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## Prime Minister Gives Keys to Houses Residents in Moore's Island, Murphy Town and Little Abaco Have New Houses for Christmas

### Mickey Thrills School Children



The world's most famous mouse, Mickey Mouse, made a surprise visit to the students at Agape Christian School on December 14th. The staff of Disney Cruise Line handed out toys to the kids and wished them all a very Merry Christmas. Accompanying Mickey Mouse and the Disney personnel was Ms. Felemease Sawyer of the Department of Education. Pictured is the Grade 1 class with their teacher, Ms. Sarah Ann Weatherford. Pluto came to Abaco also and visited other schools, even making it to North Abaco.

Christmas came early for several residents of Abaco on December 22 as they joyfully accepted keys to their brand new homes, three months after Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne leveled their old homes.

The keys were presented by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, who was accompanied by Housing and National Insurance Minister the Hon. Shane Gibson and Social Services and Community Development Minister the Hon. Melanie Griffin during ceremonies at Moore's Island, Murphy Town and Mount Hope.

Hurricanes Jeanne and Francis, three weeks apart, battered Abaco in September, demolishing homes, ripping shingles off roofs, snapping electricity poles and leaving millions of dollars in damages.

On Abaco alone the government has already spent \$1 million on building materials. Labour costs to government have shot past the \$700,000 mark.

On Moore's Island new homes have been built for the following persons: Leon Swain, Betty Albury, Harry Davis, Eulease Davis, Erwin Davis, Kenneth Davis, Joseph Whymns and Leon Davis. In Murphy Town the homes of Ida Swain and Doris Calma were rebuilt, and at Mount Hope, Cetal Curry, Isolene Thomas, Leanza Thompson

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### Treasure Cay Fund Provides Appliances



Treasure Cay residents have been donating to a fund for assisting the residents of North Abaco who suffered damage from two hurricanes in September. The fund is supplying appliances for all the new houses being built by government. This shows the delivery of some of the appliances to one of the houses in Little Abaco. In the foreground are Glen Russell on the left of Abaco Stereo who supplied the appliances and Mr. Ed Whitcraft of Treasure Cay who is coordinating the relief efforts.

By Ed Whitcraft

The Treasure Cay Community Foundation delivered four stoves and four refrigerators to residents of North Abaco whose homes had been demolished in Hurricane Frances. These deliveries are the first of a total of 46 stoves and 47 refrigerators to be donated. Cetal Curry of Mount Hope, Leanza Thompson and Isolene Thomas, both of Fox Town, and

Veronica McIntosh of Crown Haven received their appliances from Jack Thompson, coordinator on Abaco for the National Emergency Management Agency.

The Treasure Cay Community Foundation has received over \$72,000 from more than 100 residents and friends of

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### Moore's Island Resident Receives Keys



The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, presented keys to new houses to four residents of Moore's Island on December 22. Shown above is the Prime Minister giving keys to Mr. Olie Davis while the Hon. Shane Gibson, Minister of Housing, and the Hon. Melonie Griffin, Minister of Social Services and Community Development, look on.

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# PM Feels Abaco Is Poised for Economic Development

Abaco is poised for another "leap forward" in economic development in the immediate future, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Rt. Hon. Perry G. Christie, said on December 22 during a visit to Moore's Island to present keys to eight homeowners. The homes were rebuilt after being destroyed by Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in September.

The Prime Minister was accompanied to Abaco by the Minister of Housing and National Insurance, the Hon. Shane Gibson, and the Minister of Social Services and Community Development, the Hon. Melanie Griffin.

Prime Minister Christie announced the "soft opening" on December 23 of a new hotel with an 18-hole golf course in Cherokee, describing the development as a "defining moment" in the economic history of Abaco. "By virtue of the quality of its investment, it will be a catalyst for further immediate development of Abaco," he said.

Early in 2005 the Prime Minister expects another major development to begin construction off mainland Abaco, employing hundreds of Abaconians.

He said a noted airport planning firm from New England is on Abaco reviewing the Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay airports. They will make recommendations to the government on "appropriate strategies" to ensure Abaco has an airport complete with control tower and adequate facilities to facilitate significant increases of tourists and new residents to Abaco.

"All of that augurs well for the future of Abaco and represents a significant economic intervention in the economic development of our country," the Prime Minister said.

He said Moore's Island, a significant contributor to the fishing wealth of The Bahamas, has a great future as there will be more sources to sell to and from which personal income can be made.

The Prime Minister praised the coordinator of the hurricane recovery effort on Abaco, Mr. Jack Thompson, who is The Bahamas' Deputy High Commissioner to Canada. "When I telephoned him, I said,

'Jack, well, we've changed your job for the time being. You must vacate your office and come home.'

"Because of all my personal discussion from one end of the political spectrum to the next, from Robert Sweeting to Gary

Sawyer, I had the universal acclamation that Jack Thompson would be someone who is readily accepted by all," he said. The Prime Minister described Mr. Thompson as a former Administrator for North Abaco and later Chief Passport Officer.

He said a "major coordinated and integrated approach" was taken by all of the government agencies to effect repairs, build new homes and empower Moore's Island residents who were victims of the Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in September.

He said that is why the Ministry of Social Services and Community Development conducted a social assessment while the Ministry of Housing and National Insurance and special teams from the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) led the repair and restoration effort.

"And so I say to you, 'Do your job, serve the people of this country and always remember that you are standing, as I am, on the porch of a home that was built for someone, who but for this being built, would not have some place to live in the comfort that you have been a part in providing for them.'

"This is the real test, not how good you sound, not in the response you give, but in being able to come and touch it, and buck up against it. This exists, and this is the real test which you should do and this is the manifestation of what you have done."



The Prime Minister was presented with a handcrafted boat model by Miracle Rolle. He was in Mount Hope giving keys to the elderly whose hurricane-damaged houses were replaced by government.



The Prime Minister, the Hon. Perry Christie, made many on Abaco happy this holiday season by presenting keys to them for new houses which government built for them. Ms. Ida Swain, receiving her key, was one of the recipients. Enjoying the special time are the Hon. Shane Gibson, Minister of Housing, and the Hon. Melonie Griffin, Minister of Social Services



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# South Abaco News

## Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

### Christmas Time in Our Town

Every year the holidays begin with a party for the schoolchildren with a Christmas tree and a local volunteer (usually one of the mothers or a past scholar) who plays the part of Santa handing out all the gifts that the children exchange, but it is really more.

Even though the party is for the students, almost every woman in the village, whether they have any children in school or not,

helps to prepare food and enjoys coming out to visit with the other mothers, grandmothers and neighbours who are also there. Of course, there is always lots of food and plenty of homemade baked goodies to share while the children wait patiently for Santa to call their name. The very little ones get their first look at the inside of the schoolhouse and a chance to play with other toddlers while many of the women hand out their own Christmas cards. This ritual is probably not unique to Cherokee but it definitely is an Out Island thing that could not happen in one of the larger towns or settlements, but in our case it is part of what makes Cherokee unique.

Up next on the calendar is our Candlelight Service at the Methodist church when almost every seat is filled and people come to hear the old, old story and heartily sing the traditional Christmas hymns and familiar carols. The church is beautifully decorated and everyone is decked out in their newest and finest holiday outfits. The general feeling is nostalgic, though, while everyone is remembering Christmas's past and friends and family who are no longer around to enjoy this wonderful

night. But we always see lots of new and familiar faces from afar who have come to share this lovely holiday tradition with us.

All small communities have their own celebrations that keep taking place year after year and we are no exception. One of these traditions is our small band of strolling carolers who get together and go through the settlement singing Christmas carols. Every year they lose a couple of carolers, sometimes because of a cold or a sore throat, but then, sometimes they gain a new one. So fair weather or foul they continue to make their rounds and it's just more of that Cherokee adhesive that holds us all together and a tradition that would be a big loss if it didn't happen.

Normally we can look forward to the Assemblies of God church putting on a Christmas Pageant, but again the hurricanes kept everyone busy with repairs so a last-minute Sing-spiration was arranged that turned out real well and again brought out friends and family from some of the other settlements. The ladies prepared refreshments and a generous donation of *Just Juice* orange juice was supplied for everyone to

enjoy.

Foreday meetings at Epworth Chapel were held at 5:30 a.m. on Christmas Eve morning and Christmas morning for the really committed and, of course, Cherokee is famous for its very large and beautiful community tree that is located in the churchyard. This tradition has been carried out continuously for nearly 60 years and is something everyone looks forward to. Each year Santa makes a special stop in Cherokee to deliver his gifts to all the boys and girls. Visitors and neighbours gather round to chat with old timers and renew old friendships and share a meal afterwards.

This year the annual Christmas Eve feast wasn't organized and prepared by the "old heads" but was put together by the young folks. There was plenty of sliced ham with all the side dishes, but they ran a little short on turkey. Also, there was plenty of dessert, but mostly store bought, not homemade. But then, who had time to bake something special after all the other activities that had been



Part of Cherokee Sound's annual holiday celebration is on Christmas Eve when Santa visits to hand out presents to the children. The community Christmas tree in the yard of Epworth Methodist Chapel is the gathering place of everyone in town plus many visitors while waiting for Santa. He is shown here with Mateo Knowles. Following his visit the community offers a bountiful dinner of ham and turkey along with all the traditional foods and plenty more.

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happening at this time of year. It's good thing that the younger generation is finally taking up some of the responsibilities of the planning and arranging a meal to feed the 300 to 400 persons that show up, as well as seeing to it that their children experience these same memories that others have treasured in the past. And it seems like every year the dinner becomes more difficult to bring together. But I firmly believe we would all miss it if for some reason it was skipped, even for one year.

Guy Fawkes figures are burned in effigy on New Year's Eve down at The Spit and the Masqueraders will probably make at least one visit to each house sometime between Christmas and New Year. These traditions are both unique to Cherokee.

As always, there are lots of fireworks. When I say lots, I really mean - lots. It's not funny when they scare household pets, the elderly, infirm and shut-ins. Some old timers say, "I don't believe I could make it through another year if it

was half as bad as this one has been." Sometimes starting very early in the morning and lasting well into the nights, and they don't even bother to go out of town, but fire them off anywhere and everywhere right within the settlement. If it's kids, where do they find the money to purchase all these fireworks; if the adults are the ones responsible, they might keep in mind that their day is coming.

The annual holiday pranksters (I guess they call themselves something else and, in fact, I have heard them referred to by a few other choice descriptives by a few people) have not yet made an appearance before this writing, but we feel certain that they will make themselves known before the season is over. Non-intrusive and non-invasive fun can be tolerated by almost anyone, but destruction to personal property is not an acceptable situation. We were told that there would be a couple of policemen stationed on the place this year to handle the law-breakers. But if they were here, they didn't make themselves known to the general

public. It's a real shame that a handful of mischief makers ruin the holidays for some by their teasing and tom-foolery, especially with the jokes they play on our second-home owners and many visitors. We locals more or less know what to expect, but persons not familiar with "our traditions" don't and often feel terribly offended. When is Cherokee going to get a policeman stationed here full time?

Once the holidays are over and things begin to get back to normal again, we will see that we have so much to be thankful for this year. We are looking forward to a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year in 2005 for everyone in Cherokee and to quote a famous last line from a well-known Christmas story, *God Bless Us, Every One.*

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# Central Abaco News

## Channel Markers and Dinghy Dock Are Repaired

Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne teamed up this fall to move four Marsh Harbour channel markers to other destinations and partially destroyed the floating dinghy dock at the Union Jack dock in Marsh Harbour. The channel markers were placed by the Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club to keep boaters from running aground in shallow waters upon entering the channel to anchorages and marinas.

Club members John Mitchell, Dave Bluto, Jim Fenn, Glenn Brown and Wayne Olmstead rounded up the channel markers, made the necessary repairs and reset them to the way points recom-

mended by the Port Authority. One red channel marker had dragged all the way to Guana Cay to be retrieved and returned by Troy Albury of Dive Guana.

Club members joined together to haul out and rebuild the damaged dinghy dock at the Union Jack dock. They were assisted by Wade Albury of Rainbow Rentals, who loaned them his lift and donated lumber for the project. Visiting boaters and locals use the Marsh Harbour channel and dinghy docks all year long.

Materials and repair expenses came to over \$1,600. The club has donated over \$7,000 on the two projects over the past two years. The floating dinghy dock was built to assist boaters in their quest to

shop in town. The dinghy dock places the smaller boats away from the public area with larger boats where loading and unloading occur daily.

Commodore John Mitchell stated that the Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club plans to continue improving conditions for the boating community on Abaco.

## Library Is Closed

By Isobel Sherman

The Marsh Harbour Community Library closed for Christmas on December 17 and will reopen on January 5. The library was late opening this school year due to the extensive damage caused by the hurricanes. Besides damage due to water which destroyed some books, furniture and the carpeting, three computers were also damaged. Mrs Yvonne Key, founder of the library, worked hard to get the library up and running again. Members who have not

done so are asked to visit the library about their membership forms which were destroyed by the hurricanes.

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Members of the Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club made repairs to the dinghy dock at the Union Jack dock in Marsh Harbour and reset the channel markers. Two hurricanes left their mark on the club's projects. The dinghy dock and channel markers were installed by the club initially. Seated is the club president, John Mitchell.



The Hair Express Salon held its official Grand Opening on December 21 at its new location in Dove Plaza in Marsh Harbour. With an audience of friends and family, the ceremony included the blessing of the business by Fr. Earl Hepburn. The owners of the salon, Taka Russell, left and Priscilla Douglas, right, held a very successful hair show recently. During the Grand Opening, they made a donation of \$500 to the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department from the proceeds of their hair show. Steve Skulnick accepted the donation.

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## Organist Offers Christmas Recital

By Isobel Sherman

On December 14 from noon until 1 p.m. Mr. Geoffrey Sturup presented a Christmas organ recital at Aldersgate Methodist Church in Marsh Harbour. Mr. Sturup is the organist at Trinity Methodist Church in Nassau and has traveled many places to give recitals. He recently returned from a recital in New York. Mr. Sturup was the guest organist at Abaco Central High School's Candlelight Carol Service on December 14 at St. Andrews Methodist Church in Dundas Town.

## Relief Aid Is Coming

By Isobel Sherman

According to Jimmy Williams of Dundas Town some relief packages will be delivered to the Red Cross for distribution to persons in Dundas Town and Murphy Town who are still recovering from Hurricane Frances and Jeanne. These supplies will be

the first set of supplies targeted by the Red Cross for these two towns.

## Christmas Lights Bring Cheer

By Jennifer Hudson

As I drove through Dundas Town, how cheery it looked with bright Christmas lights twinkling overhead. Thanks are due to Chief Councillor, Cay Mills, who, along with the people of Dundas Town, felt that after the two devastating hurricanes it was time for some festive spirit. "So we decided to bring light and hope to the community," he said. The township provided the lights and BEC donated its men and equipment so that Mr. Mills was able to spend a day with the BEC workers stringing Christmas lights around lamp poles and across Front Street. He hopes to light up Murphy Town and Marsh Harbour. "I am most grateful to BEC for this assistance as I know that this is a very busy time of year for them," said Mr. Mills.

Christmas trees were provided by the township to stand outside each church along Front Street in Dundas Town. The churches provided lights and decorations for the trees

and Mr. Mills said that he was grateful for this community effort.

## Hair Show Features Unique Hairstyles

By Portia Jonsson

The dynamic duo of Taka Russell and Priscilla Douglas at Hair Express Beauty



Unique hair styles were featured at a recent hair show. This is the Poodle Hairstyle modeled by Nishka Cornish. The stylist was Priscilla Douglas.

Salon staged their first Annual Hair Express Show at the Anglican Parish Hall on the evening of December 4th. Thirty local models displayed very unusual, colourful, intricate and unique hairstyles. Some of the styles modeled included the Basketweave, Poodle, Candy-Cane and the Banana Twist.

The Basketweave and Banana Twist were Taka's creation and each took an average of half an hour to style. Each hairstyle was prepped the day before and only the finishing touches were done the day of the show. The Poodle and Candy-Cane hairstyles were Priscilla's artwork. These styles were made up of 28 pieces of human hair and took about one and a half hours to style. Lots of cutting, curling, flipping and styling went into creating these masterpieces.

Ms. Russell said the crowd was very excited with what they saw, and she was very pleased with the turnout. The doors had to be locked because the show was sold out. Next year she promises the show will be bigger and better.

Taka has been styling hair for six years.

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# The Editor Says . . . Where Are We Headed?



Abaco presents interesting lessons for anyone interested in an emerging economy. The economy is robust and continues to forge ahead. Forces beyond our control seem to be pulling and pushing different parts of the Abaco economy.

Prior to the Winding Bay project, Abaco's growth came about predominately in small increments which did not overly strain any part of the system. There have been very few developments on Abaco in the past 100 years where 400 - 500 persons were employed on a single project.

The earliest instances of major employment were the lumber mills and they were generally self-contained systems. The companies provided their own housing and utilities, operated company stores and provided medical care. Their main impact to the greater community was probably the wages their employees took back to their home towns.

Even during the early 1960s when the Snake Cay timber project was in full swing with 500 employees, the operation was predominately self contained. Four

housing camps existed for employees: Lake City, Spring City, Campbell Town and Snake Cay. The company generated its own power and installed water systems. Kerosene was the basic energy source used for lighting and fueling stoves in the labour camps.

Interestingly, it was the arrival of the pulpwood operation that brought the price of kerosene down to 19 cents from 49 cents per gallon. This happened incidentally when the company store arrived with its 10,000-gallon kerosene tank rather than using 55-gallon drums on the mail boat.

The company brought Abaco's first doctor, Enjar Gottlieb, and subsidized him initially while he became established. Snake Cay became the "Mayo Clinic" of Abaco. His office was crowded with company employees, their dependents and a large number of residents from surrounding communities. The company relieved the medical congestion by assisting with his move to Marsh Harbour into the building now housing the Marsh Harbour library.

The legacy of the pulpwood operation and the subsequent sugar project included

- a comprehensive road network
- 20,000 acres of cleared land for agriculture
- the establishment of a medical clinic
- the elevation of many to managerial positions
- a base of consumers with money allowing Marsh Harbour businesses to begin expansion.

After the pulpwood and sugar operations closed in the late 1960s, only one or two farms employed a large number of persons who had their living quarters subsidized. These farm workers can still be seen on Saturdays when busloads of farm families come into Marsh Harbour for shopping.

Now with the arrival of The Abaco Club at Winding Bay we see a different pattern emerging. Thus company is able to hire from many communities with employees and contractors commuting daily without the need for a camp for hundreds of workers. The magnitude of the project and the maturity of our work force is such that the company can selectively hire experienced persons who need minimal training by offering attractive wages. This leaves previous employers with the task of finding and training replacement staff.

From Crown Haven to Sandy Point employees are commuting to work. This must be a unique situation for The Bahamas where employees will drive for an hour at 60 miles per hour to get to work.

Hurricane reconstruction and the Winding Bay project have absorbed most of the island contractors. Added to these two demands on the construction industry are the normal influx of second home owners looking for a contractor to make repairs or to construct new homes. The Abaco labour situation will get worse as the Guana Cay project gets underway.

Watching the early morning Guana Cay ferry take 75 - 100 workmen gives strong signals that much is already happening on the island. With the north end development about to begin, this number of workmen could easily double. Guana Cay does not have a significant labour pool and any expansion in their economy will require even more commuters.

Winding Bay is now operational but that does not mean they are finished. Although they are officially open, they have several more years of development ahead of them.

Other developments are in the shadows. If they materialize, there will be further demands for good workers. Where will they all come from?

All of this has contributed to a labour shortage and a re-examination of the employee/employer relationship. Good employees are being offered more money to

switch jobs. Managers are caught trying to balance payroll expenses against business revenues. Holding the expenses in line often means losing experienced people and having to train new employees. Employees smile as they assess their capabilities and study the job market.

The business community is not the only place where workers will be needed. Electricity, phone, water, police, post office and schools will likely add employees as departments and agencies expand to meet the growing demand for services.

The utility companies will expand as they watch their meters spin faster from our growth. Treasure Cay was just connected to a new public water system and can look forward to their sanitary sewer system being revitalized. This will cost money and take manpower to keep it functional.

The Minister of Works recently announced that a water main will be extended to Green Turtle Cay from Abaco. A distribution system was installed throughout the New Plymouth settlement several years ago just before the town roads were re-surfaced. This connection will show Guana Cay, Man-O-War and Elbow Cay how it is done and they will be standing in line for a similar water supply.

Even departments as mundane as the post office will be caught up in the coming changes. Will 100 new affluent homeowners on Guana Cay or at Winding Bay be satisfied with once a week mail delivery? Hope Town and Man-O-War get daily mail. Is that too much for other towns to ask?

A final area with growing pains are the airports. A consulting firm has been hired and more reports should be made public in the coming year. When airport improvements begin, further demands will be made for workers.

A wide variety of opportunities will exist for enterprising persons. Our high schools must raise the standards so these new workers are accepted as well paid employees.

## Viewpoint Buckle Up for Safety

By Portia Jonsson

Many vehicles can be seen around town with bumper stickers from the Scout Association of the Bahamas that warn "Be Prepared - Seatbelts Save Lives. Buckle Up!" So, why are so many persons not heeding the message?

In January 2002 it became law to wear seat belts, then went into effect in June of the same year. The seat belt law requires that the driver and all passengers wear a seat belt and small children be safely secured into a child safety seat. When the new traffic law heralded mandatory seatbelt wearing, however, lots of people sulked. It was as if the government had imposed a burden on vehicular travelers. Yet, the introduction of law making the wearing of seatbelts mandatory has proven the world over to save lives and reduce the spate of serious injuries from road accidents.

It is with this conviction in mind that

traffic cops have begun stopping drivers who are not wearing a seatbelt or who have passengers not wearing seatbelts and advising them of the consequences.

Seatbelt wearing in the front seat saves tens of thousands of lives around the globe every year. Many Abaconians, I hope, will comply without having to be pulled over by our already overworked police officers.

The most common excuse of the public for not wearing a seatbelt is that they had only driven a short distance down the road. A high percentage of accidents happen on short trips and seatbelts must be worn on every trip.

I appeal to the public not to see traffic officers checking on seatbelt compliance as a burden. Let's welcome them as law enforcing officers who are concerned about people's lives and who are doing their bit to help save lives and reduce injuries from traffic accidents.

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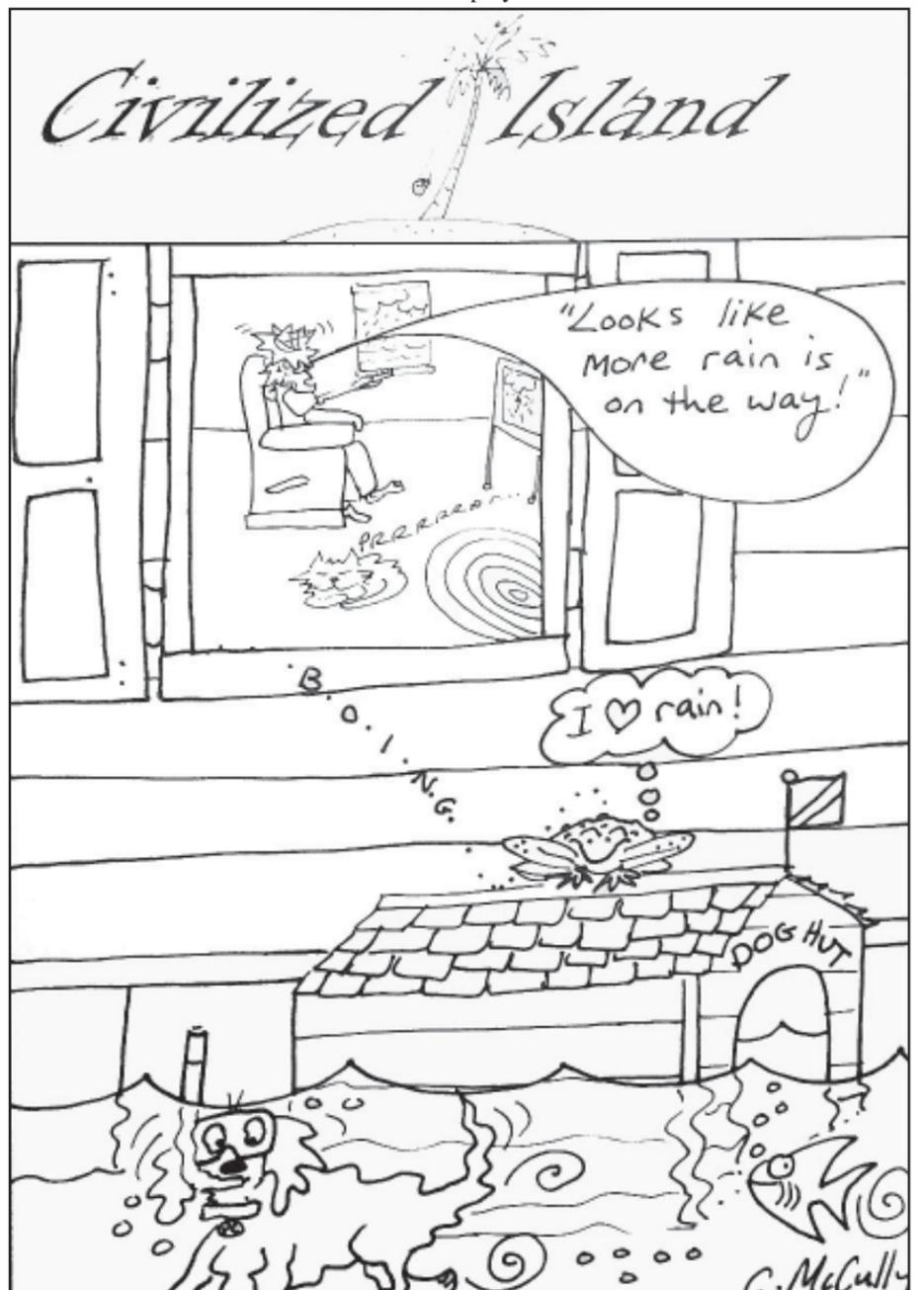
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# Letters to the Editor

## Phone Service Is Not Satisfactory

Dear Sir,  
 Re: Telephone Service in Marsh Harbour  
 On Sunday, December 12, 2004, at about 10:30 a.m. I needed to make a couple of long distance calls, one to Chicago, Seattle, Washington and the other to Nassau. These calls were all medically related and very important.

When I got to the Batelco office in Marsh Harbour, this is what I found:

- (a) Three pay phones
- (b) Two were broken.
- (c) There were "1,000" Haitians lined up to use the other phone.
- (d) In the city of Marsh Harbour I could not find another pay phone.

I would like to know which world we are living in? And I would like to know what the managers and planners are managing and or planning? Perhaps they spend all of their time planning to "gouge" the Bahamian public.

I have a few comments for the Minister responsible for telecommunications in this country:

(a) It costs about \$50 to purchase 1,000 minutes for calls within the U.S. (5c a minute). Compare that to the rates in The Bahamas.

(b) Government in this country needs to put an end to the gouging of phone rates and the unconscionable high deposit amounts that Bahamians are required to pay to Batelco.

(c) The Island of Abaco and especially the Marsh Harbour area are developing very rapidly. Unless advanced planning and infrastructure and development keep pace, we will have a mission on our hands.

Chris "Abaco" Roberts  
**Abaco Festival Made Me Proud**

Dear Editor,  
 Neither rain nor "snow" could dampen the spirit of the people of Abaco on the occasion of the first annual Abaco Christmas Festival at Marsh Harbour.

For much of the morning and early afternoon it rained intermittently. But it seemed that the more it rained the more people (Abaconians, tourists and residents) resolved to party and the children to frolic, thanks to the generosity of the Abaco Club at Winding Bay and Mr. Peter de Savary.

The people of Abaco are a unique and a proud people, resourceful and resilient as Tourism Minister Obie Wilchombe said in his official address. "Despite the devastation of Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne you are better off now than before. Better because you were humbled by the havoc caused and you came to realize that money was not as important as you once thought. No matter how much money one had, everyone was rendered more or less equal by the circumstances created by those hurricanes.

Consequently, we (Abaconians) came quickly to understand and have compassion for those less fortunate, not only the less fortunate on Abaco or The Bahamas but those less fortunate throughout the world.

On display at the festival were the heart and soul of Abaconians through the medium of arts and crafts, cooking, entertainment and more. At the various stalls throughout the venue one could find an abundance of items characterized by a boat and sea motif that spoke to the history, the present time and the future of the people of Abaco. This is what I mean when I speak of the soul of Abaco. There is no single theme that is more central to Abaco - its history, its current life and its future - than the sea and boating.

I know this and appreciate it more than most. My grandfather was born in Cherokee Sound before navigating to Sandy Point where I was born. Therefore, it was not surprising to me to find this theme depicted in photography, painting, jewelry and greeting cards. Then there were the great smells of conch fritters, fried fish, wild boar and much more that filled the air and teased the palate of all and sundry throughout the festival venue into wee hours on Sunday morning.

The entertainment throughout the day made me proud to be Bahamian and especially proud to say that I am an Abaconian. As usually Jay Mitchell, backed by the music of Stone McEwan's band, was the showman and entertainer that we have come to love over the years. But most importantly,

I was extremely proud of the talent and poise displayed by the young people of Abaco. There were choirs, a marching band, a drill team and soloists. But I would like to especially single out the performance of Daphne Brown, who gave a stirring rendition of the song *Keep your eyes on the sparrow*. Abaco's future, in my opinion, is therefore in good hands.

I want to single out the Abaco Club at Winding Bay headed by Mr. Peter de Savary for what I perceive to be an outstanding corporate community relationship. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. de Savary and with the support of persons such as Gina, Stone McEwan, Bernadette Hepburn and whosoever I have omitted to mention, every child who came to the festival was the recipient of toys and candies - exactly what kids expect and enjoy on occasions such as this and especially at this time of year. So along with the bouncing castle and

the treats, the children of Abaco had a good day. In my father's (Joseph Patrick "Brass" Roberts) household the one thing that he insisted on at mealtime was that his children at all times were fed before any adults, including himself. So people who look out for the well being of children will always have a special appeal to me.

I take this opportunity to congratulate The Minister of Tourism, Mr. Obie Wilchombe, for his superb presentation at the official opening of the festival and to pay tribute to the Ministry of Tourism's staff - the Permanent Secretary, Mr. Colin Higgs; Ms. Jeritzen Outten, Ms Wynsome Ferguson and all others who assisted. The Festival was extremely well organized. Finally, I believe plaudits are due to Mr. John Roberts (friend and classmate at St. Augustine's 1968) for his contribution's in making this event the success that it was.

Chris "Abaco" Roberts

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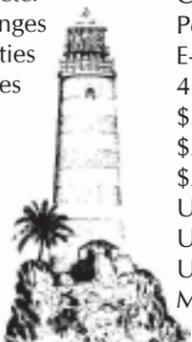
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# Water and Sewerage Takes over Treasure Cay Systems

The Hon. Bradley Roberts, Minister of Works and Utilities, announced on December 13, 2004, the official takeover of the Treasure Cay water and sewerage systems. The following is part of the text of his announcement.

Mr. Roberts said, "This is an event that has taken an exceedingly long time to come to fruition but at last the responsibility for water and sewerage services in Treasure Cay is being transferred from Abaco Utilities Limited to the Water and Sewerage Corporation. It was my desire to have this official event to signify this change because it was intended to occur so long ago - but didn't - and I am sure that the homeowners and residents of Treasure Cay thought that it never would.

"The developers of Treasure Cay had a franchise agreement with the government to provide water and sewerage services to the property owners of Treasure Cay from March 1972 until March 1997, 25 years. In 1996 it was decided that the Water and Sewerage Corporation would not renew the franchise agreements with Treasure Cay Limited. Negotiations were to begin with Mr. Meister immediately. These negotiations commenced in June 1996 and continued up until 1st November 2004 when a Memorandum of Understanding with respect to the buyout of the facilities was agreed and signed by both parties, namely Treasure Cay Limited and Government of The Bahamas, represented by the Water and Sewerage Corporation.

"As the agreement between the government and Treasure Cay Ltd. dictated that fair value had to be paid to the developer for the infrastructure in the event that the agreement was not renewed, it took a long time to agree to what this value should be.

"I should point out, however, that the Water and Sewerage Corporation never wanted to pay anything for the existing infrastructure. And that is because the engineers at the Corporation feel that it would require about \$4 million to bring both utilities up to industry standards; and many other Bahamian communities need far smaller sums of money to get a basic water supply, which is the Corporation's primary responsibility.

"Under a joint IDB/Government project the Water and Sewerage Corporation had developed a new state-of-the-art well field

and supply system just north of Treasure Cay airport. The purpose of this facility was to provide good quality water to North Abaco, which included Treasure Cay and hopefully, in the not too distant future, the service will be extended to Green Turtle Cay, by means of an underwater main. The Corporation has been keen to activate this new system, and I am advised that it is already in service providing a better quality of water to the residents and visitors of Treasure Cay.

"However, the sewerage system is a different matter as there are immediate needs that must be addressed to keep this operational. Of course, the practice of dumping untreated waste onto the ground must cease immediately.

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The Hon. Bradley Roberts, center, was in Treasure Cay on September 28 with the Prime Minister, the Hon. Perry Christie, right, and Mr. Jos Consten, Manager of the Treasure Cay Resort, on the left. At that time Mr. Roberts mentioned that the government would be taking over the water and sewerage systems there shortly.

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# Club News

## District Governor Visits Rotary Club of Abaco Ground Breaking for Rotary Monument

By Jennifer Hudson

The District Governor of Rotary, Dr. Victor Gibbs, accompanied by his wife, Marie-Claude, arrived from St. Maarten on December 13 for two important Rotary events.

Firstly, at 3 p.m. Dr. Gibbs broke ground for a monument at the roundabout by the M & R Grocery Store. This roundabout has been designated, with the permission of the

Dundas Town Council, as an official Rotary site.

Kevin Sterling, President of the Rotary Club of Abaco, said that it is the Club's desire to erect something to commemorate the Centennial of Rotary International and to incorporate the names of the three persons who lost their lives in a traffic accident at that spot a few years ago as a memorial to them. Mr. Sterling expects the construction of this stone monument to begin in the New Year and be completed by February 23rd which is the actual 100th anniversary date. Incorporated into the edifice will be a Rotary wheel denoting 100

years, the words of the Rotary Four Way Test and reflectors so that it will be visible at night. Landscaping will be added.

Dr. Gibbs stated that it is the challenge of Rotary Clubs all over the world to help communities and he commended Mr. Sterling for his input. In addition to expressing his pleasure at being able to contribute to the occasion, Dr. Gibbs said that he will look forward to coming back to see it when completed.

Mr. Cay Mills, Chief Councillor, assisted the Governor in breaking ground and thanked the Rotary Club of Abaco for helping to turn this important roundabout into a spot which will better the township. He expressed his desire, along with Mr. Ster-

ling, to solicit the help of BEC to erect lighting at the roundabout to make this lonely spot which is very dark at night more attractive and more importantly a safer area.

Also present at the ground breaking was the Assistant Governor from Nassau, Mr. Richard McCombe, his wife Carla and several Rotary Club members.

## Annual Visit of the District Governor to Rotary

By Jennifer Hudson

Having broken ground for a Rotary monument earlier in the day, the District Governor, Victor Gibbs, and Assistant Gov-

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The Rotary Club of Abaco plans to erect a monument at the round-about at Forest Drive and Crockett Drive. This will commemorate the 100th anniversary of Rotary Club International and include the names of the three victims who lost their lives in a traffic accident at that location. The club held a ground breaking ceremony there on December 13 when the District Governor was present. Shown above are the Rotarians present at the ceremony. They are Gentry Morris; Club President Kevin Sterling; Bill Schweizer, Dr. Victor Gibbs, District Governor; Richard McCombe, Assistant District Governor for The Bahamas; and Carla McCombe.



At Rotary's meeting on December 13 the club inducted ASP Wayne Miller as a member. He is shown here, center, being congratulated by Dr. Victor Gibbs, District Governor, left, and President Kevin Sterling on the right.



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# The Abaco Club Celebrates Its Opening

The Abaco Club on Winding Bay welcomed its first guests in a low key opening on December 24. The much anticipated event went off successfully as Club members experienced for the first time their new 520-acre golf and sporting retreat. About 20 members along with family members and guests enjoyed the Christmas holiday, fully experiencing all the amenities the club offers. Among the members are five local residents who found the experience met their expectations.

The club was abuzz with activity. Golfers, fresh from a round of golf, enthusiastically reminisced the gloriously sculpted course and the breathtaking beauty found at every hole. Members enjoyed private tennis lessons with the

club's full time tennis pro Bobby Russell on the classic clay courts while others took to horseback, cantering beachside along Winding Bay. The kayaks, Hobie Cats and snorkeling equipment took to the bay; and members were pampered with massage and other spa treatments. The powdery sand beach of Winding Bay provided a welcoming playground for members, family and guests.

Smiles and laughter abounded as bartenders Archie and KC served Bahamian libations, including The Abaco Club's signature Guava daiquiri. With the careful preparations of executive chef Sam Favella. Christmas dinner was served with a menu of the highest standard to suit an impeccable palate. Meals are being served in the Club House and lunch

and snacks are available at Buster's Beach Bar and Grill on the beach. The menu at the Club House includes a variety of dishes all presented beautifully.

"It is a joy to see the dream of The Abaco Club on Winding Bay become a reality," said Marketing Director Gina Guttuso. "Considering the setbacks caused by two hurricanes, a December opening is nothing short of an amazing achievement. Thanks to the support of the Abaco community and the dedication of our talented staff, we were able to meet the aggressive deadline and experience a most successful opening."

The Abaco Club is expecting a large attendance for member's only New Year's Junkanoo celebration on December 31. This will be celebration party of their accomplishments of the past 18 months and great beginning for the new year.

"This is a special place where a family can relax and spend quality time together. Our member's say they are having a wonderful time - as is witnessed by their joyful expression - and the staff here finds that most rewarding."



The Abaco Club of Winding Bay offers many recreational opportunities, from the golf course, to horse back riding, to beach activities. However, some want to just enjoy the beach while sunbathing.



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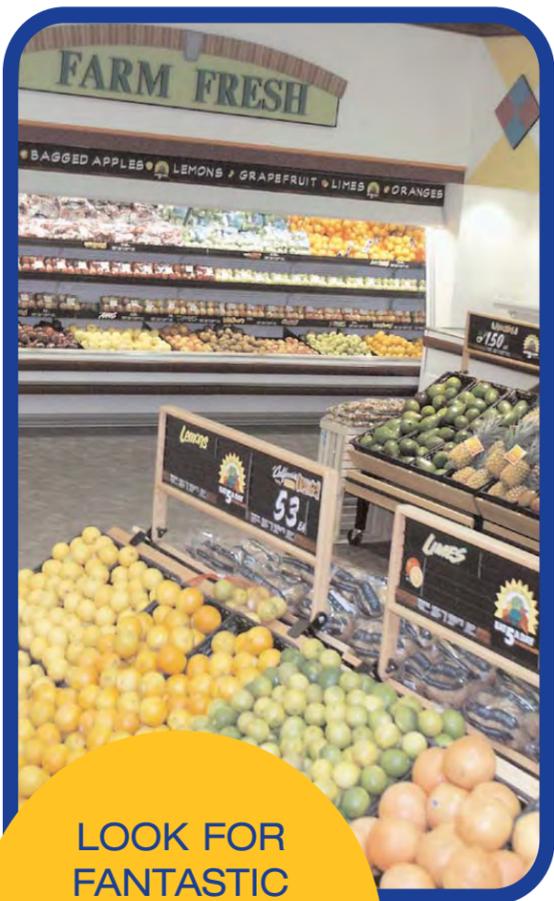
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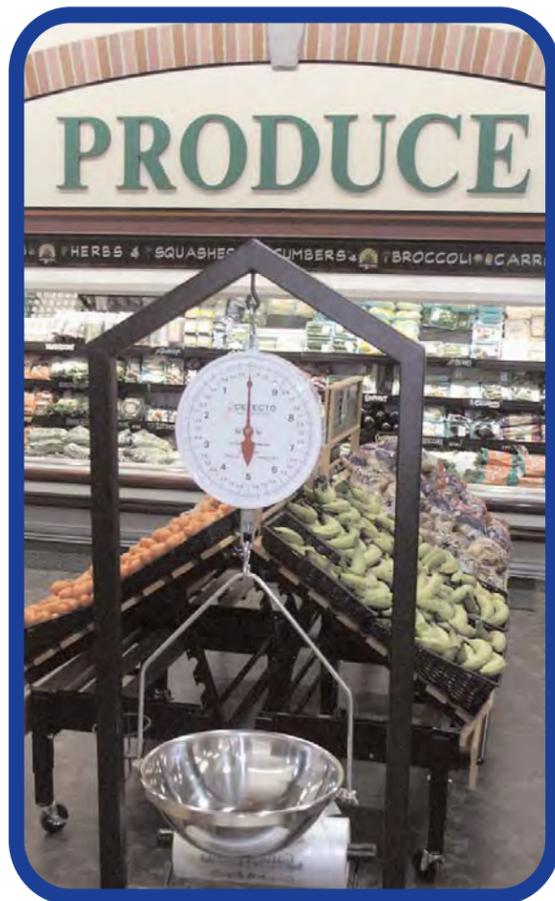
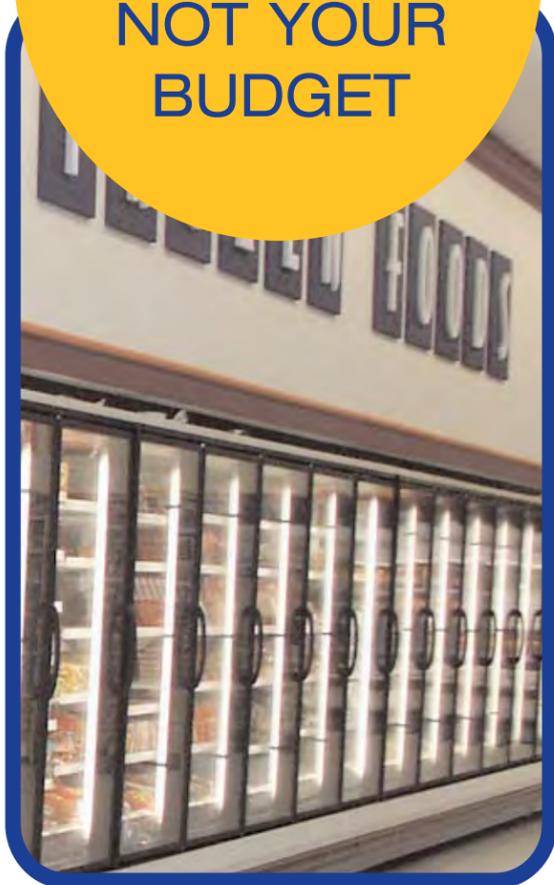
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# More Central Abaco News

**Central** *From Page 7*

She always wanted to work with her hands and was inspired by Misty Pinder to put her talents to work. She opened her first beauty salon two years ago and recently



The Town Committees of Dundas Town and Murphy Town worked with BEC to decorate their towns with garlands of lights and Christmas trees. Shown here is the BEC crew installing the lights with assistance from Dundas Town Committee Chairman Cay Mills, who organized the project.

relocated to the Dove Plaza. Her specialties are pin curls, braiding, spiral curls and big twists.

Priscilla teamed up with Taka this year. She started hairdressing in 1997 while attending high school in Nassau. In 1999 she obtained a certificate from the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute in Nassau. She says weaving, bonding, braiding, ponytails and everything else are her specialties.

Taka and Priscilla wish to thank everyone for their support in making the hair show a success, especially the Island Girl Boutique, Buds & Blooms, K & S Auto, the Shoe Place, Jewels, Gems and More, Radio Abaco, St. John's Anglican Church, Abaco Police, Philippa Farrington, DJ Nice and family and friends.

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The Great Abaco Port and Harbour in Murphy Town donated funds for the needy of that town. Mr. Leo Bethel, representing the company, presents 26 gift certificates to Mr. Cleveland Dawkins, Chairman of the Murphy Town Association, while Mr. Eugene Dawkins, Deputy Chief Councillor of the Murphy Town Committee, looks on. The certificates will be given to the elderly of Murphy Town for purchasing food.

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## Business Briefs

### Bakery Opens

*By Portia Jonsson*

"Mama, bake the Johnny cake. Christmas comin'." Beryl Gibbs has heard the cries and answered the call. She opened Country Bakery on December 1st located next to Long Bay School on Forest Drive.

Country Bakery specializes in home-made white, coconut and raisin breads, pastries, cinnamon buns, scones, muffins and Christmas cakes. Carrot, pineapple upside down and birthday cakes are made to order.

Ms. Gibbs truly enjoys baking and has been doing so for seven years but only on a small scale. She decided to take her love of baking to a bigger scale.

The bakery is open Monday to Saturday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Abaco Groceries Opens

*By Isobel Sherman*

After a few weeks of partial operation Abaco Groceries is now fully stocked and operating normally. Owned and managed by Ian Roberts, Abaco Groceries offers the consumer bulk buying at very reasonable prices. Abaco Groceries is located between Pinewoods Nursery and Abaco Neem on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour.

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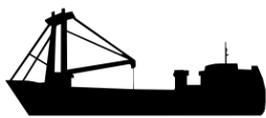
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# Seminar Focused on Customer Service

What do a waitress, bartender, ticket agent, dock manager, taxi driver, police officer, front desk clerk, sales associate and this reporter have in common? Sixty attended a half day Professional Customer Care Seminar hosted by the Abaco Tourist Office on December 14, 2004. A second session of the seminar was conducted that evening. Those attending included persons from BEC, grocery stores, realty firms, other businesses and government agencies. Ms. Jeritzan Outten, Director of Tourism for Abaco, welcomed us and set the tone for the morning. She said that today's visitors, both international and domestic, expect a standard of service that is professional and world-class. "Customer care is everyone's responsibility," she said, "whether we are

lawyers, doctors, accountants, politicians, taxi drivers, waitresses or groundskeepers."

Turning to our presenter and facilitator, she introduced Ms. Agatha Marcelle to the group. Ms. Marcelle is a Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism and as we soon learned, a dynamic and engaging speaker. She asked us to open our minds and see that in The Bahamas we as a people need to rise up and continue to provide better customer care service. Just one unhappy customer will blame "those people in The Bahamas." Citing statistics from the World Trade Organization, she said that 66 percent of our jobs come from tourism. By the year 2014 86 percent of our jobs will be tourism-related jobs. As a country we are totally dependent on tourism and without tourists we are in financial trouble. "What," she asked, "do you think our visitors are saying when they leave us? A survey of taxi drivers showed that many visitors think we are not friendly, we are rude, dishonest, give poor service, and we are dirty. By that it is meant that our beautiful beaches and roadsides are littered with trash and debris."

Recently returned from a World Trade Mart in London where she represented the Minister of Tourism, she observed that there

were so many beautiful destinations for people to go to. Representatives of most of the Caribbean nations are networking, selling and promoting to the same people that we want to come to our shores. This was, she said, a boxing ring fighting for tourist money. In order to attract and keep tourists we have to begin to deliver customer care because, she said, when you care it almost implies - love. It *matters* that you make them comfortable. We have lessons we need to learn about care giving.

Some of the seminar nuggets of wisdom included the following: "We need to change the framework inside us and realize that we are all partners in a company called "Bahamas Ltd. When we take our problems to work, when we are unfriendly or slow, it is noticed. We need to look at our homes, our roads, our beaches. If there is dirt, litter or homes not painted, it reflects badly on us. There is nothing wrong with picking up paper. Customer Care begins with courtesy and good manners. It is something you create. When you are vexed, that's when you have to back off. Your customers

don't care how you feel. All they care about is that they have a good experience. You know what makes good service. Self control and self management are important. If something doesn't go your way it is seldom personal. Become the actor you need to become while you are on the job. We all work for Bahamas Ltd. Our livelihood depends on how well we treat people."

You have heard that it is "Better in the Bahamas." That is what we sell and that is our problem. To keep ahead of the game, we need to find ways to restructure and get better and better. If we as partners in Bahamas Ltd., give great customer care, our visitors will come back and will encourage others to come, too.



Ms. Agatha Marcelle, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Tourism, held a seminar emphasizing the need to give good service. It was attended by about 60 people from many different sections of our business and government communities. Those attending were presented with a certificate. Show here is Ms. Marcelle with Mr. Bobby Jones, manager of the Marsh Harbour airport.

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# Freight Dock Activity Is at All Time High

By Mirella Santillo

Three days before Christmas and the international port facility in Marsh Harbour is booming with activity. Cargo checkers are comparing the freight coming off the ships and containers to the shipping documents while forklift operators manoeuvre among the crowded containers and pallets of goods. As I arrived at the public dock, two ships were docked, the *Duke of Topsail* belonging to United Abaco Shipping and the *Tropic Night* of the Marsh Harbour Shipping Company.

The *Duke of Topsail* arrived at 4 a.m. that morning and had been unloading since then. By the time she is finished unloading, around 2 p.m., the staff of Abaco United Shipping will have gone through 166 bills of lading, approximately 50 more than usual. Among the cargo of the *Duke* today were 26 cars.

According to the *Duke's* captain, Michael Bethel, there is a back up of about half a shipload waiting at the Port of Palm Beach. Unfortunately, this load will not arrive here until the new year as there might not be a scheduled trip before then. However, Captain Bethel confirms that the shipping com-

pany at the Florida port is still accepting cargo.

At 4 p.m. the *Duke* will sail again on its way to Nassau where it will pick up more merchandise to be brought back here the next day.

With the amount of unloading and loading going on, it was hard to find someone who had time to chat.

"There is no comparison to what we used to handle," says William Collins, a forklift operator and manifest checker. William has been with United Abaco Shipping for 13 years. He thinks this situation will last until April. He says, "There was a lot going on after Hurricane Floyd, but no way near what we are seeing now." William is looking forward to his Christmas vacation which will start Friday at noon.

Confronted with these extra shipments, the shipping companies had to hire temporary workers. United Abaco Shipping hired two extra forklift operators a few weeks ago.

Eric Russell, who was hired temporarily by Marsh Harbour Shipping, is one of four forklift and heavy equipment operators. Eric, who is also a bartender at night, is

familiar with this kind of work since he used to be a dock worker from 1998 to 2001. He came back three weeks ago and will stay until he is not needed. "It used to take three or four days to unload everything," he says.

"Now it takes a solid week per trip process all the freight that comes in the contain-

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The *Duke of Topsail* is one of the freight boats making two trips weekly bringing freight from Florida. Freight since the two hurricanes in September has greatly increased with no slowdown in sight.

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ers." Since the hurricanes the *Tropic Night* sails twice a week from Florida to Marsh Harbour carrying containers. Today 26 containers were on board when the ship arrived at 7:45 a.m. Eric states, "It is much easier to work on the new facilities, but a larger warehouse would be nice."

He expects freight volume to remain high or increase because of Abaco's continued growth. "There are more jobs, bringing more people and with more people, more cargo."

"There is too much going on for me to be able to talk," states Ray Weatherford, the president of Marsh Harbour Shipping. "There is no time to think since the hurricanes," he says. "The only thing in my mind right now is the coming Christmas vacation." It is his opinion that shipping has increased about 300 percent for his company and that this situation will last for another three months.

Another forklift operator, Weny Pierre, a full time employee for nine years, was reloading a container with empty milk crates that will be returned to Florida when I approached him. Eric told me, "Weny started as a pallet wrapper." But he has been in training for two years to operate heavy

equipment and can do now quite a few diverse jobs. Weny says that among the merchandise received are cars, cement, plywood, furniture and food items. He has worked overtime for the past three weeks. He is another person looking forward to the Christmas break which will last for him until the Wednesday after Christmas.

Dodging between containers, appliances, boxes and pallets, I made my way to the customs building where the same beehive atmosphere prevailed. Officer Forbes took a few minutes to talk about the number of cars being imported since the duty exemption allowed individuals with storm-damaged vehicles. One hundred twenty-nine cars arrived in Marsh Harbour during the month of December. It is not known yet how many of these came under the duty free policy. Statistics are compiled at the end of the each month. "There is so much cargo, so much paper work to be handled," he says. "I arrived at work at 3:45 this morning, anticipating the boat's arrival." Sharing the opinion of other custom's officers, he thinks that there is lately as much as three times the number of documents being processed.

This long holiday weekend will bring a much expected rest to all the people involved in the shipping industry.

**First Responder Is Certified**



Abaco resident John Pintard becomes the island's first Certified First Responder. He participated in a week long "Train the Trainers" Workshop held November 22nd-27th in Nassau. This workshop was staged by the Public Hospitals Authority & The Ministry of Health & Environment Emergency Medical First Responders. More than 15 persons

throughout islands of the Bahamas participated in this workshop which helps to save lives. It is Mr. Pintard's goal to train other Bahamians in becoming First Responders. Pictured is Mr. John Pintard proudly displaying his Certificate of Training alongside his stepfather, Mr. Malcolm Spicer, who he says played a significant role in helping him achieve his goal.

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# Obituaries of Family and Friends

**Marcell Albury**, one of Abaco's finest men, passed away on December 20 at the age of 79 after a short illness. His funeral was on December 26 in the New Life Bible Church on Man-O-War with Bro. Ray Zander and Bro. Andy Albury officiating. Interment was in the Man-o-War public cemetery.



Marcell Albury

Marcell was the second child of Norman and Selina Albury of Man-O-War. He was married to Christine, or "Tenie" as she was affectionately called, for almost 57 years. He and Tenie moved to Wisconsin for several years shortly after they married to work on a dairy farm. When he returned home, he purchased a small boat to take visitors fishing and sightseeing.

When the airport opened in Marsh Harbour and had regular flights beginning in 1959, Marcell began Albury's Ferry Service to accommodate the airplane passengers. He began with an enclosed boat named the *Junonia* which he purchased from a second homeowner. Soon his brother Ritchie joined him and became a partner. The business began to expand.

Marcell was very active in community affairs and in the development of tourism on Abaco. He was instrumental in starting several businesses including Man-O-War Marina, Lighthouse Marina and Boat Harbour Marina as well as Bahamas Yachting Service which was one of the largest bareboat charters in the Caribbean. He began the Ideal Freight Service which is now Abacays/Carib Freight and Abaco Power and Light which gave the residents of Man-O-War Cay electricity before much of Abaco had power.

Marcell was a founding member of the

Rotary Club of Abaco and was active in it for many years. He was also a founding member of the Abaco Businessmen's Association which is now the Abaco Chamber of Commerce. Abaco Life, a publication which is still promoting Abaco, was begun by the Abaco Businessmen's Association under the leadership of Lindsay Scott and Marcell. He was chairman and commodore of the Abaco Regatta Syndicate which raised money to build *The Abaco*, a race boat to compete in the Georgetown, Exuma, races. That organization evolved into Regatta Time in Abaco which celebrated its 29th year last summer.

Besides being a good businessman and a civic-minded person, he was a devoted family man. Marcell and his wife first adopted Ralph, then Matthew, both of whom grew up helping with the ferry service. Tenie passed away in 2001 after a very long battle with cancer. This past summer he was very pleased to be able to attend the wedding of his oldest grandson.

Abaco is a much better place because of

the efforts of Marcell. He will be missed greatly but he has left a legacy which will live on as a tribute to him. He is an excellent example of the difference that one man can make in his community.

He is survived by sons Ralph and Matthew; daughters-in-law Donna Ann and Nancy; grandchildren Lucas, Megan, Harrison and Cameron; granddaughter-in-law Ashley; brothers Ritchie and Hilland Albury; sisters Lois and Mary Albury; brother-in-law Haziell Albury; sisters-in-law Sylvia and Kathryn Albury; and many other family members and friends.

The funeral service for **Sheen Marshall McKinney**, 34, of Crossing Rocks was held on December 19 at St. Mark's Native Baptist Church in Crossing Rocks. Rev. Mervin Roberts officiated assisted by Rev. Napoleon Roberts. Interment followed in the Crossing Rocks Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents Glen and Dorothy McKinney; brothers Gary and Shawn McKinney; sisters Merlie Wilmore, Maydon, Vernice, Wendy and Shannique McKinney; grandmother Merlene McKinney; uncles Lloyd and Morns Walker, John Jr. and Willis Bain; aunts Belean Bain, Mary and Elaine Walker, Brenda Russell, Agusta Greenslade and Hannah Coakley; nephews Gaueth, Devonte and Deshawn McKinney, Jonathan and Laneko Hardy; nieces Maesha, Destiny and Aaleujah McKinney, Ashante Hardy and Shaieka Wilmore; grandaunts, Muriel Russell, Lottie Nicholas and Elize McKinney.

The funeral service for **Samuel Roberts**, 80, formerly of Moore's Island was held in Nassau on December 18. Interment was also in Nassau.

He is survived by daughters Carolyn Roberts, Eva Roberts and Irene Fernander; sons Willard and Albert Roberts; grandchildren Latoya, Lisa, Laretha, Vanessa, Shannie, Jakiha, Lee, Perez, Tervin, Austin and Corey; great grandchildren Latisha, Lavian, Christen and Lechea; sisters Jennie Thompson and Alma Riley; brother Leland Roberts; daughter-in-law Patrice Roberts; sons-in-law Wayne Fernander and Joseph King; sisters-in-law Audrey Forbes and Alice Smith; aunt Merle Seymour; nieces: Cynthia Riley Sargent; Lenora Ferguson, Joan and Shandell Thompson, Beverley Maycock, Marinetta Young, Roselyn, Perard, Sheila and Lauren Miller, Cassandra Laramore, Diane and Jennifer Smith; nephews Anthony, Eric, Godfrey, Joseph and Stephen Riley, Reginald and Kenny Thompson, Ralph Williams, Brian and Dennis Miller, Raymond and Richard Laramore, Derek, Sidney and Robert Smith; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Keith Glen Wilson**, formerly of Spring City was held in Nassau on December 23. Interment was in Nassau.

He is survived by uncles Alpheus, Amos and Harry Saunders, Livingston Jr., Kermit and Dayne Wilson, Peter Outten, Steven Plakaris, Anthony Bastian, George McIntosh and Stanley Rolle; aunts Cetal Rolle, Rica McIntosh, Agnes Wilson, Ruth Outten, Brenda Plakaris, Joanne Wilson, Vanria Wilson, Lee Wilson Hart, Gardenia, Eva, Eleanor, and Evelyn Saunders; grand aunts Ruth Wells, Mag Jones, Sybil McKenzie; great grand aunt, Gwen King; grand uncles, Salathiel Wilson, Erskin Wells, Charles Jones; nephews, Tahja, Steven, Stevano,

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**Lloyd George Sawyer**, 81, passed away in Nassau on December 21. His funeral was held at the New Plymouth Gospel Chapel in Green Turtle Cay on December 27. Burial was in the Green Turtle Cay Public Cemetery. Bro. Alec Pinder and Bro. Gurth Roberts officiated.

He is survived by his sister Lorna Moses; brothers Marcel, Joe and Peter Sawyer; brother-in-law Rev. Vernon Moses; sisters-in-law Myrtle, Viola and Laura Sawyer; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Genevieve Bernadette Williams**, 62, of Cooper's Town was held in Nassau. Interment was in Nassau.

She is survived by her mother Joyce Thompson; sons Michael Greene and Brian Williams; daughter Lynette Williams; daughter-in-law Christine Greene; adopted daughter Jennifer Rolle; grandchildren Ahmad, Alicia and Michael Ginton Greene; adopted grandchildren Janelle Rolle and Norman Humes; brothers Joseph Fowler and Philip Thompson; sisters Jackie Fowler-Allen and Angie Fowler; brothers-in-law Stephen Allen Sr., Kenneth Williams and Sammy Saunders; sisters-in-law Carol Thompson, Deborah Williams-Turner and Patricia Williams; uncle Didymus Rolle; aunt Idell Bain; nieces Natasha and Anesha Ellis, Cachena Forbes and Amy Allen; nephews Lavardo Ellis, Stephen Allen Jr., Philip "Kenny" Thompson and Renaldo Thompson; and many other family and friends.

# Treasure Cay Residents Give Hurricane Relief

**Donation**

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Treasure Cay and hopes to reach \$100,000 in contributions. Joe Calihan, Bob Ewing and Wardy Thompson, all of Treasure Cay, organized the Foundation earlier in 2004. The objective of the Foundation is to provide an organization for sustained charitable activity in central and northern Abaco. The foundation is organized under United States law to provide tax benefits for contributors.

All funds raised are specifically for relief from the extensive hurricane damage in the area from Leisure Lee to Crown Haven. One hundred percent of the funds raised are being forwarded to the Treasure Cay Emergency Fund headed by Mr. Wardy Thompson. The fund has been long active in charitable efforts at Treasure Cay and is coordinating this relief effort as it did after Hurricane Floyd in 1999.

Mr. Jack Thompson is well known to all Abaconians as a former Commissioner for North Abaco. Prior to coming back to Abaco to coordinate in the current hurricane relief efforts, he served as Deputy High Commissioner/ Council General from the Bahamas to Canada.

In addition to stoves and refrigerators, the Fund has ordered shingles, other roofing material and lumber. It will order mattresses which will be distributed along with



Treasure Cay residents have donated funds for hurricane victims of North Abaco. These funds are supplying appliances, mattresses and other necessities to these people including those whose houses are being rebuilt by the government. They are working with Mr. Jack Thompson, who is coordinating all of government's relief efforts on Abaco. Shown here is Mr. Jack Thompson, Leanza Thompson of Mournt Hope, who is the recipient of a new house, and Ronald Murry, who is assisting in the relief efforts in North Abaco.

the building supplies to the Bahamian and Haitian residents of North Abaco who suffered damage from Hurricanes Francis and Jeanne.

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# Government Will Build 36 Houses for Abaconians

and Veronica McIntosh were in their new homes in time for Christmas.

Moore' Island, a remote fishing community, is on a slow and painful road to recovery. Fishermen lost thousands of fishing traps in the storms. The way of life is slow in this community, which has a large population of relatively young people. Many of the women stay at home taking care of domestic chores while the men go out to sea.

Jack Thompson, co-ordinator for the hurricane relief efforts on Abaco, said relief is available to fishermen who lost traps under the government's guaranteed loan scheme.

On this day residents celebrated with the new homeowners. All of the residents had

pitched in to help re-build the homes, many of them working late into the night.

The task of rebuilding was not made any easier by the fact that the island is rather remote, and that building materials had to be shipped in from the mainland. There is no local gas station and gasoline, used mainly to power boats on fishing trips, costs as much as \$5 a gallon.

Rough seas and foul weather delayed the first consignment of goods reaching Moore's Island on time, but residents simply redoubled their efforts to get the job done before Christmas.

Mr. Gibson was impressed with the speed and quality of the construction of the homes.

"I was told by the contractors that these houses would be ready before Christmas," he said. "I really didn't think that it could be done, but they were so confident I repeated it to the Prime Minister. The contractors lived up to their word, and the houses, beautiful, small wooden structures, are now ready."

Minister Griffin thanked Prime Minister Christie for responding quickly to the needs of the residents. We have in place a Prime Minister with a heart of compassion and concern for the people," she said.

After leaving Moore's Island, the Prime Minister and his delegation flew to Marsh Harbour and drove to Murphy Town to present keys to two home-owners. Ida Swain, 84, was so overwhelmed that she even did a small dance on stage. When Hurricane Floyd battered Abaco in 1999, Mrs. Swain's case was taken up by the Department of Social Services.

"Perry," she said to the Prime Minister, "I got to thank you for what you do, but I got to thank God first." Quoting a line from *Amazing Grace*, Mrs. Swain said, "Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come...it's grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me on."

Doris Calma, 76, was pleased to accept her keys from the Prime Minister. Hurricane Jeanne tore off a large portion of the roof of her old home, and it was necessary to build a new one.

Prime Minister Christie said that he had been inspired by one ideal in his 25 to 30 years in elective politics and that is service. "I believe in the kind of politics where once I am the Prime Minister and it is my government that is serving the people of the country, I believe in embracing all of the people of this country," he said.

He said many questioned the fact that he had consulted former Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, after the hurricane. He said some frowned at the fact that he and Mr. Ingraham got on a plane and toured the devastated island together. Many FNMs and PLPs could not understand it, he said.

"The hurricane hit people, and it didn't wait to find out whether you were FNM, PLP or if you're black or white or if you were Catholic or Baptist. It just happened, and that has to be the response of a government to the needs of the people of this country," he added. "But that must be the way of the governance when you are dealing with a disaster," he said.



A crowd turned out in Moore's Island to see the Prime Minister give keys to new houses.

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New Year's Wish List**

As Chief Councillor for Central Abaco this is my wish list for the new year.

1. I would like to see people stop standing at the sidelines and criticizing, but to get involved in the important things which affect Abaco.
2. I would like to see a new airport. However, a new airport will only happen if the people who live on Abaco want it to happen. Central Government does not want it to happen. Even when we sent a Member of Parliament to the highest post on our country, a new airport did not happen. People on Abaco need to take any means necessary including protesting to get Central Government to realize the seriousness and dangers of our airport without a tower and radar.
3. I would like the situation of the Mud and Pigeon Pea resolved. It is a local problem. A solution I would offer is to determine who is legally residing in this country and who is illegal. We need to make an effort to let those residing in the Mud and the Peas obtain property and be part of our Bahamian system. When an epidemic takes place in the Mud or the Peas, Central Government is not affected, but we will be.
4. I would like to have Central Government realize that Abaco Central High School has been without electricity in the classrooms since September and to resolve the situation.
5. I would like Central Government to treat Abaco with the respect and dignity it deserves.

Finally, I would like to wish all on Abaco and the rest of the persons throughout the Bahamas a very merry and hurricane-free New Year.

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## PM Predicts Abaco's Growth

During a recent visit by Prime Minister Perry Christie to Abaco on December 22 to give elderly persons keys to their new houses, he made remarks related to Abaco's present status and future expansion without giving further details.

- One hundred men have been employed and \$237,000 was spent by government on Moore's Island reconstruction.

- Abaco generates significant revenue for the Treasury and is government's third highest revenue producing region. He applauded the Abaco economy as strong and growing.

- He noted that a new development has been approved and the Heads of Agreement has only to be detailed and signed. Construction should begin within two months. He said government will announce more on this in early January.

- Mr. Christie was confident that the Winding Bay development would be an economic catalyst for Abaco, encouraging additional development. Abaco can look forward to continued growth and prosperity.

- Without detail, he said the Snake Cay situation should be taken care of by Easter.

- Mr. Christie was impressed by the strong friendship that is evident between Florida and Abaco. This is based on history, economy, second homeowners and transient visitors. This friendship has proven to be very beneficial. Abaco's friends in Florida are very loyal and supportive.

- Mr. Christie said that Administrator Revis Rolle has the challenging role of leading Abaco through the coming economic expansion.

The Prime Minister flew to Moore's Island to present keys in a ceremony to eight elderly residents of that island whose houses were either destroyed or badly damaged. Four houses were complete while four more were expected to be completed on arrival of the mail boat.

Mr. Christie then flew to Marsh Harbour for a similar presentation in Murphy Town for two elderly women. A motorcade took him to Mt. Hope for a third ceremony presenting four more keys to elderly residents.

His plane was waiting at Treasure Cay and his group returned to Nassau at sundown.

## Cost of LP Gas May Increase

By Isobel Sherman

The LPG Dealers Association in Nassau has requested a \$25 increase for 100 pounds of LP gas, the common household cylinder size. There has not been an increase in the price of a 100-pound cylinder in eight years, with the present price in Nassau being \$50 to refill a 100-pound cylinder. The Minister of Trade and Industry, Leslie Miller, denied the increase and offered a \$15 raise. The dealers rejected the offer and lowered their requested increase to \$22.

In a show of solidarity and protest the LPG dealers in Nassau closed their es-

tablishments on December 10th and vowed to remain closed until the government agreed to allow them the \$22 increase. Subsequently, the Cabinet voted for a \$15 increase. In addition, Minister Miller warned dealers that if they did not open up their business their licenses would be revoked.

Mr. Rex Lowe of Abaco Gas stated that when the price of a 100-pound cylinder is resolved in Nassau, customers on Abaco would have to add \$6 to the new Nassau price. If dealers accept the government offer, a 100-pound refill will cost \$71 at Abaco Gas.

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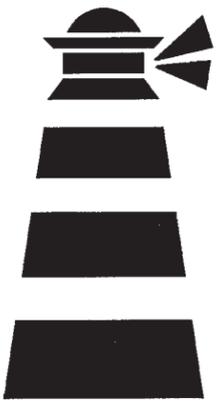
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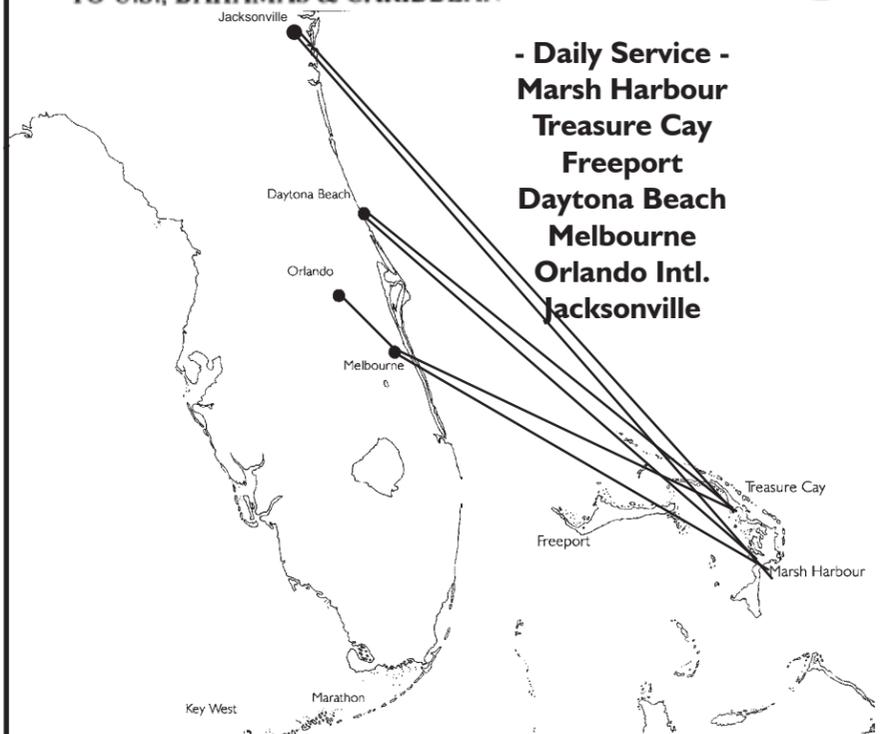
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"Therefore, the Water and Sewerage Corporation has developed a program to address the short term needs of the sewerage system and is in the process of developing a long-term plan to provide acceptable service for the future.

"I should advise that this plan will probably include private sector participation as this provides a means whereby funding can be obtained to do all that needs to be done.

"Besides upgrading the system and improving the services, the Water and Sewerage Corporation needs to provide an office for customer service and acquire the staff and resources needed to operate in this sector of Abaco.

"As there are more than 1000 customer connections in Treasure Cay water system, it will take some effort to change the meters and convert the data-base to the Corporation's system as the Water and Sewerage Corporation uses water meters that read in Imperial gallons. This work is in hand and I am advised that it will be completed by February of next year. Thereafter, the residents of Treasure Cay should expect to receive their first bills sometime in March 2005.

"To the good residents of Treasure Cay, the process is not as simple as it appears, and I ask for your continued patience if there are unforeseen snags and hold ups in the takeover and the refurbishment of the systems.

"In view of the fact that Treasure Cay has always been a thriving community, I find it most unfortunate that it has taken 32 years for this matter to be addressed, especially when one considers the numerous complaints over those years.

"I would like to thank Mr. Meister and

his staff in Treasure Cay for helping us to get to this stage. There have been many issues and disagreements but that is life and business.

"It is my hope and expectation that the Water and Sewerage Corporation moves resolutely and effectively in this new undertaking, and I will do all that I can as Minister to help them achieve the long term objectives.

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ernor, Richard McCombe, accompanied by their wives, attended a Rotary meeting at the Abaco Beach Hotel where the Governor inducted ASP Wayne Miller into the Rotary Club of Abaco and installed the Interact Club board for the coming year. Dr. Gibbs welcomed ASP Miller into the world wide organization of Rotary saying that he is a person in whom we put our trust and he will now be welcome in any Rotary fellowship throughout the entire world.

**Pilot Club Holds Christmas Carol Service**

The Pilot Club of Central Abaco hosted its fourth annual Christmas Carol Service for senior citizens on December 9th at St. Andrews Methodist Church in Dundas Town. Over 80 persons were in attendance. The President, Mr. Craig Cornish, stated that in view of the two devastating hurricanes many senior citizens were looking forward to this event since the month of September. For the club it was a challenge because most of the members were affected by the hurricane but our Project Director, Mrs. Donnaree Cornish, pushed to bring our club motto into play *True course ever*. At the service the club members sang many Christmas carols and read the Christmas story of Jesus' birth. Some of the seniors

expressed their thanks to God for sparing all our lives. Souse and other refreshments were served. Presents and gift baskets was distributed. Every year this event gets bigger and better. We thank all those who have supported us throughout the years and we look forward to our next Christmas Carol Service where Anchors and Pilots enjoy serving the senior citizens.

On December 10th the Pilot Club of Central Abaco hosted its Christmas dinner at the residence of our Treasurer, Mrs. Sharon Dorsette, in Dundas Town. Pilots and Anchors along with special guests enjoyed an evening of gourmet Bahamian dishes, Christmas carols, gifts and surprises. Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

**Fellowships**

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+ agents who have multiple cottages and houses

Area Code 242 unless listed otherwise

**Casuarina Point**

Different of Abaco 8 rm 20 cott 366-2150

**Cherokee**

Lee Pinder 3 hse + 366-2053

**Grand Cay**

Rosie's Place 352-5458

**Green Turtle Cay**

Bank Apartments 3 apts 365-4105

Bluff House 8 rm 20 cott 365-4200

Chris Plummer 3 hse 365-4648

Coco Bay Cottages 4 cott 365-5464

Green Turtle Club 34 rm 365-4271

Island Properties 34 hse + 365-4047

New Plymouth Inn 9 rm 365-4161

Ocean Blue Properties 30 + 365-4636

Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105

**Guana Cay**

Dolphin Bch Resort 4 rm 10 cott.365-5137

Coco Paradise 8 cott 365-5197

Donna Sands 12 hse + 365-5195

Guana Beach Resort 6 units 365-5133

Guana Seaside 8 rm 7 cott 365-5106

Harbour View Haven 365-5028

Ria-Mar Rentals 5 + 365-6241

Sea Shore Villas 365-5028

**Hope Town**

Abaco Inn 22 rm 366-0133

Club Soleil 6 rm 1 cott 366-0003

Crystal Villas 6 villas 321-783-4576

Elbow Cay Prop 53 hse + 366-0035

Hope T Harb Lodge 25 rm 366 0095

Hope T Hideaways 63 hse + 366-0224

Hope T Villas 3 hse + 366-0030

Lighthouse Rentals 4 cott 366-0154

Sea Gull Cottages 3 hse + 366--0266

Sea Spray Resort 5 villas 366-0065

Tanny Key 43 hse + 366-0053

Turtle Hill 4 villas 366-0557

**Lubbers Quarters**

Sea Level Cottages 4 hse 366-3121

**Man-O-War**

Island Home Rentals 8 hse+ 365-6048

Ria-mar Rentals 9 + 365-6241

Schooner's Landing 5 condos 365-6072

**Marsh Harbour area**

Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158

Abaco Real Estate 6 hse + 367-2719

Abaco Towns 32 effc 367-2227

Alesia's 3 rms 367-4460

Ambassador Inn 6 rms 367-2022

Bustick Bight Resort 8 rms 367-3980

Conch Inn 9 rms 367-4000

D's Guest House 6 rms 367-3980

Great Abaco Club 12 hse + 367-4151

Island Breezes Motel 8 rms 367-3776

Lofty Fig Villas 6 eff 367-2681

Pelican Beach Villas 6 cott 367-3600

Sunset Point Resort 8 rm 367-5333

**Moore's Island**

Moore's Is Bonefish Camp 8 rm 366-6334

**Sandy Point**

Oeisha's Resort 366-4139

Pete & Gay's Resort 14 rm 366-4119

Rickmon's Bonefishing 10 rm 366-4477

**Spanish Cay**

Spanish Cay Resort 18 rm 6 hse 365-0083

**Treasure Cay**

Bahama Beach Club 365-8500

Banyan Beach Resort 21 rm 365-8111

Island Dreams 45 hse + 365-8507

Treasure Cay Resort 95 rms 365-8801

**Walker's Cay**

Walker's Cay Resort 353-1252

**Wood Cay**

Tangelo Hotel 19 rm 3 villas 365-2222

**General for Abaco**

Listings for the entire island

Abaco Vacations + 800-633-9197

Bahamas Vacations + 800-462-2426

Abaco Bound + 242-367-5576

**Web Sites**

with general Abaco information

<http://www.abacoinet.com>

<http://www.abacoinfo.com>

<http://www.abacos.com>

<http://www.go-abacos.com>

<http://www.oii.net>

<http://www.bahamas.com>

**Abaco FSC**

A Bahamian Financial Service Corporation

**Investment Fund Administration**

- ♦ Fund Formation and Licensure
  - ♦ Articles of Association and Offering Memorandums
  - ♦ Shareholders registration, issuance and redemption of shares
    - ♦ All accounting and administration including monthly financial statements, partner statements, and NAV calculations
    - ♦ Government compliance

**Corporate Service Provider**

- ♦ International Business Companies (IBC's) incorporation and registration
  - ♦ Central Bank applications
    - ♦ Registered agent services
      - ♦ Custodial and local account administration
        - ♦ Serve as director, nominee shareholder, officer, or local agent
        - ♦ Government compliance

**Accounting and Computer Consulting**

- ♦ Dedicated to e-commerce and client communication through the internet
  - ♦ Data storage of all client documents (both hard and soft copies)
    - ♦ Monthly, quarterly, or annual preparation of financial statements
    - ♦ Bank reconciliations, Payroll, Accts Payable, and Accts Receivable

Memorial Plaza, Suite 202,  
P.O.Box AB-20763, Marsh Harbour, Abaco, The Bahamas  
Tel: 242-367-0220 Fax: 707-516-7765

Emergency Services		
Ambulance - Marsh Harbour - Trauma One		367-2911
Police - Marsh Harbour		367-2560
Fire - Marsh Harbour		367-2000
Fire - Dundas Town	367-2935 or 4935	
Fire - Hope Town	VHF Ch 16	
Fire - Green Turtle Cay	365-4133	
Fire - Man-O-War	365-6911	
BASRA Bah Air Sea Rescue Assoc - all areas	Marine VHF 16	
Hope Town 366-0500	Marsh Harbour 367-3752	
Guana Cay 365-5178	Treasure Cay 365-8749	



# Visitors' Guide

## Restaurants • Services • Transportation



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Abaco area code 242  
unless listed otherwise

Abaco Chamber of Commerce  
367-5822 • Fax 367-5823 • www.abaco-chamber.org

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

Taxi Cab Fares for one or two passengers	
Plus extra for each passenger above two	
<b>• Between Marsh Harbour Airport and:</b>	
Ferry Dock or Murphy Town to Ammons Dr	\$12 + \$3
Bristol Cellers thru A. Beach Hotel or Gov't dock thru Dundas Town	\$10 + \$3
Dove Plaza, Stop Light or Sawyer's Market	\$10 + \$2
Gov't Clinic thru Western Auto	\$6 + \$2
Gov. freight dock through Dundas Town	\$10 + \$3
Murphy Town to Shell Sta	\$14 + \$4
Pelican Shores to Frankie Russel house	\$14 + \$4
Eastern Shores to Peas & Rice house	\$14 + \$4
Beyond Russell house or Peas & Rice house	\$16 + \$5
Great Cistern	\$20 + \$5
Spring City	\$15 + \$5
Snake Cay	\$35 + \$10
Treasure Cay	\$60 + \$10
Casuarina Point	\$60 + \$10
Treasure Cay Airport or Bah Palm Shores	\$70 + \$10
Little Harbour or Cherokee	\$80 + \$10
Crossing Rocks	\$100 + \$10
Sandy Point	\$135 + \$10
<b>• Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:</b>	
Ab Beach Hotel thru Wally's & Eastern Shore	\$2 each
Jib Room	\$3 each
Golden Harvest	\$5 + \$3
Stop Light, Dove Plaza, Gov't dock	\$6 + \$3
Government Freight Dock	\$7 + \$3
Gov. Clinic, W. Auto or Nat. Insurance	\$9 + \$3
Mother Merle restaurant	\$10 + \$3
Waiting time \$20 per hour, \$10 per half hour	
Children under three - free • Uncaged pets - as people	
Luggage \$.50 each over four, Surf boards \$3.00 ea.	
<b>• Between Treasure Cay Airport and:</b> Effective July 2004	
Treasure Cay Resort	\$18 + \$5
Madeira Park	\$12 + \$4
Green Turtle Cay ferry dock	\$6 + \$4
Moxy	\$16 + \$5
Bahamas Star farm	\$20 + \$5
Sand Banks	\$22 + \$5
Joe's Creek	\$40 + \$6
Black Wood	\$16 + \$5
Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$35 + \$5
Cedar Harbour	\$50 + \$5
Wood Cay	\$55 + \$5
Mount Hope	\$60 + \$5
Fox Town	\$65 + \$5
Crown Haven	\$70 + \$5
Marsh Harbour Airport	\$70 + \$10
T Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	\$60 + \$10
T Cay Hotel to G Turtle Ferry or Blue Hole	\$14 + \$6
T Cay Hotel to Marles	\$20 + \$5
T C Hotel to Joe's Creek	\$30 + \$6
T C Hotel to Moxey	\$14 + \$5
T Cay Hotel to Banyan Bch Club	\$6 + \$3
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$70 + \$10

Abaco Marinas	
Slips Fuel Phone	
<b>Walker's Cay</b>	
Walker's Cay Marina	75 .... F .... 353-1252
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
Bluff House	45 .... F .... 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	32 .... F .... 365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15 .... 365-4531
Other Shore Club	12 .... F .... 365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	10 .... F .... 365-4033
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Treasure Cay Marina	150 .... F .... 365-8250
<b>Man-O-War</b>	
Man-O-War Marina	26 .... F .... 365-6008
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
Boat Harbour Marina	183 .... F .... 367-2736
Conch Inn	75 .... F .... 367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36 .... F .... 367-2182
Marsh Harbour Marina	52 F 367 2700
Mangoes	29 .... F .... 367-2366
Port of Call	24 .... F .... 367-2287
Abaco Yacht Haven	7 .... 367-3079
<b>Hope Town</b>	
Hope Town Marina	16 ..... 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways	..... 366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6 .... F .... 366-0154
Sea Spray	50 .... F .... 366-0065
<b>Spanish Cay</b>	
Spanish Cay Marina	75 .... F .... 365-0083
<b>Guana Cay</b>	
Orchid Bay	32 .... F .... 365-5175
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Airlines Serving Abaco	
Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is	367-2266
Air Florida - Ft. Lauderdale	367-5599
Air Sunshine - Ft. Lauderdale	367-2800
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
Bahamasair - Nassau & W. Palm Beach	367-2095
Bimini Island Air - Ft Lauderdale	954-938-8991
Calypso Air- Ft Laud & W Palm Bch	954-3594191
Continental Connection - Miami	
Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
Fla Coastal Airlines - Vero B & Ft Lauderdale	367-0179
Island Express - Ft Lauderdale	367-0169
Major's Air Service - Freeport	367-4826
Southern Air - Nassau	367-2498
Twin Air - Fort Lauderdale	365-8677
USAir - Ft. Laud and W. Palm Bch	367-2231
Vintage Props & Jets - New Smyrna B.	367-4852
Yellow Air Taxi - Ft Lauderdale	954-359-0292
Local air charters serving Bahamas & S. Florida	
Abaco Air	367-2266
Cherokee Air Charters	367-2089

Tours & Excursions	
Kayak • Abaco Outback • Marsh Harbour	367-5358
Birding • Abaco Outback • Marsh Harbour	367-5358
Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour	367-2936
Evening dinner cruise • Dive Abaco • Marsh H.	367-2787
Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope Town	366-0024
Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope Town	366-0431

### Ferry Schedule Departure times shown • Daily unless noted

Albury's Ferry Service • Ph 367-3147 or 365-6010 • VHF Ch. 16	
<b>Marsh Harbour to Hope Town</b> 20 minute trip from Crossing Beach	
7:15 (M-F) 9 am	10:30 12:15 pm 2 4 5:45
<b>Return</b> 8 am	9:45 11:30 1:30 pm 3 4 5 (M-F)
<b>Marsh Harbour to Man-O-War</b> 20 minute trip from Crossing Beach	
10:30 am	12:15 pm (M-Sat) 2:30 (M-Sat) 4 5:45
<b>Return</b> 8 am	11:30 (M-Sat) 1:30 pm 3:15 (M-Sat)
<b>Marsh Harbour to Scotland Cay &amp; Guana</b> 40 min. from Conch Inn	
‡ 6:45 am	10:30 1:30 pm 3:30 5:45 (min \$40)
<b>Return</b> 8 am	11:30 2:30 pm 4:45 pm
Fare • OneWay / Round Trip Adult \$10 / \$15 Children \$5 / \$8	
‡ Workman's special Mondays thru Fridays from Union Jack Dock	

Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16	
<b>Green Turtle Cay to Treasure Cay Airport</b>	
8 am	9 11 12:15 1:30 3 4:30
<b>Treasure Cay Airport to Green Turtle Cay</b>	
8:30 am	10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5
One way adult \$7 (Children \$3) • Round trip \$12 Extra to some destinations	

Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 VHF Ch 16	
<b>Treasure Cay to Guana Cay</b> Sunday Lv 12 & returns 4:45 p.m. \$25 RT	
<b>T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town</b> - Wed 9:30 am, return 4:30 pm \$35 RT	
<b>T Cay to Guana Cay Sunset Cruise</b> - Fr \$25 , call for time	
<b>Pinder's Ferry Service</b> Between Abaco & Grand Bahama -	
<b>Crown Haven, Abaco to McLean's Town, Grand Bah.</b> -Daily 7:00 am & 2:30 pm	
<b>McLean's Town to Crown Haven</b> - Daily 8:30 am & 4:30 pm	
Fare \$40 one way • \$80 round trip • Children half fare	
For information call Grand Bahama 353-3093 or Abaco 365-2356	
Bus between Freeport and McLean's Town • Rental automobiles at both terminals.	

Bahamas Ferries Between Nassau & Sandy Point under 4 Hr.	
Friday & Sunday Lv Nassau 3:30 pm • Lv Sandy Point 8 pm • Adults \$90 RT, \$50 OW	
Cars, trucks and cargo • Call Sandy Point 366-4119 • Marsh Harbour 367-5250 • Nassau 323-2166	
<b>Islander Express</b> - Bus between Marsh Harbour & Sandy Point -For information call 366-4444 or 457-9958	
<b>Enovahs Bus Service</b> - Hourly bus through Murphy Town, Dundas Town & Marsh Harbour to Ferry dock. Spring City early morning & late afternoon.	

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Dive Shops - Marsh Harbour	
Abaco Dive Adventures	367-2963
<b>Hope Town</b>	
Froggies	366-0431
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Treasure Divers	365-8465
Treasure Cay Adventures	365-8111
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
Brendal's Dive Center	365-4411
<b>Guana Cay</b> Dive Guana	365-5178
<b>Man-O-War</b> Dive Shop	365-6013

Bikes & Scooters • Boats • Cars & Carts	
<b>Rentals * Marsh Harbour</b>	
A & P Car Rentals	367-2655
Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910
Concept Boat Rentals	367-5570
Laysue Boat Rentals	367-4414
Pier One Boat Rentals	367-3587
Power Cat Boat Rentals	367-4620
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
Wilmac Car Rentals	367-4970 or 367-4313
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
Bay Street Rentals	477-5300 365-4070
C & D Cart Rental	365-4084
D & P Cart Rental	365-4655
Donnie's Boat Rentals	365-4119
New Plymouth Cart Rentals	365-4188 or 4149
Reef Boat Rentals	365-4145
Sea Side Carts	477-5497
T & A Cart Rentals	375-8055
<b>Guana Cay</b>	
Donna Sands Cart Rentals	365-5195
Dive Guana Boats & bikes	365-5178
<b>Man-O-War</b>	
Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	365-6059
Island Treasures Cart Rentals	365-6072
Ria-mar Golf Cart Rentals	365-6241
Water Ways Boat Rent	357-6540 & 365-6143
<b>Hope Town</b>	
Bike Shop Bicycle Rentals	366-0292
Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	366-0380
Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
Sea Spray Resort Boat Rentals	366-0065
T & N Cart Rentals	366-0069
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Alison Car Rent	365-8193
Cas's Carts	365-8771
Claridge's Cart Rentals	365-8248
Cornish Car Rentals	365-8623
JIC Boat Rentals	365-8465
Rich's Boat Rentals	365-8582
Triple J Car Rentals	365-8761
Abaco Adventures - Kayaks	365-8749



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Restaurant Guide	
Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper (Based on dinner entree range)	
‡ Provides ride from town	
+ Picnic tables & restroom only	
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
Conch Crawl	\$ 367-4444
Gino's	\$ 367-2002
Golden Grouper	\$ 367-2301
Hibiscus Cafe	\$\$ 367-2782
Hummingbird	\$\$ 367-2922
Jamie's Place	\$ 367-2880
Jib Room	\$ 367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken (lunch-5pm)	367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$ 367-2366
Pop's Place	\$ + ... 367-3796
Sapodilly's	\$\$\$ 367-3498
Sea Shells	\$ 367-4460
Snack Shack	\$ + ... 367-4005
Snappas	\$ 367-2278
Subway	367-2798
Wallys	\$\$\$ 367-2074
<b>Dundas Town</b>	
Ambassador Inn	\$ 367-2022
Mackerals	367-5932
<b>Hope Town</b>	
Abaco Inn	\$\$\$ 366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	\$ 366-0247
Club Soliel	366-0253
Harbour's Edge	\$\$ 366-0087
H T Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$ 366-0095
Munchies	\$ + ... 366-0423
Rudy's Place	\$\$\$ ‡ 366-0062
Sea Spray	\$\$ ‡ 366-0065
<b>Man-O-War</b>	
Pavilion	Closed
Hibiscus	365-6380
<b>Guana Cay</b>	
Blue Water Grill	\$\$\$ 365-5230
Guana Seaside	\$\$\$ 365-5106
Nippers	\$\$\$ 365-5143
Orchid Bay	Closed until Oct
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Florence's Cafe	\$
Coconuts	
Harbour Cafe	\$ 365-8635
Hudson's Delight	\$ 365-8648
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$ 365-8469
Touch of Class	\$\$\$ 365-8195
Traveller's Rest	365-8654
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
Bluff House	\$\$\$ 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	\$\$ 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	\$\$\$ 365-4271
Laura's Kitchen	\$\$ 365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant	\$ 365-4625
New Plymouth Inn	\$\$\$ 365-4161
Plymouth Rock Cafe	365-4234
Rooster's Rest	\$\$ 365-4066
Sundowners	365-4060
Wrecking Tree Restaurant	
Harbour Café (ferry dock)	\$ + ... 365-8635
<b>Sandy Point</b>	
Big J's	\$ 366-4020
Nancy's	
Oeishas	366-4139
Pete & Gays	\$\$\$ 366-4119
Seaside Inn	\$\$\$ 366-4120
Rickmon Bonefish Lodge	366-4477

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"Thanks for treating us like million dollar customers. It was a great experience and one we'll always be thankful for."  
Sincerely,  
Betty Woodard

Kerry Sullivan  
Kerry@damianos.com



## SUNRISE POINT

- BEST DEAL ON THE OCEAN**
- HOPE TOWN/ELBOW CAY
  - Internet Reference #1659
  - 2 bed 1 bath, 800 sq. ft.
  - Additional 800 sq. ft. closed in for expansion
  - Fully furnished
  - Ocean views
  - Great area to surf
  - 75' on the water x 210' deep
  - Excellent rental history
- \$649,000**

## HOME FOR SALE

LUBBERS QUARTERS - "Flip Flops" - Beautiful beach bungalow on 1.19 acres with dock. Sandy white beach with breathtaking sunsets. Property has lush landscaping and nature trails. Numerous improvements. \$395,000. Internet Ref. #1851

## ARIEL VIEW



- HOPE TOWN/ELBOW CAY
- Internet Ref. #1813
  - 3 bed 2 bath home
  - 2,048 sq. living space
  - Cathedral ceilings & covered verandahs
  - Central A/C
  - Ocean views/dock access
  - Landscaped
  - Fully furnished
- \$600,000**

## TILLOO CUT



- HOPE TOWN/ELBOW CAY
- Internet Ref. #1671
  - Dorros Cove Sub.
  - 3 bed 2 bath 1700 sq.' traditional island home
  - Fireplace and A/C
  - Almost 1 acre landscaped
  - Panoramic ocean view
  - Private dock slip
  - Fully furnished
- \$990,000**

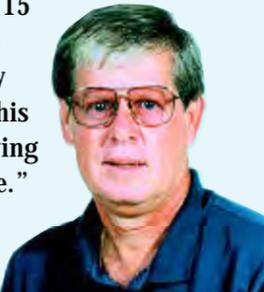
## PELICAN SHORES



- MARSH HARBOUR
- Internet Ref. #1460
  - Last large lot available in this great community
  - 200' x 255' harbour front property
  - Ideal for dockage
  - Sea and harbour views
  - Excellent building site
  - 1.17 acre
- \$750,000**

"As a resident of Abaco for 15 years I have seen its growth and the increase in property values. Take advantage of this fine opportunity while enjoying the wonderful island lifestyle."

Leslie Pinder  
leslie@damianos.com



## COCONUT COTTAGE



- HOPE TOWN/ELBOW CAY
- Internet Ref. #1429
  - Adorable Colonial style 2 bedroom 2 bath home
  - Ocean view - across the street from sandy beach
  - 1,000 sq. ft. - central a/c
  - Elevation with breeze
  - Detached garage
  - Excellent rental
- \$415,000**

"I am thrilled to be back in the real estate business, and looking forward to hearing from all my friends interested in selling or buying in this rising Abaco market."

Donna Darville  
donna@damianos.com



## LOTS FOR SALE

- BAHAMA PALM SHORES - Starting at \$16,000.
- LEISURE LEE - Canal lots \$60,000.
- CASTLE LOT - Fantastic views of Sea of Abaco! Elevated and private area! Asking \$75,000.
- DUPLEX LOT - In the heart of Marsh Harbour, 2 lots side by side! Starting at \$41,000. Motivated seller!
- CASUARINA POINT - 2 lots side by side - by boat ramp and canals. Asking \$20,000 each.
- EASTERN SHORES - Last lot remaining in area! 85 ft. beachfront. Offered for sale at \$335,000.
- ELBOW CAY - Marnie's Landing - Lot 2B, large building site with excellent view and dock slip. \$240,000. Internet Ref. #1850
- ELBOW CAY - North End - Lot #33 - Around the corner from Ocean, minutes from bayside and dock access. \$149,000. #1876

## TAHITI HAI



- DORROS COVE/ELBOW CAY
- Internet Ref. #1640
  - Dorros Cove Sub.
  - Newly renovated 4b/2b
  - Central A/C
  - Wrap around porch
  - Panoramic views
  - Separate gardener's apt.
  - 1/2 Acre & dock access
  - Near Tahiti Beach
- \$960,000**

## CHEROKEE AREA



- EXCLUSIVE**
- YELLOW WOOD
- Internet Ref. #1708
  - Near Sandy beaches
  - 2 bedrooms 1 baths
  - Great Get Away or Vacation Cottage
  - Cottage 625 sq. ft.
  - Lot 22,500 sq. ft.
  - Quiet and Peaceful community
- REDUCED TO \$120,000**

## TREASURE CAY



- TREASURE CAY
- Internet Ref. #209
  - Charming Island villa
  - 2 bedroom 2 baths
  - Living room & kitchen with breakfast bar
  - Near 3 mile sandy beach
  - Next to 18-hole golf course, marina, restaurant and bars
- \$82,000**

## BAHAMA PALM SHORES



- 20 MILES SOUTH OF MARSH HARBOUR
- Internet Ref. #1827
  - Great Community
  - Steps away from 9 mile white sandy beach
  - Immaculate 2b/2b home
  - Plus cozy 1b/1b cottage
  - Manicured gardens
  - Lot 19,500 sq. ft.
- \$225,000**



"As a full time resident of Lubbers Quarters, along with my extensive knowledge of Tiloo Cay, I am the best qualified agent for this area. Affordable prices makes this great place to live, even greater!"

Laurie Schreiner  
laurie@damianos.com

## TILLOO CAY



- EXCLUSIVE**
- TILLOO BEACH SUBDIVISION
- Internet Ref. #1836
  - Beautiful building sites with great elevation
  - Ideal docking shoreline
  - Quiet and peaceful island with no commercial development
  - Sea of Abaco views
- Starting at \$75,000

## TRADEWINDS



- LUBBERS QUARTERS
- Internet Reference #1589
  - **UNDER CONTRACT**
  - 1 bed 1 bath with dock - \$220,000
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# The Abaconian

## SECTION B



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## Hope Town's Play Benefits Orphans

### Annual Production Is Community Effort



*The Mystery of Simon Shepherd was a musical play produced by the community of Hope Town in its annual efforts to send orphans from throughout The Bahamas to summer camp. The play requires hundreds of hours making costumes, making backdrops, setting up lighting, memorizing lines, learning songs and rehearsing. The work on the production begins months earlier with many people sharing the responsibilities. Shown here are the little angels. Carrie Cash is coordinator of the production.*

A ferry packed full of enthusiastic theatre goers arrived on the upper Elbow Cay public dock on the evening of December 16th. They were there to attend a play put on by the children and adults of the St. James Methodist Church to benefit Bahamian orphans. Everyone was in the mood to experience a delightful event because, as the ferry glided into the harbour in the gathering dark, they saw the candy striped light house garlanded with streamers of glittering lights dancing in the wind as if it was a Maypole. Homes and businesses surrounding the water's edge were beautifully decorated in Christmas lights.

A short walk to the church, a scramble for seats (the church holds 150), and they were ready to immerse themselves into *The Mystery of Simon Shepherd*. As the audience waited for the play to begin, they began to feel the ambiance as they were greeted by back drops and props cleverly created to give the feeling of a court room in Bethlehem. Several members of the crew (as they call themselves) were discreetly located throughout the room ready to arrange lights and sound as needed. Videographers Corey Engle and Tito Baldwin were perched in a room on the second floor at the back of the building ready to record unfolding events for posterity.

As the cast prepared for the play to be-

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## FBO Offers Additional Services

By Jennifer Hudson

Aviation facilities on Abaco have been taken to another level with the opening on November 19th of Cherokee Aviation's Fixed Base Operation situated alongside their new terminal building. It is located at the far western end of the Marsh Harbour airport beyond the terminal. This impressive

facility, which provides a port of entry for private and corporate aircraft, also houses an office area, VIP lounges and on-site Customs and Immigration Officers. "It provides aircraft and passengers with first class facilities and the same VIP services which can

Please see **FBO**

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## Pluto Visits Every Child Counts



*Pluto thrilled the children in the Every Child Counts school on December 16. Disney staff handed out toys while Pluto hugged them, even licking their cheeks with his long red tongue. Next to Pluto is Brent Lowe, who is confined to a wheelchair.*

## Crowds Enjoyed Junior Junkanoo



*Fox Town Primary School displayed their banner at Junior Junkanoo held in Marsh Harbour on December 18. Because of two hurricanes this past fall, the Junkanoo festivities for the schools was limited to music and dancing but no costumes. The crowds appreciated the efforts that the children made.*

By Isobel Sherman

The sounds of whistles, goatskin drums, horns and cowbells filled the cool, damp air on Don MacKay Boulevard on December 18. Junior Junkanoo 2004 was rushing.

The Junior Junkanoo competition was first held on Abaco last December. Prior to this, schools on Abaco that wished to participate in Junior Junkanoo had to travel to Nassau or Freeport to compete.

Junior Junkanoo was canceled initially

for the islands of Grand Bahama and Abaco this year due to Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne. However, at the beginning of November, the Ministry of Education along with the Ministry of Sports changed that modified but there would be no costumes and no competition for prizes. Junior Junkanoo would just a display of rushing and music by the individual schools. Groups rushed

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# Capacity Audience Enjoyed Play

## HT Play

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gin, Larry Beachy was checking that everything was in place. He explained that the idea for a Christmas play was entertained six years ago by Jacque and Glynn Haines, who were the Youth Directors of the Methodist Church. They wanted a way to raise money to send orphaned Bahamian children to summer camp and get the youth of their church involved in a wholesome, seasonally related activity. The first play was an enormous success.

Now an ongoing tradition, second homeowners Larry, a retired dentist from Goshen, Indiana, and his wife Carol, returned home at the end of the summer and picked The Mystery of Simon Shepherd from a company in Indiana that spe-

cializes in selling music, plays and productions for schools and churches. Once the play was selected, three women and one man began planning to bring everything together. They were Carrie Cash and Jane Engle, the Directors; Carol Beachy, the costume designer; and Larry Beachy, set designer and prop master. Carol immersed herself on the internet to get costume design ideas, then set about to create her theatre masterpieces.

Early in October Directors Jane Engle and Carrie Cash began to assemble the company by issuing a "casting call," explaining the story line and beginning to select actors for individual roles. In all there were 42 parts including four sheep, three shepherds, eight "large" angels including the Angel Gabriel, eight "little"

angels, three astrologers and four Heart of Gold Dancers. Rehearsals began immediately three to four nights a week, with additional nights added as December 16th grew closer. Larry, who has a "to scale" version of the stage in his home, began to design the scenery and

props there.

When he was satisfied that he had caught the essence of the play, he brought the designs to the church. With help from

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A group of dancers from the play The Mystery of Simon Shepherd are shown here.



Some of the cast members are shown above. The production included children and adults, men and women, Bahamians and visitors.

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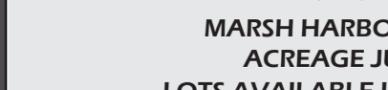
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# Hope Town play raised money for orphanage

**HT Play** *From Page 2*

resident artist Ann Corbett the framework, the walls and the props were constructed, paint put to canvas and a court-



Rev. Carla Culmer is the minister of St. James Methodist Church in Hope Town where the play *The Mystery of Simon Shepherd* was performed.

room in Olde Bethlehem began to emerge. The stage was set up the Sunday after the last church service, one week before the play was to begin. Within 24 hours all the lighting and wiring for sound was in place, thanks to Clay Wilhoyte and Craig Knowles and the help of between 12 and 15 volunteers.

The stage was ready, the audience was ready, the cast was ready, it was SHOWTIME. Simon Shepherd was missing, and it was the job of Judge Trudy played to the hilt by Shannon Thompson, to determine what happened. With wonderful songs and dialogue, superb dancing (congratulations to choreographer Jane Engle), spit second timing and excellent casting the play kept the audience on the edge of their seats, alternately roaring with laughter and sitting in spell-bound silence waiting for the next scene to reveal the mystery of the whereabouts of Simon.

Space does not allow us to mention the names of all of the cast, but Simon Shepherd played by Tristan Albury, his mother played by Rhiannon Thomas, the Bailiff played by Ashton Kemp, attorneys

Joanie Cochrane played by Jessica Joseph and Matt Hemlock by Eric Patterson, Caesar Augustus played by Dylan Thompson, Elizabeth played by Ashley Knowles, Mary played by Erica Pinder and Joseph played by Clint Russell were outstanding. The play was so good that the final curtain call produced a well deserved standing ovation for all the actors and stage hands who worked so diligently to make an evening to remember.

Mrs. Kenris Carey, President of the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church, said she enjoyed the play very much. Rev. Carla Culmer, (who was an "adult angel") explained that *The Mystery of Simon Shepherd* was an enjoyable activity for their young people and also a meaningful fund raiser. At the conclusion of the play contributions were requested and enough money was raised to

send 30 Bahamian orphans from Nassau to the Methodist Church summer camps on either Eleuthera or Andros. A second showing of the play was scheduled for December 17. The goal of the church is to raise enough money to send all orphans in The Bahamas to camp. For those who missed the play, there are plans in the works for another next Christmas. Mark your calendars now!

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# Junior Junkanoo Was Music and Rhythm but No Costumes

## Junkanoo

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from the Abaco Shopping Centre to First Caribbean Bank. Each group did two laps. Instead of costumes the groups wore T-shirts and jeans. The T-shirts said *Junior*

*Junkanoo, Abaco School District.*

The schools in South Abaco, consisting of Crossing Rocks, Sandy Point and Cherokee Sound rushed as one group as did the primary schools in the North. They were Cooper's Town Primary and Fox Town Primary. The other

primary schools that participated were Treasure Cay Primary, Central Abaco Primary and Amy Roberts Primary.

In the secondary division only one school rushed, S.C. Bootle High School. Although Abaco Central High School had been prac-

ting for three weeks, they did not rush. The musicians came, but no dancers showed up on Saturday evening. Although the crowd watching the performances was considerably smaller than last year, Junior Junkanoo 2004 on Abaco was enjoyable.



Man-O-War brought a Junkanoo group from its small school to join in the festivities at the Junior Junkanoo held in Marsh Harbour.



S.C. Bootle High School was the only high school which rushed in the Junior Junkanoo performance held on December 18 in Marsh Harbour. There were no costumes or competition this year because of the hurricanes.

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## FBO

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Now, on behalf of the Hope Town District Council, I wish to extend to each of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Let us all work together, and continue to give thanks to the Lord for bringing us through another year.

Sincerely yours,

Walter P. Sweeting  
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# Sandy Point Youth Study Wildlife on Inagua



Six students and four adults went to Inagua to study the similarities and differences in the environment and wildlife on Inagua and Abaco. This was an activity in conjunction with a summer camp program that Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey has developed for the children of Sandy Point.

By Pam Church

The Sandy Point Environmental Camp (SPEC), a community outreach effort of the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey (BMMS) based in Sandy Point executed their Great Inagua Island program from November 10 - 22. The program was comprised of a pre-trip classroom session, a four day / three night expedition and a post-trip presentation to the community. The goal of this expedition was to have the team cooperatively perform a comparative study of Great Inagua and Abaco Island, their environments, wildlife and conservation issues while exposing children and adults to a new Bahamian island through experiential education, fun and creativity. This program was fully funded by a generous grant from the Lyford Cay Foundation. This expedition was the highlight and final SPEC program for 2004.

Six children and four adults were carefully chosen to participate in the expedition. Each child had to complete one of SPEC's seven-week long summer programs; demonstrate good attendance in both field trip and classroom sessions; show a willingness to try new activities and learn about their environment; and be able to listen, follow directions and work well with others. Six of 23 kids were selected. The chaperones included Ms. Brenell Clarke, principal of the J.A. Pinder Primary School, Ms. Brenda Bain and Ms. Laurestine Fox, both mothers and camp assistants for the 2004 Basic and Advanced Camps, respectively and Ms. Pam Church, SPEC Director.

The pre-trip classroom session, held on November 10, introduced everyone to the wildlife, habitats and adventures they might experience on Inagua, including the West

of Sandy Point, and toured the government building. The group was honored to meet Sir James Nixon, the first park warden of the Inagua National Park who was, in great part, responsible for the preservation of the West Indian flamingo. Children and adults excitedly explored the Inagua National Park, Union Creek Reserve and snorkeled local coral reefs. The kids saw West Indian

flamingoes feeding, resting and flying, saw Bahama parrots resting in the trees in town, enjoyed the wild donkeys roaming everywhere and searched for conch in the sea grass beds. The weather and conditions did not permit the group to see any turtles.

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One of the places the Sandy Point group visited on Inagua was the Morton Salt operation. They are standing by one of the salt pans.

Indian flamingo, green turtle, Morton's salt making process and the Bahama parrot with a slide show and games.

The expedition took place on November 12 to November 15 and involved a wide diversity of environmental, historical and cultural experiences.

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# Sports News

## Abaco Youth in Action

By Isobel Sherman

Once again the teams of Abaco Youth in Action were victorious over teams on Grand Bahama. Last year the boys' teams in basketball and baseball traveled to Grand Bahama to participate in tournaments and came home winners. This year on December 17 an A and B team consisting of boys ages 15 and under traveled to Grand Bahama to participate in a soccer tournament. They have been practicing under the watchful eyes of Coach Patrice Charles every Saturday for over a month. According to Mrs. Elva Davis, who along with her husband Mr. Lynden Davis, began Abaco Youth in Action last year, both teams played extremely well. In her words: "We killed Freeport."

The first game was held on December 17th. The Grand Bahama Soccer All Stars were defeated by the Abaco Youth in Action A team 3-2. On December 18 games were played all day. These games were called "9 a side" since 9 players were on each team or side. Once again both A and B teams of Abaco Youth in Action dominated and took all of the games.

On Saturday evening once again the Abaco Youth in Action A team went up against the Grand Bahama All Stars. This time in Mrs. Davis' words, "Abaco destroyed the Grand Bahama team." The score was a resounding 3-0.

Mrs. Davis gave credit to the coaching of Coach Charles, who was unable to travel to Grand Bahama; but the boys carried out the skills they learned from Coach Charles to perfection.

## S.C. Bootle Sports

By Jim Richards

It was a victorious win! The S.C. Bootle High School Dynamic Dolphins Boys Soccer Team defeated the Marlins of Abaco Central High School in a thrilling soccer match for the championship. S.C. Bootle's own Wesley Dermesthene scored two goals, standing up to the meaning of the word dynamic. The Captain, Nelson Joseph, also played exceptionally well. The school is also proud of the girls team which placed second. A special thanks goes to our coaches, Mr. Scott and Mr. Jose. We are expecting big

things from these teams in the year to come!

## Abaco School Soccer

By Isobel Sherman

The first Abaco School Sports Association Championship Soccer games for both boys and girls were held on December 15. The Girls Soccer Team of Abaco Central High School played the girls' team from S.C. Bootle High School from Cooper's Town. The game was held in Treasure Cay. The Abaco Central girls won 3-0. This brought to a close the high school soccer season which involved competition between St. Frances de Sales School, S.C. Bootle and Abaco Central.

On the next day the boys' soccer team of Abaco Central played the team from S.C. Bootle for the Boys Soccer Championship. The Abaco Central boys won

the right to the championship game after St. Frances de Sales forfeited their play-off game. The championship was won by S.C. Bootle with a score of 3-0. The coach of both S.C. Bootle teams was Agricultural Science teacher M. Scott and the coach of both Abaco Central High teams was physical education teacher, P. Charles.

## Body Building

The 2004 N/P.C. South Florida bodybuilding championships was held on November 27 in Hialeah, Florida.

Veteran bodybuilder Arthur Elden was the winner of the masters over 60 heavy-weight division and went on to win the masters over 60 overall title.

This was the last competition for the year and Arthur's 47th year in the sport of bodybuilding.



Boys' soccer team of S.C. Bootle High School won the Abaco championship this year.



Girls' soccer team of S.C. Bootle High School did very well in the Abaco championship games coming in second.

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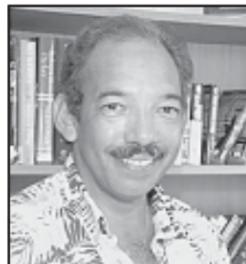
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# School News

## Forest Heights Holidays Arrive at Forest Heights Academy

It is again that time of year when we should stop and appreciate all that is important in our lives. Realizing how lucky they are, the Forest Heights students began the holiday season collecting canned goods and toys for distribution through the Ro-

tary Club and Toys for Tots. Then to add to the spirit, each class decorated its door in the spirit of Christmas. The winners of this competition were 7th grade in the Lower School and 11th grade in the Upper.

Meanwhile, 7th and 8th graders have been competing to represent Forest Heights in the District Spelling Bee. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively are Stevie McComb, Kheerson Simmons and Kristen



The Forst Heights choir with over 70 students entertained students and parents at the school's annual Christmas program on December 17.



Grades 1-3 students of Agape Christian School performed in song for parents and friends during their annual Christmas program held December 9th at the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel. They heralded the season with many of the all time favourite songs. The stage was beautifully decorated with a manger scene and red poinsettia plants. The K3-K5 classes at the school held their Christmas program on December 2nd.

Hoard. These three will begin preparing for the January event with the winner of Abaco's Spelling Bee going to Nassau in March. Good luck to all!

Other honors went to 7th grader Melissa Albury and 10th grader Shakia Deveaux, who were chosen as Lower and Upper School Students of the Month. As always they received pins and coveted Free Dress Vouchers and the respect of all. Congratulations to you both!

Of course, Christmas would not be com-

plete without the annual Christmas sing which was held on the morning of December 17th. The choir, consisting of over 70 students, directed by Mrs. Renee Hoard and accompanied by Mrs. Kathy Warren, entertained the rest of the school and family members. The morning began with the choir singing several traditional Christmas medleys with a lovely song *Light a Candle* setting the stage for Pastor David Hoard of

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# More School News

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Man-O-War as he delivered a Christmas message *To Light a Candle in a Dark World* and always be an "encourager."

Then the tone changed and the rest of the morning was just great Christmas fun as the choir sang many children's favorites. Principal Paul Vernall wished all a heartfelt Merry Christmas as he dismissed them for the holidays. So may you all enjoy this wonderful time of the year as we look forward to the beginning of another productive new year when we reopen on January 3rd, 2005.

### Christmas Program

By Mirella Santillo

*Light a candle for you and me . . .*

So says the Christmas song. It was also the theme for Pastor Dave Hoard's speech to the students and parents assembled for the Forest Heights Academy's Christmas party on December 16, 2004.

There was a festive atmosphere among the students, but also a serious one as Pas-

tor Dave reminded the people present that Christmas could trigger depression and self-doubt. It is a time of the year when we feel loneliness the most and need to be reminded that we are loved. Therefore, we should take the time to remember a friend, a family member, someone needy or grieving in the community. A word of concern, a smile, a caring action will go a long way and bring light to someone. "Let's light a candle for as many people as we can during this Christmas season," said Pastor Dave Hoard.

On a lighter note, he rewrote a parody of *T'was the night before Christmas*, humoring the Forest Heights students.

The opening songs and speech were followed by more songs and play-acting performed by the choir directed by Mrs. Hoard and a solo sung by Tonya Patterson. For the students the highlight of the morning was when a teacher dressed up as Santa and the Principal as Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer.

The party was enjoyed by students, not only the performers and the choir, but also



Mrs. Kathleen Knowles, founder of Heal Our Land, distributed Christmas presents to all the students of the Every Child Counts Learning Center on December 13th. Helping with the distribution were Pastor Lewis and Mrs. Cleola Cooper, Manager of Scotiabank. The children did not mind Santa Claus not making an appearance to hand out the gifts himself but were very excited to receive their special packages. Pastor Lewis reminded the kids that Christmas was not only a time of giving gifts but more importantly about God's gift to us. The teachers were encouraged to never give up but continue in their good work by Mrs. Knowles. The children gave thanks for their gifts and the gift of life.

the spectators. Teachers and parents were in great spirits as well.

### Abaco Central High Annual Candlelight Carol Service

By Isobel Sherman

Abaco Central High School held its an-

nual Candlelight Christmas Carol Service on December 14 at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Dundas Town. Playing the organ this year was Mr. Geoffrey Sturup, organist from Trinity Methodist Church in Nassau. The lessons were read by Senior

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Grade 1 students at Central Abaco Primary entertained all in song at Awards Day ceremony held December 17th. The awards were for the 2003-2004 school year.

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**Travel Magazine Brags on Abaco**

Conde Nast, an premium travel magazine, recently had an article on six desirable destinations for a second home in the Americas. They began the article with this question. "Should a second home satisfy an urge for far-flung adventure or enhance your portfolio's growth potential?" The first destination the article listed was Abaco. The author reported that it was one place where a house could enrich their readers' lives and increase their nest egg.

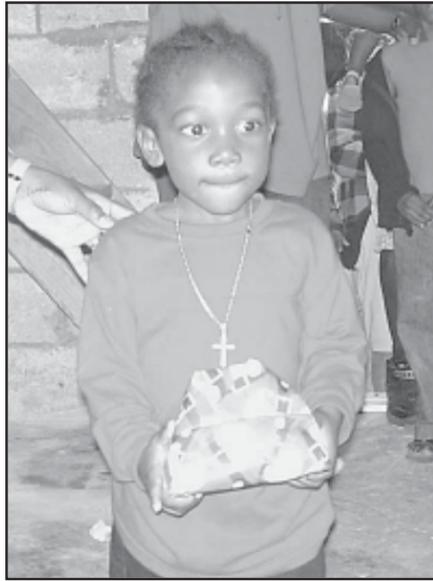
The description of Abaco follows. With tropical beaches, protected waters and brightly painted seaside villages that feel more like Nantucket than Nassau, the Abaco Islands have long been the secret spot of sailors, fly fishermen and divers. Today this means low density land and housing inventory at prices lower than in Nassau or even Florida. Broker James Moir says that on Abaco, you can easily find a three-bedroom beach house for a million dollars; closer to Lyford Cay, you

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# Gifts Came Early for These Children

Change Ministries of Marsh Harbour held its annual Christmas party for the children of Central Abaco. The church, under the leadership of Pastor Samuel Cornish, now meets in the warehouse previously used by Abaco Water. The party was held there. Besides plenty of food, they gave out gifts to all the children.

Bicycles and computers were awarded children making three consecutive basketball hoops. Approximately 1000 toys were give to the children. After giving every child in attendane a gift, many toys were left over. The church officials drove through Dundas Town, Murphy Town and the Mud giving out toys until the supply was exhausted. Six hundred hamburgers and 200 hot dogs were served to the adults and children attending the pre-Christmas gathering.



*This youngster received one of the 1000 gifts given out by Change Ministries.*



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# A Student Helping Others . . . One of a Series

By Jennifer Hudson

Eric Mernard is a 13-year-old student at the Every Child Counts School, who gives up his lunch hour to bring joy to others. Eric is assisting the Rotary Club of Abaco with its annual Christmas bell ringing programme. I met Eric on December 10th standing outside Solomon's SuperCenter alongside his teacher Rotarian Marsden Lawley with his bells and collecting bucket. Although he had only just arrived on duty for his turn, he already had money in his bucket. This is Eric's first year ringing bells for Rotary but this was already his fourth time on duty and he will happily do it again. "He was eager to volunteer for this task and works hard to get his schoolwork finished on time so that he can do the bell ringing," said Mr. Lawley.



Eric Mernard gave up his daily lunch hour before Christmas to help others. He assisted Rotarian Marsden Lawley in collecting funds for the Rotary Club to be used to help needy people with their Christmas dinner. He is shown here outside Solomon's SuperCenter.

Eric said that although he sometimes feels a little embarrassed at ringing the bells, he is happy to do it because he knows that he is making a lot of money for the Rotary Club.

The money collected each year by the Rotary bell ringers who stand outside the various grocery stores at designated times goes toward providing gift boxes of food items at Christmas to the needy all the way

from Crown Haven to Sandy Point. Last year Rotary was able to provide Christmas cheer to approximately 100 people. This year the club has raised its goals even higher and set its sights on providing packages and bringing joy to 150 people.

Rotary has received donations of food-

stuffs toward this goal from various merchants in town and from students of Forest Heights Academy as a result of their Thanksgiving food drive.

Thanks to kindhearted Eric and the other volunteers and donors, many needy people will have a much happier Christmas.

## Weight Watcher Franchiser Visits

By Isobel Sherman

Mrs. Lydia Ferguson, owner of the Weight Watchers franchise for The Bahamas, visited the Marsh Harbour Weight Watchers on December 2. She spoke to the group and entertained questions. The Marsh Harbour group has well over 100 members and the concern was the amount of time each week to weigh in. That problem may be solved by having two meetings on Thursday. She was impressed by the number of members and the energy of the leader Giar Williams. She encouraged all members to keep on track and cited the obesity problem in the world and how weight watchers was a way to lose weight sensibly and keep it off.

At the meeting of November 25 the Marsh Harbour group set a new personal record of weight lost in one week of 86 and 3/4 pounds.

Weight Watchers meets each Thursday evening at 5:30 at the Anglican Parish Hall. Another group meets Thursdays at the clinic in Man-O-War.

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# Realtors Hear From BREA Chairman

Thirty-three members of the Abaco Chapter of the Bahamas Real Estate Association met for the first time since last March for a special December 15th Christmas luncheon at the Jib Room at Marsh Harbour Marina. Joined by Mr. Pat Strachan, President of the Bahamas Real Estate Association based in Nassau, they were there to socialize, to welcome new members and to discuss serious business. Mr. Stafford Symonette led with a prayer and Abaco Chapter President Brent Cartwright welcomed Mr. Strachan and all members and guests. Lively discussion surrounded several issues including that of unlicensed brokers who resell property for developers, unlicensed foreign agents coming into The Bahamas and selling real estate, real estate appraisers who are willing to give a low appraisal in order to gain a bank's business and "rogue" lawyers who sell real estate.

As each issue was raised to Mr. Strachan, his reply was the same, "Put your complaint in writing, send it to me, and we will investigate." He was aware of many of these issues and that any foreign agent from the United States attempting to sell real estate in The Bahamas can have his license to do business in the States revoked by the Department of Professional Regulations there.

He further said that the Bahamas Real Estate Association exists to provide mem-

bers with ways to improve themselves professionally, mentioning upcoming seminars that will allow realtors to obtain a broker's license. He urged all members to obtain a code of ethics that he encouraged members to abide by. Attending a trade seminar was suggested which is scheduled for February 2006 in Palm Beach hosted by the Palm Beach Association of Realtors.

The Bahamas Real Estate Association's Abaco Chapter will be hosting additional meetings in the new year. Interested parties are welcome to contact Brent Cartwright at Aisle of Palms Realty.



Mr. Pat Strachan, BREA Chairman

## Albury's Ferry Notice

The Abaconian regrets that the Albury's Ferry Notice in December 15 issue was not correct. Please refer to the correct Notice in the December 1 issue.

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## School

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Administrator Revis Rolle, Principal Euthal Green, teachers and students. The handbell choir of Abaco Central High School performed and other students offered instrumental selections.

In his brief remarks Administrator Rolle said it was important to keep Christ in Christmas and always remember that Jesus Christ is the reason for the season. Mr. Green, Mrs. Nadene Beneby, and Mr. Ken Roberts led the ceremony of the lighting of the candles.

## Central Abaco Primary

### Awards' Day Held at School

By Portia Jonsson

On December 17 the teachers and staff at Central Abaco Primary recognized the students in grades 1 through 5 during an Awards' Day ceremony for having excelled throughout the past school year 2003/2004.

Awards were given for Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll and Principal's List. More than 10 students made the Principal's List and over 130 were named on the Honor Roll. They were rewarded with certificates and trophies for their hard work.

Mrs. Eunice Mills, school principal, told the recipients that they have worked hard during the last school year. She further advised the others that getting an award is entirely up to them. She added that the day's ceremony highlights the good things.

Vice-principal Beatrice Moxey brought brief remarks saying that the students were reaping the awards for their hard work. She encouraged them to study hard and they will be rewarded.

The students entertained all in song, dance and recital.

We all want our children to do well in school. While there are numerous factors affecting their success that we have little or no control over, there are many ways in which parents can be a positive influence. Research studies consistently reveal that high student achievement and self-esteem are closely related to positive parental participation in education. Parents and schools need to work together so all children can succeed in school.



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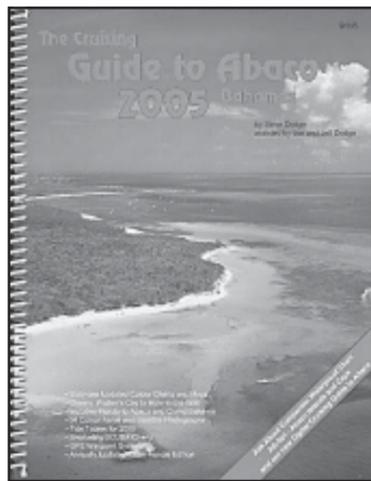
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During the lunch hour at Sapodilly's Restaurant and Bar on December 8th patrons not only enjoyed their meal but were treated to a lively and colourful fashion show by local models showcasing the latest styles from three of the leading boutiques in town: Wrackers, Island Girl Boutique and Adam & Eve. Featured were casual, resort and elegant wear, as well as children's clothing. Wrackers models included Nickie and Carol; Island Girl models: Kelly and Raven; and Adam & Eve models: Layna, Aurora, Tanner, Kristi and Maria.

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## Inagua

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The kids performed a comparative vegetation survey in the Inagua National Park and identified fish at the coral reef. The group toured the Morton Salt plant, the Matthewtown Lighthouse Station, the local museum, library and Administration building. The group attended a benefit concert at the Methodist Church and the All-Age School assembly where the SPEC programs and mission were introduced. Mario Sawyer and Tonkia Russell described their learning and experiences on Inagua and throughout their SPEC camps. Throughout the trip the group was challenged each day to cooperatively answer a set of questions about the environmental and conservation lessons of that day. In addition, they were asked to write about their favorite moments of that day.

On November 22 the final Inagua Expedition slide show and presentation was held at the Sandy Point Anglican Church Hall.

Over 40 kids, parents and friends had a glimpse into the trip with a short slide show and were impressed as each child presented the similarities and differences between the two islands. But the highlight of the evening was listening and watching the smiles on the kids and chaperones faces as they retold their favorite moments. Some favorite moments included climbing to the top of the lighthouse, singing and dancing to *Peel Banana*, seeing flamingos, hiding "Mr. Muffin," favorite stuffed bear, and having lots and lots of pillow fights! Overall, the trip was a great way to spark learning and personal growth in the children and adults and was an experience that will last a lifetime.

SPEC and BMMS would like to thank Lyford Cay Foundation for its support which made the 2004 SPEC programs a success. For additional information on the Great Inagua Island expedition or future SPEC environmental educational programs, please contact BMMS Project Director, Diane Claridge, via email at [bmms@oii.net](mailto:bmms@oii.net).

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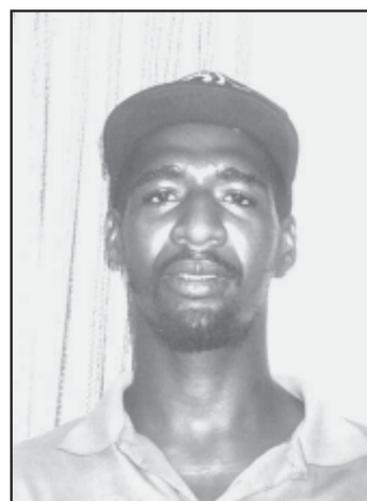
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At a time of the year when we like to embellish our homes with outside colors, we should be aware that some of the most colorful plants can be poisonous.

Possibly the most popular Christmas plant is the poinsettia. Its vivid red or white leaves (called bracts) are synonymous with Christmas. Fortunately, the commercially cultivated varieties contain very little poisonous chemicals. As a result, people and animals react inconsistently with this plant. Contact with the sap from a freshly cut stem can cause irritation or blistering of the skin in some individuals and severe inflammation of the

eyes. Eating it has been known to cause inflammation of the mouth and throat and irritation of the gastrointestinal tract. People sometimes suffer delayed reactions from contact with the plant hours or even days later.

It is recommended that sap should be washed immediately from the skin with water and soap. Eyes should be flushed abundantly with water, and vomiting induced if taken internally if vomiting has not yet occurred.

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The second winning ticket, also drawn by Officer Rolle, was for a lot in Tall Pines Estates. The winner was Mrs. Gay Albury of Marsh Harbour. She is shown here on the right with Mrs. Rochelle Lightbourn and Officer Rolle. Customers earn Preferred Perks points through purchases. For every 500 points the customer qualifies for a raffle ticket. Price Right has had a drawing several times yearly for major items such as a car, piece of property or cruise.

## A Summary of Common License Renewals Required

The following licenses expire December 31 of each year and must be individually renewed. Invoices, statements and friendly reminders are not issued, and it is up to each license holder to take the necessary steps to be in compliance. Licenses are required for:

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ALL Captains and Crew members of any commercial crafts (i.e. ferry boats, dive boats, bonefish boats and cargo boats) must be S.T.C.W. certified by January 1st, 2005. You and your employees have the option of taking this course on Abaco.

The Training Division of the Royal Bahamas Defense Force will commence the S.T.C.W. training on Abaco on October 11th, 2004.

For further information regarding cost, time and location, contact the Port Department at 367-0038 or 367-2934.

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would have to pay more than \$2.5 million. Nonetheless, paces are rising: The range for beachfront homes last year was \$300,000 to \$2 million; in the first six months of this year, it inched up to \$500,000 to \$3 million. But residents, brokers and tour operators aren't hoping for another Nassau. There is strong

local commitment to sustainable growth through ecotourism, beach and historic-building preservation and low impact development.

Guana Cay was suggested as the developing hot spot. Winding Bay and Schooner Bay were mentioned favorably.

**Red Cross Will Open Office**

By Isobel Sherman

The Abaco Chapter of the Bahamas Red Cross now has a brand-new office. According to Barbara Johnson, group leader of the Abaco Chapter of the Bahamas Red Cross, the office is located next to Com-

puter Creations where the Beacon Book Shop was located. The office will be used for the monthly meetings of the Abaco Chapter. A schedule of office hours will be announced at a later date.

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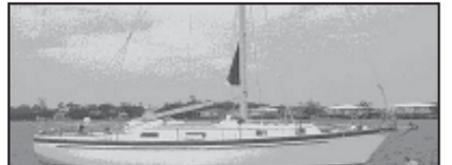
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- ★ **Marsh Harbour** - Eastern Shores "Endless Summer"- 4 bedroom, 3 bath - 2,700 sq.ft. Home. Private Dock with boat lift on the Sea of Abaco. Some of the most Fabulous Panoramic Views in Abaco. Across the road from Beach. fully Furnished. #AB118 - **\$1,500,000.**
- ★ **Marsh Harbour** - "Lightbourn" - Commercial - Almost 2 Acres - Prime Queen Elizabeth Drive Location, near stoplight - 3,600 sq.ft. Store or warehouse. # AB - AB99 - **\$1,400,000.**
- ★ **Marsh Harbour** - "Blueberry Hill" - Charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 970 sq.ft. residence with 2 rental cottages. 2 bedroom, 1 bath and 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Centrally located but good privacy. Fully Furnished. Swimming Pool. Great Income Producer. # AB115 **\$347,000.**
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"Blueberry Hill"

**Great Guana Cay** - Colonial plantation style 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 Bath 3,900 sq.ft. home 450 sq.ft. dock house with screened porch. On an extremely private 3/4 acre point. 170' of deep water frontage with dock. Mature native landscaping Superb Sea of Abaco Views. #AB125 **\$1,380,000**



"Point of View"

**Elbow Cay** - Dorros Cove - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,500 sq.ft residence with 2 bedroom, 1 bath - 1,100 sq.ft guest house. Southeastern point of island. Swimming Pool - Private boat slip. Superb ocean and cay views. Furnished - # AB112- **NEW PRICE \$1,970,000.**



"Surfside"

**Great Guana Cay** - Dolphin Beach Estates 5 Bedroom, 3 bath home - set on over 1/2 Acre with 100' of Beach-front. Open decks for fabulous ocean views, elevation for Sea of Abaco Views. Fully furnished and equipped. #AB123 **\$1,379,000**



"Carrington Cay"

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### Great Guana Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay and North Abaco

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- ★ **Treasure Cay** - Treasure Cay Drive - "Steiner House" - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath - 2,200 sq.ft. home on two levels - upper level deck - almost 1/2 Acre - Good Sea of Abaco Views. Short stroll to beach. Great family home. fully Furnished. #AB116 - **\$925,000.**
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## ☆ VACANT LAND ☆

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- ☆ #41 - 7,070 sq.ft. - AB5156 - Good Elevation - Sea View - **\$360,000.**
- ☆ #45 - 6,968 sq.ft. - AB5066 - Good Elevation - Sea View - **UNDER CONTRACT**
- ☆ **Cabbage Cove** - 1/3 Acre - Sea of Abaco Beachfront Building Sites - Mid-way between Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay - # AB5142 - **\$118,000.**
- ☆ **Great Guana Cay** - 5.9 Beautiful sea-to-sea acres- South end of Great Guana Cay 395' of Ocean frontage. 160' of Sea of Abaco frontage. 245' of semi-private boat basin frontage. Good elevations for fabulous ocean and sea views #AB5176 - **\$2,950,000.**
- ☆ **Green Turtle Cay** - Coco Bay Area - "Madera Hill" - 1.497 Acres - 312' x 209' - Waterfront access super views. # AB5143 - **\$395,000.**
- ☆ **Green Turtle Cay** - "Coco Sound" - 28 prime residential building sites - between Coco Bay and White Sound from 1/4 - 1/2 acre # AB5090 - from: **\$59,000.**
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"B-Team"

**Treasure Cay** - Galleon Bay - 4 Bedroom, 3 bath, 4,000 sq.ft. canal-front home with 1,280 sq.ft. of open and covered decks situated over 3/4 acre. 48' lay-along private dock. Beautifully furnished with great Sea of Abaco views. #AB124 - **\$1,395,000.**



"Final Approach"

**Treasure Cay** - Brigantine Bay - 6 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath - 5,500 sq.ft. Canal-front home on two levels - 100' Dock with 6' depth, Four car garage. Great family home or Corporate retreat. fully and tastefully Furnished. #AB120 - **\$2,290,000.**