town	\$85	
Crown Haven	\$90	
Marsh Harbour airport	\$80	
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$80	
Treasure Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	\$85	
Treasure Cay Hotel to Green Turtle Ferry	\$25	
Treasure Cay Hotel to Blue Hole	\$30	

Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted

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

Albury's Ferry Service		
Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16 • Hope Town & Man-O-War from Crossing Bch		
Marsh Harbour>Hope Town	7:15am 9:00am 10:30am 12:15pm 2:00pm 4:00pm 5:45pm	
Return:	8:00 am 9:45am 11:30am 1:30pm 3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 6:30pm	
Marsh Harbour>Man-O-War	10:30am 12:15pm 2:30pm* 4:00pm 5:45pm	
Return:	8:00am 11:30am 1:30pm 3:15pm* 5:00pm	
Marsh H.>Guana Cay/Scotland cay From Conch Inn		
(6:45am - Union Jack Dock)	10:30am 1:30pm 3:30pm 5:45pm	
Return:	8 am 11:30am 2:30pm 4:45pm 6:30pm	
Fare • Adult prepaid one way \$17 / open return \$27, • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free (Phone after hours 359-6861)		
Note: During the month of August through December there are some adjustments made to the schedule. You are advised to contact the office for the changes.		

Green Turtle Ferry		
Phone 365-4166, 4128 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride		
T Cay Airport>Green T Cay	8:30am 10:30am 11:30am 1:30pm 2:30pm 3:30pm 4:30pm* 5:00pm	
Return:	8am 9am 11am 12:15pm 1:30pm 3:00pm 4:30pm**	
* Note: 4:30 pm trip to GTC not on Sundays ** Note: 4:30 pm trip will be made from New Plymouth only		
New Plymouth :One way adult \$12 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$17 (Children \$10) • Extra to some G T Cay docks		

Abaco Adventures		
Ph 365-8749 or 375-8123 VHF Ch 16 Charters Available		
Treasure Cay to Guana Cay Sunday departs	11:00am & returns 3:30 p.m.	\$50 Round Trip
T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town - Saturday departs	9:30 am,	\$60 Round Trip

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

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

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

Attractions		
Albert Lowe Museum.....	Green Turtle Cay	
Capt Roland Roberts House, reef exhibits..	Green Turtle Cay	
Memorial Sculpture Garden.....	Green Turtle Cay	
Wyannie Malone Historical Museum.....	Hope Town	
Elbow Cay Lighthouse.....	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	
Man-O-War Heritage Museum.....	Man-O-War Cay	
Man-O-War Boatyards.....	Man-O-War Cay	
Hole-in- Wall lighthouse -very rough road.....	South Abaco	
Cedar Harbour plantation ruins - need guide..	North Abaco	
Blackwood blue hole & sisal mill.....	North Abaco	
Abaco wild horses by appointment.....	367-4805	
Bird watching - ask tourism.....	367-3067	

Beaches		
Pocket		
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

Tours & Excursions		
Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour.....	367-2936	
Abaco Neem • Marsh Harbour.....	367-4117	
Abaco's Nature Adventure.....	577-0004	
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	

Abaco Marinas - Slips - Fuel - Phone		
Green Turtle Cay		
Bluff House	38	F 365-4247
Green Turtle Club	40	F 365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15	F 365-4531
Other Shore Club	15	F 365-4226
Abaco Yacht Service.....	10	F 365-4033
Leeward Yacht Club.....	26	365-4191
Treasure Cay		
Treasure Cay Marina.....	150	F 365-8250
Man-O-War		
Man-O-War Marina	28	F 365-6008
Marsh Harbour		
Boat Harbour Marina	192	F 367-2158
Conch Inn.....	72	F 367-4000
Harbour View Marina	40	F 367-2182
Mangoes Marina	29	F 367-4255
Marsh Harbour Marina	62	F 367 2700
Hope Town		
Hope Town Marina	62	366-0003
Lighthouse Marina.....	6	F 366-0154
Sea Spray	60	F 366-0065
South Abaco		
Schooner Bay	15	F 475-7626
Spanish Cay		
Spanish Cay Marina.....	40	F 365-0083
Guana Cay		
Bakers Bay Marina	158	365-5802
Guana Hide-aways.....	37	365-5070
Orchid Bay.....	66	F 365-5175
Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour		

Wi-Fi Hotspots		
Marsh Harbour:	Green Turtle Cay:	
Abaco Beach Resort	Sundowners	
Snappas Grill & Chill	McIntosh Restaurant	
Curlytails	Jolly Roger Bar & Bistro	
Mangoes Restaurant	Leeward Yacht Club	
Hope Town:	Bluff House	
Abaco Inn	Guana Cay:	
Cap'n Jacks	Guana Grabbers	
H.T. Harbour Lodge	Nipper's Bar & Grill	
Sea Spray		

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	

Bikes & Scooters • Boats		
Marsh Harbour		
A & P Car Rentals	367-2655	
Abaco Dorado Boat Rentals.....	367-1035	
Bargain Car Rentals.....	367-0500	
Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910	
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	365-4311	
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	365-4259	

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

Lubbers Quarters		
Cruise Abaco	321-220-8796	

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		
Abaco Adventures - Kayaks	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	
Wendal's Bicycle Rentals.....	365-8687	

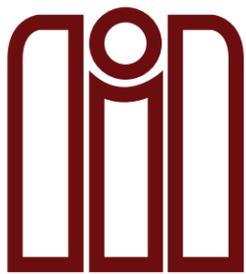
Everyone reads **The Abaconian**
All phones use area code 242 unless noted
Bring errors & revisions to our attention
Revised July 2013

Bonefish Guides		
Casuarina Point		
Junior Albury.....	366-3058	
Cherokee		
Donnie Lowe.....	366-2275	
Maxwell Sawyer.....	366-3058	
Marty Sawyer.....	366-2115	
Randy Sawyer.....	366-2284	
Will Sawyer.....	366-2177	
Crossing Rocks		
Tony Russell	366-3259	
Green Turtle Cay		
Rick Sawyer.....	365-4261	
Ronnie Sawyer	357-6667	
Hope Town		
Maitland Lowe	366-0234	
Tom Albury.....	366-3141	
Marsh Harbour		
Jody Albury.....	375-8068	
Sidney Albury.....	477-5996	

HOME INSURANCE

Your Peace Of Mind Is Important To Us!

Insurance Management makes home protection a priority with the most dependable protection in The Bahamas. It's how they've earned their good reputation. Coverage you can rely on.



INSURANCE MANAGEMENT (BAHAMAS) LIMITED. INSURANCE BROKERS & AGENTS

Nassau	Freeport	Abaco	Eleuthera	Exuma
Rosetta Street P.O.Box SS-6283 Tel: (242) 394-5555 Fax: (242) 323-6520	1, Pioneer's Way P.O.Box F-42541 Tel: (242) 350-3500 Fax: (242) 350-3510	Queen Elizabeth Dr. P.O.Box AB-20666 Tel: (242) 367-4204 Fax: (242) 367-4206	Queen's Highway P.O.Box EL-25190 Tel: (242) 332-2862 Fax: (242) 332-2863	Queen's Highway P.O.Box SS-6283 Tel: (242) 336-2304 Fax: (242) 336-2305

email: info@imbabaco.com



the abaconian

Abaco's most complete newspaper

FREE at over 100 Abaco locations

VOLUME 21 NUMBER 16 August 15th, 2013

Abaco Judo fighters medal at US Junior Open Championships



Above: (left to right) Dre Hall, Desmond Boodle, Ozeke Swain, Rebecca Strachan and Desmondo Boodle made up the Abaco Judo team which competed at the US Junior Open Championships. The team defeated many of the world's finest players, including champions from Brazil, America, the Dominican Republic and Republic of South Africa to win Bronze, Silver, one 4th and one 5th place at the US Junior Open Championships in Fort Lauderdale on July 28. For the story see page 10.



Above: children enjoying themselves at the Creative Summer Arts Camp.

Creative Summer Arts Camp offered to three communities

By Canishka Alexander

The first Creative Summer Arts Camp was held on July 15-19 in Marsh Harbour at the Island Waves Cultural Centre; the second camp was offered to Treasure Cay from July 29 to Aug. 2 at Headstart Academy; and the final one took place from Aug. 12-16 in Sandy Point at James A. Pinder Primary School.

The camp was offered at no cost and was open to children between the ages of five to 12 years old.

According to Garnell Limperes-Dawkins, Island Waves founder, close to 33 students attended the Marsh Harbour camp daily, and news of the summer camp spread like wildfire throughout the Abaco community by word of mouth. After the camp began, parents were still signing up their children, some called the week after the camp was finished, while others wanted their younger children and teenagers to join.

School & Youth News

Abaco Mentors

Reaching Youth, Building Community

Needed: Women and Men willing to commit their time.

Purpose: Fill the gaps where society fails our youth.

How: Commit to spend at least one hour a week with a child or teen in the community. Build a relationship. Make a difference.

Details: This is a startup program so we're open to suggestions. We would like to contact schools and churches to help identify kids who either don't have a lot of positive influences in their life or who struggle. We would like to commit an hour of our time each week to these kids

- Going to Get Ice Cream, Pizza Nights, Playing Videogames, Sports, Picking Them up From School, Etc. - We would like to make a difference in their lives and the future of our community.

If you are interested in joining this program please email me -

bradleyalbury@gmail.com - or visit our

Facebook page - **Abaco Mentors** - so we can gauge interest and start making a difference.

Thank You

Abaco Mentors looks to start Big Brother, Big Sister program for Abaco

Abaco Mentors is a new, small organization aimed at creating a "Big Brother - Big Sister" style program for Abaco. Looking to officially launch during the opening weeks of school, organizers are making a plea to men and women throughout Abaco to make a commitment to the youth of the island. Efforts have also been made to contact principals and pastors to help identify students who would most benefit.

Several people from different Abaco communities have already stepped up to express interest in being a mentor.

The basic crux of the program would be committing an hour a week to one child who you are paired with. Organizers recognize that the amount of time is not what is important: it is the consistency that will make the difference.

Abaco Mentors is looking for to pair little "brothers and sisters" with positive role models. Organizers say that you don't have to be perfect to be

a good role model, especially to someone who has no positive role models. Simply taking an interest can be life changing for some.

There are many great programs on Abaco that target youth. Abaco Mentors looks to compliment these. If you are a man you can pick your "Little Brother" up from school and take him to football practice. If you are a woman you can get your "Little Sister" on a Saturday to go to an art workshop. Of course, these are both just examples.

Abaco Mentors is looking for students 6-17 years old.

If you are interested in being a mentor, or if you have a child you feel could benefit from a big brother or sister, please contact Bradley Albury at BradleyAlbury@gmail.com or 242-577-2723. You can also check out Abaco Mentors' Facebook page for more details.



Abaco Real Estate Agency Ltd.
Abaco's oldest and most experienced real estate agency.
Since 1973
Real Estate | Vacation Rentals | Leases | Property Management


Elaine Thompson
Broker
/JP


Bill Thompson
Real Estate


Lydia Bodamer
Real Estate
Rentals


Maureen Smith
Real Estate

Office: (242) 367-2719 Fax: (242) 367-2359 Cells: Bill: 477- 5712 Lydia: 577- 0016 Maureen: 577- 6073

Green Turtle Cay	Great Abaco Club	Great Abaco Club	Great Abaco Club	LOTS & ACREAGE
 NEW 2.8 Acre Sea to Sea Estate. 3B/2B Main, 2B/1B Cottage. Beach & Dock. #18869 - USD\$3.6M	 Grouper Therapy - 4B/4B, 3B/3B never lived in home with appliances, generator, 50' yacht slip. #15946 - USD\$859,000	 3B/3B never lived in home with appliances, generator, 50' yacht slip. #18632 - USD\$710K	 Sea View - 3B/2.5B, Great views of Hope Town. Boat slip included. #16937 - \$579,000	THE CAYS Guana Cay Ocean Reef #17456 - #17459 Interior \$49.9K+ Ocean \$139K+ Guana Cay #12375 & #12377 92A & 93B - 3/4+ acre, 200' from wtr. \$85K Guana Cay #14957 Orchid Bay Ctg Lot #4 80' waterfront. \$245K Guana Cay #13432 Fishers Bay Lots 28 & 28B 94' waterfront. \$299K UNDER CONTRACT DolpBch #16931 4 lots 2 boat slips 170' wtr \$295K Guana Cay Boat Harbour #12378 10,432 s.f. lot dual views. \$78K NEW Orchid Bay Village #18493 Lot V19 7,061 s.f. beach access B\$69K Tilloo Cay #14845 #47 #48 #49 11,000 s.f. lot 100' to beach. \$99K ech. Tilloo #15264 Lot 19 wtrfrnt. elec avail. 13,050 s.f. lot. \$169K
 REDUCED Triplex - 3250 s.f. 2B/1.5B, 2B/1.B, 1B/1B, 14,000 s.f. fenced lot. #18174 - \$385,000	 Coral Point Villa - 2,250 s.f. 3B/3B 170' Waterfront 1+ acre. #17857 - \$750,000	 Fanny Bay - 3B/2B with 230' on water awesome views, must see. #17197 - \$650,000	 Lea ~Sing - 2,200 sq. ft. 4B/4.5B. Gated community, 50' dockage. #15664 - USD\$875,000	MARSH HARBOUR AREA Govt. Sub 2 - #18081/#18079 10,125 sq.ft. Lot 92 & 93 \$54K Each Great Abaco Club #17435 Lot #29 Gated, 50'+- deepwater dockage. \$295K Great Cistern #16230 106' Elev. Waterfront 14,248 s.f. lot \$139K Murphy Town Call for info TWO 80'X90' adjacent lots \$23,400 ech Marsh Harbour #13123 2.05 acres adjacent Maxwell. \$195K Royal Hbr #14051 Lot #26 off front street 14583 s.f. lot. \$139K Royal Harbour #17434 Lot #12 Waterfront Lot. Great Buy \$140K Stede Bonnet Road #13169 Residential Lot 8,125 s.f. lot. \$68K Stede Bonnet Road #13170 Elevated 9,425 s.f. lot utilities avail. \$90K SOLD Sunrise Bay 18048 20,559 sq. ft. Lot 31 \$249K NEW Sunrise Bay #18049 18,371 sq. ft. Lot 32 \$295K Sunrise Bay #17839 Lot 4 hillside, views, only 70' to beach \$187K REDUCED Sunrise Bay #18068 Lot 12 13,226 s.f. lot. \$199K
 Even Tide / Low Tide - 3B/3B rental history, tum key, waterfront. #14322 - USD\$975K	 On Da Rocks - 2B/2B + Lot 16, 9,381 s.f. Sea-to-Sea, Dockage. #16192 - USD\$849,000	 Sur La Mer - 2B/2B + bonus room Rental history. 130' Sea of Abaco. #15269 - USD\$700,000	 1 acre Sea to Sea -3B/3B + Guest Cottage & Garage. Rental histoy. #17759 - \$1.15M	SOUTH ABACO NEW Bahama Palm Shores #18632 4 B24 L9 Beachfront Lot \$98,500K Rolling Hbr #14085 5.65 acres, 330' beach next to Delpi Resort \$795K Gilpin Point #13468 10 acres 435' beachfront 5 mi south Schooner \$275K REDUCED Long Beach #12380 Lot 31 12,600 s.f. lot. elev. views. \$99K Long Beach #15957 Lot 315 Vacant Corner Lot \$45K. Long Beach #17702 Lot 396 Hilltop 10,800+- sq. ft. 320' from bch \$95K Old Kerr #15361 Lot 5B 14 acres 209' bchfront, 45'+- elevations. \$248,500
 Coconut Tyme - 3B/2B up 1B/1B down. 18,601 s.f., Dock Slip. #15560 - \$439,000	 Dolphin Bch Est. - 3B/3B 130' protected waterfront 1.165acre lot. #12387 - \$975,000	 SOLD DUPLEX - 2B/1B each, central commercial/residential location. #17430 - B\$157,861	 Hannah's Bluff -10 acre estate Sea-to-Sea 3bed/2bath & 1bed/1bath #18255 US\$1,795,000	NORTH ABACO Leisure Lee #17676 Lots #27,28,29&30 Utilities, bch near \$22K each Leisure Lee call for info Interior Lot 22 10,000 s.f. lot. \$45K Red Bay call for info 5 acre parcel off S.C. Bootle Highway \$150K Treasure Cay call for info Lot 44 Blk 167 multi-family \$45K REDUCED Treasure Cay #13226 Lot 8 Block 190 "Open to Offers". \$50K REDUCEDT. Cay #13227 Lot 9 Block 190 Interior Lot, canal views. \$53K REDUCEDT. Cay #13230 Comm.lot adjacent school 9.4 acres \$169K Treasure Cay call for info Lot 78 Block 1 Sect 1. 10,000 s.f. lot. \$59,900 Turtle Rocks #17283 Hilltop lot waterfront. 16,969 s.f. lot. \$35,500K Turtle Rocks #15916 2.28 acres highway access, utilities near \$150K
LEASES / VACATION RENTALS 2 Bed/1Bath Home - Sweetings Village Fenced Yard Pets ok \$1,000/mo 3B/ 3B, 2B/ 2B, 1B / 1B - High Rocks, Multi family, fenced. \$4,500/mo SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE RENTAL & LEASE OPPORTUNITIES.				

www.AbacoBahamas.com

Follow us on:  



EXCLUSIVE AFFILIATE OF
CHRISTIE'S
INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE

BEST REAL ESTATE AGENCY
CARIBBEAN
★★★★★
BAHAMAS
H.G. Christie Ltd.
2012-2013



The trusted authority in BAHAMAS REAL ESTATE
www.HGChristie.com

REAL ESTATE SALES • RENTALS • APPRAISALS • PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

MARSH HARBOUR



CROSSING \$499,000 to \$695,000
Collection of 2 and 3 bdrm condos at the Crossing enjoy beach, pool and dock amenities.



CROCKET DRIVE \$349,000
A 2 bdrm home ideal for entertaining is tucked away on a cul-de-sac, tastefully furnished and meticulously maintained. Ref. AS11821

REGATTAS #206 \$179,000
New Price! A furnished, 2 bdrm upper level condo with great rental history is quiet, private, and steps to pool and beach. Ref. AS11281

MARSH HARBOUR \$200,000
10,199 sq. ft. canal lot with sheltered dockage is located at gated Great Abaco Club. Ref. AS11329

ABACO MAINLAND



CASUARINA POINT \$225,000
A fully equipped, 3 bdrm tropical canalfront paradise. Ref. AS12181

TURTLE BAY \$785,000
5.8 acre waterfront tract has development options. Ref. AS12004

BAHAMA PALM SHORES \$299,000
34,300 sq. ft. lot enjoys 100 ft. of white-sand beach. Ref. AS12197

BAHAMA CORAL ISL. \$65,000
18,842 sq. ft. creek lot. Ref. AS12136

MURPHY TOWN \$35,000
10,000 sq. ft. multi-family corner lot with duplex plans. Ref. AS12123

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



TURTLE ROCKS \$295,000 each
Two unique beach parcels of approximately 2.5 acres each near Treasure Cay. Ref. AS12150/AS12151

HOPE TOWN/ELBOW CAY

MARNIE'S CREEK \$650,000
20,000 sq. ft. hilltop lot with partially completed house. Ref. PS10666

WHITE SOUND \$199,000
15,000 sq. ft. beach lot near the Abaco Inn. Ref. AS11702



NORTH END \$799,000
A well built 3 bdrm beach retreat with wrap-around porch has 130 ft. on a protected cove beach and is just a golf-cart ride to all the amenities of Hope Town. Ref. AS11552

NORTH END \$170,000
Peace, serenity and beauty awaits at this 13,005 sq. ft. property just two lots from the beach and community dock. Ref. AS11694

LUBBER'S QUARTERS



NORTH OF CRACKER P'S \$790,000
On nearly 0.5 acres, this 2 bdrm, 2 bath waterfront cottage is complete with a private dock slip. Ref. AS11450

SEAVIEW SUBD. \$125,000/\$165,000
Approx. 20,000 sq. ft. hilltop lots with dock slip. Ref. AS11569/AS11581

GREEN TURTLE CAY



COCO BAY \$575,000
A collection of wrap-around porches highlight this 3-storey, 3 bdrm Bahamian-style home. Ref. AS12020



BLUFF HARBOUR \$1,700,000
Unique 2 bdrm waterfront home on 2 acres, plus dock. Ref. AS11826

LEEWARD YACHT CLUB \$1,295,000
A 4 bdrm marina view home with dock slip. Ref. AS11409

COCOA BAY \$600,000
Private beach estate boasts 292 ft. on the Atlantic. Ref. AS11711



HARBOUR VIEW ESTS. \$349,500
Tranquil 2 bdrm, 2 bath residence close to the beach, resorts and community docks. Ref. AS12006

GUANA CAY

GUANA SEASIDE VLG. \$249,000
Classic cottage restored almost brand new is steps from miles of white-sand beach and features a breezy floorplan complemented by 2 ocean and bay view bedrooms, plus a relaxing porch. Ref. AS12139



DOLPHIN BEACH ESTS \$14,000,000
78.1 acre island development and hotel opportunity has 8,000 ft. of waterfront, a private island, undeveloped peninsula, resort, plus acres of subdivided lots. Ref. AS11973

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

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



OCEAN RIDGE ESTATES \$69,500
7,723 sq. ft. hillside lot with ocean/bay views. Ref. AS11764

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

TREASURE CAY



WINDWARD DRIVE \$535,000
Beautiful 3 bdrm, 3.5 bath canal home with great sea views is unbeatably priced. Ref. AS12224



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

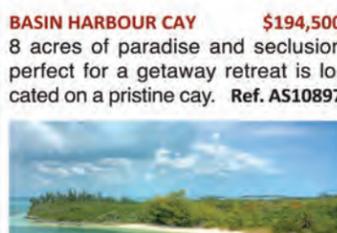
ATLANTIS CONDOS \$300,000
2 bdrm bay view condo. Ref. AS12019

OTHER CAYS

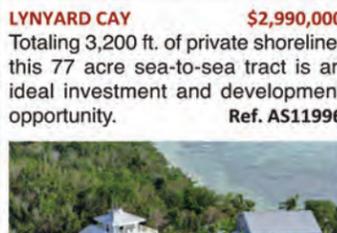
JOE'S CAY \$2,225,000
30 acre Private Island has beaches stretching 1,500 ft., and possibilities for a marina. Ref. AS10800



MAN-O-WAR CAY \$4,700,000
2.3 acres with infinity pool, 3 bdrm main residence and 2 beach cottages is ideal for a private retreat or boutique hotel. Ref. AS10800



BASIN HARBOUR CAY \$194,500
8 acres of paradise and seclusion perfect for a getaway retreat is located on a pristine cay. Ref. AS10897



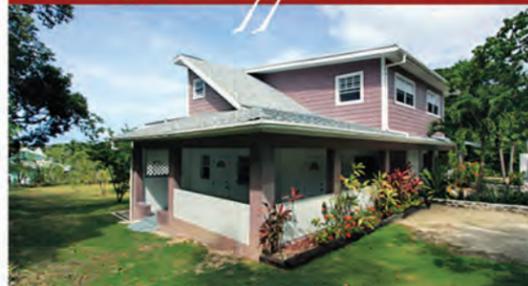
LYNYARD CAY \$2,990,000
Totaling 3,200 ft. of private shoreline, this 77 acre sea-to-sea tract is an ideal investment and development opportunity. Ref. AS11996



SUGAR LOAF CAY \$2,900,000
Nearly 3 acre waterfront estate features a 3 bdrm house, 2 bdrm cottage and boat dockage. Ref. AS11980

OWNERSHIP opportunities

DWAYNE WALLAS
242.359.6046. Dwayne@HGChristie.com



HOPE TOWN \$300,000
Fantastic Value! Income producer includes 4 apartment units. Ref. PS10678



CASUARINA POINT \$140,000
Contractor Special! Triplex needing repairs and completion offers great return. Ref. AS12243



MURPHY TOWN \$100,000
Perfect First Home! A 2 bdrm, turn-key starter with large, enclosed yard. Ref. AS12242



MARSH HARBOUR \$72,000
Sound Investment! A 3 bdrm home ideal for first time buyers needs some TLC. Ref. AS12246



JOHN CHRISTIE
242.357.7572



NEIL ABERLE
242.577.0277



DWAYNE WALLAS
242.359.6046



LEAH PINDER
242.577.6764



ROBBIE BETHEL
242.577.8533



PATTI LOVE
242.475.1715



FRANK KNOWLES
242.577.0339



KRISTI LOWE
242.357.6649



ADRIAN LOWE
242.577.4111



MARSH HARBOUR
242.367.5454
561.902.1800

HOPE TOWN
242.366.0700
954.762.7127

GREEN TURTLE CAY
242.365.4191

E: Sales@HGChristie.com

School & Youth News

Camp From Page 1

"We had a range between 27 to 33 kids at the camp daily; three kids dropped out within the first two days. One family I think wasn't in their comfort zone, which is why we want to do more travelling next year once we have an entire year to raise funds properly," Garnell contemplated.

Nevertheless, 20 children were signed up for the camp in Treasure Cay, and more than 15 were confirmed in Sandy Point. Garnell is hopeful that she and her team can spread out to Green Turtle Cay and Hope Town next year if funds permit.

Overall, the first camp went very well thanks to her team of instructors: Zyandric Jones and Alexander Bain, Arts Instructors; Ozeke Greco Swain, Mixed Martial Arts Instructor; Joinel Jeune, Poetry/Creative Writing Instructor; Devon Green, Dance Instructor; Shanishka Bain-Cambridge, Wellness Instructor; Eric Cunningham, Guitar Instructor; Simmone L. Bowe, Vocal Instructor; and Ronel Escarment, Peer Leader/Teachers Aid.

"It was a bit hectic the first day. I had gotten sick Saturday evening, so all day Sunday I had some of the instructors helping me set up, and then on Monday I was mostly missing in action," Garnell shared. "But the team worked very well together to keep the program running smoothly, and by Tuesday everything started to sort itself out. For the most part, everything was extremely successful; the week went by very quickly."

However, the next time around, Garnell hopes that full funding is in place, and that the Centre can provide healthy snacks and food for the campers.

"That way, we won't spend so much time trying to calm the kids down after they eat, or don't have to slow the pace down because they are sluggish after a filling lunch. I would also like to do more "field trips" away from the Centre itself as Island Waves is about the community on the whole, and not about revolving around us," Garnell said.

Some suggestions from parents were for instructors to wear name tags, designate more group time in the mornings so campers could become more familiar with each other; and splitting the children into age groups or smaller groups to easily move them around to each station.

Of all the activities offered, the younger children appeared to enjoy the water colouring, beach combing and art with Instructors Alexander and Zyandric, whereas the older children were more focused on creative writing and poetry with Joinel. As expected, everyone loved the Mixed Martial Arts taught by Ozeke, the

dance routines with Devon, singing and music with Simmone Bowe and Eric Cunningham, and even the Wellness and Nutrition presentation with Shanishka Bain-Cambridge.

She noted: "All of this comes with funding - once the funds are in place, there would be no issue giving a little compensation to the instructors for their time, for getting the materials, and for making the camp a more 'legit' program. I think a lot of this will come with awareness and word of mouth from both the parents and the campers as well as the instructors."

Speaking of awareness, the Abaco community is definitely more aware of Island Waves accomplishments.

"I think a lot of people knew that we existed, but didn't really know what we were about. Many thought it was just a hang out spot. Some thought we only taught music classes. Others thought it was an art school. We do a lot of different things here at the Centre," Garnell informed. "The camp is a way to showcase our instructors, who have been assisting, and who will be assisting in various programs throughout the year here at the Centre."

"We offer dance classes, tutoring classes, a Poetry and Creative Writing night, Jam Out Night, Creative Kids Corner on Saturdays, Empowerment Workshops, a Community Garden, and much more. We actually have a lot to offer, but until the funds all start to fall into place, there's only so much that can be accomplished."

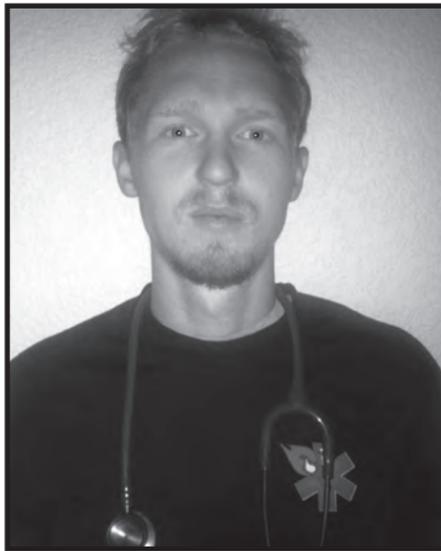
Garnell was grateful for the donations by locals or people passing through the area who liked what they were doing with the youth and the community as a whole. Still, there is a great need for more local involvement where people have a genuine interest in their families.

While she recognized that times are difficult, and people are working extra hard to make ends meet, the Centre provides a middle ground for people to seek job training and employment opportunities.

"It's little things like this that can go a long way. Picture how much you can save on groceries if you grew your own tomatoes, onions, herbs, carrots, etc. The more people get involved, and say 'Yes, I benefit from the services,' the more the word will get out, the more people will get involved, and pitch in to keep the facilities running," Garnell envisioned. "It's not about one or two people; it's about all of us - we make the Centre."

"This, I feel, is only the beginning. This is our first year outreaching in the communities with what we have to offer at the Centre, and so far, so good."

Green Turtle Cay Resident Completes National EMT Certification



Above: Zachary Roberts, who is on his way to being a fully licensed EMT in The Bahamas.

Zachary Roberts recently completed exhaustive training in The Bahamas and the United States to attain his Emergency Medical Technician certification. Zach is a 2009 graduate of Forest Heights Academy, and is the son of Green Turtle residents April and Kevin Roberts.

His formal training began with forty hours of on-line courses, and twenty hours of classroom and hands on training in Green Turtle, administered by a veteran King County, Washington registered instructor. Then he completed even more textbook and on line training administered by the EMT & Fire Training Academy in Priest Lake, Idaho. Once he passed their online tests, it was off to Idaho for a full week of hands on training and testing. Passing this rigorous testing, he was awarded his Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certificate.

He then applied for and passed the even more challenging interviewing and testing necessary to become a registered EMT with the US National Regis-

try of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT). This testing was all done by advanced level emergency medical personnel. This prestigious registration is recognized by virtually every state in the US and by The Bahamas.

The US NREMT registration allowed him to then become registered as an EMT in The Bahamas. His final step before starting his practice in The Bahamas is licensure by the Commonwealth of The Bahamas Health Professions Council, which is in process.

When fully licensed, Zach will be seeking employment in the private medical sector in Abaco. His goal is to practice, gain experience and serve his community, while continuing his education and training to become a paramedic. He can be reached by email at zachroberts242@gmail.com.

Cyber Learning Center under new management

By Samantha Evans

Cyber Learning Center, located at Josh Hann Plaza between Federal Express and the Fruit of the Vine Bookstore, is now under new management. For the interest of the community, Sharon Greene will remain the director but she will not be at the school on a daily basis. Now that they have a new principal, they will be improving their current services and adding a few new ones.

Cyber has an excellent Reading Program and very small class sizes that cater to individualized instruction. Further, more subjects will be added to the high school curriculum for the new school year. They will be offering personal tutoring, after school care and an evening institute as well.

Please see Cyber Page 5



K&S Auto Service

- Automotive Accessories
- Full Automotive Repairs
- Gasoline and Diesel Fuel
- Tires and Tire Repairs
- Wheel Alignments
- Automotive Parts
- Batteries



Crockett Drive & Don MacKay Blvd.
Marsh Harbour, Abaco
Ph: (242) 367-2655
Fax: (242) 367-2464
Shannon Albury, Manager

Man-O-War Hardware

Non-Corrosive Hardware

An Extensive Selection of
Brass, Stainless & Monel

Bolts, Nails & Screws
Hinges & Barrel Bolts

Stainless Steel
Hurricane Clips

#1 Lumber
Plain & Pressure Treated

Pine, Fir, Cypress
Teak & Mahogany

Interior, Exterior
& Marine
PLYWOOD



For quotes or information
Call Walter Sweeting | Arthur Elden

Man-O-War Cay, Abaco, Bahamas
Ph: (242) 365-6011 | Fax (242) 365-6039

School & Youth News

Cyber From Page 4

They are currently registering students for K4 to Grade 12 for the 2013-2014 academic year and wish to remind parents that space is limited. School opens on September 2, 2013 but tutoring, after-school care and the evening institute will not begin until September 4 and BGCSE and BJC classes will begin on September 5. The latter is open to students who did not pass exams and adults who have been out of school for a while.

During the evening they will offer Math, English, Religion, Literature, Science and History classes. Each subject will be offered for one hour per sitting. These subjects can be used towards students obtaining a high school diploma. Finally, parents interested in their kids learning tennis can take advantage of the afternoon lessons as well. The hours are 9am to 7pm Monday to Friday. For more details contact: 367-5757, 551-4695, 225-6188, 367-6630.

Cat Island missionaries hold Vacation Bible School at St. Andrews Church

By Jennifer Hudson

Over one hundred enthusiastic young people registered to participate in the Vacation Bible School held at St. Andrews Church, Dundas Town, from July 28 to August 2. The average daily attendance of eighty children kept the organizers busy. Bible School this year was run by Edison and Eunice Pinder, Missionaries from Cat



Above: snack time for the youth at Vacation Bible School held at St. Andrews Church, Dundas Town, from July 28 to August 2. The Camp this year was run by Edison and Eunice Pinder, Missionaries from Cat Island, along with local Man-O-War Youth Pastor and wife: Rich and Netica Roberts.

Island who recruited Rich and Netica Roberts from Man O War Cay to work with them. Rich is the Youth Pastor at New Life Church and the couple has been in youth work for fifteen years. They in turn recruited teams from Marsh Harbour, Man O War and Treasure Cay to assist.

Edison and Eunice Pinder's Ministry is with the Sonlight Boat Ministry. They ministered by boat between Exuma and Long Island for nine years and have now been assigned to Cat Island for the past seven and a half years. Their entire ministry has spanned seventeen and a half years. During term time they work in schools and then during summers they conduct Vacation Bible Schools. The VBS at St. An-

draws is their fourth for this summer.

The attendees at the St. Andrews VBS ranged in age from 5-13 years and were divided into groups, the largest being children 11 and over. Activities covered four areas: recreation, bible stories, crafts and video. The day I visited, the children had fun making balloon animals but other activities during the week had included paper projects, crown making and origami. During Bible story time the children heard the stories of David, Queen Esther, Nehemiah, the Crucifixion and King Josiah.

Anna Albury, a young lady from Man O War Cay, attended VBS every day and assisted the organizers by telling stories to the other campers with the aid of her braille reader. She has been blessed with a lovely singing voice and so also sang to the campers.

The young people let off steam dur-

ing the recreational segments with relay games and races and began each morning with music and motion.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinder were pleased with the number of young people that attended and thankful that they had been able to provide a good Christian influence in these young people's lives. "We know it might be a long time before lives are changed but we plant the seeds and God waters," they say.

VBS held in Sandy Point

By Samantha Evans

The inaugural Vacation Bible School was held in Sandy Point July 11 to 14, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to noon by Church of Christ. The theme chosen was "Go Tell on the Mountains."

The South Abaco Church of Christ co-hosted this event with Arlington Heights Church of Christ out of Corpse Christi, Texas. All four day sessions featured lessons on Mount Sinai, Mount Camel, Mount Calvary, and the Mount of Transfiguration.

The venue was the J.A. Pinder Primary School. The attendance was great, with 26 on the first day to over 30 on the last day. This was their first time having a Vacation Bible School on Saturday and Sunday. Pastor Jason and Mrs. Quashie stated that they were very well accepted by the Sandy Point community and they appreciated the principal allowing them the use of the school.

They were grateful to the parents for sending their kids to learn more about the works of Christ and also for them attending session on Sunday morning to see what their kids had been taught over the four days. The experience was wonderful and they look forward to engaging the kids in this event again next summer.



Above: Sandy Point children were entertained with Biblical stories and activities during VBS



REVOICE PrePaid Home Phone Services And Chat Card

Come Celebrate With Us! In Grand Style !!!!

GRAND OPENING

Quality Business Center Q-Card

August 17th 2013

12noon-6p.m.

To The Dove Plaza, Marsh Harbour

Give A-Ways Live Music

A Family Fun Day! Face Painting

Sign Up For a Q-Card or Rev Voice Phone And Enter to Win Prizes

*Laptop *CellPhone *Flat Screen TV And Much More!

Free Back To School Supplies For Q-Card Members

Live Performance By New Entry Band



info@htlighthousemarina.com VHF ch 16

P:1(242)366-0154 F:1(242)366-0171

LIGHTHOUSE MARINA

Hope Town, Elbow Cay, Abaco Bahamas

Deep Water Dockage • Gas • Diesel • Ice • Bait • Dry Storage

New 10 ton marine forklift

Full service marina • Fiberglass repair • Bottom painting • Bright work • Waxing

Gift Shop • Largest selection of fishing tackle • T-shirts • Souvenirs • Marine Supplies

Freeport Skiffs - 13', 15', 17' Now available, call for information

Yamaha Sales and Service • Factory Trained Technicians

Bayfront Realty Sales & Property Management

Visit our new website: www.htlighthousemarina.com

School & Youth News

ECC: Community Involvement

Editor's Note: This is an ongoing story about the founding of the Every Child Counts School. See the July 1 issue for the previous installment.

By Ruth Harkin

Every Child Counts has had many friends and supporters since the beginning. The generosity all started with the Archdiocese of The Bahamas. The willingness of archbishop Lawrence Burke to let ECC use church property where the first school and church was located was critical to the start of ECC. In addition, the church contributes to the stability of the school by providing critical in kind services.

Their initial challenge to Lyn was to raise money to create, operate and manage an educational program for challenged kids. Fr. Stan Kolasa, parish priest and pastor, and principal at St. Francis de Sales School, Laura Davies, and many of her faculty were very supportive. In the early years donations came from the Lyford Cay Foundation, the Mary Rice Foundation, the Endover Foundation, Florida Cares Foundation and Strube Family Foundation. Others gradually joined the effort.

Dr. Sharon Kossack, an educator from Florida International University, began the first trainings for teachers and volunteers on a monthly basis. Word got around and gradually other volunteer professors and trainers just started coming to assist after hearing that others were culminating with groups from Dubuque University, Rollins College and Ryerson University sending student interns and volunteers to ECC with their professors. Prof Jean Golden has negotiated a 6 year contract with Ryerson University and ECC for student intern placements.

Both citizens and foreigners came to work or contribute in some way. The enthusiasm of the students, the spirit of Lyn,

and the general atmosphere of the school inspire people to be part of it. Without the support of the business community, facilities could never have been added or improved. The business community contributes to the maintenance of existing facilities as well as renovations and new structures giving generously to provide electrical services, building skills, materials and labour at cost and funding.

One local attorney contributes hundreds of dollars monthly, one exterminator donates his services when needed, one accountant as well. One volunteer heads fundraising efforts, one heads publications, one technology, one couple helps with business planning and there are many others who join these efforts. A number of local and foreign professionals serve on ECC's advisory board.

ECC would not exist as it does, nor have the ability to fulfill its vision to expand services to adult training and assisted living, without this assistance. Just this month 44 students, young people and chaperones came from YOM in Vero Beach to construct the new training centre in collaboration with Pastor Earlyn Baillou, another volunteer contractor in charge of the building and Lianne Key.

Moreover, some of the help seems to come out of nowhere, especially when ECC needs it most. Lyn began to notice these "coincidences". It was and is uncanny—a check that arrives just when the bank account is empty or an offer to provide services at just the moment they are most needed. One day Lyn and her staff were pondering how to obtain desperately needed money when a woman walked in. She was harried and said she had just come from the harbour where she had considered throwing a valuable diamond ring in the water in desperation. Then she paused and thought maybe she should do something good with it. She brought it to ECC

and vanished without giving her name.

The ring was auctioned off for thousands of dollars to add to the ECC bank account.

Lyn and her staff consider the infinite possibilities that exist for ECC and how they all connect. "When Music Doing Good contacted me to say that they would like to return to perform another concert this year, I thought to myself how does this happen? How does it happen that such an organization founded by Maria Bosarge and composed of all these talented and professional musicians would find their way back again to our little school on our little island in this big world? How is it that this little school continues at all with over 100 students and the few resources that we start with? How does all this happen?"

Some people might say it happens by coincidence, but Lyn says she isn't so sure. From a religious perspective, it could be divine intervention or grace. Carl Jung, the psychiatrist, felt that life was not a series of random events, but rather an expression of a deeper order. He termed this belief synchronicity. Synchronicity is the idea that all of us are connected by the deep desires of our common humanity.

The Ancient Vedic texts of the Eastern tradition of spirituality state that you are what your deepest desire is. As is your desire, so is your intention. As is your intention, so is your will. As is your will, so is your deed. As is your deed, so is your destiny. Over the years, scores of people have said how meaningful it has been to be part of the ECC family and part of its destiny and the destiny of those it serves. It is an opportunity to make a difference in a most significant way to our common humanity.

Contributors Jesse and Sharon Thompson wrote:

"Giving to ECC under the watchful eyes of the Archdiocese gives us the opportunity to be significant contributors towards progressive change. The new centre will prevent ECC's most challenged students from aging out of ECC's culture and resources. Your young adults and their caregivers will be able to find rightful places in society for the long haul."

Back in 2004, on Prime Minister Christie's first visit to ECC, he said "ECC is a wonderful example of caring and compassion. Its existence demonstrates that Abaco is capable of doing more than just economic development. Abaco has advanced to a higher level".

On his return visit in 2013 Prime Minister Christie stated that ECC can be a guide and model for the rest of the country in the education and training of exceptional students and young people and community involvement. He said that others may say that our graduates are disabled but in effect they have demonstrated that they are most able. With the help of everyone in sync with ECC, they will hopefully continue to be so.

North Abaco to hold Back to School Bash

By Vernique Russell

It is that time of year when parents are busy getting the children ready to return to their halls of learning. With this in mind, a major Back to School Bash has been organized for students in the North Abaco District. This event will be held as an all-day activity. The date for the event is Saturday, August 31.

Activities for the day include a Fun Run Ride and Walk which begins at 7am from the Treasure Cay entrance to the Green Turtle Ferry Landing and Back. Following that will be a prayer breakfast at the Don Corbett Basketball Court. The afternoon will feature basketball and old fashion batting ball competition, other games, food and a pep rally.

Other features of the back to school bash includes hair braiding, haircuts, school supplies, snack giveaways and much more. The event is open to all students between the ages of 2-21 who reside in the North Abaco District. Bus services will be provided and more information can be obtained at local churches throughout the community. The Committee of Community Minded Individuals is looking forward to having you join them as they celebrate the future of this country.

Amy Roberts Valedictorian receives a Student of the Year scholarship



Pictured: Reagan Roberts with his parents Christopher and Pamela Roberts along with school Principal Keva McIntosh.

Reagan Roberts, who is the class of 2013 Valedictorian at Amy Roberts Primary School, captured 11th place among 123 students throughout The Bahamas in the Student of the Year competition in May. He will receive a \$2,000 scholarship and will attend Forest Heights Academy in September.

He is the son of Christopher and Pamela Roberts of Green Turtle.

"HELPING HURTING PEOPLE"

Christian Counselling Centre

Since 2007, The Christian Counselling Centre Abaco has been in operation, helping hurting people by providing professional counselling to aid in personal growth, in relationships with God, self, and others in an accepting, caring, confidential environment. Some of the issues addressed in the Abaco community are but not limited to:

- Abuse-Sexual, Physical, Emotional
- Grief
- Depression, Anxiety, Bipolar Disorders
- Anger Management
- Substance Abuse

In order to continue our service to the community we are in desperate need of your committed financial support!!!!

Mail your Donations Today:
 Christian Counselling Centre
 P.O. Box AB-20642
 Marsh Harbour, Abaco Bahamas

For Tax Deductible Donations see our website:
www.christiancounsellingcentre.org

CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING CENTRE
Helping Hurting People

Christian Counselling Centre
 D&S Plaza (above Doug's Place)
 Don McKay Blvd, Marsh Harbour

PO BOX AB-20642
 Marsh Harbour, Abaco Bahamas
 Tel/Fax: 367-0215
 Vibe #: 225-7465

www.christiancounsellingcentre.org

Quality Star Auto Service Station And Garage

Don MacKay Blvd., Marsh Harbour

THE PLACE FOR YOUR ENTIRE AUTOMOBILE AND TRUCK NEEDS

We stock a wide variety of parts and tyres.
 If you need an item that is not in stock, we will quickly import it for you

Open 7 am - 7 pm Monday thru Thursday
 7 am - 8 pm Friday and Saturday
 Tel: (242) 367-2979

Church News

Bradley and Lovely Reckley installed as Ministers of the Gospel

By Samantha Evans

On Sunday July 7, 2013 Bradley and Lovely Reckley were installed as Ministers of the Gospel at First Assembly of God on Stratton Drive, Marsh Harbour. This was a wonderful day for the Reckley Family and according to Sister Reckley, she felt like she was getting married. She stated that she and her husband have been in ministry for many years and served consistently in various ministries over the years but this was the first time they had ever been ordained as Ministers of the Gospel.

Minister Bradley Reckley has been in ministry for over 30 years. He has been serving God since he was 22, and has worked in numerous ministries. To advance himself in ministry, he enrolled in Abaco Bible College where he is currently enrolled. He loves the outdoors and so leads the street evangelism ministry where he preaches the gospel and witnesses in clubs, bars and in other public areas. His vision is to see marriages remain together so he encourages husbands and fathers to fulfill the command of God to love their wives and children.

Sister Lovely Reckley has been serving the Lord since she was a child and loves the Lord with all of her heart. She has served in various ministries such as Sunday school and she presently serves as an evangelist, and reaches out to the less fortunate within her community. She also organizes and serves in a program called Feed the Children. This program provides hot lunches for 75-100 children daily. Her vision is to take the gospel to the world as a witness of Godliness. She and Bradley have three children (one deceased) and seven grandchildren.

The Act of Installation was conducted by Senior Pastor Deion Gibson who spoke on the topic, "Spreading the Good News of Jesus." He encouraged the Reckleys to continue to dedicate themselves to ministry and to feed the sheep. They pledged

to continue to do the work of the Lord, to strive to build up the work of the church and the body of Christ, to love their family and the community, and to love Christ.

The members of the church family heard the qualifications of Bradley and Lovely Reckley and accepted them as ministers of First Assembly of God Abaco and the Assemblies of God in the Bahamas including the Turks and Caicos Island. The installation ended with the laying on of hands by Pastor Deion Gibson who asked God's blessing upon their ministry.

Zion Baptist Cathedral celebrates its 10th Pastoral Anniversary

By Canishka Alexander

The members of Zion Baptist Cathedral in Murphy Town honoured Senior Pastor Christopher Dean and First Lady Christine Dean for 10 years of service and faithfulness to the congregation at their 10th Pastoral Anniversary on July 24-26, which culminated with a special anniversary service on July 28.

The Scriptural theme and text for the grand occasion was "Processed for Position," and was founded on the Book of Genesis 41:37-41.

Throughout the week, those in attendance were treated to nightly services where profound Biblical messages were spoken by dynamic speakers like Pastor James Williams of Crossing Rocks; Apostle Valentino Williams of Life Changers Ministries International; Bishop Tyrone Mills of End Time Harvest Church; and Rev. T.G. Morrison of Zion Baptist Church, East and Shirley Streets, gracing their presence.

Church members led in the call to worship with opening prayers, welcome addresses, congregational hymns, Scripture readings and solos before the Word of God was delivered. Pastor James Williams and Bishop Mills preached on the story of Joseph, and how God processed him to take on a position as a great man in the

land of Egypt.

However, Apostle Valentino Williams and Rev. T.G. Morrison respectfully established their own themes and Scriptural texts based on what God had laid on their hearts to preach. Apostle Williams spoke concerning the benefits of "Progressive Leadership."

"All month, the Lord has been downloading some things to me and to our church in Nassau, and as a result, we have seen an unprecedented level of growth than we have ever seen in the history of our church," he proclaimed.

Apostle Williams said that in order for the church to move forward, to grow, to upgrade, to advance, and to move to the next dimension, its leadership must be progressive. This type of leader, he explained, is vision based, they are focused, they are radical, and they are not afraid to take risks.

At the final anniversary service on July 28, the highly anticipated - Rev. T.G. Morrison - approached the pulpit. Most of the congregation were on the edge of their seats as they eagerly listened to what he shared. Rev. Morrison's Scriptural text was taken from Job 3 as he spoke concerning the life of Job. Despite all the trials and tribulations that Job endured, he still held fast to his faith in God.

"The fact is that we have a church that wants what it wants, and they want it now even if they're not ready for it, even if they cannot handle it, even if they don't understand it," Rev. Morrison bellowed. "Because as far as we're concerned, we are in charge and we know what's best for us. I've come by to remind us that there comes a time in the life of a man or woman of God where it is better to wait upon the Lord.

"The prophet Isaiah said: 'They that wait upon the Lord shall be renewed in strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint - anybody that does not go through the process becomes a menace to himself and a hindrance to the body of Christ.'"

The end of the service was reserved for gift presentations to Pastor Dean and First Lady Dean followed by their expression of thanks to their church members and leaders as well as the visitors who had joined them to celebrate in their noteworthy milestone.

"This evening we give Him praise; we're able to gather here as we celebrate 10 years of ministry. We're able to look and see where the Lord has brought us from," Rev. Dean said. "Indeed it was rough sometimes, but we made it. We've closed this chapter, and are looking forward to moving on to another 10 years."

12th Anniversary Service held at Marsh Harbour Church of God

By Samantha Evans

Marsh Harbour Church of God celebrated their 12th Church Anniversary on Sunday, July 21, at 11 a.m. at the church on Poppy Way in Marsh Harbour. This church established itself in the community of Abaco as a Christ-centered worship center and they plan to have the Word of God remain the focus of their ministry.

They did not allow themselves to be alarmed when storms came but held fast knowing that God had them under his wing. Now that they can celebrate 12 years in ministry and all that they have accomplished, they are eternally grateful for the love, support and encouragement they received from the community of Marsh Harbour and their families. They are proud that they are firmly fixed in the Word, are devoted to their duty and have permanent beliefs which are grounded in the Word of Almighty God.

Bishop Lernis Cornish, the founding pastor took a few moments to reminisce about the early years in ministry. He stated he has been doing the work of the Lord since 1968 and he did not waver. He added that he did not bring shame or disgrace to his ministry as he was standing on the solid rock. His wife and kids supported him, especially his girls. He thanked God for his church family who stood by him when ministry got tough.

Remarks were also given by Superintendent Noel Curry who is a close friend of Bishop Clayton McIntosh and the General Overseer for the Church of God, Archeleus Cooper, who was the District Overseer when this church started. Bishop Cooper stated that the number twelve is significant in the Church of God. He told the pastor that he hopes that within the next twelve years they will be in their new church on Glory Hill.

He stated that the church has come a long way and he can remember when they started. He encouraged them to continue to

Please see Service Page 8



Caribbean Constructors Ltd.



Abaco Concrete & Building Supplies

BLOCKS, ROCK & SAND

READY MIX CONCRETE

Phone: 367-2502

LAMINATED FLOORING



\$2.50 sq.ft.
PADDING \$0.55 sq.ft.

Commercial Carpet...\$11.00 sq.yd.
Carpet Padding.....\$5.75 sq.yd.

ADIRONDACK CHAIRS \$210.00

4 DRAWER CHEST

WOODEN BUNK BEDS \$575.00

METAL BUNK BEDS \$450.00

Wooden Toddler Beds.....\$175.00

MATTRESS, BOXSPRINGS & FRAMES

Phone: (242) 367-0546
Visit our Showroom Located Opposite the old Lowe's Pharmacy

VITAMIN DISCOUNTERS

DEEP DISCOUNTS EVERYDAY

Most Vitamins from:

SOLGAR • JARROW • TWIN LAB • SOLARAY
KAL • RENEW LIFE • NEW CHAPTER
GARDEN OF LIFE • NOW VITAMINS
NATURE'S WAY • SOURCE NATURALS

Best Selection On Sports Nutrition

JAY ROBB • DYMATIZE • MET RX
LABRADA • DESIGNER • RAW PROTEIN

(561) 686-2288

SUNFLOWER NUTRITION

2138 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach FL 33409
(2 blocks west of I-95) Monday - Friday 11-5:30 Saturday 11-4

Keep It Legal



USE A BAHAMIAN REAL ESTATE AGENT

Church News

Service From Page 7

be steadfast as the road forward would not be easy. Bishop Clayton McIntosh stated that he is now ending his first year as pastor but he feels as if he has been with the from the beginning. He noted that it has not been easy, but their vision is clear.

The speaker for this church anniversary service was District Overseer Bishop Anthony Campbell who spoke on the topic, "Hold Fast and Be Steadfast." He told them that during this time they live in, church needs a solid word to represent a solid foundation of God. To have this, they need to be steadfast in God's Word. He added that we are living in a day of change when education is at an all-time high and sin is now seen as a mistake. He said the church must resist the urge to adapt to new things that are presented; instead they should stand on the Word of God.

He told the church not to remove the old landmarks laid by their forefathers and as laid out in God's Word. In fact the church must get back to the point where they are happy with Jesus alone and to not be daunted if they are never recognized or if they are not a part of a clique. He reminded them that they will not be rewarded for how they start but how they finish. He encouraged them to stay connected to God. To do this, they must preach and speak sound doctrine.

"Genesis" organizes Father's Day Gospel Explosion

By Canishka Alexander

Members of the "Genesis" gospel group are on a roll as they fulfill their mandate from the community by ministering to hurting young men, and to lost souls.

The group organized a Father's Day Gospel Explosion on June 16 at Friendship Tabernacle Church, and in March, they held a gospel concert in Moore's Island to honour several elderly persons there.

Sylvia Poirier served as moderator for the Father's Day concert, and quizzed the audience about the gospel group, Biblical trivia and on their knowledge of The Bahamas. Winners collected prizes that ranged from gas vouchers to prepaid phone cards.

Additionally, an offering was collected to assist "Genesis" with attaining musical instruments for their performances. Many of the worshippers joined the line for a, "dollar march," that was initiated to reach Genesis' financial goal.

Miss Viola Johnson's special contribution was her customary rake n' scrape gospel performance. A presentation was made to Eddie Rolle, founder of Genesis, and to Pastor A.B. Lewis of Victory Tabernacle Church by Zeldon Simmons, group manager, and Marvin Green, the lead singer. Rev. Dr. Silbert Mills was also pre-



Above: members of "Genesis" perform during the Father's Day Gospel Explosion at Friendship Tabernacle Church.

sented with a gift from the group.

Finally, "Genesis" members Zeldon Simmons, Marvin Green, Dudley Stuart, Lenward Cornish, Lloyd Russell, Colie Swain and Nixon Johnson took to the stage to entertain their guests. Popular songs like, "I'm So Glad God Gave Me Another Chance," "Lord, Show me the Way," "Since I Found Jesus," and "My Whole Life Has Changed." The song, "I Don't Want to Work in Vain," was sung to a reggae beat and segued into, "I'm In Love with Jesus."

Green spoke eloquently, expressing motivational words in between each song

as an introduction to them and brought great significance to their meanings.

As the concert drew to a close, Simmons also had a few words to impart to the audience:

"This is only the beginning of what God is doing," Simmons envisioned. "Get used to this because you will be seeing and hearing us a lot. Thank you for coming into the presence of God."

"You have sowed into good ground by sowing into 'Genesis.' I bless God for all of you."

EVINRUDE
E-TEC

EVINRUDE
300
E-TEC

5 year or 1,000 hour Warranty

60HP - 300HP
*Limited Time Offer

JMJ ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS & ENGINEERS

DYNAGEN AUTHORIZED DEALER FOR AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCHES

Solar Systems
Inverters
Panel

Breakers
Contractors
Relays

Wires
Pipe
A.T.S.

Tel: 367-5145 Fax: 367-5144
US: 561-283-3744 Email: info@jmjelectrictd.com
Russell Street off Calcutta Road, Marsh Harbour

ISLAND SHUTTERS

Serving all of Abaco for 25 years

- ★ Quality Products
- ★ Sales & Service
- ★ Direct Factory Connection
- Storm Panels
- Accordians
- Colonials
- Windscreen
- Roll Downs
- Bahamas

Sales, Service and Installation All Makes and Brands

Professionally Installed by
US: 321-752-9912 **Drexco Enterprises** BA: 242-475-3632
Drexel "Jackie" Bootle: Owner

www.abacosshutters.com

Abaco	The Outboard Shop - Marsh Harbour	242-367-2703
	Seahorse Marine - Hope Town	242-366-0023
	Roberts Marine - Green Turtle Cay	242-365-4249
	Sunset Marine - Green Turtle Cay	242-365-4634
	Harold's Marine - Treasure Cay	242-365-8556
Grand Bahama	Island Marine - Parrot Cay	242-366-0282
	OBS Marine - Freeport	242-352-9246

SPORTS

Schooner Bay hosts E-Class and Sculling races



Above: The wind was strong for the start of one of the E-Class races held at Schooner Bay.

By Timothy Roberts

The Sands Beer E-Class Regatta was held at Schooner Bay on August 3rd where sailors from Nassau and Abaco raced in a fun competition despite looming thunderstorms nearby which were followed by the Sands Man in the Boat Sculling Races.

His Excellency Sir Arthur Foulkes, GCMG, Governor General of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas and Lady Foulkes were Honourary Regatta Commodores.

Placing first in the E-Class sailing event was Charles Kelly and Malina Sweeting, sailing in the Sands Light Yacht. They were followed by the father and son team of Tim and Brandon Sands, sailing in the High Rock Yacht. Coming third was Matthew McCoy, Ella Wieder and Blakley Wilson, sailing in the Sands Yacht.

The Sands Man in the Boat Sculling Race was won by Mr. Albert Russell of

Please see E-Class Page 10

North Abaco Team takes third at Bahamas Baseball Federation National Tournament



The North Abaco Baseball Team along with their coaches. The 11-12-year-old players attended the Bahamas Baseball Federation National Tournament in Grand Bahama, and placed third.

Weather cancelled two Regatta races

Press Release

Regatta Time in Abaco held its 38th annual series of races for cruising boats the beginning of July. This year for only the second time in the history of The Regatta two races had to be cancelled because of weather.

The fourth race of this year's Regatta was scheduled for July 9 off Marsh Harbour to terminate off Hope Town. How-

ever, the day began with sporadic rain and wind gusts 25 - 30 mph due to a low pressure trough moving our way from Andros. Tropical Storm Chantal churning up the waters off Cuba was projected to come through The Bahamas later that week. Chantal was not expected to develop into a hurricane but would be in our area by July

Please see Regatta Page 10



Angels Academy is a private school located in marsh Harbour that offers classes from Pre-K to Grade 6.

With our small class sizes your child will receive individualized instruction.



Registration fees for new students will be waved from now until the beginning of September.

Enroll your child today!

**shelley.roark@angelsacademyabaco.com
www.AngelsAcademy.com
242-367-2780**

Contact us to learn more about our classes and curriculum.



SPORTS

Regatta From Page 9

12 or 13 with winds expected to be 30 - 40 mph. Squalls with gusting winds was forecast for the remainder of the week.

Because of this the Regatta Committee concluded that the safest plan for both the sailors and their boats was to cancel the final two races. If the Regatta had continued, many of the skippers were apprehensive that they would not be able to get back to Florida before Tropical Storm Chantal caused the Gulf Stream to become rough. Some left even before the races were cancelled.

However, the parties that were planned for the last three nights were held as planned. By the night of the July 9 only about twelve boats remained in the area to compete.

The Regatta Committee regretted having to shorten the event. But feedback from marine-oriented people has been supportive that the committee made the right decision.

Regatta Time in Abaco began in 1975 as a fun race in the quiet fall season for local sailboats. Soon the potential as a tourism event was seen and the dates were moved into summer before the active hurricane season. Over the years it has become Abaco's largest tourism event.

Summer tourism in the early 1970s was sparse. The regatta has been a major factor in our vibrant summer tourism season that we now enjoy.

E-Class From Page 9

Schooner Bay in the Strong Back Yacht, while the Junior Boys was won by Brandon Sands, and the Junior Girls was won by Rachel Sands.

The wind was strong for the start of the races, held at Schooner Bay, Abaco, last week. The Regatta and The Sands Man in the Boat Sculling events were facilitated by Schooner Bay, Mr. Craig Symonette and The Sands Man in the Boat Racing Team.

George Kelly, Regatta co-ordinator for Sands Company, said that they started with just sculling races and it developed into sailing races. The company now hosts sailing and sculling races on several family islands and are seeking to keep our boating heritage alive.

Mr. Kelly said "It's been a good regatta. The E-Class has been increasing - there's two more keels laid right now and they are planking them in Nassau and there's another four on order. So it may be that next year at this time we will have fifteen to sixteen boats."

He added that there is some talk and it may be that they will bring the National Championship back to Abaco before the end of the year instead of Grand Bahama.

Abaco Judo fighters medal at US Junior Open Championships

Press Release

Five young judo fighters from Abaco Judo Club joined seven colleagues from Nassau and defeated many of the world's finest players, including champions from Brazil, America, the Dominican Republic and Republic of South Africa to win Bronze, Silver, one 4th and one 5th place at the US Junior Open Championships in Fort Lauderdale on July 28th.

"This is the toughest tournament in our region. There were over 600 top fighters representing 26 countries, so we knew we had to train especially hard to even have a chance of placing in the top ten" said Head Coach Regina Parotti. "When Dre Hall of Sweetings Village defeated one of the top Brazilian fighters early into the competition, we knew we had the possibility to break through". Dre went on to defeat his final opponent and won Bronze for The Bahamas.

Rebecca Strachan of Bahama Palm Shores stunned the judo world when she defeated top champions from America, the Dominican Republic and Suriname to reach the finals. "My heart almost stopped when I realized who Rebecca would be fighting in the final round: a terrific, tough champion from Brazil" said Sensei Albert Lill. "For the first two minutes of the fight it was intense: fantastic attacks and counter-attacks by both players and neither fighter made a single mistake as the crowd started roaring louder with each passing second!

For Rebecca to defeat so many top world players and come so close to winning the Gold is truly astounding. She has only 4 years of experience - just like the rest of our team - so her future is bright indeed".

Ozeke Swain of Murphy Town just barely missed getting the Bronze and finished in fourth place after defeating a top American fighter but finally losing to an excellent black belt from California.

Desmondo Bootle had an outstanding performance, ending in 5th place in what was probably the toughest division. "Desmondo made the entire Bahamas team proud both on and off the mat" said Coach Parotti. "He fought really well and was a true ambassador for the nation at all events".

Desmond Bootle fought hard and well against a very, very tough field of seasoned national champs.

"We had a yearlong strategic plan to get our team to this level" said Sensei Albert Lill. "The first step was selecting the best of our club members through local competition, and then giving them specialized training three days a week. Then they had to place first or second at the Bahamas Open National Championships in April to advance to this tournament".

In order to get the students up to international class level, a special intensive training regimen was instituted and strictly

Please see Judo

Page 12



We will meet you almost anywhere!

Call an RBC Mortgage Specialist today.

- › Expert advice and guidance
- › Attractive mortgage rates and reduced legal fees
- › Free pre-qualification to house hunt with confidence
- › Pre-approved RBC Rewards Visa Platinum credit card (min. \$3000 limit)*
- › Pre-approved loan to purchase furniture, appliances, and more*
- › Great discounts at selected merchants

SPECIAL OFFER! Approved clients get a chance to win appliances, furniture or free mortgage payments!

*Special conditions apply
*Subject to normal lending criteria
The cost of borrowing will be made available upon application

©/™ Trademark(s) of Royal Bank of Canada. Used under licence.



RBC Royal Bank

Strength at Work for You



Abaco Cays Realty, Ltd.

Specializing in the "Gems" of Abaco, her Cays



Cherokee Sound
- 30,600 s.f. - 0.702 Acre
- 2,040 s.f. Residence
- 280 s.f. Guest House
- 3 Bed - 3 Bath
- 1120 s.f. Covered Decks
- 90 s.f. Open Decks
- Ocean Views
- 1/2 mile to Settlement
#CSH1209 \$570,000



Green Turtle Cay
- 1,455 s.f. Residence
- 7,612 s.f. - 0.174 Acre
- 2 Bedroom 2.5 Bath
- Overlooking Bluff House Marina
- Fully Furnished
- Rental History
- Dock
#GTH1213 - \$599,000



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



Elbow Cay
- Best Estate on Elbow Cay
- Beach lot 2.24 Acres
- 419' Atlantic Beachfront
- 395' on Canal
- 2 Cottages with dock
- Creek Parcel 1.39 Acres
- 160' on Nigh Creek
- 25' Elevations
#HTH1200 \$2,999,900



Green Turtle Cay
- 3 Bd, 3 Bth
- 2,116 s.f.
- 2nd level Master Suite
- 6727 s.f. - 0.154 Acres
- White Sound views
- Yachtsmen Cottage at The Bluff House
- Turn Key
#GTH1210 - \$599,000



Green Turtle Cay
- 33,342 s.f. - 0.765 Acre
- 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath
- Covered Porch
- Impact Doors/Windows
- Turkish Tile Floors
- Pickled vaulted ceilings
- Community Dock Access
#GTH1162 - \$1,999,000



Great Guana Cay
- 12,105 s.f. - 0.277 Acre
- 60' Atlantic Beach
- 642 s.f. - 2 bd - 2 bth
- 336 s.f. open decks
- Beautiful views of Atlantic Ocean
- 10,000 gal. cistern
- Close to town
#GGH1191 \$449,000

ELBOW CAY
"BERKLEY'S BLUFF" - 31,000 s.f. - 0.7116 Acre - 100' of Atlantic ocean frontage - 275' depth - Great elevations - overlooks surfer's beach. #HTV1125 - **UNDER CONTRACT**

GREAT GUANA CAY
"SEA TO BAY" - This exceptional parcel at the south end of Great Guana Cay with great elevation offers 3.4 Acres of prime property, 201.87' Atlantic frontage and 159.15' on the Sea of Abaco overlooking private harbour protected by over 15' high solid rock walls-includes 2 boat slips. Property can be divided. #GGV1008 \$1,472,000.

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

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

"ATLANTIS" - 19,239 s.f. - 0.4417 Acre - 95' of Atlantic beachfront Semi-private dock. #GGV1135 **REDUCED** \$350,000.

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



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



Great Guana Cay
- 2,000 s.f. - 3 bd. 2 bth
- 7,408 s.f. - 0.170 Acres
- 1,000 s.f. wrap around Decks
- Beach Access
- Shared Dock
- Great Elevations/Views
- Beach lot available
#GGH1214 \$640,000

GREEN TURTLE CAY

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

"ATLANTIC BEACH LOT" - 24,974 s.f. - 0.573 Acre - 100' of Atlantic Beach front - Good elevations - reef right off shore. #GTV1212 \$300,000

"PLAYING HOOKY" - 15,948 s.f. - 0.3661 Acre - Prime building site - Unobstructed views of Coco Bay - Public dock access- Beach access - #GTV1080 **UNDER CONTRACT**

"OCEANVIEW LOT" - 22,141 s.f. - 0.508 acres - corner lot Atlantic beach and ocean views - beach road access 30' away close proximity to Green Turtle Club. Snorkeling just offshore. #GTV1157 - **REDUCED** \$215,000.

"CONCHED OUT" - Lot 2 - 30,361 s.f. - 0.697 Acre - 125' of Atlantic beachfront - 12' elevations - #GTV1008 - \$350,000. Lot 3 - 36,440 s.f. - 0.836 Acre - 117' on Coco Bay - 30' elevations - #GTV1206 - \$697,000. Lot 4 - 36,440 s.f. - 0.836 Acre - 117' on Coco Bay - 25' elevations - #GTV1207 - \$697,000.

"NO NAME CAY PARCELS" - 1. One Acre - +/- 345' of Atlantic shoreline \$225,000. 2. One Acre - +/- 250' of Atlantic Shoreline \$259,000. 3. One and a Half Acres - +/- 525' of Atlantic Shoreline \$418,000. - #NCV1188 \$225,000 - \$418,000.

"SEABREEZE" 14,960 s.f. - 0.343 Acre - close to ocean beach clubs & town. #GTV1173 \$145,000.

"COCO BAY BREEZE" - Prime building site - .2699 Acre - Dock Access - Beach Access. #GTV1007 \$47,500.

CENTRAL ABACO

"SAND BANKS CREEK" LOTS 4&5 - #4 1.120 Acres - 97.42' on the creek. #5 - 1.155 Acres - 100.92' on the creek. Both lots creek to highway - near Treasure Cay. #CAV1182 - \$89,500.

"RED BAY & LOGGERHEAD CREEK" - 0.233 - 67.42 Acres of prime development opportunity, possibilities unlimited. ACV1184 - ACV1185 - ACV1186 \$139,000 - \$1,685,500.

SOUTH ABACO

"LITTLE HARBOUR LOT" - 42,166 s.f. - .968 Acres - 165' on Little Harbour - Easement to the bight - 2,773 s.f. 10' wide access to great bone fishing. #SAV1208 \$255,000.

"THE GATEWAY" - AT WINDING BAY
Over 16 Acres of prime development property - 1,638 linear ft of creek frontage. Great location for Eco-Resort or commercial property. Located at the entrance to Winding Bay (A Marriott Resort) and Little Harbour, just 20 minutes from Marsh Harbour airport. SAV1198 - **REDUCED** \$800,000.



Manjack Cay
- 23,612 s.f. - .542 Acre
- 1100 s.f. - 1 bd, 1 bth
- Live off the grid
- Access to Atlantic Beach
- The Cove on Munjack
- Gazebo
#MCH1216 - \$379,000



Great Guana Cay
- 12,105 s.f. - 0.277 Acre
- 60' Atlantic Beach
- 1,558 s.f. - 3 Bd - 1 Bth
- Crows Peak lounge
- Abaco's best beach
- Near Nipper's & Town
- Rental History
#GGH1190 \$699,000



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



Green Turtle Cay
- 7,264 s.f. - 0.166 Acre
- 877 s.f. - 3 Bd.-1 Bath
- 12' x 16' Shed
- 90' L - Shaped Dock
- PGT Storm Windows
- Galvilume Metal Roof
- 1/2 ownership available for \$174,000
#GTH1197 - \$299,000



Man O' War Cay
- Northern Tip of MOW
- Sea to Sea Parcels
- 3 Options Available
- Private Marina 8' MLW
- Private Beaches
- Exceptional Estate
- Great Elevations
- Price Upon Request



Green Turtle Cay
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath
- 928 s.f.
- 74,182 s.f. - 1.703 Acre
- 198' of Gilliam Bay Beach
- 478' on the Sea of Abaco
- Overlooks town flats
- Bonfishermen's Dream Property
#GTH1205 -



Scotland Cay
- 13,601 s.f. - 0.312 Acre
- 84' on canal
- 2,678 s.f. Residence
- 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath
- Dock & Lift - 15,000 lb
- 60x20 Dock slip/marina - garage
#SCH1196 \$1,399,000



Green Turtle Cay
- 4 Bedroom, 4 Bath
- 2,048 s.f.
- 4,617 s.f. - 0.106 Acre
- 4 Single Townhouses
- Resort/Accommodation
- Views of the Sea of Abaco
- 384 s.f. of sun porches
- Rental History
- Located at Bluff House
#GTH1199 - \$499,000



Treasure Cay
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Baths
- 1,158 s.f. under air
- 68,000 s.f. - 1.56 Acre with 550' of frontage
- New Construction
- Attention to detail high end design
- dock slip available
#TCH1215 - \$492,000

Great Guana Cay - Green Turtle Cay - Man-O-War Cay
Hope Town - Marsh Harbour - Scotland Cay
Treasure Cay

Chris Plummer - Green Turtle Cay - Guana Cay 242-365-4648
Faron Sawyer - Scotland Cay - Marsh Harbour 242-367-3450
Silbert Mills - Marsh Harbour 242-367-2935
James Pleydell-Bouverie - Man O' War Cay 242-365-6416
Paul Thompson - Elbow Cay 242-366-0029

Please view all of our exclusive listings at
www.AbacoCaysRealty.com
Contact us at: info@abacocaysrealty.com

242-365-4648



SPORTS

Judo From Page 10

enforced. "Every Elite Team player was given a specific physical fitness training program that they had to complete every morning from 5:30 am to 6:30 am. All were continuously monitored, tested and recorded to gauge their progress in strength, speed and endurance. Then we trained from 4 pm to 6 pm five days a week with extremely difficult and strenuous drills including throws, chokes, arm bars and pins" stated Sensei Lill. "Some of the drills were so intense we had to build a springboard floor using old tires and plywood to support the mats in order to minimize the risk of injury."

"Everyone thought we were crazy when Sensei Lill and I said that our goal was to medal at the US Open this year" said Coach Parotti. "We have nothing but old mats and old uniforms. Now that we have accomplished this season's objectives, our sights are set on winning at the CAC and Pan Am Games and then the Youth Olympics in Nanjing, China in 2014."

"We're well on our way to meeting next year's objectives" said Sensei Lill. "Abaco and The Bahamas are now recognized, respected and feared throughout the judo world. We are also delighted with the caliber of fighting that Abaco's younger players have demonstrated; several will join the Elite Team next year".

Abaco Judo Club's ultimate goal is to have at least one student from Abaco represent The Bahamas at the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 2016.

Anyone wishing to join the Club (ages 5 - 35) should contact Head Coach Parotti at 475-1632. Space is extremely limited as class sizes are intentionally kept small to maximize hands-on, world-class training.

Flag Football League formed



Above: Dr. Ron Archer talks with some youth at an Abaco Youth Football Association practice in Marsh Harbour.

By Timothy Roberts

With the view to create a hands on mentoring program for boys and girls the Abaco Youth Football Association (AYFA) was formed, spearheaded by Dr.

Ron Archer, Senior Pastor of the Green Turtle Community Fellowship.

The AYFA has grown to four areas with flag football teams in Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay, Man-O-War and Marsh Harbour.

The AYFA season will start September 21 with playoffs in November and a championship game in December. There will also be an end of the season banquet.

Dr. Archer said "I have planted and started churches all over the world and one of the things I have always done as part of my mentoring program was to start, build and coach a football program.

Michael Sawyer, a leader at the Green Turtle Community Church, was appointed commissioner of the AYFA. They held a fundraiser and received great support and were able to acquire necessary equipment.

Dr. Archer said that at their first practices in Green Turtle Cay "over 50 kids came out, we only had one football that a Regan Smith gave us to use and now we have over 12. We had over 50 kids, from ages 6-16 show up and we worked them."

Dr. Archer said "Don't wait until ev-

erything is perfect to start getting involved with young people. Do what you can with what you have with where you are and watch God bless your faith with favor."

He said they received letters from parents on how the program was affecting their young men and that they were seeing better manners, better grades, more respect and they were better disciplined.

When they saw the positive impact of the football program they decided to start a league to include Marsh Harbour, Treasure Cay and Man of War with future plans to expand into Nassau and Freeport.

Dr. Archer said the "goal for the football program is to help young boys to become disciplined, respectful, intelligent, spiritual young men by transforming their heads, hearts, hands, habits through coaching, mentoring, discipline and love."

The AYFA has a Facebook page so parents can find out more information and receive updates on the league and when and where practices are taking place. Children ages 6 to 16 are invited to join in the area closest to them.

AIRGATE AVIATION, INC.
YOUR GATEWAY TO THE SKIES

Marsh Harbour to New Smyrna Beach
On Demand Charters * By the Seat Service
Convenience * Comfort * Flexibility * Value

Effective September 1st:

- All cargo will be delivered to Marsh Harbour only and not to Treasure Cay.
- All cargo must be prepaid before it will be sent
- All cargo must have contact information with it (Name, phone # & email)
- New price scale:

Weight (lbs)	Price	Handling Fee	
		Weight	Price
1-5	\$10	1-15	\$10
6-10	\$15	Over 15	\$25
11-15	\$20	Over 50/ Oversized	\$75
Over 15	\$2.00/lb		

Reminders:

- Receiving & processing of packages is Mon-Fri until 2pm. All packages received after 2pm will not be processed until the next business day.
- Cargo is sent on space availability and in the order that they are received.
- We don't accept responsibility for cargo packages after they are received by customs.

CALL NOW TO BOOK YOUR FLIGHT
386-478-0600
WWW.FLYAIRGATE.COM

NOW OFFERING
The Convenience of a US Address and Package Freight Services
CALL TODAY FOR DETAILS

The Abaco Cabinet Company
Manufacturers of Fine Furniture

The Abaco Cabinet Company manufactures a wide range of products, from Solid Wood custom-made Kitchens, Closets and Bathrooms, to Natural, Painted or Laminate finishes on all furniture. Freestanding dressers and other fine furniture. We also specialize in Granite, Silestone, Corian and Solid Wood Counter Tops, hand crafted to your specification.

The service we provide includes a detailed site survey followed by a personal design and impression of the proposed kitchen or furniture, and installed by our experienced cabinet makers and tradesmen.

Tel: 242 3673774 Cell 242 4759989 or 5771048. PO Box 20307, Marsh Harbour, Abaco
Email: abacocabinetcompany@gmail.com: Facebook - ABACOCABINETS

Business

Friendliest Catch Seafood Exporters holds launching party



Above: a guest at the launching party holds up a tasty stone crab claw. The company has a retail outlet in Murphy Town and a factory in the northern settlement of Mount Hope.

By Mirella Santillo

Beautiful ladies and handsome men dressed in white were the guests of Faron Newbold and Louis Meade, owners of Friendliest Seafood Exporters, at their opening party.

Approximately 40 VIPs attended the function that was held on the evening of July 6 at Treasure Sands in Treasure Cay. They were welcomed with champagne upon their arrival and later treated to sampler trays of stone crab, the unique specialty on the company sales list, prepared in different ways. Appetizingly arranged, a huge crab claw sat on the tray along with crab cake and crab sushi, with dollops of red and white horseradish sauce as the condiments.

The company's retail store is located in Murphy Town on the border line with Dundas Town, but Mr. Newbold explained they have a factory in Mt. Hope where fishermen bring their catch to be processed. The processed crab claws are then brought to Murphy Town where they are sold locally, retail or wholesale, or exported, mostly to the United States.

The owners are hoping to create the same set up in other family islands in the near future and to eventually develop other international markets.

The Murphy Town store is opened to individual customers as well as to restaurants and food stores. Customers can buy the sought-after delicacy for \$12.00 per pound.

Talking about the challenges of opening the new business, Mr. Newbold explained that it took several months and quite a bit of money for the company to deal with the formalities addressing the fishing requirements locally and internationally. Stone crabs are harvested by taking out the big claw of the crustacean, which survives the ordeal and grows a new claw. Even though the crab could survive without two claws, the fishing requirements allow for only one claw to be harvested. Stone crab season runs from October 15 to May 15.

Besides selling stone crabs, the owners of the company plan to have community programs for fishermen, comprising classes and seminars on trapping and harvesting.

Abaco development put up for sale

By Alison Lowe

Courtesy the Nassau Guardian

The future of a planned multimillion-dollar luxury residential development in Abaco has been thrown into doubt, with the property having been placed on the market for \$23 million.

Serenity Point, a 40-acre beachfront gated community 25 miles south of Marsh Harbour, is adjacent to the Schooner Bay development.

The development was designed to be a boutique, up-market real estate development, featuring its own clubhouse, infinity pool, tennis courts and 24-hour security.

The property was being developed by Anco Lands, a company headed by Alexis Nihon II, whose family are long time Bahamas residents with extensive Abaco land-holdings. Construction began in 2009 and lots started to be sold from March 2010. Nihon II passed away earlier this year.

It is not clear how many individuals may have invested in the development at the time Anco Lands determined to place it on the market, what the current developers' responsibilities to them may be now that the project is not going ahead, or what any future buyers' responsibilities may be in terms of ongoing construction of the property, if any.

According to the sale notice, the property currently has 24 serviced home sites with plans for 22 more. Infrastructure completed includes underground fiber optic electricity, with a newly-built substation, city water, street lights, stand-by generator, fire hydrants, roadways, a gatehouse, beach cabana, rain water holding tanks and landscaping.

Please see Serenity Page 13

Furniture Plus Abaco customers win

Furniture Plus Customers are raving about their blockbuster winnings in the first 100 days of the "Express Yourself" campaign. Over \$150,000 in premium prizes have been awarded to multiple customers in Nassau, Grand Bahama and Abaco, since the national campaign launched in April.

The goal of the "Express Yourself" campaign is to encourage customers to express their superior taste, and sense of pride by enhancing their home décor. Furniture Plus offers affordable, low monthly payments, so customers can acquire exquisite furniture, appliances, electronics, and décor accents to beautify every room.

Customers making a minimum purchase at any of Furniture Plus' three locations are eligible to enter, and be rewarded. Each month there is a new "featured prize" and exotic island destinations to explore. At the end of the month six total winners, two from each island, are drawn and each given a key to the Furniture Plus Treasure Chest. Hidden in each treasure chest is a Family Island Adventure Travel Package for 2, and a deluxe store prize waiting to be claimed.

First out the block, April's jackpot sported three cozy new Ashley Sleep Foam Mattress and Box Spring Sets and 3 excursions for 2 to Harbour Island's world famous, Valentine's Resort & Marina. May's prize collection followed suit offering lucky winners three stately Entertainment Centers, and 3 excursions for 2 to the posh Bimini Bay Resort. June bloomed anew with three plush new Recliners, and three trips for 2 to the picturesque Exuma



Above: Shcarra Russell, accepts her Island Vacation For 2 to The Exuma Beach Resort from Furniture Plus Associate, Owen Rolle.

Beach Resort.

"Customers are really enjoying the fun of creating that beautiful home they desire. The fact that they can also win a chance to explore the beauty of The Bahamas or walk away with a really awesome prize for their home makes shopping at Furniture Plus ever more exciting," explains Leanne Russell, Sales and Store Operations Manager, Furniture Plus Abaco.

Platinum sponsors of the "Express Yourself" promotion include Premier Travel and Bahamas Fast Ferries.

To date there have been a total of 18 winners across the three islands. Lucky winners from Abaco include: Andrew McIntosh, Judith Fleurmy, Guirlande Polynice, Carlene Rolle, Hubert Smith and Shcarra Russell.



Miller winning his first CARIFTA Medal



Miller Albury holds his High Point Trophies won at the annual Hope Town swim meets. He has won the award for the past four years 2010-2013 winning gold in all strokes.

Miller, we wish you all the best in your new challenges that lie ahead, as you prepare to embark on the next chapter of your life. You have proven that you can accomplish any goal you set through hard work and dedication. We are proud of your academic accomplishments, and your many achievements in swimming, both locally and internationally. You have represented yourself, your family, Abaco and your Country well. You are a leader, not a follower, now it is time to go to the next level and see where that journey takes you. One thing you can always count on is our unwavering support and belief in YOU.

On behalf of Miller and his family, we would like to thank those of you who were instrumental in his development. Agape Christian School, Forest Heights Academy, New Vision Church, Abaco Swim Club, Alpha Aquatics and all the wonderful friends, family and supporters.

"Miller, when you come to Abaco, you couldn't walk and you couldn't talk.....boy look at you now!"

- Chad Sawyer

Miller leaves for Ashville School in North Carolina August 21st.

Further Business

Serenity From Page 13

A second property is also included in the sale – 100 acres of property with 2,400 feet of beachfront and utilities present. The advertisement suggests the entire area is "suited for a resort with a real estate development".

At a launch for the property in 2010, Nihon said his company's goal was to "capture the natural beauty of this spectacular location and create an exclusive community that offers residents the ultimate family retreat and long-term value."

In December 2011, Serenity Point developers said they were targeting a \$75-\$100 million total value with the construction of 46 home sites. Serenity Point Project Manager Gustaf Hernquist suggested that a reduction of 35 percent of property values around that time had helped stimulate additional interest in the development.

By January 2012, Hernquist said that despite a bad economy in the U.S., things were "starting to move a bit" in terms of interest in Serenity Point. Two beachfront lots had been sold, and deposits placed for three more, over the last two months of 2011, he said at the time.

Developers had touted access to the neighboring 220-acre Schooner Bay's amenities and facilities as a key selling point for Serenity Point.

Local farmer participates in the SEED CAP Woman Forum in Jamaica

By Mirella Santillo

The manager of Abaco Neem, Daphne de Gregory-Miaoulis, recently traveled to Montego Bay, Jamaica, to attend the SEED-CAP Forum (Supporting Economic Empowerment and Development in the Caribbean and the Pacific) organized by the Embassy of the United States in Kingston.

The conference took place from July 10 to 13 at Half Moon Bay, and was aimed at discussing ways to expand economic opportunities for women in the agriculture

sector, in the Caribbean and the Pacific Islands.

Mrs. de Gregory-Miaoulis reported that in her opening remarks, the U.S. Ambassador, Pamela E. Bridgewater, advised small island states to concentrate on leveraging the advantages they possessed to build productive business networks, since they are too small to produce enough for domestic consumption and export.

"There has to be a broader vision among agricultural entrepreneurs," said the ambassador, citing as an example the development of aquaponic projects in Jamaica, sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development. Aquaponics is the concept of sustainable food production that combines raising aquatic animals and hydroponic culture.

Because of modern family structure, which often forces women to support their children single-handedly, the forum was directed towards women.

"We know that women are just as efficient agricultural producers as men are and can achieve similar yield when given equal access to resources... Additionally, women tend to devote larger fraction of their income to their children's health and nutrition. When women's productivity and income increase, the benefits amplify across families and generations," explained the ambassador to justify the forum's focus on women.

Another emphasis of the forum was to concentrate on organic farming. Mrs. de Gregory-Miaoulis had been invited to the forum by Mr. Manuel Messina with IICA, because of Abaco Neem's reputation for its trees and the end products derived from them. "From farm to pharmacy," she jokingly explained. The Bahamas was also represented by an animal farmer, Natasha Adderley.

Mrs. de Gregory-Miaoulis said that some of the many agencies represented at the forum, among them the U.S. Government, the Rain Forest Alliance, Scotia Bank, FinTrack, Camrock, the World Bank, as well as private entities such as Walmart and the Body Shop, had committed to help people (especially women) willing to enter into a farming endeavor,

through training and loan facilitation.

Because of her enthusiasm and the input she provided during the conference, Mrs. de Gregory-Miaoulis was invited to deliver the final address. She said the way forward was to develop a collective approach, and to do more networking and collaborating in efforts to meet with government officials in order to get the full support of governments in the objective of empowering women in agriculture.

She explained that the conference helped the participants to leave with various goals to implement in their individual countries. The most important was, "to increase networking, to bring farmers together to build a network that will be a voice to help change policies and education." One such policy for The Bahamas, and Abaco in particular, should be to get food stores to buy locally. People should be educated as to why they should buy locally. For that to happen, local farmers must take more pride in what they produce.

The SEED-CAP Women's Forum followed closely another agricultural forum, the Caribbean Growth Forum, that was held in Nassau at the end of June 2013, which Mrs. de Gregory-Miaoulis also attended.

"It was noted during that conference," she said, "that for the Caribbean Region to have continued growth, expansion and sustainability, we have to increase production and exports. It is becoming evident that tourists are attracted by the native flavor and the originality of the culture and food of the countries they choose to visit, so surviving as a tourism destination will depend on the individuality of different countries. At the Neem Farm, we try to give visitors a taste of the local fruits we grow. Eco and agro-tourism are the way forward."

She finished by emphasizing that, "the various countries of the Caribbean, as a region, need to hold hands with each other. Agriculture should become each country's primary focus."

Abaco Island Pharmacy opens in Treasure Cay

By Vernique Russell

Pharmacist Ricardo Miller and his team at Abaco Island Pharmacy have opened their doors in Treasure Cay. The expansion has been welcomed with open arms has made it easier for Abaconians in the north to fill their prescriptions.

Located in the old Solomon Mines Building, which has recently received a face lift and some beautification, you can find AIP. The pharmacy is fully serviced and is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Persons can also check their blood pressure, blood level readings and cholesterol at the store.

They anticipate meeting the pharmaceutical needs of the North Abaco community.

Treasure Cay Resort hosts Lobster Fest

By Vernique Russell

The past few months has brought excitement, entertainment and fun to the Treasure Cay Resort and Marina. Visitors and locals were afforded the privilege to party and indulge in Bahamian and Caribbean culture. August 1 was the annual celebration for the company's Lobster Festival but this year it was accompanied by a homecoming and lots of festivities.

The festival weekend started on August 1 with the Lobster Feast and Mega Pizza Party. People gathered at the resort for the fun filled day that included awesome dishes made using the lobster. Partygoers were not disappointed as they danced the night away with local radio personality DJ Skye and crew.

The day offered five parties that lasted into the morning of August 2, which was the launch of the homecoming festival. Activities for the homecoming included ladies night, live entertainment and the Emancipation Day celebrations. Musical guests included the New Entry Band, Clint Sawyer and 008 and the Impact Band.

The weekend brought old friends together, the residents of Treasure Cay closer and created new friendship. It was an awesome time of fun and socializing in a clean and safe atmosphere.

Cornerstones of Abaco Business

A look at businesses that have stuck

Abaco Shipping Company

By Mirella Santillo

United Abaco Shipping and Marsh Harbour Shipping became Abaco Shipping when the two companies merged in 2004. In business since the mid-nineteen seventies, the two companies have catered to the shipping needs of Abaconians with the help of ships such as the Margarita I, the Margarita II, the Duke of Top Sail and the Duchess of Topsail, only to mention a few.

Abaco Shipping founders consists of a group of Marsh Harbour and Man-O-War Cay families, the ones who originally owned Marsh Harbour Shipping and Abaco United Shipping, respectively. They presently operate the 2,000 ton, MV Duke of Top Sail, which has been under the command of Captain Michael Bethel for many years.

The ship which is capable of moving over 1,000 tons of freight, offers a weekly service between West Palm Beach, Florida, Arawak Cay in Nassau and Abaco, at the Port of Marsh Harbour. The company

maintains offices at the three locations with Gulfstream Lines acting as receiving agents in West Palm Beach. Office personnel in Nassau and Marsh Harbour assist people with receiving and pick up of freight as well as answering questions in respect of shipping their freight to the islands.

Both dry, chilled and frozen food can be accommodated as well as automobiles and large equipment.

One of the owners stated that the success of the company - in spite of competition from other companies - can be explained by the rigorous weekly schedule maintained by the "Duke", as the ship is popularly called by the locals.

Except for the Christmas Holidays, whether rain pelts or sun shines, the residents of Marsh Harbour have grown to expect the blue steel vessel to be entering the channel on time every Tuesday, often heralded to the port by a large flock of seagulls.

From the establishment of Marsh Harbour Shipping until today's date, the group of Abaco Shipping Company has been in the shipping business in excess of thirty eight years.

BAHAMAS DEVELOPMENT BANK



West Bay Street, Cable Beach
P.O. Box N-3034

Tel: (242) 702-5700 NASSAU

(242) 352-9025/6 FREEPORT

Telefax: (242) 327-5047 NASSAU

(242) 352-4166 FREEPORT

Toll Free: 225-7324

Website: www.bahamas.gov.bs/Bahamasdevelopmentbank.com

Facebook: [Facebook.com/Bahamasdevelopmentbank.com](https://www.facebook.com/Bahamasdevelopmentbank.com)

Email us: cserv@bahamasdevelopmentbank.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN ORDER TO AVOID LEGAL ACTION ON ALL PAST DUE ACCOUNTS, THE BAHAMAS DEVELOPMENT BANK IS ASKING ALL DELINQUENT CUSTOMERS TO CONTACT US BEFORE **AUGUST 31ST 2013**, IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO SETTLE ALL OUTSTANDING DEBTS.

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1ST 2013, STRINGENT LEGAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST ALL CUSTOMERS WHOSE ACCOUNTS REMAIN IN ARREARS.

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE BANK AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS LISTED ABOVE.

Further Business

Entrepreneur Watch

Pastry Haven

By Vernique Russell

Chef Naason R. Sands, sole proprietor at Pastry Haven Patisserie, is a 23-year-old native of Abaco, Bahamas. Driven by his passion for Culinary and Pastry Arts he attended the College of the Bahamas in 2007. He graduated and returned to Abaco as a chef at The Ritz Carlton managed Abaco Club on Winding Bay.

In recent months, Chef Sands has transitioned from working in the hospitality industry into working from a home based pastry shop where he produces delightful pastries, birthday cakes, cheesecakes and the like on a daily basis. His sweetest day of the week is known as, "Sweet Sunday," when he sells a vast variety of cheesecakes, including the Snicker's Bar Cheesecake, the Turtle Bar Cheesecake, and Red Velvet Cheesecake.

Chef Sands also has a passion for photography, which he did for many years as a hobby. As his gifts started to make room for him, he was led to start another business venture, Intrigue Photography Company. For further information, persons that are interested can contact Mr. Sands at 475-5296.

Sprinkles Cakery

By Samantha Evans

Sprinkles Cakery is one of the most recent cake and pastry businesses to offer services on the island of Abaco. This business is owned by pastry cook Jaimee Gaskins and her mother, Sally Gaskins, who is a well accomplished pastry chef. Jaimee has been working in this field for approximately five years but recently decided to offer her services privately.

She bakes regular cakes, breads and pastry decorated modestly or with any character affixed to it, for a child's birthday party. Her mom bakes all of the wedding cakes and complicated cakes since she is a more seasoned baker. Sally Gaskins has received many awards such as Pastry Chef of the Year and has baked for many diplomats.

It is Jaimee's desire to become an expert pastry chef like her mother but in the meanwhile, she is learning all she can so that she can experience some of the fame that her mother has experienced (and still is experiencing). Cakes can be delivered anywhere on the island for a small delivery fee. They can be contacted on facebook at blusprinkes or by calling 458-6432.

Elite Janitorial Services

By Samantha Evans

Elite Janitorial Services began services on Abaco one month ago and they are excited about the multitude of services offered. They specialize in maid service, carpet cleaning, water extraction, window and glass cleaning, upholstery cleaning, polishing wooden floors and tiles, and clean up after parties.

This has been a dream of the owner for over five years and they have a passion for cleaning. They are cleaning perfectionists. Cleaning is done by appointment only and they will travel anywhere, at any time, to do a job. Emergency calls are welcomed and holiday specials are available.

Special prices can be obtained during those times. The motto for this business is, "We Aim to Please and Quality is a Must." They can be reached by calling 458-7338.

Destiny's World

By Mirella Santillo

Baby and Me Boutique that was purchased a year ago by Felicity Simms is now being operated under the name Destiny's World, named after Ms. Simms' daughter Destiny.

The baby boutique which is located on the second floor of the Colina building carries everything from newborn to size 14-16; the new owner dropped the maternity line that was sold previously to concentrate on children items, including clothes, footwear, toys, accessories as well as larger things such as bouncers, walkers, tubs and potties.

The store offers shower and birthday registries and gift certificates purchase. Buyers can also take advantage of a bonus discount card that is punched for every ten dollars spent. When the card is full, the bearer is entitled to a special discount.

Destiny's World is open Monday to Saturday 9-5. There is no telephone number for the shop yet, but Ms. Simms can be reached by email at destiny'sworld242@gmail.com

Guava Duff and Stuff

By Samantha Evans

Guava Duff and Stuff opened its doors at the beginning of July 2013 in the building formerly occupied by Pop's Place. Owner, Eleanor Stuart decided to open this business to meet the growing demands of her clientele and to dedicate this business to her late mom Naomi Dames. They spe-

cialize in rotisserie chicken served with pasta and a salad and Guava Duff.

Her duffs come in many flavors such as strawberry, cream cheese, coconut, rum raisin, and regular guava duff. They also sell burgers, crack conch, fried fish with pancakes and conchy conch fritters (Saturdays only), and Bahamian dishes. On Fridays they serve specials including Bacon Cheese Burger and stuffed rotisserie.

They serve souse all day Saturday including chicken, pig and sheep tongue souse and stew fish.

They invite persons to come and have lunch with them under the Cabana. Lunch can be served with a soda, juice or vitamin. They are open some holidays and on those days they sell daiquiris along with burgers and other snacks. In the near future, Mrs. Stuart will be adding coconut pies to their menu.

Guava Duff and Stuff is open from 11:30am to 9pm but on Saturdays they open at 8am for breakfast. Since they have been open, the response has been great and their \$5 and \$10 meals make it even more affordable for locals to eat within budget. They are located on Stratton Drive and can be reached by calling 699-3016.

Nails by Rashel

By Samantha Evans

Rashel Martin is one of the newest Nail Technicians on the island of Abaco.

Her motto is "Your Nails Beautified" and it is her goal to have her work turn heads and spark conversations. She has been working as an apprentice at Najah's Salon and Spa under the watchful eyes of Bernie who taught her all about being a sought after nail technician.

Rashel stated that her interest in nails developed many years ago but it wasn't until recently that she decided that it was time for her to do something about. Since she started learning the craft earlier this year, it has been all that she expected but she did not start fixing nails independently of her teacher until June.

She is confident that her style of nail care is like none other because she gives a free massage with her pedicures. Rashel offers full nail services and works from 9am to 5pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. She is off on Tuesdays and Sundays. She can be reached by calling 475-5158.

Entrepreneur Watch is a feature *The Abaconian* publishes because we believe in supporting entrepreneurs and community business.

If you know of an entrepreneur just setting out in their business please contact us at abaconiannews@gmail.com or 367-3200.

If you are an established business and would like to sponsor the Entrepreneur Watch we would love to hear from you as well.

ABACO BIBLE COLLEGE

Branch of
The Assemblies of God in the Bahamas Bible College,
Nassau, Bahamas

Regionally Accredited through
Global University,
Irving, TX, USA

Fall 2013 Quarter
(Sept - Nov 2013)

LIVE CLASSES Youth Ministry - Tuesday
College Writing - Thursday

ONLINE CLASSES New Testament Literature - Monday
World Religions - Tuesday
Civilizations: Past & Present
- Thurs

REGISTRATION: August 27 - 30/2013, CLASSES BEGIN 9/3/2013

For New Student Application or Course Registration Information, please contact the Bible College Office at

First Assembly of God,
Stratton Drive,
Marsh Harbour, Abaco.
(Ph. 242-367-2130)

Through our program you can earn a

2 year Associate Degree,
3 year Ministerial Diploma,
Bachelor's Degree, or
Master's Degree in Ministry or Christian Education.

Student Policies, Application Form, Trimester Registration Form and other information is available on our Facebook page: Abaco Bible College.



Happy 80th Birthday

Barclays Bank never expected you to live this long!

Here's to 80 years and many more!

Happy Birthday from all the family

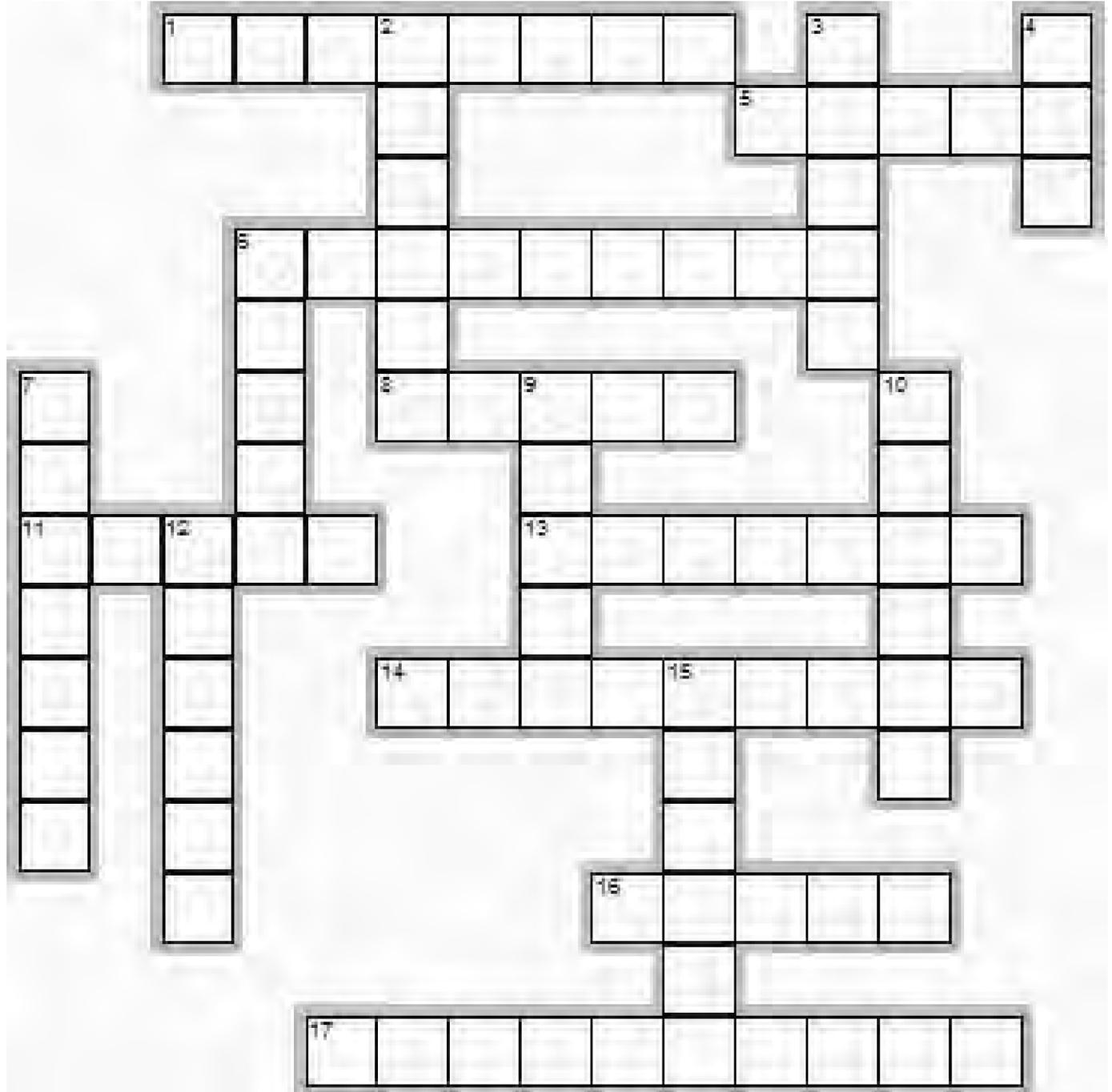
August 15 Clues

Across

1. Conch dish served with dipping sauce.
5. The pretty one in a wedding.
6. This endangered, rare bird was recently spotted off Abaco.
8. Delicious.
11. Physical structure of reefs.
13. This popular summer festival often features Junkanoo.
14. A butterfly will emerge from this.
16. A sandy, relaxing area adjacent to the ocean.
17. Afraid

Down

2. Previous generations used the skin of this fish to scrub floors.
3. Nasty, unpleasant.
4. This is the part of sleep when you dream.
6. Before Beta.
7. Arawak Chief
9. fructose, glucose, sucrose, etc.
10. Country to host 2016 Olympics.
12. Style of music popularized by Bob Marley.
15. Quiet, without noise.



August 1 Answers

Across

2. GOLF—Sport played with clubs
4. POACH—To harvest or hunt illegally
6. LATIN—A dead language
8. DEPRESSION—More than a disturbance but not quite a storm
12. GOLD—Element Au
13. GABRIELLE—Hypothetical 7th Hurricane of 2013
15. ECHOLOCATION—Common to bats and dolphins
16. FOX—Bahamian NBA player
17. TENANT—A renter

Down

1. SCULLING—Propelling a boat using one oar
2. GEORGE—Newest "Royal"
3. WHIP—A crawfish's defense
5. HONEY—Snack for bees
7. PREPARE—To get ready for
9. SAILING—Sport The Bahamas first won Olympic Gold in
10. PLYWOOD—Often used for hurricane shutters
11. ELEPHANT—Animal said to "never forget"
14. EYE—Center of a hurricane



*Congratulations
to
Amos and Beau
on their wedding.*

May God bless your union
as you grow closer together
and closer to Him!

with love from
Your Family & Friends

SUN OIL LIMITED

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Sun Oil Limited seeks to identify:
PROFESSIONAL TRACTOR TRAILER DRIVERS in
Abaco, The Bahamas

The successful candidate(s) will assume the role of Driver/Operator. This position is responsible for the daily execution of key responsibilities within a bulk fuel facility. These responsibilities include the safe receipt, storage and delivery of bulk petroleum products in accordance with strict industry and company standards. Successful candidates must be able to demonstrate a proven track record of safe driving. Successful experience in the petroleum industry would be a plus.

Core Responsibilities

- Daily inspection of assigned truck(s) and associated equipment.
- Safe truck loading and delivery of petroleum products throughout the island.
- Provide exceptional customer service at all times.
- Adhere to company driving policies and the Highway Code of the Bahamas.
- General fuel handling operations associated with the receipt, storage and re-distribution of petroleum products.

Job Requirements

- 3 years minimum work experience in a similar capacity.
- In depth knowledge of The Highway Code of The Bahamas.
- A strong safety record. Safety related trainings would be a plus.
- Defensive driving training would be a strong plus.
- A mechanical aptitude with some experience with equipment maintenance and repairs.
- Strong leadership skills with the ability to work as an effective team member.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- The ability to work flexible hours and weekends.

Benefits include: Competitive salary and benefits package, commensurate with work experience and qualifications.

Interested persons should apply no later than 9th August, 2013 to: jobs@sunoilbahamas.com or drop resumes at the Sun Oil/Shell Depot in Murphy Town, Abaco.

People

Couple's visits to The Bahamas spans 50 years

By *Canishka Alexander*

Dick and Carol Simmons were hard at work during Stranded Naked's Cheeseburger in Paradise Party on Fiddle Cay last month. While Carol chopped onions with the other women, Dick was busy handing out hamburger and hot dog buns on the lengthy food line.

"Bob and Patricia Henderson are amazing people, and so kind hearted. We've known them from the first party, and our kids – Rick, Holly, Dave and June – all helped with selling the T-shirts," Dick boasted.

Although it is lots of hard work for all of the volunteers, the couple have grown to appreciate Bob and Patricia Henderson's efforts in bringing in the large quantities of food and drinks each year, and Patricia's signature T-shirt designs.

Volunteerism is something the couple has been engaged in for some time, since their first visit to The Bahamas 50 years ago.

Dick and Carol, both 78 years old, now sail on a boat named "Gusto," but in 1964, they travelled from their home in Orlando to Miami and then on to The Bahamas aboard a 21-foot outboard boat with four children, a cat and a dog. The Simmons family were checked by Bahamas Customs at Bimini, and spent a week on Gun Cay at what was called Honeymoon Harbour.

"It was a horseshoe shaped harbour, and it was like when you woke up in the Wizard of Oz and everything was technicolor," Carol said in awe.

It was what the family needed after a horrible crossing the night before.

Dick said, "Carol thought we were going to die, and was saying that the kids hadn't had time to live and were going to die."

"And then we woke up in Bimini," they rejoiced. "You could see the water, and the fish and everything, and it was beautiful. We've been coming ever since and always in the summer."

Of course, summer means hurricane season and the couple have had their share of experiences. They have encountered Hurricanes Frances, Jeanne and Irene.

"I hope we've put an end to that," Carol chuckled. "We came here because we love to snorkel, dive and sail the beautiful waters."

They recalled how Harbour View Marina was washed away in 2004.

"The first day we came back over in our boat from Eastern Harbour on Man-O-War Cay, we felt sorry for the businesses here. Troy Cornea was down that day, but the next day he got to work. He brought a barge and brought everything in and he went to work and rebuilt right away," the Simmons reflected. "We admired that."

"We admire Bahamians, and how the next day everybody is out cleaning up. When there is a hurricane they are not waiting for the government or someone to come clean up and do it all for them. In Man-O-War, we could hear the chain saws, and after one of the hurricanes, one of the boats from Spanish Wells brought over refrigeration equipment. They were repaying the Man-O-War people for assisting them in a previous hurricane."

The couple observed that Keith Rogers' Dive Abaco store was gone, too, and they found some of Keith's equipment that had washed into town. Brendal Stevens of Brendal's Dive Center also came to their rescue one year during a hurricane.

Dick and Carol continued to form many friendships while visiting The Bahamas. They befriended former Prime Minister, the later Sir Lynden O. Pindling,

through a mutual friend named George Barber. Then they met a new friend from South Carolina on the way to Mangrove Cay, who had read an article about the Stranded Naked party in "Southwinds Magazine." Interested in sailing in the Regatta, he had stopped by with a 24-foot sailboat at the Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club that they belong to.

The Simmons also became great friends with Keith Albury at Edwin's "Number One" Boat Yard as they call it, as well as Johnny Roberts from Nipper's, Andrew of Andrew's Electric, Sean and Carla Nixon, and Pattie Toler of the Abaco Cruisers' Net and her deceased husband Bob Toler, known as Barometer Bob.

Dick happily volunteered to do updates on the Internet since Bob's passing, and has gotten to know many wonderful people through his service. Longtime friends include Kevin Sawyer from Island Boy Tackle, and Kenny and Nettie Long of Long's Landing, whose conch fritter batter, fish and seasoned lobster dips they enjoy.

"So it's always like coming home when we come back," Dick said.

One year when they returned, they allowed each one of their children to bring along a friend, so there were eight children aboard their boat. Although they had a big inflatable with a 40 horsepower Mercury engine on it, they were excited to purchase a used Bahamian sailing dinghy that they would tow over every year.

"The kids who were proficient by that time, used to sail the dinghy from one island to the other. It had one of those seagull engines that sounded like, 'bang, bang, bang, bang, bang!' Carol got it for our anniversary, so it has to be 35 to 40 years old. We attached it to the seat of the boat, so that if the wind ever died out, they could put the outboard on and get back to 'Gusto'," Dick proudly stated.

Leading up to our country's Independence from Great Britain, however, there was something that has stayed with Dick.

"I saw a heavy set, beautifully dressed lady who had a prayer group the night before the election. I remember she wore a lace, fancy white dress," he recalled. "She was in Rawson Square and prayed for a peaceful election about a month before Independence. We spent Election Day in Nassau, while our youngest son, David, sailed on a boat from Mayaguana."

"It was really special being here for that occasion; it was a brand new country," Carol solemnly said.

School & Youth

Head of CEES meets with stakeholders interested in promoting tertiary education on Abaco

By *Mirella Santillo*

On June 28, Dr. Christina Nwosa, head of CEES (Center for Continuing Education and Extended Services) visited the island to pay a courtesy call on Renardo Curry, MP for North Abaco, and to try and organize the creation of a computer lab at Abaco Central High School to follow college courses online. Her visit also included meetings with Abaco Central High School Principal, Ricardo Ferguson, and with Dr. William Colden, an expert on solar energy.

Trying to work through high schools, her objective is to replicate on the Family Islands the programs offered on New Providence. This offer would not only target people wanting to further their education or steer their career in a different direction, but it would also apply to Grade 12 students who could take Mathematics and English at the college level during the last two semesters of the school year and to students needing college preparation courses. Those GED classes will be available to students as of September 2013. The islands of Andros, Abaco and Exuma will originally benefit from this program,

During her visit with Mr. Ferguson, Dr. Nwosa found out that there was already an operational computer center at ACHS. It was agreed that COB would equip a second center to be ready by the beginning of the school year and that two stoves will be added to the Home Economics lab.

During her meeting with Dr. Colden, it was decided to offer a general energy prerequisite course before launching students into solar energy physics. A curriculum to that effect will be worked out.

Dr. Nwosa's aim is to help develop tertiary education on the Family Islands, and she explained that legislation was in progress that would allow the creation of a community college on Abaco.

"Imagine the sign stating: Community College of The Bahamas-Abaco Center," she said.

It was her first visit on the island since the COB office opened near Mangoes Restaurant and Boutique. She was very impressed with the space and the location.

It seems that her visit to Abaco was very fruitful as she met with people dedicated to improve continuing education on the island, including MP Renardo Curry. He supports her work, and acknowledged the savings to students if they could take college classes, or at least college preparatory classes, without having to go to Nassau.



WYNDHAM
NASSAU RESORT &
CRYSTAL PALACE CASINO

Heading to Nassau on business or pleasure? Join our Bahamian Preferred Membership Program & receive the following benefits.

- 10% discount off Bahamian Rate. Reservations must be booked directly with the Wyndham Nassau Resort.
- Complimentary "Big Breakfast" for two daily
- Complimentary Welcome Drink
- Free local phone calls
- Discounted internet in guest rooms
- 10% discount on Food & Beverage*
- Complimentary Room Upgrade**
- Extra 1,000 Wyndham Rewards Points on every stay
- Plus, quarterly drawings for weekend getaways and more!

*excludes Starbucks **based on availability

For more information and reservations, call (242) 327-6200.

MARINE NAVIGATION COURSE

Abaco, this is your opportunity to study **Marine Navigation** at a professional level.

The Bahamas School of Marine Navigation is offering a **Terrestrial Navigation Course** (2 Months, 3 Nights per Week) at Friends of the Environment board room commencing at 7 pm on Monday, September 2, 2013. The **first class is free** with no payments until class #2.

Other courses include:

Seamanship/Marine Safety (individuals & groups) and

Celestial Navigation Methods 229 & 249.

Call Mr. Key at 367-5351 or e-mail pgk434@yahoo.com

Opinion

Savings the Old Landmarks – Part III

By Lee Pinder

America is said to be a melting pot with people immigrating from every nation to try and capture the “American Dream.” England, like us, is an island nation, but their citizens travel far and wide. But Bahamians, as a whole, seem to love their home and there are generations that have never left these islands.

Cherokee sailors and fishermen were said to have built their homes and then went in search of a bride. Most often they didn’t go far, sometimes other settlements on Abaco. I point this out to remind us we are more than likely all related through family and many of those families started right here in little Cherokee and, being Christians, our up-bringing began in the church. A marble plaque mounted on the wall at the back of Epworth Chapel listed all those families. It is our connection to each other, our ancestors. And, it’s because of them that “the church” is still here today and we owe it to them to keep it going.

It was not any easy decision to save our old church, we knew it would be a major undertaking and it had to be done. We also suspected that there would be additional problems that might reveal themselves once we got started. All the internal structural repairs have been completed, at great expense. But now the external work must also be addressed. The congregation and board are determined to finish the job and to do it properly.

Inside the church now reflects its original stature and glory and soon the outside will also.

The work is nearing an end and, unfortunately, so are the monies raised to cover these expenses. So far a banquet, an evening of musical entertainment and a fun day fair have been held, but as additional funds are needed a steak dinner is now being put together to be held in the near future and, again, we are hoping our family and friends will support us in our efforts to complete this very worthwhile project to save this historical building.

School & Youth News

S.C. Bootle acquires new school bus



Above: S. C. Bootle High School PTA President, Eric Collie (left) and Principal Huel Moss Jr. (right) receiving a check donation from Matthew Sawyer (center), the General Manager of Commonwealth Bank in Marsh Harbour.

acquiring the school bus.

Needless to say, Moss was overjoyed.

“We are working hard on having the bus up and running for the first term this school year,” Moss said. “As you know, we have to travel to Central Abaco for just about everything, and travel costs are a major, major concern.”

Nevertheless, he was pleased that the school now has its own transportation, and was grateful to Commonwealth Bank for supporting them in this initiative.

Possibilities program starts in Cooper’s Town

By Vernique Russell

The newest and the hottest spot on the block for young men and woman to hang out at in Cooper’s Town is “Possibilities.” It is a program designed to provide wholesome activities for young people to participate in. they host weekly services at the Friendship Mission Church in Cooper’s Town and the program is run under the administration of their youth department.

It is designed to empower young people to unleash their God given talents and abilities. To not accept mediocrity but to gain courage, stamina and motivation, and rise above all the challenges and obstacles life presents, and explore a world of possibilities in God. Young men, women and children gather weekly to participate in forum discussions, games and activities and youth church.

Their program is design to promote the message of salvation to young people and address current issues among young people today. The leaders believe that with drugs and violence trying to kill out our future generation that the church must step in and take its active role in bringing the message of hope and peace from the pages of the Bible to living reality.

It is their desire to work with those who have been rejected and neglected or despised and give them a reason to believe again. Services are held every Saturday beginning at 6:45pm. The public is invited to come out and be a part of this awesome move.

Press release

According to S.C. Bootle High School’s Principal Huel Moss Jr., the school’s PTA Board has been working tire-

lessly over the past several years to obtain a school bus. Moss was proud to announce that Commonwealth Bank recently made a donation to the school to assist them with

Business Service Directory

4 Trailers For Sale
Single, Double and Triple Axle Trailers
Call **Andrew 427-3588**
(Nassau)
*Single Axle (galvanized) up to 20 ft boat - \$2,100
*Dual Axle Aluminum (23-26 ft boat) - \$3,500
*Dual Axle Aluminum (27-31 ft boat) - \$5,500
*Triple Axle Aluminum (28-32 ft boat) \$7,500 torsion axles, made for a heavy boat

WANT MORE BUSINESS?
Promote your Business by Placing a Business Classified
ONLY \$ 45 per issue for black & white ad, and we can make the ad for you.
Call for DISCOUNTED price on 6 or more issues or color option prices.
Contact Us For More Information
367-3200 or email abaconiannews@gmail.com

BOB BARGAIN CAR RENTALS
Summer Special Rates
Mid Size Cars: \$70 Daily - \$350 Weekly
Full Size Cars & Mini Vans: \$80 Daily - \$450 Weekly
**** MON-THUR \$10 OFF YOUR DAILY RATE**
Don MacKay Blvd (Next to the Kidney Center)
PH: 367-0500, 225-3657 (Toll Free) Fax: 367-0501

From Our Farm to Your Door!
Five Star AG & TURF
GRASS GRASS GRASS
We Now Have SOD for Immediate Delivery!
Nassau 242-457-4SOD (4763) or 225-4SOD (4763)
Abaco 242-357-6975 Fax: 242-367-2424

Big Cat Equipment
Rentals: • Backhoe • Dump Trucks
• D3, D5 & D8 Tractors • Payloaders
• Excavators
Services:
• Land clearing
• Fill, rock, sand, soil
• Trenching Foundations
Tel: 242-367-2655 • Fax: 242-367-2464
Cell: 242-577-5322 • 242-359-6839

Tropical Souvenirs
Straw Baskets • Shirts • Hats
Casual Wear Gifts • Souvenirs
Androsia Shirts • Androsia Fabric
Located Don MacKay Blvd and Airport
Phone 367-2431 Marsh Harbour
Mon - Sat 7:30 - 5 Sun 10 - 5
Visa and MasterCard Accepted

ABACO ISLAND PHARMACY LTD.
Prescriptions Testing
Beauty Supplies
Vitamins Supplements
8:30am - 6pm
Sundays 9am - 4pm
We have moved! Next to ECC and across from BTC, Marsh Harbour
367.2544 tel 367.6544 fax
abacoislandpharmacy@gmail.com

Classified Advertisements

Items for Sale, Employment, Services, Cars & Boats

Minimum for 3 lines in one issue \$10
Picture and 4 lines \$25 B&W
Additional lines at \$2 per line
Colored Photo additional \$20
Spot Color high light on wording,
additional \$10
Call 242-367-3200 Fax 242-367-3677
Email: abaconiannews@gmail.com

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Westerbeke Gas Generator for boat, 6KW, only 52hrs. \$275 or OBO. Kohler Tub/Show-er Glass Door, new, half price. Electric Gar- age Door opener, new, half price. Steel Se- curity Screen Door, half price. Call 458-8448



Queen size bed, mattress, step stool and frame...all wood, no particle board....\$500
 Marsh Harbour 561-213-0262

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

ARCOAIRE 5 ton Central A/C condenser- new in box, never used \$1,400. 2 excursion Kayaks \$400. Call 357-6675



Xantrex Off Grid Inverter Charger 3600 Watt 24 VDC TR3624-120-60 used 2 weeks replaced with larger unit. Asking \$1,350 OBO

Electric Dryer, Brand New, with all accesso- ries. \$400. Call 458-3509

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Seeking Bahamian workers skilled in use of most landscape equipment ages 30 and under, submit resume online to bahamajobs@gmail. com

VEHICLES FOR SALE

1996-Toyota Windom 2.5, White/Brown, Ra- dio, CD, A/C. Runs hot, needs a head gasket and front brake pads. Will consider best of- fer above \$1,000.00. Car is in Treasure Cay. Please call 475-3226

2003 Chevy Avalanche, fully loaded, mint condition \$18,000. Call 458-3509

2003 Ford Windstar Wagon Extended Sport Van 3.8L6 Cylinder. AC works great. 4 door. Good condition. \$9900. Call 242-458-1515

BOATS AND MARINE ITEMS FOR SALE



20' Albury Brothers, fiberglass, 115HP Ya- mah 4-strok. \$30,000 OBO. Call 242-477- 5329, 242-477-5001 or email: sawyerdale@gmail.com

BOATS AND MARINE ITEMS FOR SALE

28' Ocean Runner, for sale, hull only. \$1,200. Call 458-3509

31' Chris Craft, for pricing and details call 367-3965 or 577-6625



31' Tiara, 1990, Duty paid. Tuna tower. Needs engine wk. \$10k obo. Truman major HT (242) 366-0101. Peggy FL (561) 789-3996

Get Results
Advertise with a Classified

Classified Advertisements

Houses and Land - For Rent and For Sale

Minimum for 3 lines in one issue \$10
Picture and 4 lines \$25 B&W
Additional lines at \$2 per line
Colored Photo additional \$20
Spot Color high light on wording,
additional \$10
Call 242-367-3200 Fax 242-367-3677
Email: abaconiannews@gmail.com

RENTAL HOUSES AND APARTMENTS

Casuarina Point, tastefully furnished 3 bed 2 bath house, central air, beach views, 15 mins from Marsh Harb. \$1,200/mon. Ph. 367-2431

Marsh Harbour, Sky Developers 2 bed/1 bath, furnished, with A/C, washer and drier, water included, \$1100/mo. Call Mrs. Green at 367-2660

Marsh Harbour, Sweeting Villiage, 2 bed, 2 bath apartment. For more information please call 367-2289

Marsh Harbour, 2 bed, 2 bath, duplex apart- ment, washer/dryer, quiet neighborhood. \$1,100/month. Call 365-8902 or 357-6553

Treasure Cay, 1 bed, 1 bath furnished apt; washer & water included. Only steps away from beach. \$750/m. Long term lease only. Call 365-9226 after 6pm

Treasure Cay, Cozy 2 bed,1 bath house, furnished, with washer. Must see to appreci- ate. \$800/month. First, last and security de- posit required. Minimum 1 year rental lease. Call:365-9226

RENTAL HOUSES AND APARTMENTS

Moving to Nassau? Now available 1 & 2 BR units-Eastern Nassau-automatic garage door opener for your safety. Have to see to appreci- ate. Call 359-1531 for viewing,

FOR RENT OR SALE

Great Cistern, 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 3 story, near the water. Available August 1st. For more in- formation call 359-6303

Murphy Town - Tri-plex for sale or rent re- duced. Three, 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath townhouse \$339,000.00 or \$850 monthly 242-357-3664 or 242-445-2498 serious offers accepted

PROPERTY & HOUSES FOR SALE



Casuarina Point, 2 bed, 2 bath house for sale, \$199,000 net. Adjacent to canal. Call 366-3055

PROPERTY & HOUSES FOR SALE

Casuarina, 2 lots for sale by owner. Lots 60 & 61 on canal. 85' x 110' each. Asking \$85,000 each. Call 242-359-6764, 577-6988. Serious enquires only.

Marsh Harbour, Sunrise Bay 2 lots for sale in a quiet gated community \$175K each. Con- tact 367-4425

Marsh Harbour, 3 bed, 2 bath 1,500 sq. ft; fenced yard, 18KW generator, asking \$275,000. For more information call 367-2289

Marsh Harbour, Government Sub, For sale by owner - Duplex located in. Large corner lot of land. Can easily be converted into 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. \$325,000 Net. Phone 242-342-5066/357-0386



Marsh Harbour, Cove Estates, For Sale, 3 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths with 1 Bedroom Apart- ment. Call 367-5354.

PROPERTY & HOUSES FOR SALE



Turtle Rock 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 storey house on 1/2 acre, fully furnished. Home owners only private beach minutes away. \$225,000. Call 458-5423, 458-4540 or Email: dwebbwed@aol.com

NEW COLOR OPTIONS FOR YOUR CLASSIFIED
Call 367-3200 Fax 367-3677
abaconiannews@gmail.com



EXCLUSIVE AFFILIATE OF
CHRISTIE'S
INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE

BEST REAL ESTATE AGENCY
CARIBBEAN
★★★★★
BAHAMAS
H.G. Christie Ltd.
2012-2013



The trusted authority IN BAHAMAS REAL ESTATE
www.HGChristie.com

REAL ESTATE SALES • RENTALS • APPRAISALS • PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



WINDING BAY

Ocean/Golf Views!
This 6 bdrm golf/ocean view estate on 1.439 acres offers 2 guest cottages, a pool, *plus* jacuzzi.
\$5,950,000. Ref. AS11098

New Listing! TREASURE CAY: 52,610 sq. ft. lot boasts 100 ft. of beach.
\$1,250,000. Ref. AS12260

LITTLE HARBOUR: Gorgeous 2.3 acre harbourfront parcel of land.
\$495,000. Ref. AS11548

New Listing! LITTLE HARBOUR: 1 acre near Pete's Pub & Gallery.
\$230,000. Ref. AS12241

LUBBERS QUARTERS: 20,000 sq. ft. lot near Abaco Club.
\$190,000. Ref. AS12142

New Listing! GILPIN POINT: Eco-lots in this luxury community.
From \$30,000 to \$200,000. Ref. AS12253

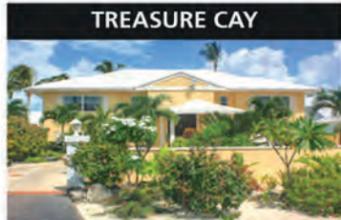
New Listing! CENTRAL PINES: 13,000 sq. ft. homesite with utilities available.
\$47,500. Ref. AS12240

BAHAMA CORAL ISLAND: Two 10,000 sq. ft. lot with access to utilities.
\$20,000 ea. Ref. AS12182



HOPE TOWN

New Price!
An unbeatable opportunity offers 2 and 3 bdrm villas, bar/grill, pools, dockage options and room for development.
\$2,815,000. Ref. PS10677



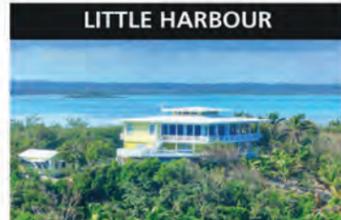
TREASURE CAY

Prized Jewel!
This 7 bdrm, turn-key, family/vacation home on the beach has a studio apartment, pool, and excellent rental history.
\$2,350,000. Ref. AS11990



HOPE TOWN

New Price!
One-of-a-kind, 1.14 acre waterfront estate has a 3 bdrm house, outdoor kitchen, beach, dock and hurricane hole.
\$1,990,000. Ref. PS10671



LITTLE HARBOUR

Rustic Retreat!
Secluded 6 bdrm hillside estate on 14 acres offers perfect views, a chef's kitchen, dock and additional cottages.
\$1,850,000. Ref. AS11860



HGChristie *select* PROPERTY

Regattas of Abaco • MARSH HARBOUR

Furnished 2 bdrm, 2 bath hillside condos enjoy easy access to the community's pool, tennis courts and beach, and are ideal vacation getaways or income producing rentals.

FRANK KNOWLES. 242.577.0339. Frank@HGChristie.com

\$129,500 each. Ref. AS12221/AS12223



SUMMIT POINT: 228 acre open zoned waterfront site.
\$22,000,000. Ref. AS11890

TREASURE CAY: 15 waterfront acres with beach, anchorage and boat ramp.
\$499,000. Ref. AS12186

TREASURE CAY: 12,000 sq. ft. canal lot at Galleon Bay.
\$299,000. Ref. AS11705

New Price! TILLOO CAY: 1 acre investment site is priced for a quick sale.
\$128,000. Ref. AS12137

LONG BEACH: 11,000 sq. ft. ocean view hilltop site.
\$69,000. Ref. AS11944

New Price! CENTRAL PINES: 13,342 sq. ft. lot in an up and coming subdivision.
\$48,000. Ref. AS11932

BAHAMA PALM SHORES: 11,625 sq. ft. homesite near 8 Mile Beach.
\$42,000. Ref. AS11976



SUGAR LOAF CAY

Private & Charming!
This 4 bdrm estate near the sea has a wrap-around porch, dock, boat lift and gazebo.
\$1,690,000. Ref. AS11979



ELBOW CAY

New Listing!
Tucked away on a protected harbour is this 1.61 acre private waterfront estate featuring 2 cottages.
\$990,000. Ref. PS10676



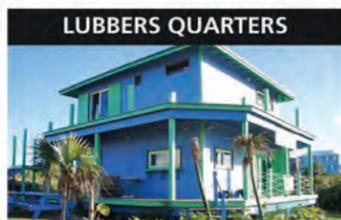
MARSH HARBOUR

Luxury Canal Home!
In the gated Great Abaco Club is this 4 bdrm, 4 bath waterfront home with 42 ft. of canal frontage.
\$975,000. Ref. AS10843



MARSH HARBOUR

Beach Living!
Unique 2 bdrm, 2 bath home on Crossing Beach sits on 0.75 acres and has lots of potential.
\$785,000. Ref. AS12153



LUBBERS QUARTERS

On The Beach!
Prime beachfront includes a 2-storey building perfect for vacation rentals and space to expand.
\$775,000. Ref. AS12184



SANDY POINT

Fisherman's Dream!
Fully equipped 2 bdrm home on a 1-acre beach lot is a fisherman's dream estate.
\$475,000. Ref. AS12154



SANDY POINT

Fisherman's Dream!
Fully equipped 2 bdrm home on a 1-acre beach lot is a fisherman's dream estate.
\$475,000. Ref. AS12154



LITTLE HARBOUR

New Listing!
Oceanfront living on a full acre awaits at this spacious 3 bdrm island charmer with guest cottage.
\$340,000. Ref. AS12235



GREEN TURTLE CAY

Under Contract!
This 4 bdrm home near the beach is available fully furnished and has a large deck, *plus* hot tub.
\$299,000. Ref. AS12187



MARSH HARBOUR

New Listing!
A move-in ready, 2 bdrm condo at Regattas has easy access to parking, tennis courts and pool.
\$249,000. Ref. AS12249



CHEROKEE SOUND

Affordably Priced!
Historic 2 bdrm cottage located in a charming fishing village awaits your tender loving care.
\$145,000. Ref. AS12204



JOHN CHRISTIE
242.357.7572



NEIL ABERLE
242.577.0277



DWAYNE WALLAS
242.359.6046



LEAH PINDER
242.577.6764



ROBBIE BETHEL
242.577.8533



PATTI LOVE
242.475.1715



FRANK KNOWLES
242.577.0339



KRISTI LOWE
242.357.6649



ADRIAN LOWE
242.577.4111

CONNECT WITH US

MARSH HARBOUR
242.367.5454
561.902.1800

HOPE TOWN
242.366.0700
954.762.7127

GREEN TURTLE CAY
242.365.4191

E: Sales@HGChristie.com