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Two perish in New Year's Eve fire



Above: over 70 houses burned in the shanty village known as the Pigeon Pea on New Year's Eve. The fire resulted in hundreds homeless and two dead. Firefighters from Marsh Harbour, Treasure Cay and Bahama Palm Shores responded to extinguish the flame. However, the congested nature of the shanty town made it impossible for the fire engines to reach the interior, resulting in a prolonged night of fire-fighting. Photo by David Rees. See page 2.

Four Abaco students selected as Youth Ambassadors in Leadership Program



Above: The U.S. Embassy's Youth Ambassadors Kandise Kelly and Catalina Albury, of Forest Heights Academy, Berthony McDermott from S.C. Bootle High School, Conrad Cornish of Abaco Central High School and Ministry of Education representative Kimberly Rahming, meet with U.S. Chargé d'Affaires John Dinkelman, Public Affairs Officer Neda Brown and Education and Cultural Specialist, Myra McPhee at the U.S. Embassy. For the full story about these students' honour see Section B Page 2.

Airport opening delayed again

By Timothy Roberts

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Urban Renewal, Philip Brave Davis said that "certain delays" are causing the government to put off again the opening of the Marsh Harbour International Airport Terminal until "some other issues" are addressed.

The new Marsh Harbour international airport terminal will not open this month as expected and Mr. Davis noted that a technical team from the Ministry of Works came to Abaco to assess the airport's deficiencies and expects a report within a week.

"They thought they had everything under control when I first announced that it would be done in January, but I'm now advised because of certain delays that they have to put it off again because there are some other issues that have to be addressed," Mr. Davis said. "They have not specifically said design flaws, but some re-designs have to be done to meet what I call airport requirements."

He said he would be able to give a definitive date for the airport's opening after the technical team briefs him.

Mr. Davis could not say how much the delay would cost government but noted that the project's contingency fund is near-

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Fire Dept. "pushed to its limits" battling Pigeon Pea blaze

By Timothy Roberts

With mere hours left in 2013, tragically struck the migrant village known as the Pigeon Pea destroying a large number of shanty homes, leaving hundreds homeless

and a mother and child dead as the New Year rolled in.

Volunteer firefighters from Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue (MH-VFR), Treasure Cay's Abaco Crash Fire and Rescue and Bahama Palm Shores' Fire Department took part in a six hour fight against an enormous blaze which destroyed the southern portion of the extremely congested community.

Danny Sawyer, fire chief of MHVFR, said the fire fighters were challenged with



Above: people view the fire in the Pigeon Pea from atop their roofs. During the fire about 70 houses burned leaving more than 250 homeless overnight. During a visit the next day from the Deputy Prime Minister, Philip Davis, he said a Minister of Works official had been appointed to prevent unsafe rebuilding in the area. The improper construction, he said, acted like a "trap." Fire engines were not able to make it through the roads to extinguish some fires.



Above: Minister of Works and Deputy Prime Minister Philip 'Brave' Davis visited the scene of the fire the morning after. DPM Davis (white shirt, foreground) said the government will assist, and will also ensure residents "help themselves" by preventing rebuilding in such unsafe conditions.

accessing the area due to narrow entrances lined with cars and residents moving in and out seeking to save their possessions from the fire. He added that the capabilities of the fire department was pushed to its limits with personnel and equipment as this fire represented a worst-case scenario.

Mr. Sawyer said that assistance was called in from Treasure Cay and Bahama Palm Shores' fire departments and their assistance was what helped turn the tide in finally bringing the fire under control.

"We are grateful today for those

department's help, they certainly made a difference. We are also thankful for those who brought us water and helped in other ways."

While the cause of the fire is still being investigated it is believed to have started in the home where mother and son, believed to be Darlene Jacobs and one-year-old Dornel Jacobs Jr., both perished.

Preliminary numbers suggest as many as 70 homes, possibly more, were de-

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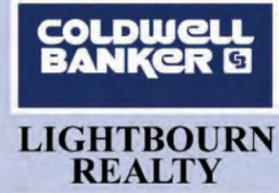


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Former resident leads drive to assist fire victims

By Timothy Roberts

After a New Years' fire in the shanty town known as the Pigeon Peas destroyed over 70 homes a former resident comes to their aid bringing relief to victims with the assistance of community members and churches.

On January 5, 2014, Mack Altidor brought to the victims of the Pigeon Peas fire numerous items to bring relief, including food, clothing, school items and more.

Mr. Altidor said when he thought about all the families affected, including some of his own, and after hearing the statement from the Deputy Prime Minister, Philip 'Brave' Davis who said "We want to help them but they must first help themselves" he felt compelled to help.

this was not a Haitian issue, it was not a Bahamian issue; it was simply a humanitarian issue."

"I honestly agreed with him. So I decided to donate my salary for the month of December," he said.

His family lost their home and all of their personal belongings in the fire and the mother and son who per-

ished in the fire were his cousins.

He said on January 1 he was able to find a house in Central Pines for his parents and helped them get some of basic amenities that they needed, "but I felt a need to not only do for my immediate family but also do something to help the kids and others in my community who were also affected."

He sought help from friends in the community and formed the Pigeon Peas Disaster Relief Committee which is now the Abaco Humanitarian Association.

"We went out and bought basic necessities and food items for the people and sought the help of others in the community and the help and feedback that we received from the people here in Abaco and The Bahamas at large was nothing short of what I was expecting," Mr. Altidor said.

"The people showed me that this was not a Haitian issue, it was not a Bahamian issue; it was simply a humanitarian issue."

He said he was overwhelmed by the support and added that he is proud to be an Abaconian, as not only did the churches in Abaco, but the people of Abaco showed up and are still showing up at designated drop-off locations and asking "How can we help".

He said Pastor Samuel Cornish "simply showed me what it means to be a leader and has been the spiritual father that I've always known him to be. He's been there for me since 2003 when I was trying to get in school and I will forever be grateful to the Change Ministries International family."

He said the Abaco Christian Council and other organizations also supported



and are working continuously around the clock, and "I think that we as Abaconians should be very proud of the way we came together."

They distributed food items, school uniforms, school shoes and supplies, clothing, and boy's haircuts and much more. "We were able to feed more than 200 persons, bought school uniforms, shoes, boy's haircuts for school and school supplies for more than 75 boys and girls.

"We are still seeking the help of the public in assisting us with some bedding for those that are still displaced and sleeping on the floor of a friend's home or in many cases homeless," he said.

He said that everyone who were displaced and knew of the aid being provided came out to get some assistance and were "very grateful and encouraging." He said "the people whose homes were not affected have also been helpful in allowing other friends and strangers to stay in their homes for the short time."

Mr. Altidor said that going forward the needs of the people range from basic necessities to long term relocation. He noted that The Abaco Humanitarian Association/Pigeon Peas Disaster Relief Committee are in communication with the government in reference to finding suitable housing going forward.

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ly used up.

According to a Nassau Guardian report, Director of Works John Canton said that the airport terminal may now open sometime in February; however, the date was not set in stone.

According to Minister of Transport and Aviation Glenys Hanna-Martin, her ministry has completed its tasks to get the airport ready for operation and has approved hiring.

"I know that from my side we have done our interviews for engagement of security and surveillance officers, etc., and the equipment has been installed and there has been training, but the actual construction is [up to] the Ministry of Works," she said.

"They have not specifically said design flaws, but some redesigns have to be done to meet what I call airport requirements."

The urgent need to open this new terminal is compounded by the profound inadequacy of the current terminal and the gross inconvenience to passengers using that ter-

minal," she said in the House of Assembly.

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

He said, "The challenge they have at the moment is relocating the generator and the energy system for the lighting of the airport which is now going to be placed in the [control] tower, which was not part of the original plan."

On January 13, 2014 James Edgecombe, Partner in FES Construction, said that the work that remains to be done entails relocating the generator and energy system for the runway lighting to the control tower and the final paving of the tarmac in front of the terminal building. He said the interior works were "minor cosmetic" adjustments.

In May 27, 2013 Mr. Davis announced that the revised terminal (not inclusive of the new freight building and runway extension) will cost \$30.8 million and the completion date for the revision was set for August 2013.

In July 5, 2013 Mr. Davis said they are completing the "punch list" and gave an eight week timetable for completion. At that time he said changes had been authorized to commence. He also added that they are looking at adding at least an additional 600 feet to accommodate larger aircraft.

In August 2013 Work on airport perimeter fencing started; however, the Airport Terminal Building contractor had not received mobilization for the changes to be done.

In September 26, 2013 Mr. Davis told Abaco Business Outlook attendees of "vexing technical issues" that will delay Terminal's opening, and on October 22, 2013 Mrs. Hanna-Martin noted in the House of Assembly that the Marsh Harbour Airport Terminal would open in January of 2014.

Fire From Page 2

stroyed leaving hundreds homeless while according to early reports about 250 residents have come forward so far; however, there are possibly more as often many fear deportation if they seek assistance.

One resident reported that it was "total chaos while fire fighters were trying to put the fire out." They said they faced difficulties because residents were running in and out trying to get their furniture and clothing and there were many cars blocking a lot of the structures.

"It was a tough time for them. It is total devastation over here. Even the homes that did not get totally destroyed have water damage or damage to the roof. A lot of these people are illegal so they aren't even going to get the help from the government

because they do not want to get deported. This is total disaster," said a witness who did not want to be named.

Deputy Prime Minister Philip Brave Davis and other officials traveled to Abaco the morning following the fire to conduct an initial assessment.

Mr. Davis said the government sympathizes with residents and their loss.

He said the government will assist, and will also ensure residents "help themselves" by preventing them from rebuilding unsafe structures with improper electrical set ups, which he called a "trap".

"For them, they are crying for our help and we intend to help," he said.

"That is why the prime minister immediately dispatched me here this morning to see first-hand what is going on.

"We understand and we empathize with the residents here, but I cry out to the residents that they need to help themselves.

"We are going to do our part [to ensure] that they live in safe, sanitary surroundings."

Davis said a Ministry of Works official has been appointed to monitor the shantytowns on the island to assist in preventing any further structures from being built contrary to proper regulations.



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CRIME REPORT

Fighting

At 8:00am on Saturday 14th December, 2013, officers of the Central Detective Unit arrested a 20 year old male of The Mudd and a 31 year old male also of The Mudd, Abaco in reference to fighting.

The suspects were arrested at Marsh Harbour Government Clinic. Both suspects got into an altercation in the Mudd involving each other. They were brought to M.H.P.S. where they were charged for fighting.

They were released on \$500.00 bail to attend court on 18/12/13.

Stolen Vessel

At 9:15am on 15th December, 2013, a 46 year old female of Hope Town, Abaco, reported for her neighbor that sometime between 8:00pm on Saturday 14th December, 2013, and 8:00am on Sunday 15th December, 2013, some unknown persons/s stole her green 2002, 28ft Scout boat with two 225HP Yamaha engines from Hope Town, Abaco. Police action requested.

Causing Grievous Harm

On Monday 16th December, 2013 at about 3:40am officers of the Moores Island Police Station contacted the Marsh Harbour Police Station and reported that on same date sometime around 2:15am a 16 year old male and a 13 year old male got into an altercation resulting in the 16 year old receiving wounds to the face.

He was transported to the Moores Island Community Clinic and was treated by the local nurse. The 13 year old is in police custody and assisting with the investigation.

Arson (Suspect Arrested)

At 4:00am on 25th December, 2013, a 33 year old male of Dundas Town, Abaco, reported that sometime around 3:30am while he was asleep at his residence, he was awoken by his neighbor informing him that his house was on fire.

As a result, he and his neighbor extinguished the same and while doing so, he saw a male known to him watching them and then run away. He suspects this male for lighting the fire because the male accused him of stealing his girlfriend. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

Suspect Arrested

On 27th December, 2013, officers of the MHPS arrested the suspect from Central Pines, Abaco, reference to this matter. He was interviewed and charged for the offence.

Firearm and Ammunition Arrest (Suspect arrested and charged)

At 8:38pm on 25th December, 2013, Officers of the Marsh Harbour Police Station reported that they received information that a vehicle travelling south along Ernest Dean Hwy pulled to the side of the road near the entrance of B.E.C. Power Station, Wilson City, where the occupants fired a number of shots from the vehicle and sped off in a southern direction. Police action requested.

At about 9:20pm same date, officers

of the Sandy Point Police Station acting on information stopped a vehicle fitting the description near Hole-In-The-Wall on Ernest Dean Hwy. Officers arrested two male occupants' age 31 years of Central Pines and Dundas Town, Abaco who were found in Possession of a handgun containing live ammunition. The suspects were transported to M.H.P.S. where they were booked in. The firearm was retrieved for evidential value. They are expected to be arraigned in the firearms court at Nassau, Bahamas.

Unlawfully Carrying Arms (Suspect arrested and charged)

At 6:08pm on 27th December, 2013, an anonymous caller contacted the M.H.P.S. and reported that there was a slim dark male in the area of Roderick Strachan Store located on Crockett Drive, Abaco, with a cutlass in his hand stating that he was going to stab someone. Police action requested.

Officers of the MHPS were dispatched to the scene where they arrested the suspect, aged 33 years from the Mudd, Abaco who was found in possession of a knife. The suspect was brought to M.H.P.S. where he was charged for the offence in court on 6/1/13.

Possession of Dangerous with Intent to Supply (Suspect Arrested and Charged)

At 2:55am on 9th January, 2014, officers of the M.H.P.S. reported that while on mobile patrol in the area of the former Road Traffic Department, Dundas Town, they observed a green Ford Taurus with three occupants acting suspicious.

The unit pursued the vehicle which collided into a B.E.C. pole in Dundas Town near Surfside bar.

The driver, a 32 year old male, exited the vehicle and fled the scene. The other two occupants, a male age 30 years and 20 years old, were arrested at the scene. A search of the vehicle revealed three (3) plastic wraps containing suspected marijuana.

As a result all persons were charged and arraigned and remanded to Her Majesty Prison.

Stealing (Suspect Arrested and Charged)

At 7:00am on 9th January, 2014, a 26year old female of Central Pines, Abaco, reported that at about 5:30am same date, while at her place of work Marsh

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From the Editor's Desk // Ministry of (Not) Works



area of Abaco to help those displaced and grieving is beautiful.

The same sources of this support, in a lot of cases I have seen, also happen to be some of the biggest critics of the situation that has brewed in our home-grown shanty towns. And with good reason. I overheard someone with the Fire Department describe the fire as pretty close to worst case scenario for Abaco. The shanty towns are constructed in such a way that prevents any mobility of rescue crews and allows fire to jump rapidly. It's because they build, and are somehow allowed to build, without the safety and construction guidelines Bahamians are supposed to follow.

A tragedy that would be greater than the recent fire would be allowing that area to rebuild as before.

I say that not to belittle their plight of poverty, which is a very real and unjust cycle, but because allowing reconstruction will lead to the same results. I will echo what our Deputy Prime Minister said about refraining from rebuilding would be "helping themselves." Mr. Davis has stated that a Ministry of Works official will be stationed on the ground here to ensure that no construction resumes.

I hope the Ministry of Works is as good at preventing construction in the Pigeon Pea as they are at preventing construction at the new terminal.

I must start by expressing my empathy and sadness for those residents of the Pigeon Pea who lost their homes and everything they have on this earth, and especially for the family and friends of those two lives lost during the New Year's Eve Fire. It's a tragedy plain and simple.

I don't have to write and pretend that there is some great love local Abaconians foster in their heart for our Haitian migrants. Over the years we have developed a... complicated dynamic, at best. But tragic events like the fire have a way of shaking off the dust of bitterness and antagonism. At least for a short while.

And in these moments we don't complicate boundaries, like where the Pigeon Pea and Mudd end and where Marsh Harbour begins. We look across the divide a see our own humanity. The outpouring of support from every

Community Calendar

(See TheAbaconian.com for More Calendar Events)

- Jan 16-18: Abaco Science Alliance Conference
- **Jan 17: Chamber of Commerce FACTA meeting, 10am @ Anglican Hall**
- Jan 18: FHA Scavenger Hunt & Family Game Day
- Jan 18: Entrepreneurship Empowerment Seminar, 9am @ Anglican Hall
- **Jan 20: Marine Navigation Courses start, 7pm @ Friends of the Environment**
- Jan 21: Cay Topics: Captain Linnea Sommer-Weddington
- **Jan 24-26: Art for the Parks, Abaco Beach Resort**
- Jan 25: BASRA Evening of Elegance
- Jan 25: RC Laser Race @ Treasure Cay
- **Jan 30 - Feb 1: 18th Annual Family Conference, St. Andrew's Hall in Dundas Town**
- Feb 6-7: ECC Music Doing Good Concert
- Feb 15: Hope Town Reef Ball
- Feb 15: Man-O-War School Flea Market

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Letters to the Editor

VAT Will Cripple Us

I do not usually write letters, but I feel I must as I think that VAT will not only affect me negatively, but all of us. I have read some of the new proposals as to how VAT will be set up and find them to be not only scary, but terrifying. All of the pro-VAT people have been saying that VAT will not affect or hurt businesses, but it will be the consumer that ends up paying for VAT.

Let's take a look at how businesses will be affected: first of all many computer systems will have to be changed or updated resulting in the cost of thousands of dollars. Secondly, with the latest proposed VAT setup, a business can be subject up to a \$50,000 fine if it's deemed to have tried to "cheat the government." It is quite possible that a business could make an honest mistake and that mistake, if deemed "corrupt" could cost a business \$50,000. A business would have to hire a full time paralegal to ensure that no penalties occur. Do we honestly think that any businesses can afford these extra costs in tough times?

Let's now look at the second word underlined earlier in this letter, the consumer. Again, the pro-vat persons are referring to "consumers" as if they are some mythical group of people that will incur all of the VAT charges. I ask, who are the consumers?

We are all the consumers. We consume food every day. Our vehicles consume fuel every day. We have to purchase clothes regularly and so on. The government has said that eventually some duty rates will be dropped to help compensate for VAT. While this may be helpful, we all know that the reduced duty rates will not equally compensate

for the 15% VAT.

I would like to fast forward to July 2014. At this time, all the businesses will have been paid the full duty on all of its stock and still have to add a 15% VAT at its point of sale. We will have to pay that, as we are the consumers.

I realize that the government needs money. I did not just write to complain, but in fact offer the following suggestions as to how the government could procure funds in ways other than VAT:

1. Stricter enforcement on collection of import duty
2. Add a %5 sales Tax
3. Government cut spending, i.e. taking unnecessary trips all over the world and taking a huge entourage.

I implore the government to reconsider the VAT proposal and leave them with this thought: if one has a goose that lays golden eggs, wouldn't it be better to care for that goose so that it can consistently produce those golden eggs rather than squeeze the goose so hard that its forced to lay a lot of eggs quickly but ultimately dies?

Thank you,
Fred Sweeting

Thankful for Improvements

I am so thankful that Marsh Harbour ferry dock now has a ramp for low tide.

The ramp makes it so much easier for getting into the ferry.

Now we need one in Man O War.

-Wanda

A Thank You to Everyone who Made Hope Town Junkanoo a Success

The Hope Town Fireworks and Junkanoo was totally paid for through individual, family and business donations.

The fireworks display was put on by troy Pritchard and Mr. Cook right down at the dock by Sunshine Park. At midnight the fireworks started their colourful display and was followed by the pounding of the Junkanoo drums "kalik" bells and the sensational Junkanoo rush.

The rush went through the Hope Town Settlement from Sunshine Park past the Edge, around Captain Jacks, back by Sip Sip and ended past the Hope Town Lodge and Hope own School.

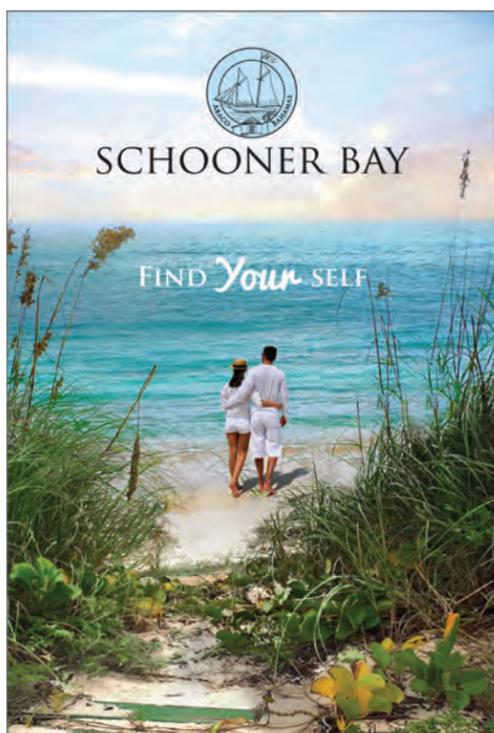
It was a great night and a great way to welcome 2014 for locals and visitors alike.

I would especially like to thank: Albury's Ferry, Denn Puckett, Jeff & Harry, Elbow Cay Properties, Harbour View Groceries, Harbour's Edge, HG Christie, Damianos, Sugar Shack, Hope Town

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CORRECTIONS

Last issue we ran a photo and caption titled "Women honoured during Green Turtle Cay Tree Lighting Ceremony" it should read, and be reflected in the copy, "Women honoured during Guana Cay Tree Lighting Ceremony." We apologize to the residents of both lovely settlements.



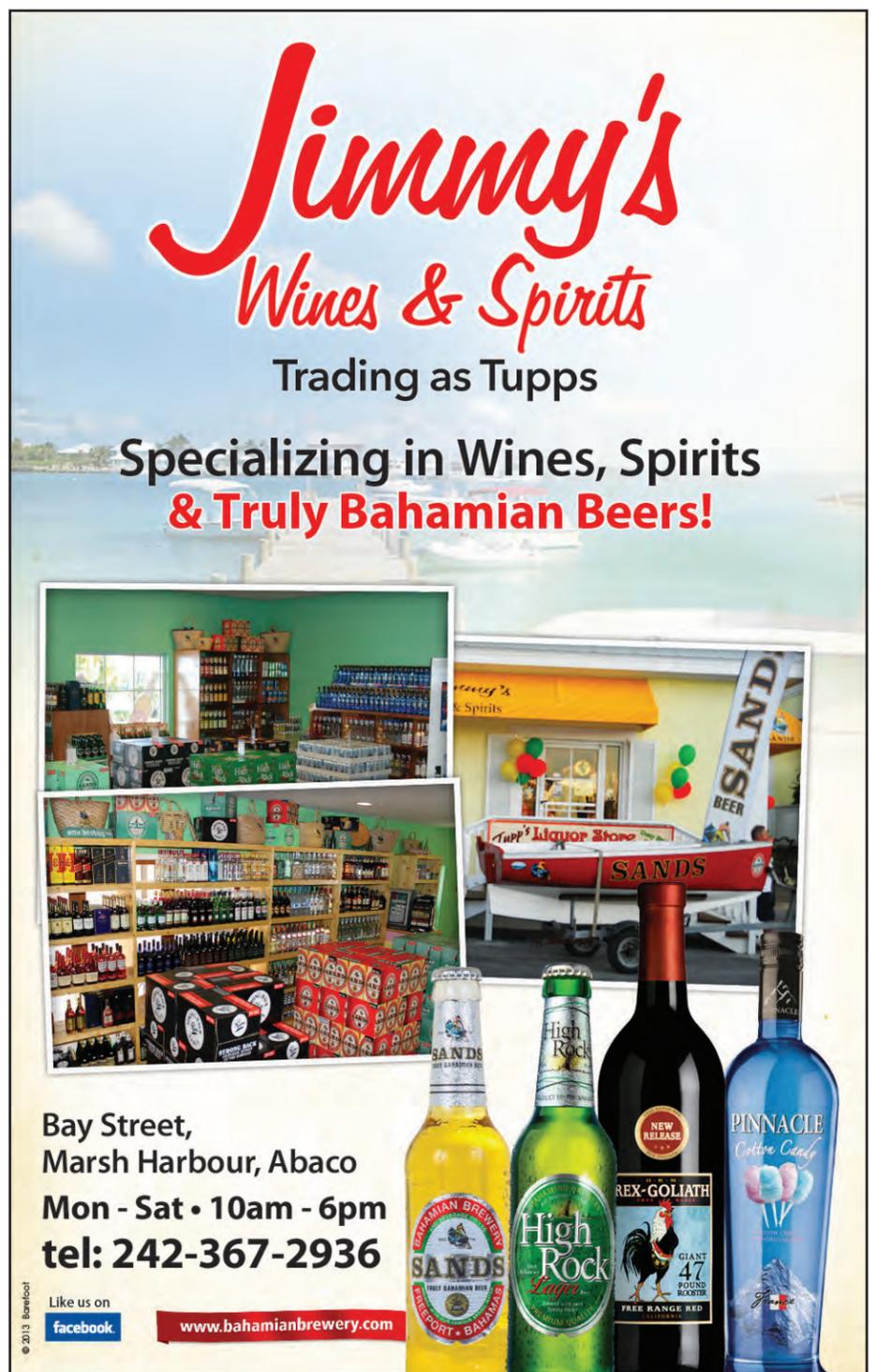
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Community groups partnering for fire relief



Above: volunteers from the Abaco Christian Council, the International Gospel Mission, the Red Cross and other community members are coming together to help the fire victims.

By Timothy Roberts

Partnering together, the International Gospel Mission, Abaco Christian Council (ACC), Red Cross and members of the community are providing relief and assistance to victims of the New Years' fire in the Haitian shanty town of the Pigeon Pea.

Pastor Stephen Knowles, President of the ACC, said the International Gospel Mission kindly let their facility to be the distribution center for goods which include many clothing and food items and also some shelter for a few persons displaced by the fire. They have provided hot meals as well.

Mr. Knowles said "no single agency has all the resources to deal with this and going forward this is the way this has to be done. Agencies, the church and all of us have to join in the effort and bringing relief as much as we can for as long as we can."

Sarone Kennedy, Head of the Abaco Red Cross, said they are partnering with the ACC and others in making sure provisions are made for the people as best as they are able, recognizing that there were many people affected by this disaster.

"We're trying to do what we can; not working at cross-purposes but linking

hands to make this work so that we are not re-inventing the wheel but pooling our efforts to provide a better response to their needs," Mr. Kennedy said.

"We have seen a good response and we've been able to help a lot of people," he said. "We're glad to be able to partner with the Council, and others in the community to make this happen."

They expressed gratitude to all the many who have shown support and donated items and time to assist the people in this time of need.

"We stand as testimony that people from around the nation and even from other countries as not as uncaring as some may think," said Mr. Kennedy.

US Embassy considering Consul visit to Abaco for passport renewals

The U.S. Embassy in Nassau is gauging the public's interest in response to possibly visiting Abaco for Passport renewal services. If you are a citizen of the United States and wish to have your passport renewed or know of a citizen needing such a service they are kindly asking you to contact them.

Barbara Wallace, LES/Manager, Supervisor, ACS with the U.S. Embassy in Nassau, is the lead for the project. She can be reached via email at acsnassau@state.gov in order for persons to be documented in the count.

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Integrated Medical Centre opens new location in Treasure Cay



Above: The two honourees: Rev. Stafford Symonette and Mrs. Diane Solomon along with Vanessa Lockhart far right in green.

By Canishka Alexander

On Jan. 11, Integrated Medical Centre (IMC) spearheaded a number of events leading up to the opening of its new Integrated Medical Centre – Treasure Cay honouring Rev. Stafford Symonette and Mrs. Diane Solomon.

Medical Symposium:

First in the line of events was a Medical Symposium at Full Gospel Assembly under the theme: Patient Centered Care.

Dr. George Charite, IMC director, welcomed all local and international guests in attendance. He said it was a step forward in providing medical care to the community of Abaco.

"Integrated Medical Centre – Treasure Cay is starting a new trend of medicine in The Bahamas, and this new trend of medicine is where we are encompassing complete health care: medical, surgical, and spiritual," Dr. Charite said. "We want to provide a complete healing environment to our patients in our community; so this that we're starting in Treasure Cay is going to continue into Marsh Harbour, and very soon, it will continue to other islands in The Bahamas."

As moderator, Dr. Carnille Farquharson, family medicine specialist, was enthused about the services that Abaco and Grand Bahama residents will be able to take advantage of.

Dr. Rogelio Ribas – Baptist Health International:

Dr. Farquharson first called on Dr. Rogelio Ribas of Baptist Health International. Dr. Ribas spoke on the topic: "Cancer: The Future Is Now." He talked about the upgrades in technology that is ongoing stateside, while warning that technology may not always be the best approach.

After addressing the four pillars of cancer – medical, surgical, radiation and interventional oncology – Dr. Ribas introduced the concept of robotic surgery to the audience. The advantages of robotic surgery translates into less blood loss, reduced hospital stays and equal or better outcomes.

While Baptist Health offers a number of personalized services at its hospitals and centres across the United States, Dr. Ribas emphasized that it is of utmost importance that patients speak directly with their primary physicians who can instruct them on what to do.

Dr. Mary Beth Tomaselli – Oncology Referral Network of America (ORNOA):

Next, Dr. Mary Beth Tomaselli, a breast surgeon at Oncology Referral Network of America (ORNOA), gave a pre-

sentation on "Breast Cancer Prevention, Diagnosis and Surgical." As a child, she learned firsthand about the disease after her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Dr. Tomicelli urged women to do self-breast examinations monthly from the age of 20. Examinations should be done on the tenth day following the menstrual cycle. She also defined mammograms, radiation therapy, breast ultrasounds, breast MRIs, breast Tomosynthesis and mastectomies along with the pros and cons of each procedure noting that no imaging study is 100 percent accurate.

Dr. Christina Gomez – Holy Cross Hospital:

Her talk was followed by Dr. Christina Gomez's presentation on "Advances in Breast Cancer." Dr. Gomez, a medical oncologist at Holy Cross Hospital, was excited to share cancer statistics that were just released on Jan. 7 of this year. She began with a recent patient case before revisiting the newfound statistical data.

In her presentation, Dr. Gomez said that research shows that cancer mortality rates have declined and that 1.3 million cancer deaths were avoided in 2013. She posed several studies and their findings that were taken over a 10-year period. Nevertheless, Dr. Gomez said that there continues to be 1.6 million new cancer cases each year, and in The Bahamas, breast cancer has the highest morbidity rate among women.

Dr. Theodore Turnquest – Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH):

"Cancer Screening Essentials" was the timely topic tackled by Dr. Theodore Turnquest, a consultant oncologist at the Princess Margaret Hospital. He agreed that breast cancer accounts for most of the patients they see.

Sadly, research confirms that one in eight Bahamian women will be affected by breast cancer, and as a result, The Bahamas ranks #6 in the world in terms of breast cancer deaths per 100,000 population.

He reiterated the importance of doing mammograms, clinical and self-breast examinations, and breast MRIs.

Startlingly, colorectal cancer is on the rise.

Colorectal cancer is ranked second in men after prostate cancer, and third in women following breast cancer and cervical cancer. In endometrial (uterine) cancer statistics, The Bahamas ranks 12th worldwide. Lung cancer contributes as the fourth most common cause of cancer-relat-



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Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament Announces New Format for June 2014 Competition

Press Release

The Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament (TCBT) announces a new date and format for its 31st Annual tournament, June 25-29, 2014. Held at Treasure Cay Beach Marina & Golf Resort, the tournament will offer three fishing days on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with an optional Family Fun Day, Kettle of Fish Tournament and Rock the Dock Party on Sunday.

Stephen Kappeler, General Manager, said, "We took into consideration that some tournament participants may like to depart on Sunday to return to work on Monday. Plus, scheduling the event after school is out will make it easier for participants to include their families."

Known for its great fishing, excellent value and social events, the world-class competition attracts teams from around the world. The TCBT modified release tournament also offers social parties, dinners and fun competitions. The guaranteed cash payout ranges from \$10,000 for a minimum of ten boats and up to \$50,000 for participation of 50 boats.

The TCBT offers a special bonus of one free room night at the resort or a free day of dockage for registrations made prior to March 31, 2014. The early registrations also receive an entry into a drawing for free tournament dockage for boats up to 60



Above: current champions, Southern Comfort, reeling in a Billfish during last year's tournament. Photo credit Jonathan Wolff.

feet and additional prizes.

One of the best fishing destinations in the Bahamas, Treasure Cay is known for grander-size record-breaking marlin, large dolphin and wahoo. While billfish is the focus of the TCBT, the tournament includes Fun Fish Division awards for tuna, dolphin and wahoo.

The Fun Fish Division offers an optional payout rivaling top prizes of U.S. based tournaments. In addition to the cash prizes, winners receive beautiful trophies and the top team is honored on a statuesque Perpetual Trophy showcased in the resort's Spinnaker Restaurant, one of the largest air conditioned out-island restaurant facilities available for events. Awards are also presented to Top Lady and Junior Anglers.

Release point standings are verified by the participant's own digital and/or

video camera with an image that can verify the time and date the photo was taken. The TCBT is open to the public and center consoles over 30 feet are welcome.

The top TCBT team will qualify for the IGFA Offshore World Championship, with information available at www.igfaoffshorechampionship.com.

In addition to its great food and family social events, the TCBT also raises funds for the children of the Treasure Cay Primary School.

Details, photos and the tournament magazine are available on www.treasurecay.com. Information can also be found at www.facebook.com/treasurecayresort.

Registration for up to six team members, including boat entry, cash prize eligibility, dinners, cocktail parties, team goody bag and room discounts is only

\$2,950 per team and can be made online at www.treasurecay.com.

Current Champion – Team Southern Comfort

The 2013 TCBT winner was Southern Comfort, owned by Peter Angel, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Southern Comfort captured the lead on the last day of fishing, bumping Domarlo, owned by Doug Macdonald, West Palm Beach, FL to second place. Big T's Too, owned by Bob Wolsey, Sarasota, FL dashed from 0 to 800 points on the last day to snag third place.

Domarlo claimed the Ultra Champ award for most points earned by prior TCBT winners. The Lay Day Kettle of Fish tournament resulted in the catch of more than 70 lionfish as well as several snapper.

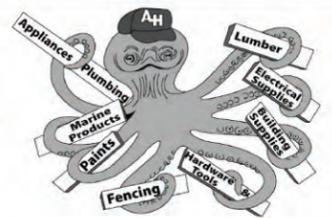
Treasure Cay Beach Marina & Golf Resort will also host the Bahamas Billfish Championship in Treasure Cay, June 4-7, 2014.



Above: the crew from Pandemonium with their catch of lionfish. Photo credit Paula Fishman.

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Hope Town Music Fest raises over \$25K for local charities



Above: performers from the Hope Town Music Festival. Over \$25K was raised over four days for ECC and Hope Town Fire & Rescue.

The Combustion Music Hope Town Music Fest welcomed 10 hit songwriters to Hope Town on December 5 for four days of music, sun and fundraising. With over 60 #1 hits under their belts, the performers wowed the Hope Town crowds at four different venues around the island.

The free shows were packed at every venue as performers ran through their repertoires of hit songs as the crowds sang along. The performers, many of them first time visitors to the island, got a true taste of Hope Town with great weather, snorkeling and fishing trips and plenty of great local flavours.

The festivities even included a Junk-anoo at the Abaco Inn and a fireworks display at the closing event at The Hope Town Inn and Marina.

While the event was free, the festival did collect donations and sell CDs, signed posters and T-shirts at each event. All of the proceeds were split between the festival's two worthy causes: Every Child Counts and Hope Town Fire and Rescue. The Fire and Rescue folks were on hand at every event helping and collecting donations, and the last night two ECC students got on stage with Chris Farren and Chris Destefano and each sang a song to thunder-

ous applause.

Through the donations and many generous sponsors, the Combustion Music Hope Town Music Festival raised over \$25,000 for these two great charities.

Many thanks go out to the event's main sponsors, The Hope Town Harbour Lodge, BMI and Combustion Music, as well as all of the other great sponsors including: The Hope Town Inn and Marina, The Harbour's Edge, The Abaco Inn, The Academy of Country Music, Suntrust Bank, Warner Chappell Music, Elbow Cay Properties, Hopetown Hideaways, Abaco Buzz and Albury's Ferry.

Great weather, great surroundings and great music made for a truly exceptional event.

Below: Chris Farren performing with Hope Town's own Karen Forbes.



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Green Turtle celebrates New Year with Junkanoo

Mysterious noise heard

Residents of Elbow reported a mysterious noise that sounded like a “boom” or “explosion” on Jan 12 around 8:30 am.

Residents were unable to pinpoint the source of the noise, some claiming to hear it coming from the North End of Elbow Cay, some hearing it emanating from the south, while others Lubber’s Cay and the mainland of Abaco.

No smoke was visible to indicate an explosion. Some on the ground speculate that the source of the noise was a “Sonic Boom” which is caused when a military jet breaks the sound barrier.

After the single loud noise no further incidents were reported.

Songwriters Festival promises to entertain Elbow Cay

The 2nd Annual Patrick Davis Hope Town Songwriters Festival will take place February 18 - 22. The events will take place at Firefly Resort, Abaco inn, Sea Spray Resort, Harbour’s Edge and Lubber’s Landing.

The current lineup of performers includes: James Otto, Corey Crowder, Django Duncan, James Slater, Chris Destefano, Mark Bryan, Tyker Reeve, Kylie Sackley, Jesse Rice, Phillip Lammonds and Patrick Davis.

Feb 18 is the Mix & Mingle at the Firefly Resort. A performance occurs every night after at Sea Spray, Abaco inn, Firefly Resort, Lubber’s Landing - which will be an acoustic session - , and the Farewell Jame at Harbour’s Edge.



By Timothy Roberts

The Gully Roosters (a local band) entertained festive crowds as hundreds of Bahamians and visitors waited for the Junkanoo parade to commence on New Year’s Day in Green Turtle Cay.

At about 3pm the sounds of goat skin drums filled the air and the expectant crowd cheered and danced, with some joining in the throng, as a wonderful display of colorful costumes and rhythmic music moved methodically through the roads of New Plymouth.

The Green Turtle Cay Little Island Slammers Junkanoo group displayed an Arabian theme of including an impressive “Scorpion King” costume which captivated the crowd along with the hypnotic Junkanoo beats.

The costumes, varying in size displayed vivid colors while the rushers, who ranged from young boys and girls to older men and women, appeared very enthusiastic and pleased to be rushing in the parade.

As the group moved forward the dancers came into view, making their way down the streets as people joined in,

dancing to the pulsating sounds of the goat skin drums, cowbells, horns and whistles. The dancers were followed by the band of drummers, horn blowers and cow-bell shakers who kept a steady pace for the duration of their long trek around the settlement of New Plymouth.

Young and old alike enjoyed the sights and sounds, as people continued to have a good time dancing, eating and drinking.

The streets were full of activity as many people visited shops, vendors and restaurants to buy a variety of treats. A variety of American and Bahamian foods were on sale throughout town. Whether you were interested in hamburgers and hot-dogs, or cracked conch or conch fritters or were just looking for desserts, there was a delicious variety sure to please.

The festival continued into the evening as people celebrated in anticipation of the beginning of a new year. The day was filled with families, festivities, food and fun as many were delighted with the day’s celebration.

Above: Junkanoo on Green Turtle Cay for New Year’s Day.



Above: the Scorpion King from the GTC Junkanoo Parade.



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ed deaths in the country.

Dr. Turnquest recalled when they used to only see three or four cases a year, but now with smoking rates going up, the cases have increased as well.

"It's preventable if people stop smoking," he said, pointedly.

With prostate cancer, The Bahamas places 13th worldwide, and locally, prostate cancer is the No. 1 cause of death in Bahamian men. Therefore, research shows that the benefits of having a screening test done greatly outweighs the harm associated with testing. Men ages 45 and over, can speak to their doctors about the risks and benefits of testing.

For the general cancer screening, Dr. Turnquest said it is important to know your family history, and that there are various exams to choose from. He warned that Bahamians must do everything in moderation particularly with alcohol intake.

In the case of breast cancer in men who are obese, he said it is the wife who usually detects it. Men who also undergo hormonal manipulation may also be at risk for breast cancer.

During the question and answer session, one of the most significant questions was related to a vaccine for cancer. Dr. Gomez answered by saying that doctors are making baby steps in that direction with the reduction in mortality rates, but there is no cure as yet.

Based on Dr. Turnquest's presentation, a frightening revelation is that Caribbean men appear to be predisposed for prostate cancer no matter where they relocate.

Dr. Winston Campbell – Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH):

An interesting presentation was given by PMH consultant, Dr. Winston Campbell, on "Obstructive Sleep Apnea" – The Often Missed Diagnosis."

According to Dr. Campbell, the three critical areas of the condition are nasal obstruction, the tongue or the uvula soft palate. He gave the signs of OSA and elaborated on the assessment scales used to measure the tongue position and the risk of developing OSA.

Finally, a list of home sleep devices were given to aid those with Obstructive

Sleep Apnea. Tragically, OSA can lead to many chronic non-communicable diseases including congestive heart failure, arrhythmias, atherogenesis, and endothelial dysfunction as well as diabetes and obesity.

For men, OSA leads to low testosterone and sexual dysfunction.

Dr. Campbell contended that there is an economic burden caused by OSA when it results in hypertension that costs the Bahamian government \$38 million in medical spending or diabetes that totals \$26 million.

Dr. Ali Malek – St. Mary's Hospital (West Palm Beach):

Dr. Ali Malek of St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach touched on the impact of strokes and issued "Guidelines for Management of Strokes in Remote Areas."

In the case of a stroke, time is of the essence because when brain cells die they are not salvageable, he emphasized.

"During a stroke, 1.9 million brain cells die every minute," Dr. Malek added.

Additional research states that for every hour a stroke continues, up to 200 million nerve cells die and the brain ages four years. Doctors focus on the penumbra of the stroke, or in other words, the area that is not damaged by the stroke. They then seek to determine why the patient suffered a stroke and determine measures of preventing another one.

Eighty three percent of strokes are classed as Ischemic strokes, while the remaining 17 percent are called hemorrhagic strokes. Risk factors can range from family history, age or sickle cell disease to modifiable risk factors like obesity, hypertension, smoking and cholesterol.

He was astounded that Bahamians are surrounded by such a beautiful environment and an abundance of seafood, yet we take foods that are healthy and transform them into unhealthy foods because of what we add to them. He reminded the audience that processed foods are not good for the body largely because they are made from the poorest ingredients.

Like Dr. Ribas from Baptist Health, Dr. Malek urges patients to see their primary care physicians. While some medications may help with strokes, there are some that do not.

If someone is having a stroke, Dr. Malek recommended placing the stroke victim flat with the head and shoulder

slightly raised to reduce the blood pressure in the brain. Additional tips are that if the victim is unconscious, gently roll him so he is lying on his left side and pull the chin forward. This keeps the airway open and allows any vomit to drain and not affect breathing. If the victim is conscious, give all the positive support you can. Remember to never give a stroke victim anything to eat or drink because the throat may be paralyzed causing them to choke.

"Educate the community," Dr. Malek repeated. "Time is Brain; the best stroke is the one you don't have."

Dr. Gemma Rolle – Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH):

As the presentations began to wind down, Dr. Gemma Rolle spoke on "Updates in Gastroenterology." She also addressed colorectal cancer (CRC) and its ties to family history/genetics and lifestyle risk factors. Dr. Rolle focused on the development of polyps in these patients and the potential of them turning into cancer.

A number of screening methods are used to detect polyps with a colonoscopy being the "gold standard." Not only does the colonoscopy allow the detection of polyps, but it also allows for the removal of them at the same time. She also introduced the terms: polypectomy and chromoendoscopy.

Circling back to colonoscopies, Dr. Rolle explained that a colonoscopy can be done every 10 years and can be used to diagnose other things. However, its shortfall is that small polyps can be missed; a full bowel preparation is required; the patient is sedated; and they may require a missed day at work.

A colonoscopy can risk serious complications such as bleeding, tearing/perforation, infection, severe abdominal pain, cardiovascular events or death. In light of such complications, Dr. Rolle was well aware that some patients will generally distrust physicians or harbour fatalistic views about cancer, or they can simply have symptoms that do not allow them to do the procedure.

Screening guidelines dictate that screening begins at age 50. Based on the presence or absence of polyps, the findings will determine the amount of years in between for screenings.

The final presenter was Dr. Johnathan Hersch of West Boca Hospital in Florida. He gave the insight on sports medicine beginning with shoulder dislocations that can be classified as forward, backward or inferior. He suggested learning two or three techniques, and among the techniques are Kochers Method, Scapula Manipulation, Cunningham Technique, Stimson Method and Traction Counter Traction. Dr. Hersch also gave after care advice adding that younger patients tend to have a high recurrence of dislocation. He used college, high school and junior high players in popular sport of football as examples.

Dr. Hersch's next topic was AC and AC Joint separation, and the types of surgeries available from Grades 1-6. Elbow injuries were addressed along with injuries to the biceps, knees, anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) tears. He looked at a number of initial treatments like RICE, AROM, NSAIDs, Quad & GAIT analysis. Finally, Dr. Hersch ended his presentation by comparing surgery versus non-surgical procedures.

Official Opening of Integrated Medical Centre – Treasure Cay:

Following closing remarks by Dr. Farquharson, the group dispersed to the site of the Integrated Medical Centre – Treasure Cay for the Health Fair and Gospel Concert. Guests were encouraged to tour the building, which is comprised of the Rev. Stafford Symonette Medical Pavilion, the Diane Solomon Surgical Centre, and the Integrated Medical Spa located next to the Spinnaker Restaurant.

Father Rogelio Madrazo prayed a blessing over the medical centre before Mrs. Solomon was asked to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony. Onlookers were amazed at the magnificent work done to the building by the Creative Construction team with its detailed moulding as well as the welcoming and impressive design of the spa's interior.

The Integrated Spa will offer massage therapy and specialty massages, aesthetic services, an infrared sauna, hydrotherapy, body waxing, body wraps/scrubs and specialty facials. Ricardo and Avalon Miller's Island Pharmacy Location #2 is also located in the Integrated building, and has been open since last year to serve the people of North Abaco.

Renardo Curry, MP for North Abaco, was also in attendance, and was invited to make remarks as the guest speaker and to officially declare the medical facility opened. Curry said that Integrated Medical Centre in Treasure Cay would prove paramount to the island because of the share of challenges and loss of life in the absence of it.

"I am pleased to announce that with the establishment of this new facility in addition to a number of other private practices on the island including the arrival of the new mini hospital in the Central Abaco district, the demeanor of most Abaconians of leaving the island in search of medical attention will be that of the past."

"Most, if not all, of the medical healthcare services needed will be accessible on the island of Abaco," Curry concluded.

Health Fair/Gospel Concert:

At the Health Fair, there were representatives from Baptist Health International, the National Workers Health Plan Network, Holy Cross and an air ambulance service. A bouncing castle was provided for the younger ones, as well as food and drinks for everyone.

Gospel groups like Genesis, New Direction, Jes' Us, legendary Bahamian gospel singer Rev. Simeon Outten and the New Life Band, and various church praise teams entertained the audience.

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Above: Royal Bank of Canada joins J.S. Johnson and The Abaco Tourist Office as a sponsor for the Abaco Science Alliance Conference.

Press Release

Friends of the Environment is hosting the 6th biennial Abaco Science Alliance Conference January 16th - 18th at New Vision Ministries in Marsh Harbour. The conference provides a unique opportunity to learn about research and programs taking place in Abaco and the rest of The Bahamas, meet with scientists and program leaders and partake in field trips led by those individuals. Registration is now open through Friends of the Environment's office and website.

The Conference opens on Thursday evening with an informal cocktail party and open house at FRIENDS' education center for speakers and attendees. Speakers are coming from Universities and organiza-

tions in the United States, the Caribbean, and across The Bahamas, as well as Abaco based researchers and program directors.

Friday is a day full of interesting speakers at New Vision Ministries.

Topics to be covered include: The impact of nutrients on the marine environment, historical and modern bird records from fossils and observations, conservation planning and a population study on beaked whales. Friday's talks are offered to school students free of charge thanks to sponsorship of the conference by JS Johnson, Abaco Tourism Office and Royal Bank of Canada.

Interested schools should contact Friends of the Environment to sign up.

Saturday's talks will occur in the

morning and will look at coral reef restoration, invasive species and a proposal for an important bird area in Abaco.

Saturday afternoon will be devoted to field trips. The first option for a field trip will be joining local expert Nancy Albury on an expedition to visit Gilpin Point along with Perry Maillis to introduce one of Abaco's newest fossil sites. The trip will explore the coastal habitat at Gilpin Point, with opportunities for snorkeling, bird watching and participating in fossil collection for the research project. The second field trip will be led by local birding expert, Woody Bracey, to one of Abaco's unique bird habitats.

More information about the conference, the speakers, and the field trips are all available on the FRIENDS' website: www.friendsoftheenvironment.org or call 367-2721.

Entertainer Rebel Tony.

The first samples were comprised of a strawberry mojito concoction as well as sushi leading up to a conch chowder appetizer that awakened the appetite. The tenderized conch was fused with fresh lemon grass, Red Thai Curry and coconut milk.

Guests also bit into tasty servings of homemade egg rolls, and curried shrimp.

Meanwhile, Chef Demeko skillfully prepared homemade ravioli, and Chef Antonio followed up with a flambeau demonstration in front of the mesmerized audience. Dessert consisted of a roasted pineapple coconut sherbet.

During his remarks, Chef Antonio emphasized that the menu will be creative and interactive with the fusion of different cuisines made from fresh, local ingredients.

"The dining room will come alive with live cooking stations, flambeaus, sizzling platters and a fresh herb garden," he boasted.

Future plans include a Family Day complete with hand-rolled pizzas, cotton candy and bouncing castles for the children along with freshly made pastas, sushi, chocolates made in-house, comedy shows, football Sundays, full Bahamian and International breakfast spreads and brunches.

The Oasis serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and dinner from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. It is located behind the Memorial Plaza and is situated next to the Christian Counseling Centre/Pathfinders Office. Call 475-8331 or 458-7096 for reservations.

In closing, Chef Antonio expressed: "Thank you for dining with us at Oasis... Your culinary journey starts here!"

The Oasis treats guests to complimentary tasting during Grand Opening

By Canishka Alexander

Chefs Antonio Huyler, Demeko Saunders and David Thompson of Trio Culinary invited guests to an evening of complimentary tasting at The Oasis on Jan. 11.

The restaurant's grand opening celebration was opened in prayer by Rev. Dr. Silbert Mills and was well attended as guests socialized, sipped drinks, and sampled one-of-a-kind dishes as soft music played in the background - courtesy of DJ/

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Windward Beach Lots 12 & 13 #2031 - 100' sandy beach frontage each, 21,675 & 23,000 s/f cleared, walled parcels. All utilities available. Fabulous sea views. **EACH \$599,000.**

Beachfront Lot 58, Windward Beach - # 2333 - 22,900 s/f level parcel with 101' Sea of Abaco beach frontage. All utilities available. Fantastic sea views. **\$599,000.**

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

Treasure Cay Canal Parcels

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

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

Galleon Bay - # 1441 - 28,072 s/f cleared parcel, 64' of bulkhead with dock & dock house. **\$389,000.**

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

Harbour Canal Lot 4, Block 203 - # 2500 - 20,000 s/f parcel with 131' sea-walled frontage. All utilities available. **\$329,000.**

Galleon Bay Canal Lot 10, Blk. 203 - # 1905 - large 18,330 s/f parcel, 91' bulkheaded canal frontage, 480 s/f garage & dock. All utilities available **\$325,000.**

Galleon Bay Canal Lot 4 - # 1963 - 10,000 s/f cleared lot/w 80' seawalled canal frontage, New deep water sheltered "T" dock with power & water. **\$315,000.**

Galleon Bay Canal Lot 102 - #1580 - 12,000 s/f elevated parcel w/108' deep water sea-walled frontage. Utilities available. **\$275,000.**

Galleon Bay Canal Parcels: # 1319, 1320, 1801 - Your choice of 3 lots, each with 111'+/- seawalled canal frontage, from 15,270 s/f per lot, utilities available. **EACH \$275,000.**

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

Brigantine Bay # 1622-1625 - 4 adjoining level & cleared canal lots from 11,693 s/f to 13,876 s/f with canal frontages from 74' to 87'. All lots with sea walls installed. Utilities available. Great water views along sheltered Brigantine Bay. **From \$266,000. to \$592,000.**

Galleon Bay Canal Lot 34, Blk. 203 - # 2320 - Cleared 15,045 s/f parcel with 126' seawalled canal frontage, dock with power & water, dolphin pilings. **\$249,000.**

#1173 - Brigantine Bay Lot 8, Block 191 - 11,200 s/f parcel with 80' seawalled canal frontage. All utilities available. **\$195,000.**

TREASURE CAY

Treasure Cay Canal Parcels

Sea of Abaco Lot 5, Rock Point - # 1543 - 11,700 s/f cleared lot/w 77' sea front. Utilities available **\$179,000.**

Treasure Cay Inland Parcels

St Andrews Estates Golf Course Lots 8 & 9 - # 2467 - 2 adjoining lots, total 28,728 s/f w/317' of golf course frontage. Partially cleared, good elevation, all utilities available **\$79,500.**

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

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

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

Multi-Family Lot 45, Block 190 - # 2436 - 15,000 s/f parcel, near beach, shopping & marina. **\$39,950.**

Inland Lot 7, Block 190, Galleon Bay Drive - # 2314 - 11,000 s/f corner parcel on Brigsail Crescent. All utilities available. Close to beaches. **\$24,995.**

GREAT CISTERN CAY

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

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

GUANA CAY

"Ridge Runner" # 1185 - 6 bed, 4 bath, 3,100 s/f furnished home-main house, separate master suite, guest cottage, pool & dock. 1.74 elevated acres, 330' shoreline. Superb panoramic water views. **\$1,899,500.**

Orchid Bay Beach Lot # 25 - # 1530 - 1.173 acre beach lot with 135' Atlantic Ocean beach frontage. Usage of Orchid Bay amenities. **\$1,499,000.**

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

"Wave Watch" - # 2030 - Newly constructed 3 bed, 2 bath, elevated 2 level, 2,000 s/f turn-key furnished Atlantic ocean view home. Golf cart included. **\$449,000.**

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

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

BAHAMA PALM SHORES

Beachfront Lot 5 B - # 714 - 1.173 elevated parcel with 100' Atlantic Ocean sandy beach frontage, utilities available. **\$195,000.**

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

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

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

TURTLE ROCKS

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

CASUARINA POINT

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

NORTH ABACO

"Fisherman's Paradise Marina", Loggerhead Creek - # 2355 Under development on 47 acre tract w/1,500' shoreline. Designed for 67 deep water slips for vessels up to 35'. Electricity installed. **"As Is" \$2,495,000.**

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

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

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

Boiling Hole - # 1030 - Two Sea of Abaco waterfront lots (16,689 s/f & 18,192 s/f) 73' & 80' water & highway frontage. Hard rock shoreline. Utilities available. **EACH \$65,900.**

SOUTH ABACO

156 Acre Beachfront Parcel - #2435 Elevations to 60' w/3,152' sandy Atlantic Ocean beach frontage adjacent to Long Beach community. Sensational sea views. Ideal for residential or resort development **\$4,500,000.**

GREEN TURTLE CAY

"Island Reach" - Harbourfront & Sea View Lots # 1405- Bluff side of White Sound - 11 residential hillside & protected harbour lots with majestic sea views. Various sizes from 12,600 s/f to 38,000 s/f. **Starting at \$119,000.**

SCOTLAND CAY

#2198 - Waterfront Lot 7, Block "K": Large 34,993 s/f parcel with approx. 386' of Sea of Abaco frontage. Good elevation, adjacent to private harbour entrance. **\$439,500.**

MARSH HARBOUR

#2265 - Central Pines Duplex - 2 bed each, 2,200 s/f total, 12,000 s/f parcel. **\$180,000.**

Regattas of Abaco # 27 - #1853 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 825 s/f 2nd level "turn-key" furnished condo near to beach, shops, marina, etc. **\$168,000.**

JOE'S CREEK

Lot "B" - Joe's Creek Vicinity - # 2253, Large 20,807 s/f lot adjacent to Leisure Lee, close to beach. Electricity, telephone & DSL available **\$50,000.**

LEISURE LEE

"Tranquil Palms" # 2366 - Well maintained & inviting 3 bed, 2 bath, 2,790 s/f turn-key furnished split level canal front home, good elevations. 110' sea-walled canal frontage, deep water dock, tropically landscaped grounds. **\$795,000.**

Canalfront Home #1865 - 2 bed, 2 bath furnished home, recently built in 2003 - 11,788 s/f parcel, 120' bulk-headed canal frontage, 78' lay-along dock. **\$489,000.**

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

Residential Parcels

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

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

1080 - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed. **Reduced \$147,500.**

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

Lot # 15 - Great Abaco Hwy - Near Leisure Lee - # 567 - 2.139 acre parcel w/ 50' elevations & 119' frontage on both highway & Coromont Pond. Utilities available. **\$129,000.**

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

Canal Lot 186 - # 2469 12,535 s/f parcel on quiet cul-de-sac with 174' of deep water sheltered canal frontage. All utilities available. **Best Priced Canal Lot at \$119,000.**

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

1902 - Lot # 170 - 13,459 s/f, close to beach. Ocean views from your 2nd level home. All utilities available. **\$49,900.**

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Entrepreneur Watch

Food Planet

By Samantha Evans

Food Planet began serving Haitian and Bahamian cuisine in November, 2013. They pride themselves in having the best Greo in town which can be served with fish, chicken wings or pork. They also serve native Bahamian dishes which are guaranteed to satisfy your palette.

New dishes will be coming on stream in 2014 such as Legume with rice and Sous pwa with rice (black/white bean sauce). They will also be selling drinks and desserts. According to manager Shanalee Paul her mom is the cook and she loves preparing food.

It was also a means to generate honest income. Since they have been open, the word is spreading of how great their food is and business has been good. Dinners are sold for \$8 and \$10 and kids plates are \$5 all day every day.

They are located in Dundas Town, three houses down on the left from Shawny's Take-A-Way. They are open Monday to Sunday 1pm until and can be contacted by calling 475-0424, 458-3280 or 559-9204.

You Save Auto Rental

By Samantha Evans

On December 1, 2013, You Save Auto Rental opened its doors in the Ambassador Inn Building on Crocket Drive. They rent cars for \$50 per day and vans for \$60 daily. To rent a car, persons must be 25 years or older and possess a valid driver's license.

At You Save Auto Rental, they pride themselves in excellent service and affordable prices, and guarantee clients that they will get their money's worth when they rent a vehicle from them. They will pick up clients from the airport and drop them back to the airport once they have returned the vehicle to the office.

Since they opened, the feedback has been good. Rentals can be done by the day, week or month. For every sixth day, a client will get a free day. The motto for this business is "Saving You Time and Money Wherever the Road Leads."

The owner of this business is Warren Ellis. They are open seven days a week from 8am to 6pm. They can be reached by calling 699-3346.

Favour Connection

By Samantha Evans

On October 29, 2013, Favour Con-

nection opened for business in the Island Bakery Plaza, also known as B & V Plaza, in Marsh Harbour. They specialize in male and female fashion including tops, pants, dresses and skirts.

They sell dressy and casual tops, which range in size from small to 3 XL for females. They offer sizes small to 4 XL and cologne for males.

For ladies, they also carry sandals, accessories, perfume, socks and underwear.

Early in 2014, they will carry children's clothing, men's tennis shoes, and jeans for men and women in a variety of sizes and colors. The owner of Favour Connection is Samantha Bodie from Green Turtle Cay.

They are open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A & S Safety Professionals

By Canishka Alexander

A & S Professionals and Variety Store offers a wide range of safety equipment and welding supplies. Their extensive line up of medical products includes: medical gases; medical concentrators for rent; safety vests; hard hats; earplugs; safety glasses, dust masks, etc.

In their welding section, they carry

masks, gloves, rods, tips gases and lots more. Pick up and delivery service is available for medical gases and medical oxygen concentrators. If you need to have your fire extinguishers inspected, serviced or refilled, they can assist you. They also have smoke alarms and smoke detectors along with fire extinguishers in stock for purchase.

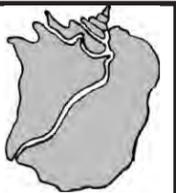
Additionally, CPB and First Aid classes are offered along with disaster, evacuation and emergency planning and medical education classes. A & S Professionals also has direct access to first responders, and the business is equipped with a certified training specialist, who is also a safety planner, manager and EMS instructor.

The Variety Store features household items, health and beauty supplies, and sporting goods. Basketball, softball, golf, and football equipment are always in store. There are also toys, party supplies and kitchenware.

The A & S Professionals and Variety Store is located at the Rubis Service Station Building in Central Pines across from Soul Saving Ministries Int'l. Business hours are from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. from Monday to Saturday, and closed on Sundays. Phone contacts are: 475-3246 or 225-4168 (Vibe). Find them on Facebook: A & S Safety Professionals and Variety Store.



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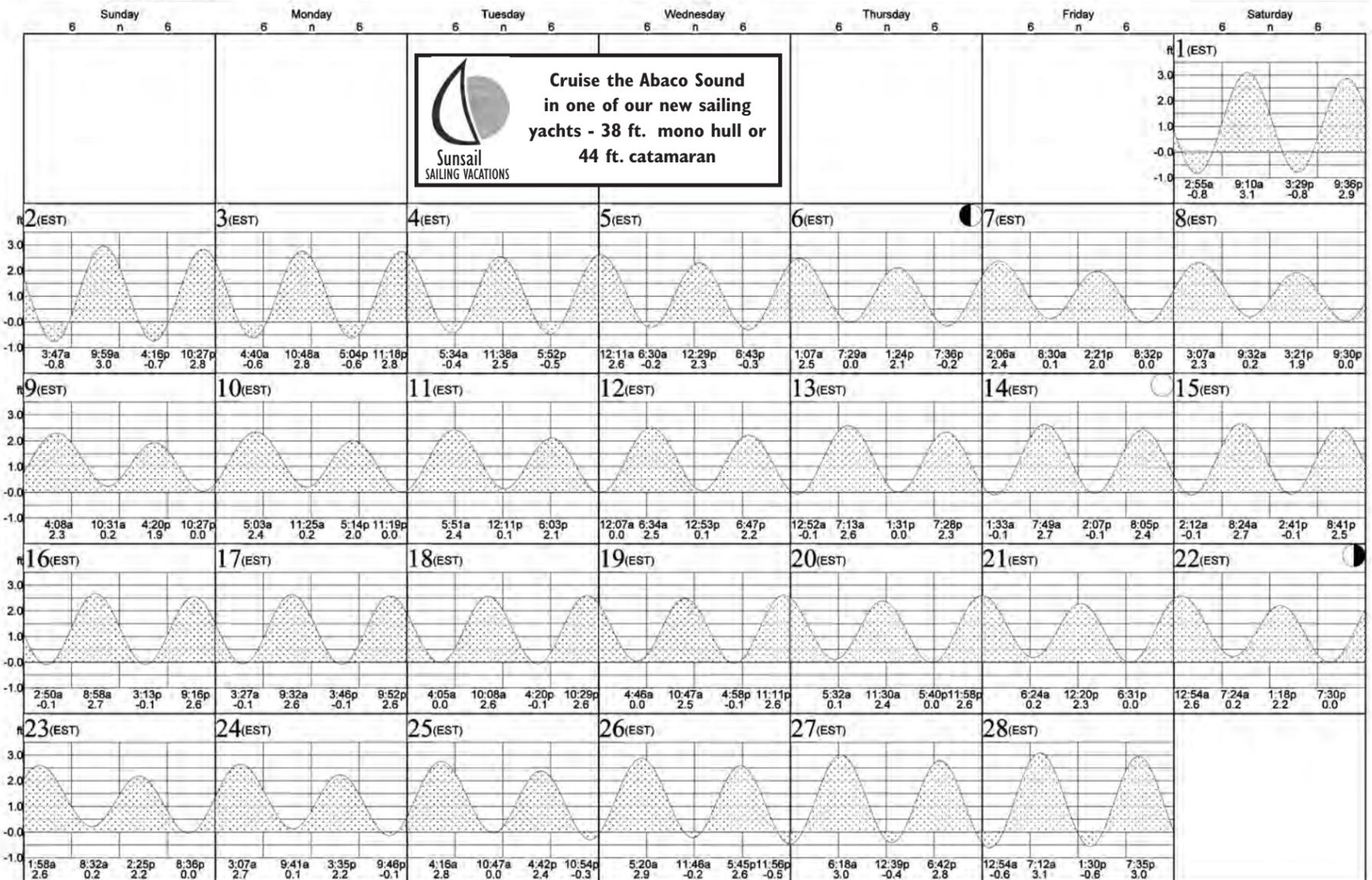


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Further Business

Abaco Chamber joins new radio communication store for grand opening



Above: members of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce joined Brian Bullard in the Grand Opening of CBS Marine on December 12.

By Timothy Roberts

The Abaco Chamber of Commerce joined CBS Marine and Land Communication Company in their grand opening event on December 12 at the stores' location next to Corner Value on Queen Elizabeth Drive.

Brian Bullard, principle owner, said though the store has been open for about four months he is "Having an official opening to cement the fact that we are here to offer professional service to the communities of Abaco."

Mr. Bullard, a technician who has been in the business almost 30 years, said that the company offers professional sales, installation and repair of marine and land communication particularly VHF marine and land based radios.

He said he was appreciative of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce who came out in support of the Grand Opening. "While I am a member of the Chamber of Commerce in Freeport I have never seen

such support as I have with the Abaco Chamber," he said. "I especially appreciated the efforts of Mrs. Richard for us."

He said he hopes with this business to bring Abaco into the twenty-first Century with communication especially since many communities in Abaco are so spread out. "We want to introduce a separation between the land based communication and the sea based communication," he said.

Mr. Bullard added that a technician is the best salesman and "I regard myself as a technician and a customer will come in and bring his challenge or problem to me and my job is to solve those problems and provide solutions - truthfully, honestly and efficiently."

He said he loves what he does and stays up to date in the industry. "I believe in fair work, fair products for a fair price. I've had great success over many years and I'd like to see that continue in Abaco."

Albury Brothers Boats partners with Sundance Marine

Press Release

Albury Brothers Boats, builders of 27', 23' and 20' center console outboard boats, announced its partnership with Sundance Marine. Sundance will represent the builder at their six Florida locations, providing additional convenience to Albury Brothers clients. Sundance will display select new boats and provide transaction assistance including trade-in's, plus service and storage.

"The relationship between Sundance and Albury Brothers actually goes back ten years", said Jeff Lichterman owner of Albury Brothers in Florida. "We built the third US Albury Brothers 23 for one of the owner's of Sundance. Here is a guy who could have any new boat, every year, at wholesale, yet he chose our 23. He became a fan and we started building a boat for him every 2-3 years. Like many of our owner's, he keeps 2 or 3 Albury boats in the family at all times. His enthusiasm spilled over to Sundance employees and pretty soon they were fans and active in the brokerage market. We are very proud the Sundance Marine professionals sincerely believe in our boats."

Mitch Milesi, Principal at Sundance said "This is not our typical dealership arrangement. Albury Brothers produces a limited amount of boats per year. We

have patiently waited, for the opportunity to partner with them. Our goal is to teach folks about the Albury Brothers design, then go out in choppy seas and let the boat do the talking."

Albury Brothers Boats are known for their smooth ride, sea kindness, strong construction and classic lines. For more information visit, Albury Brothers on Man O' War Cay, or near the Port of Palm Beach in Florida. You may also call 242-365-6086 in The Bahamas, 561-863-7006 in the US, or email info@alburybrothers.com.

Sundance Marine has 6 locations from Miami to Melbourne and has introduced thousands of people to the boating lifestyle. Sundance offers more than just sales, with storage, great service and their legendary Bimini Blast for over 26 years.

Ministry of Finance launches VAT Hotline

Press Release

The Ministry of Finance announced today it has launched a hotline with experts standing by to answer questions about the proposed Value Added Tax system set to go into effect July 1.

The hotline number is 225-7280. It

is staffed between 9 am and 5 pm daily Monday-Friday. The VIBE line is toll-free throughout The Bahamas.

"Since we launched the number two days ago without a lot of fanfare in the testing stage, we have had very interesting calls reflecting that people understand change is needed, but they just want more information," said Financial Secretary John Rolle. "What we have heard so far is evidence that the greatest need for information is on the part of the consumer as businesses have made it a point of learning as much as they can to date. When you

hear questions like 'Should I buy a new car now or wait? Which will be least expensive in taxes?' or 'Do I have to pay VAT on my condo association fees?' or 'How will it affect the price of baby formula?' it's clear that the upcoming schedule for VAT items and exemptions will be very helpful."

Government intends to publish the first schedule for consideration on January 17.

The hotline is also accepting comments for consideration.

A series of town meetings is planned with the first set tentatively for Exuma.

CherokeeAir caters to jet rush in December



Above: CherokeeAir took care of 70 aircraft arrivals on December 27, 2013. Over half of the aircraft were jets. They brought 300 persons who left for Winding Bay, Hope Town, Man-O-War, Baker's Bay and other points.

Property For Sale

Baker's Creek Lots 9 & 10



LOT 10 BAKER'S CREEK

Amazing hilltop lots with fantastic sea views. These lots are the best priced lots in the subdivision, and boast the best views. Baker's Creek is located roughly 8 miles north of Marsh Harbour and also from Treasure Cay.

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Business

Abaco EV Sales enhances its electric car line-up

By Canishka Alexander

This month, Abaco EV Sales expressed its appreciation for the reception of its first imported all electric car back in November.

By now, you've probably seen the compact, burnt orange vehicle zipping through town hence its name: The Zip Model.

Because of the enthusiastic response, distributors are sending four more electric vehicles comprised of three electric cars and an eight-passenger electric van, which will arrive on Abaco in six to eight weeks.

Abaco EV Sales Proprietor Mark Anthony Swain said the electric cars will be at the sales lot's new location, which is situated next to Abaco Neem at the airport roundabout.

The vehicles are equipped with a 10 KW electric motor that can be fully charged after approximately six hours at a cost of \$7.90 on your electricity bill, and remain charged for five to six days for driving in the general Marsh Harbour area.

Impressively, the electric car can

travel a distance of 135 miles before the suggested recharge.

The cost of the electric car is \$24,000, and the electric vans cost \$26,000 including import duties. In comparison, the smallest Japanese car on sale in The Bahamas is priced at \$28,000.

Swain revealed that the first 10 customers will receive a \$2,000-discount. Special orders are also available for the sports model cars.

Essentially, clients can pay for the vehicle in six years with a 15-percent down payment and consistent payments of \$362.68 per month, according to one of the local banks.

Fortunately, the savings on fuel will help to finance 80 percent of the electric car's payment. Because of the high cost of fuel particularly on the cays, Swain hopes to encourage residents and business owners to upgrade from golf carts to electric cars to reduce fuel costs. The savings are not only confined to fuel, but will save hundreds of dollars in overall maintenance.

As more cars are sold, Abaco EV Sales will put in infrastructural work in terms of charging stations with meters or timers. The charging stations will be located in Cooper's Town and between

Cherokee Sound and Sandy Point for motorists travelling on long stretches of roads who may need an additional charge. The charging stations will also be useful for taxi drivers with electric vehicles to charge their motors while waiting on customers at the ferry docks.

The cars come equipped with 110 volt and 220 volt plugs. Other amenities include 15-inch aluminum alloy wheels, right hand or left-hand drive steering, radio/CD player, air condition and heater, remote control lock, four wheel suspension system and optional GPS capabilities.

All electric cars carry a two-year warranty and replacement parts and repair labour is also available. For a short time during their introductory promotion, there will be no charge for installing a home charging station.

Contact Mark Anthony Swain in Abaco at 1(242)533-4285, or Paul Swain in Nassau at 1(242)475-5412.



Above: the Zip Model car.

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Man-O-War to Marsh Harbour

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Marsh Harbour to Scotland/Guana Cay 30 minute ride

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

Scotland/Guana Cay to Marsh Harbour

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

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

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

REGULAR FERRY FARES

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Hope Town and Man-O-War ferries depart from the Ferry Dock at Crossing Beach.

Guana /Scotland Cay depart from the Conch Inn.

Prices subject to change without notice.

The Abaconian presents

"Is the Airport Open Yet?"

Vol. II



No.

Why? Another deadline passed and another round of excuses. We have been told that February may, or may not, be the next target date. Also: the contingency fund needed for completion is nearly used up.

The tangible work done **since October 2012** that drained the funds? A fence, a security check-in and some minor cosmetic work. The one thing the Minister of Works will detail in regards to what's left to be done? The one critical thing preventing the airport from opening, despite the Minister of transport saying she is ready to move forward with hiring? **Relocating the generator from one side of the tarmac to the other.**

Check Back Next Issue for Another Exciting
Installment in: Is the Airport Open Yet?

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Marsh Harbour area

Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158
Abaco Real Estate 6 hse 367-2719
Abaco Towns 16 apts 367-0148
Ambassador Inn 6 rms 367-2022
Conch Inn 9 rms 367-4000
Living Easy 16 hse 367-2202
Island Breezes Motel 8 rms 367-3776
Lofty Fig Villas 6 eff 367-2681
Pelican Beach Villas 6 cott 367-3600
Regattas 32 apts 577-6764
HG Christie 11 hse 367-4151

Sandy Point

Oeisha's Resort 366-4139
Pete & Gay's Resort 14 rm 366-4119
Rickmon's Bonefishing 10 rm 800-628-1447

Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Resort 18 rm 6 hse 365-0083

Treasure Cay

Abaco Estate Services Mult hse 365-8752
Bahama Beach Club 88 units 365-8500
Brigantine Bay Villas 5 units 877-786-8455
Treasure Cay Resort 95 rms 365-8801

Turtle Rock

Villas at Palmetto Beach 3 villas 262-820-1900

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www.abacos.com www.oii.net www.bahamas.com

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Police - Marsh Harbour	367-3437	• 911
Police - Hope Town	366-0667	
Police - Man-O-War	365-6911	
Police - Treasure Cay	365-8048	
Police - Green Turtle Cay	365-4550	
B. Electricity Corp	367-2727, 367-2846,	367-4667
Water & Sewerage	475-1499,	475-5518
The following services are provided by volunteers		
Fire - Marsh Harbour	367-2000	
Fire - Hope Town VHF Ch 16	• Fire - Green Turtle Cay	475-1768
Fire - Man-O-War	365-4019	
Treasure Cay Fire & Rescue	365-9111	
BASRA Bah Air Sea Rescue.....	Marine VHF 16.....	366-0282
Hope Town	366-0549	Marsh Harbour 367-3752
Guana Cay	365-5178	Treasure Cay 365-8749

Medical Services	
Abaco Family Medicine, Marsh Harbour	367-2295
Abaco Medi-Center.....	367-9999
Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic	367-0020
Chiropractor-Dr. Lewis.....	367-0020
Chiropractor-Michael Hendley, D.C.....	242-439-0768..
Corbett Clinic, Treasure Cay	365-8288
Integrated Medical Center	367-1304
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Government Clinic, Hope Town	366-0108
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Agape Family Dental, Marsh Harbour.....	367-4355
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Island Veterinary Clinic, Marsh Harbour.....	367-0062

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AirGate Aviation - New Smyrna Beah.....	1-386-478-0600
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
US Reservation.....	1-800-433-7300
Bahamasair - Nassau, W. Palm B, Ft Laud	367-2095
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Island Wings - Ft. Lauderdale.....	1-954-274-6214
Regional - Freeport.....	367-0446
Silver Airline - Orlando, Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
US Reservation.....	1-800-231-0856
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Western Air - Nassau	367-3722
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Treasure Divers, Treasure Cay.....	365-8571
Brendal's Dive, Green T. Cay.....	365-4411
Dive Guana.....	365-5178

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

Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted

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

Albury's Ferry Service - Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16 • Hope Town & Man-O-War from Crossing Bch	
Marsh Harbour>Hope Town	7:15am 9:00am 10:30am 12:15pm 2:00pm 4:00pm 5:45pm
Return:	8:00 am 9:45am 11:30am 1:30pm 3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 6:30pm
Marsh Harbour>Man-O-War 10:30am 12:15pm 2:30pm* 4:00pm 5:45pm	
Return:	8:00am 11:30am 1:30pm 3:15pm* 5:00pm
Marsh H.>Guana Cay/Scotland cay From Conch Inn	
(6:45am - Union Jack Dock)	10:30am 1:30pm 3:30pm 5:45pm
Return:	8 am 11:30am 2:30pm 4:45pm 6:30pm

Fare • Adult prepaid one way \$17 / open return \$27, • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free (Phone after hours 359-6861)
Note: During the month of August through December there are some adjustments made to the schedule. You are advised to contact the office for the changes.

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

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

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

Bahamas Ferries Winter Schedule only (Jan 3rd to Apr 15th, 2014)	
Mon & Wed: Dep Nassau 2 pm...Arrive S. Abaco 8 pm... Dep S. Abaco 9 pm. Tue & Thu: Arrive Freeport 6 am...Dep Freeport 4:30 pm. Wed & Fri: Arrive S. Abaco 1:30 am...Dep S. Abaco 2:30 am...Arrive Nassau 8:30 am. Call Abaco Agent: 225-0741 or Nassau Office 242-323-2166 for rates.	

Attractions	
Albert Lowe Museum	Green Turtle Cay
Capt Roland Roberts House, reef exhibits..	Green Turtle Cay
Memorial Sculpture Garden	Green Turtle Cay
Wyannie Malone Historical Museum.....	Hope Town
Elbow Cay Lighthouse.....	Hope Town
Swim Mermaid Reef off Marsh Harbour	Pelican Shore
Drive to & swim in Blue Hole.....	Treasure Cay farm road
Art studio & working foundry	Little Harbour
Man-O-War Heritage Museum.....	Man-O-War Cay
Man-O-War Boatyards.....	Man-O-War Cay
Hole-in- Wall lighthouse -very rough road.....	South Abaco
Cedar Harbour plantation ruins - need guide..	North Abaco
Blackwood blue hole & sisal mill.....	North Abaco
Abaco wild horses by appointment.....	367-4805
Bird watching - ask tourism.....	367-3067

Beaches	
Pocket	
Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour	
Witches Point - 3 miles S. of Marsh Harbour	
Little Harbour - 20 miles S. of Marsh Harbour	
Cherokee - 23 miles S of Marsh Harbour	
Miles of beach (most exposed to ocean)	
• Treasure Cay • Green Turtle Cay • Guana Cay • Elbow Cay	
• Man-O-War Cay • Casuarina Point • Bahama Palm Shore	
• Sandy Point & more	

Tours & Excursions	
Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour.....	367-2936
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Abaco's Nature Adventure	577-0004
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C & C Charters - Treasure Cay	365-8506
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Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	38..... F365-4247
Green Turtle Club	40..... F365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15..... F365-4531
Other Shore Club	15..... F365-4226
Abaco Yacht Service.....	10..... F365-4033
Leeward Yacht Club.....	26..... F365-4191
Treasure Cay	
Treasure Cay Marina	150..... F365-8250
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Man-O-War Marina	28..... F365-6008
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Boat Harbour Marina	192..... F367-2158
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Harbour View Marina	40..... F367-2182
Mangoes Marina	29..... F367-4255
Marsh Harbour Marina	62..... F367 2700
Hope Town	
Hope Town Marina	62..... F366-0003
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Sea Spray	60..... F366-0065
South Abaco	
Schooner Bay	15..... F475-7626
Spanish Cay	
Spanish Cay Marina	40..... F365-0083
Guana Cay	
Bakers Bay Marina	158..... F365-5802
Guana Hide-aways.....	37..... F365-5070
Orchid Bay.....	66..... F365-5175
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Wi-Fi Hotspots	
Marsh Harbour:	Green Turle Cay:
Abaco Beach Resort	Sundowners
Snappas Grill & Chill	McIntosh Restaurant
Curlytails	Jolly Roger Bar & Bistro
Mangoes Restaurant	Leeward Yacht Club
Hope Town:	Bluff House
Abaco Inn	Guana Cay:
Cap'n Jacks	Guana Grabbers
H. T. Harbour Lodge	Nipper's Bar & Grill
Sea Spray	

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Lucky Strike - Hope Town.....	366-0101
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Local Boy.....	366-0528
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Marsh Harbour	
A & P Car Rentals	367-2655
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Bargain Car Rentals	367-0500
Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910
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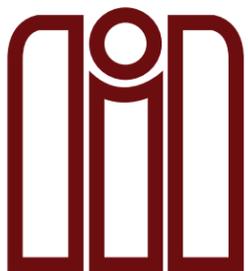
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Sponsored artists helped by Albury's Ferry and Furniture Plus



Above: Students display their Albury's Ferry inspired art on January 14. Three students were sponsored by Christy Young to attend the Walt Bartman art classes at the Hummingbird Cottage Art Center this year. Albury's Ferry decided to help as well and allow the students to ride over to Hope Town and back for free. Left to right: Darin Knowles, Hannah Bonamy, Denis Knowles, Brandin Pinder and Marlee Mason. See page 4.

S. C. Bootle's Anchor Club distributes food to needy, elderly persons



Above: members of SC Bootle's Anchor Club and the Pilot Club of Abaco launched an initiative to help the elderly and those in need in their community.

Christine Lightbourne, Pilot Club of Abaco President, and four other members took time off to support and assist S. C. Bootle High School's Dynamic Dolphin Anchor Club (DDAC) prior to the Christmas holiday season.

According to Principal Huel Moss Jr., DDAC launched an initiative to aid the elderly in Fire Road and Cooper's Town with food baskets and packages.

After conducting a survey within the Fire Road and Cooper's Town communities, students composed a list of needy persons with emphasis on the elderly.

Thereafter, Moss said that advisors, student club members and members of the Pilot Club of Abaco, walked throughout the communities and distributed 25 packages to the elderly and sang Christmas carols. Bags were decorated with custom-designed tags.

"Recipients were very appreciative and grateful for the timely gifts they re-

School & YouthNews

Music Doing Good Presents "The Power of One" in Hope Town and Marsh Harbour Two Concerts to Benefit Every Child Counts

"The Power of One," a concert presented by Music Doing Good, will take place on Thursday, February 6 at Hope-town Harbour Lodge - Poolside in Hope-town (5:30 p.m. Dinner and 7 p.m. Concert); and Friday, February 7, Marquee Room at Abaco Beach Resort, Marsh Harbour (6 p.m. Doors Open, 7 p.m. Concert). This is a fund and friend raising event. Ticket price: Donations greatly accepted. Contact: 242-367-2505

For the third year, Music Doing Good travels from Houston, Texas to Hope Town and Marsh Harbour, Abaco to perform two benefit concerts for Every Child Counts (ECC), which provides an alternative education for children with learning, developmental or physical disabilities (regardless of financial, family or social restraints). Lyn Major, Founder and Administrator of Every Child Counts remarks, "... because of Music Doing Good's influence, we all have seen the difference in [the kids] since they have been working with the musicians - the power of a caring few is so amazing!"

It is a goal of Every Child Counts to maximize each child's ability to become a productive, successful and independent



Above: the Music Doing Good group performing last year.

citizen.

The theme behind "The Power of One" is that in order to effect positive change, it starts with an intent and action of just one person. And often times, the ripple effect of that intent or action creates a groundswell that galvanizes others to impact the lives of many. The musical repertoire for the concert reflects this theme and is created to evoke a sense of inspiration in the audience.

Iconic tunes from great artists such as John Lennon, Bob Marley, the Beatles and Cole Porter will be performed in addition to many original songs by Music Doing Good artists. Students from Every Child Counts will also perform several songs on-

stage with the artists. ECC students will also share their rendition of the Junkanoo with the guests.

Music Doing Good is a Houston-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that transforms lives by providing music experiences and education to underserved people and by fostering the talent of those served. In addition to concerts, Music Doing Good offers an instrument granting program, delivers afterschool music classes in Houston-area Title I schools, provides scholarships for middle and high schoolers, and one-on-one songwriting sessions—all with a focus on youth. The outreach programs use music to stimulate minds, open hearts and ignite imagination! Music Doing Good

touches the lives of thousands of individuals annually as the organization strives to create a world where we all live in concert.

For more information about Music Doing Good, please visit www.music-doinggood.org

For more information about Every Child Counts, visit www.everychildcountsabaco.org email: everychildcountsabaco@gmail.com

Four Abaco students selected as Youth Ambassadors to participate in Leadership Exchange in US

Press Release

On Thursday, January 9, the United States Embassy formally announced the students and chaperone representing Abaco Island who will travel to Denver, Colorado and Washington, D.C. from February 2-25, 2014, to participate in the U.S. Embassy's third Youth Ambassadors exchange program. The students were selected based on their strong leadership skills and a commitment to community service.

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Sunrise Bay	Great Cistern	Guana Cay	Guana Cay	Green Turtle Cay	Marsh Harbour
<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Ridgeview 4B/2.5B designer built home in Sunrise Bay. Must see #19221 \$699,000</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Two Homes One Great Price. 3B/2.5B & 1B/1B Pool & Ocean. CALL FOR INFO \$798,000</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Coconut Tyme - 3B/2B up 1B/1B down. 18,601 s.f., Dock Slip. #15560 - \$399,950</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Sandy Feet - Beautiful 3B/2B Ocean Front home w/ private dock slip. #18923 - \$739,000</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">2.8 Acre Sea to Sea Estate. 3B/2B Below appraisal - 2B/2B + 2 bonus Main, 2B/1B Cottage. Beach & Dock rooms easy duplex conversion. #18869 - USD\$3.25M</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">#15783 - \$210,000</p>
Great Abaco Club	Great Abaco Club	Great Abaco Club	Pelican Shores	Great Abaco Club	Great Abaco Club
<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Sea View - 3B/2.5B, Great views of Hope Town. Boat slip included. #16937 - \$525,000</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">3B/3B never lived in home with appliances, generator, 50' yacht slip. #18632 - USD\$710K</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Lea ~Sing - 2,200 sq. ft. 4B/4.5B. Gated community, 50' dockage. #15664 - USD\$875,000</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Fanny Bay - 3B/2B with 230' on water awesome views, must see. #17197 - \$650,000</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">ADJACENT TO #15946</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">GAC Lot #29 - Gated Community Grouper Therapy - 4B/4B, 50' +/- secure deepwater dockage. 7ton lift, 60' protected yacht slip. #17435 - USD\$295,000 #15946 - USD\$859,000</p>
Central Pines	Eastern Shores	Eastern Shores	Eastern Shores	Central Pines	Great Cistern
<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Triplex - 3250 s.f. 2B/1.5B, 2B/1.B, 1B/1B, 14,000 s.f. fenced lot #18174 - \$370,000</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Even Tide / Low Tide - 3B/3B rental history, turn key, waterfront. #14322 - USD\$975K</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Sur La Mer - 2B/2B + bonus room Rental history. 130' Sea of Abaco. #15269 - USD\$700,000</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">1 acre Sea to Sea -3B/3B + Guest Cottage & Garage. Rental history 2B/2B 2150sf duplex ready to finish. #17759 - \$1.15M</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">BELOW APPRAISAL Central Pines #18175 \$80,000</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Coral Point Villa - 2,250 s.f. 3B/3B 170' Waterfront 1+ acre. #17857- \$750,000</p>
Marsh Harbour	Joes Creek	Yellow Wood	Guana Cay	Guana Cay	FOR ADDITIONAL LISTINGS LOTS & ACREAGE LEASES & RENTALS PLEASE SEE SECTION B PAGE 5
<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Sunrise Bay "awesome views" Hilltop Lot 3 w/ private boat slip. #19565 - \$242,000</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Joes Creek/ Leisure Lee Lot 4 28,000 sq. ft. 100' beachfront. #19601 - \$199,000</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Next to Winding Bay - "BIG CAVE" 11.4 Oceanfront acres. #19532 - \$595,000</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Waterfront Lot 101 Dolphin Beach Estates "Great Buy" to-Sea 3bed/2bath & 1bed/1bath #19052 - \$189,000</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Hannah's Bluff -10 acre estate Sea- #18255 US\$1,795,000</p>	

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DOLPHIN BEACH ESTS. \$149,000
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School & Youth News

Ambassadors From Page 2

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During the three-week exchange, the Bahamian youth leaders will join students from throughout the Caribbean in two U.S. cities for hands-on community-based activities.

The students' exciting one-day visit to Nassau included a courtesy call on U.S. Chargé d'Affaires John Dinkelman and briefings with the Embassy's Public Affairs staff. During the meeting with the Chargé, the students discussed the upcoming program and issues facing youth in The Bahamas.

The four youth leaders who were selected for the third U.S. Embassy Youth Ambassador Program are: Kandise Kelly and Catalina Albury, both students at Forest Heights Academy, Berthony McDermott from S.C. Bootle High School and Conrad Cornish, who will represent Abaco Central High School.

The students will be accompanied by Kimberly Rahming of the Ministry of Education who will serve as the group's chaperone and act as a mentor to the students upon their return to The Bahamas.

The Youth Ambassadors Program brings talented high school students to the United States to promote mutual understanding, increase their leadership skills and prepare participants to make a difference in their home communities by becoming active and engaged citizens through service. Twenty-five countries throughout the Caribbean and Latin America currently participate in the program.

U.S. Embassy Nassau has coordinated three Youth Ambassadors Programs for 2013/14 with students previously selected from New Providence and Grand Bahama to participate in the youth leadership exchange.

ceived," Moss shared. "Food items were collected by the students of S. C. Bootle High School and the initiative was the first undertaken by the Dynamic Dolphin Anchors.

"The club is looking forward to bigger and better ways of assisting persons within our local communities and beyond. Thanks to the Pilot Club of Abaco for assisting with the distribution," he concluded

Albury's Ferry and Furniture Plus sponsor young artists

By Timothy Roberts

After learning of art workshops for talented, young Abaco artists on Hope Town taught by Walt Bartman, Albury's Ferry decided to assist these young artists by sponsoring free ferry rides to and from the Cay for the duration of the classes.

Hummingbird Cottage Art Center, an old Loyalist home restored by Jim and Christy Young, was envisioned to be an educational centre for the arts in Abaco. Christy, who hails from Maryland, is herself an artist who is experienced in all mediums but recently discovered a passion for oils under the tutelage of Walt Bartman.

Seven years ago Christy decided to sponsor an Abaco student to attend Walt Bartman's Outdoor 10 Day Art Workshop which is held in Hope Town annually. This year three students were sponsored, including one from Agape Christian School and, for the first time, two from Abaco Central High School – Eric Sands, Manisha Lewis

and Hannah Bonamy.

In an effort to make the sponsorship more meaningful now, as well as for the future, Albury's Ferry asked the students to produce a painting related to Albury's Ferry which they would in turn display the painting along with the student's information in the gift shop at the Crossing in Marsh Harbour.

Denis Knowles, General Manager of Albury's Ferry said Marlee Mason, an artist who lives in Hope Town, came to him with the idea to assist by sponsoring the ferry transportation. Denis' son, Darrin Knowles, also Operations Manager of Albury's Ferry, took the idea even further and said "why don't we, when the students finish the workshop, have them prepare a painting of something regarding the ferries and we will post it in the snack bar."

"Anytime we can be of help or assist like this we enjoy it," he said.

Hannah Bonamy, student of Agape

Christian School, said that Mr. Bartman taught her a lot. She said it was a great experience and that she was thankful to Ms. Mason and to all the sponsors for making it possible.

Brandin Pinder, student of St. Francis de Sales School, said he got a lot out of Mr. Bartman's workshop and that the experience helped him learn new things about painting. He said he was thankful for the sponsors who helped him go to the workshop as well as his school teachers.

Marlee Mason is an artist who assists in the sponsorship of Abaco kids to the Outdoor Art Workshop. She said students are suggested by their art teachers for selection.

Ms. Mason also noted that Furniture Plus also sponsors the paint supplies for the students who participate, which is very helpful as there is not a good selection of materials available to Abaco's talented youth.



Above: art student Hannah Bonamy holds a familiar scene she painted with Albury's Ferry General Manager Denis Knowles. Every year Walt Bartman holds an Art Workshop in Hope Town and some talented young Abaco artists are sponsored to attend. This year, Albury's Ferry decided to go a step further and provided free rides for the three young students who were chosen. The students in return painted scenes about Albury's Ferry. Furniture Plus also donated paint supplies.

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School & Youth News

Agape raises funds for Cancer Society



Above: Abaco Cancer Society volunteer, Jo-Ann Bradley, accepts a donation from Agape School. Funds were raised during an "Out-of-Uniform" day.

By Timothy Roberts

On December 16 Agape Christian School presented the Abaco Cancer Society with a donation of funds raised from an out-of-uniform day at the school.

Cecile Albury, Principle of Agape Christian School, said they raised money for the Abaco Cancer Society with an out of uniform day "and we did that because there are people who have that very bad disease and it touches babies all the way to older men and women, and the Abaco Cancer Society helps people to obtain

treatment."

Jo Ann Bradley, President of the Abaco Cancer was on-hand to receive the donation. She said, "I really appreciate everything you have done to help us help others. We help 86 people in Abaco at the moment."

She said that 100 per cent of all the money raised for the Cancer Society goes to helping people who have cancer and all the work and items are donated by volunteers.

Forest Heights Interact Club has successful year



Above: Interact members, Cloe Sweeting and Nicola Roberts fill Christmas balloons with the help of Interact Co-Advisor Lori Thompson.

By Rakasha McIntosh & Hannah Strachan
Grade Ten Students

Starting off the 2013/2014 school year, Forest Heights Academy's over-fifty member Interact Club raised awareness

and money for breast cancer research and for the less privileged.

During the month of October, Interact sold hats, t-shirts, bottles and other

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- NEW Guana Cay DolpBch Est. #19052 10919 s.f. watrfrnt Lot 101 \$189K
- Guana Cay #17456 - #17459 Interior \$49.9K+ Ocean \$139K+
- Guana Cay #14957 Orchid Bay Ctg Lot #4 80' waterfront. \$245K
- REDUCED Guana Cay #13432 Fishers Bay Lots 28 & 28B 94' waterfront. \$275K
- REDUCED Guana Cay #12378 10,432 s.f. lot dual views. \$75K
- Orchid Bay Village #18493 Lot V19 7,061 s.f. beach access B\$69k
- Tilloo Cay #19248 2.713 Sea-to-Sea acreage w/ dock & elev \$575K
- Tilloo Cay #14845 47, 48 & 49 offered as ONE parcel 35,750+ s.f. \$299k
- REDUCED Tilloo #15264 Lot 19 wtrfrnt. elec avail. 13,050 s.f. lot. \$137K

MARSH HARBOUR AREA

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- NEW Pelican Shores #19511 Lot 4 3/4 acre dock, elect/wtr. nxt to Jib Rm \$549K
- Govt. Sub 2 - #18081/#18079 10,125 sq.ft. Lot 92 & 93 \$54K Each
- Great Abaco Club #17435 Lot #29 Gated, 50'+/- deepwater dockage. \$295K
- Great Cistem #16230 Comer Lot 106' elevwaterfnt 14,248 sq. ft. \$115K
- Murphy Town Call for info TWO 80'X90' adjacent lots \$23,400 ech
- Marsh Harbour #13123 2.05 acres adjacent Maxwell. \$195K
- Royal Hbr #14051 Lot #26 off front street 14583 s.f. lot. \$139K
- Royal Harbour #17434 Lot #12 Waterfront Lot. Great Buy \$140K
- REDUCED Stede Bonnet Rd. # 19306 Residential Lot 8,125 s.f. lot. \$50K
- REDUCED Stede Bonnet Rd. #19305 Elev. 9,425 s.f. lot util. avail. \$65K
- Sunrise Bay #18049 18,371 sq. ft. Lot 32 \$295K
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LOTS & ACREAGE CONTD'

SOUTH ABACO

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- REDUCED Long Beach #12380 Lot 31 12,600 s.f. lot. elev. views. \$89K
- REDUCED Long Beach #15957 Lot 315 Vacant Corner Lot \$35K.
- Long Beach #17702 Lot 396 Hilltop 10,800+/- sq. ft. 320' from bch \$95K
- Old Kerr #15361 Lot 5B 14 acres 209' bchfront, 45'+/- elevations. \$248,500

NORTH ABACO

- ACREAGE Loggerhead Creek #19135 10 acres \$210K or 5 acres for \$110K
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- REDUCED Treasure Cay#13226 Lot 8 Block 190 "Open to Offers". \$50K
- REDUCED T. Cay #13227 Lot 9 Block 190 Interior Lot, canal views. \$53K
- REDUCED T. Cay #13230 Comm.lot adjacent school 9.4 acres \$169K
- Treasure Cay call for info Lot 78 Block 1 Sect 1. 10,000 s.f. lot. \$59,900
- Turtle Rocks #17283 Hilltop lot waterview. 16,969 s.f. lot. \$35,500K
- Turtle Rocks #15916 2.28 acres highway access, utilities near \$150K

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Lifestyles

Art for the Parks to spotlight Bahamian Beauty

Press Release

This January, some of the most celebrated Bahamian artists will gather at Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour Marina to share the beauty of their work while protecting the beauty of The Bahamas. Now in its 5th year, the Art for the Parks Festival will take place January 24 – 26, 2014 in collaboration between Abaco Beach Resort, the Bahamas National Trust (BNT) and corporate sponsors.

Over thirty artists and artisans will exhibit, providing both residents and visitors a unique opportunity to view and purchase artwork, while raising awareness and funding for the preservation of Abaco's six national parks and wildlife sanctuaries.

"We look forward to once again hosting this wonderful event and are proud to play a part in the preservation of our natural environment," said Manny Alexiou, owner of Abaco Beach Resort. "What makes Art for the Parks so unique is that it not only showcases the natural wonders of The Bahamas through the work of our talented art community, but it also reminds us of the importance of protecting these areas so that future generations can enjoy them."

Event attendees will enjoy viewing and purchasing works in all mediums including oils and acrylics, vibrant watercolors, handcrafted wood products, dazzling jewelry and incredible fabric art.

Art for the Parks commences with a cocktail reception and silent auction and continues through the weekend with musical entertainment, local cuisine, an interactive children's arts and crafts tent, chalk art competition, live art demonstrations by select artists as well as a Heritage Tent with live demonstrations and history workshops about the region.

"The Art for the Parks event was the idea of local Abaco artists who wanted a show that would allow them to promote and display their art while supporting the national parks on Abaco," said Lynn Gape, BNT Deputy Executive Director. "It has been a great partnership with the artists participating in the planning of the event, as well as the amazing support we have received from the Abaco Beach Resort and local corporate partners."

All ticket proceeds will benefit the preservation of Abaco's six national parks and wildlife sanctuaries. The national park system in Abaco includes Walker's Cay National Park, Black Sound Cay National Reserve, Tilloo Cay Reserve, Pelican Cays Land & Sea Park, Abaco National Park and Fowl Cays National Park.

"The youth of Abaco are also a part of the event," stated David Knowles, BNT Director of Parks. "This year, students have been invited to participate in the 'Take me Outside' Video competition where students are asked through a short film to highlight what they enjoy the most about the outdoor environment of Abaco."

The BNT will announce the winners of the competition at the Art for the Parks

event.

Art for the Parks in Abaco opens on Friday, January 24 from noon – 3 pm with the gala opening at 6– 9pm.; Saturday, January 25 from 10am – 6pm and Sunday, January 26 from 11am – 3pm. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 12 years of age.

For more information about the event contact Kadie Mills at the BNT office in Marsh Harbour 367-6310.

North Abaco Audubon Society holds Christmas Bird Count



Above: many beautiful birds were spotted during the North Abaco Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. Photo by Uli Nowlan

By Mirella Santillo

Eight people divided into two teams participated in the North Abaco Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. The group was happy to see a good amount of species on their trip. Between the two groups, eighty six species were spotted on January 2. More species, including an Osprey, were sighted on Green Turtle Cay two days prior by Dr. Woody Bracey and Barton Thretheway bringing the total count to

ninety, a figure close to the previous years since the North Abaco count started.

As the participants who had met in front of Spanky's at the Treasure Cay Road and SC Bootle Highway junction separated, Dr. Bracey went north to the former citrus farm and the pine forest, accompanied by three ladies.

A group of three which included Carolyn Wardle, a seasoned ornithologist who had come from Nassau for the occasion, left for their first destination: the ponds at the Treasure Cay Golf Course. They were later joined by David Knowles, Park Director for the Bahamas National Trust. There they spotted a Canada Goose, several American Coots, a Great Egret, White-Cheeked Pintails and some Common Moorhens.

Only a couple of Hairy Woodpeckers were spotted at the Bluff Point launching area, but the Moxey's Nursery was home for quite a few species including a Greater Antillean Bullfinch. Flocks of Red-winged Blackbirds, too many to count, were disturbed when the group reached the Treasure Cay dump and took flight. The dump was also home of a great number of Turkey-necked Vultures.

At the farm, several species of raptors were seen: besides several pretty American Kestrels, a Merlin, a Peregrine Falcon and two Northern Harriers were spotted. But for the group scouting the farm and the forest, the highlight of the day was a bright red Summer Tanager.

The air was still for most of the morning and rain started falling soon after lunch time, so flying insects were abundant and so were the flycatchers. Many Lasagra's Flycatchers, Loggerhead Kingbirds, Crescent-Eyed Pewees and Gnat catchers were encountered.

Both groups reported a large number of Smooth-billed Anis, Palm Warblers, Black-face Grassquits, Striped-headed Tanagers, Vultures, Great Egrets and Red-winged Blackbirds, but the warblers were not as abundant as in former counts.

Late afternoon, the bird-watchers met at Dr. Bracey's house for drinks while tallying the final results. It was an occasion to meet new acquaintances and catch up with old ones as some of the participants only meet once a year, or less, in some cases.

Dr. Bracey and his wife Betsy as well as Mrs. Wardle were leaving the following day for Freeport to take part in another Audubon Society Christmas Count on Grand Bahama.



Above: local artist David Lowe displaying his work during last year's Art for the Parks event.



Above left to right: Dr. Elwood Bracey, Carolyn Wardle, Ylva LJungholm, Darla Alsteen, Barton Thretheway and Uli Nowlan.

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Lifestyles

A fighting chance: The story one child's survival and the power of hope and prayer

By Canishka Alexander

Destin Bootle turned five years old in October, 2013.

At the time of his birth, doctors were not convinced that he would live to see another day much less a year. With a due date of Jan. 3, 2009, Destin's mother, Audra Parker-Bootle, had to undergo an emergency C-section exactly three months early at the Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH).

He weighed two pounds, 10 ounces at birth.

Destin was transferred to PMH's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit where he spent three months in an incubator fighting for his life. Audra said that it was then that her challenge as a mother began.

In the coming weeks, she was only allowed to visit him twice a day.

Initially, Destin experienced severe stomach distention, and to make matters worse, he contracted a blood fungus/blood disease that led to total dehydration. Needles were connected from Destin's head to his toes, and because of the dehydration his veins collapsed, so he was not able to be given fluids.

Still, their most difficult challenges lay ahead.

Destin was scheduled to have three operations, but each time they were cancelled by his doctors. They explained to Audra that they could only do one course of treatment – maybe two – to combat the blood fungus he had picked up.

After two treatments, it was expected that major organ failure or brain damage would occur.

Faced with a grave decision, Audra was told that there was nothing else the doctors could do.

"They met me at the door, and said that Destin was not responding to anything," Audra tearfully recounted. "They couldn't find veins to give him the drips. He was about seven or eight weeks old, and he was laying there – just dried up.

"They didn't know if he would see the next day, and I just stood there with tears running down my cheeks. I said to the doctors, 'I hear you, but God has the last say.'"

One of the doctors suggested she pray, so that God would allow them to see just one vein.

"He said if Destin could get through the night, we would deal with the next day. I just looked at Destin, and my heart was broken."

After much prayer, Audra decided to go ahead with the treatments. Destin did not respond to the first or second treatment, so she agreed to a third treatment.

A third treatment is unheard of, but it was the treatment that Destin responded to.

"It was uphill from there," Audra exclaimed. "He rallied extremely well, and was transferred to the Special Care Unit."

Their troubles were still not over.

Destin was also challenged with receiving milk because there was nothing on the market that his fragile body tolerated. His doctor recommended Nutramigen, which costs about \$48 a can for 10 ounces

of formula.

He was able to drink the Nutramigen, but Audra's high spirits would only last for a short time before another setback sent little Destin back to the Neonatal Unit for four weeks. During that time, she received her share of early morning calls that made her heart – and time – stand still.

"They called me and told me they didn't want me to be surprised when I got there, and he wasn't there. There were babies that did not make it while he was there, but he just kept hanging on."

When she wasn't reading the Book of Psalms to Destin, she would sing: "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power."

A feeling of peace began to resonate within her.

Even when Destin was at his worse, as long as he moved his foot, she knew he was alright. One day, he was not moving his foot. Intuitively, Audra knew something else was wrong, but thankfully, Destin was discharged from the hospital three months later weighing four pounds.

Audra later discovered that as a result of the treatment and challenges faced by Destin, there was something slightly different about his left foot. This led to a series of follow up visits to doctors at the Neurology Clinic, and Neonatology Clinic. Destin had to have screenings done at the Neurological Development Center [NDC], and then they were able to return to Abaco.

Her strong faith in God would help her get through the next two and half consecutive years of seeing specialists and attending clinic for Destin's therapy every four to six weeks in Nassau.

In 2010, she made a decision to visit Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Ft. Lauderdale.

Destin was officially diagnosed cerebral palsy / spastic diplegia, which only affected his left lower extremity. She was told by a local Bahamian neurologist, and Dr. Stephen Storer, a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, that Destin had suffered some brain damage.

"Outside of that, the boy is brilliant – he's absolutely brilliant," Audra beamed. "But he was literally taught how to creep by one of the professionals at NDC; they had to teach him to creep, they had to teach him to sit down – all the things that's naturally instinctive for other children, he had to learn how to do.

"I watched him, and I cried because it seemed to me like he was suffering with them having to teach him...he cried and he cried... it was hard for him and it was painful. I really credit Miss May at NDC because she was just wonderful."

Audra said that instead of creeping, Destin used to pull with one arm and drag



Above: Destin Bootle at his birth: 2 pounds, 10 ounces. Scheduled for three operations, Destin's mother never gave up hope.

the other leg. However, he learned how to creep and how to walk, and at nine months, he was talking.

"He spoke early, but he had to learn how to do everything else."

Destin still visits an Orthopedic Specialist and goes once a year for screening and updates at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. He visits Dynamic Orthopedic to be fitted for his braces twice a year, and he requires night time and day-time braces. Only the muscles in his right leg developed, so he lacks muscle toning in his

left leg.

"Unless some form of a miracle happens, and I pray that it does, Destin will wear some form of bracing perhaps for the rest of his life for maintenance."

Destin's "survivor personality" made it easy for his mother to travel with him, and he never fussed about going to the doctor.

"In his mind, it's like he understood what had to be done," she shared. "He has

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- Depart Spanish Wells 10:25 a.m.
- Arrive Harbour Island 11:10 a.m.
- Depart Harbour Island 3:40 p.m.
- Arrive Spanish Wells 4:15 p.m.
- Depart Spanish Wells 4:20 p.m.
- Arrive Nassau 6:50 p.m.

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- Arrive South Abaco 8:00 p.m.
- Depart South Abaco 9:00 p.m.

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- Depart Freeport 4:30 p.m.

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- Depart South Abaco Saturday 2:30 a.m.
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- Depart Simms Tuesday 1:00 p.m.
- Arrive George Town Tuesday 5:00 p.m.
- Depart George Town Tuesday 5:30 p.m.
- Arrive Nassau Wednesday 7:30 a.m.

George Town, Exuma

Wednesday

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- Arrive George Town Thursday 6:30 a.m.
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- Depart Harbour Island 2:00 p.m.
- Arrive Spanish Wells 3:10 p.m.
- Depart Spanish Wells 3:30 p.m.
- Arrive Current 4:30 p.m.
- Depart Current 5:00 p.m.
- Arrive Nassau 7:45 p.m.

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- Depart Governor's Harbour 2:00 p.m.
- Arrive Nassau Friday 7:00 p.m.

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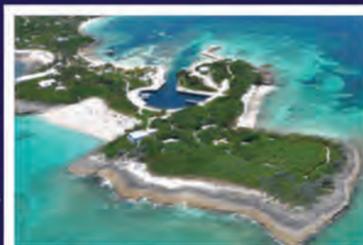
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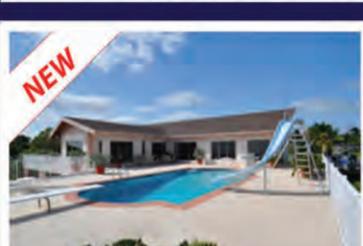
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Pelican Shores at Marsh Harbour
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- 200' on Coco Bay Beach
- 8,000 gallon cistern
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Lifestyles

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been a fighter.”

Looking back, when Audra was six weeks along in her pregnancy, she remembered visiting Dr. Francis Biney because she had concerns. Because her pregnancy was considered high risk, she had to leave the island. She spent the duration of her pregnancy in Nassau attending doctors every week. Along the way, she had several hospital emergencies, and six weeks prior to giving birth to Destin, she was admitted to PMH.

Throughout her pregnancy, Audra would make a note of everything that happened in her journal. Through the trying times, Audra committed to singing spiritual hymns, prayer and reading Scriptures.

Convinced her unborn child was a girl, Audra began calling him Alissa Jordan up until she was five months pregnant. When the ultrasound confirmed that she was having a boy, she settled on the name Destin after her last hospital admission.

“I came up with the name Destin after being admitted to hospital with all the challenges that we were having trying to save this child; he was just determined to make it,” Audra explained. “I feel like he was determined to help me get through, and I wanted a name that would be significant and something that would remind him of where God had brought him from, and that he was destined to be here, and destined for great things. And so hence his name is Destin Joshua Jordan Bootle.”

Audra was convinced during that time that God had assigned a guardian angel in the form of a female doctor, who went above and beyond her call of duty to care for her. She would check on Audra periodically, and pleaded for her to get into the operating theatre when it was time.

According to Audra, the doctor’s actions saved her baby’s life.

To date, he has had two surgeries due to umbilical hernia and he had an emergency surgery two years ago. Another surgery was repeated, and he was scheduled to undergo a third surgery in August.

Destin is currently in K-5 at Little Darlings Academy, and he was head boy for two years in a row in K-3 and K-4.

“He is doing extremely well, and he is now able to run, walk, hop, skip and jump – you know, he is a little tumbleweed.”



Above: Destin Bootle today: healthy and happy.

Audra attributes Destin’s continued development to ongoing physical therapy for the past five to six months with a therapist at Major Changes Rehab Center, who works in partnership with Integrated Medical Center. Destin receives manual physical therapy treatments a minimum of three days per week for one hour.

When Destin started therapy, he was not able to stand on his left foot or his toes, he was not able to balance on his left foot, he was unable to jump with both feet equally, and he was not able to hop on his left foot.

Audra said the therapist has essentially been teaching Destin’s left leg what to do so that it becomes a habit.

“I am grateful to have physical therapy here on the island because care, patience and professionalism given by the owner and staff of Major Changes Rehab is paramount,” Audra said.

Although, she lost a lot during Destin’s journey, Audra said it has been worth it.

“I am noting how awesome God is, and that there is nothing that is impossible. I am grateful and want to take this opportunity to celebrate this gift of life that God has given to me, and to publicly thank all those who supported me even up to today. I thank God for my family, and my mom, who has been my pillar of strength.

“I want to encourage other mothers and families going through the same situation, or facing the same battle. The road is not easy, the challenges may be great, but the reward is greater. Stay in the fight; help is available. It is possible with God’s help to survive it.”

Audra gave a special thank you to her husband Desmond Bootle for flying back and forth to see them because it was a sacrificial experience that put a lot of stress on their marriage. She thanked her mother for her great support, and gave another special thank you to all of her family, her brothers and sisters especially Sherlene Parker-Smith and Bishop Burnell Parker. She was grateful to her entire church family of Revival Time Pentecostal Church in Crown Haven for their prayers and financial support while she was in Nassau.

Audra expressed gratitude to her niece Kimberly Bain, who sacrificed for her and ensured she attended her hospital or clinic visits each week; and to Grammy G, who accompanied her during the majority of her visits at the hospital. Finally, she profusely thanked Miss May at the Neurological Development Center; Dr. Steve Lochan, Consultant Neonatologist at Princess Margaret Hospital; and the entire medical staff at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at PMH.

Police Dept. captures Christmas Spirit with party



Abaco’s police department held a pre-Christmas party at the Solid Gold Night Club on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour on December 14.

To show support for the Abaco police force, Emrick Seymour, Assistant Commissioner of Police and Officer in charge for Grand Bahama and the Northern Bahamas, attended. Also enjoying the evening were, above left to right, Jackson McIntosh (Cat Island Administrator), Mr. Seymour, Superintendent Noel Curry (Officer in Charge, Abaco Division) and Preston Cunningham (Senior Island Administrator, Central Abaco District.)

Horticultural Society holds first meeting of 2014

By Mirella Santillo

The first meeting of the Horticultural Society of The Bahamas-Abaco Branch for 2014, took place on January 11 at the home of Mr. Jim Eastwood.

Approximately thirty members attended the gathering which took place outside under a slightly cloudy sky with a NE breeze keeping the temperature very comfortable.

On the agenda was the discussion of volunteers’ participation in the Arts for the Parks show taking place the weekend of January 24-26, the signing up of members interested in attending the February 8 meeting on Green Turtle Cay, the monthly plant auction, as well as Mr. Eastwood giving advice on bonsai brought by members.

President Barbara Foreman opened the meeting telling the assembly of her projects for the Art for the Parks. The Society will have a couple of tables so she reminded people to bring plants to be sold or even craft items such as plant hangers, the model of which she had brought. The members were notified since the reopening of the season in September to start accumulating an inventory for that event.

She also informed the attendees that

she had asked ECC students to help carry the plants to the buyers’ cars with the help of trolleys lent by Abaco Groceries.

Furthermore she mentioned the possibility of a kids’ corner where Society members could demonstrate how to seed and transplant. Many people signed the registry to man the tables or help with the kids, so it should be a very successful event for the Society.

The February meeting will be held at the home of a Green Turtle Cay resident and a special ferry has been arranged to carry the members in order for them to arrive by 10:00 am. The presenter will be Mr. Richard “Blue” Jones who will speak on Bush Medicine. Enough members registered for that meeting to confirm the use of a chartered ferry.

The auction was as usual conducted by “Gardener Jack” Hardy. There was a nice mixture of plants from herbs and tomatoes to ornamentals. They all sold.

Only a few people had brought bonsai trees that had been started after a previous presentation by Mr. Eastwood. He advised them to trim them back, to repot them or just leave them the way they were.

The meeting adjourned late morning.



Above: Horticulture Society President Barbara Foreman addressing the assembly during the club’s first meeting of 2014.



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RC Laser Regatta returns to Snappas



Above: racers take to the harbour during the second leg of the RC Laser Regatta. The next race will take place in Treasure Cay on January 25. Photo by Celia Rogers.

Press Release

Round Two of the RC Laser Tour of Abaco returned to Snappas Bar & Grill in Marsh Harbour. It was a beautiful day after the recent cold snap and a rainy week. Winds were out of the south at about 15 mph, but were off shore, so racers had calm waters and were protected from the heavier gusts.

However, because of the off shore breeze, the short windward leg had to be set into a coffin corner. Races were won or lost on this first leg.

Jim Kaighin returned to form after winning 6 of the 9 races. Randy Key won race 3 and edged out Anders Ljungholm by one point for 2nd. Joey Gale finished 5th

overall, but had two 2nd place finishes in his first RC Laser regatta.

Ylva Ljungholm took on solo race committee responsibilities and did a great job. She had some tough calls to make and some close finishes. She recorded two ties that were too close to call. She also took the pictures.

Thanks were given to Snappas for hosting to Harbour View Marina for letting the group use their dock.

The next regatta is in Treasure Cay on Brigantine Bay January 25.

The competitors this race were: Jim Kaighin, Randy Key, Anders Ljungholm, Jeff Gale, Joey Gale, Victor Patterson, Brian Malone and Dwayne Wallas.

Softball season to begin in April

By Canishka Alexander

The Abaco Softball Association (ASA) recently announced that the 2014 softball season will open on April 25. ASA Secretary Juanyette Curry said that all team and player fees must be submitted by April 11 along with team rosters because no teams will be allowed to play after the deadline.

Curry was pleased to add that insurance fees will be deducted from the player fees.

Following the season's opening, an Abaco Softball Tournament will be held in May, and then several players will be travelling to Nassau in June for a National All Star Tournament. Creter's Bulldogs players will go on to participate in a tournament in Spanish Wells on July 4-5.

Curry made an urgent appeal to those interested in assisting the ASA throughout the season to also assist with the National Round Robin Tournament scheduled for October on Abaco.

She said they are hopeful that the softball fields in Hope Town and Cooper's Town are properly maintained to host games at those locations this year in addition to the Murphy Town Ball Field.

For the 2014 season, Haziell McDonald is now the Abaco Softball Association (ASA) President. He is assisted by Mark Douglas, vice president; Laura Albury, treasurer; George Cornish, assistant treasurer; Juanyette Curry; secretary; and Densil Pinder, asst. secretary.

For more information regarding the Abaco Softball Association's 2014 schedule, contact Haziell McDonald or Mark Douglas.

Crime From Sec. A Page 7

Harbour, she observed that the company cell phone was missing, valued at \$50.00

Police action requested.

Officers searched the three males on the premises and later, sometime around 6:35am on same date while at M.H.P.S., officers found the phone in one of the males possession. As a result, he was arrested in reference to Stealing and charged for the offence.

Housebreaking and Stealing (Suspect Arrested and Charged)

At 12:25am on 11th January, a 19 year old female of Fox Town, Abaco, reported that sometime around 12:20am on same date she arrived home to her residence and discovered that someone broke into her residence. This male fled the scene in the victim's vehicle while taking cash.

The culprit in this matter is Delmond Parker of Fox Town, Abaco who is known to the Police. Police action requested.

Arrest update

At 6:30 p.m. on Monday 13th, January 2014, the suspect in this matter Delmond Parker age 33 years of Fox Town, Abaco was arrested by officers of the M.H.P.S. in Murphy Town and Southside Road.

Stealing

At 12:50pm on 9th January, 2014, a 68 year old male of Marsh Harbour,

Please see Crime Page 12



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Abaco, reported that sometime between 9:00am on Wednesday 8th January, 2014 and 11:30am on Thursday 9th January, 2014, some unknown person/s entered his shop situated on Key Drive, Marsh Harbour and stole his heavy silver link chain. Police action requested.

Stealing

At 12:00pm on 9th January, 2014, a 23 year old female of Dundas Town, Abaco, reported that sometime around 9:00am same date, she returned home from spending the night out and discovered that some unknown person/s stole her black and white Yamaha generator valued at \$900.00 from the back yard of her residence. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

Stealing (Suspect Arrested and Charged)

At 3:40pm on 9th January, 2014, a 43 year old male of Murphy Town, Abaco, reported that sometime around 2:00pm on same date, he visited his Business on Ernest Dean Hwy, Marsh Harbour and discovered that some unknown person/s stole an undetermined amount of lumber from his premises. Police action requested.

Sometime around 4:00pm on 9th January, 2014, officers along with the victim went to the construction site of another male located in Central Pines, Abaco where a large amount of lumber were observed on the premises. The complainant

positively identified the items as his own by some marking. Investigation continues.

Shopbreaking

At 1:23pm on 12th January, 2014, a 50 year old male of Marsh Harbour, Abaco, reported that sometime 1:00pm he was making checks of his Plaza located Don McKay Blvd, Marsh Harbour and discovered that some unknown person/s entered a local carrier Office and stole cash. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

Shop breaking

At 7:30am on 12th January, 2014, a 30 year old female of Dundas Town, Abaco, reported that sometime between 7:00am on Saturday 11th January, 2014 and 12:30pm on Sunday 12th January, 2014, some unknown person/s entered her work place located om Stratton Drive, Marsh Harbour, Abaco and stole cash. Investigation continues.

Investigation continues.

Shopbreaking

At 10:55pm on 12th January, 2014, a local Security Services Ltd., contacted the M.H.P.S. and reported that there was an alarm activated at a local liquor store located in Marsh Harbour. Police action requested.

Officers responded and confirmed the breach. However nothing appears to be stolen. Investigation continues.

Lifestyles
COGIC makes presentation to Dept. of Social Services



Above: Charlamae Fernander, Selva Sawyer, and Serena Brown of the Dept. of Social Services; and Sarone Kennedy of the Church of God in Christ (COGIC).

By Canishka Alexander

Elder Sarone Kennedy of the Church of God in Christ's (COGIC) Bahamas Jurisdiction made a donation to the Department of Social Services on Jan. 7. Joined by Charlamae Fernander, Serena Brown and Selva Sawyer of Social Services, Kennedy donated numerous boxes of notebooks and pencils.

Kennedy explained that under the leadership of Bishop Tony L Hanna, funds were authorized for use in the fire relief efforts in Pigeon Peas. He said they chose to purchase composition books for students, while a gentleman from Woslee Construc-

tion bought the pencils.

Meanwhile, the Dept. of Social Services with its overview of the number of schools and students who attend each school, its representatives were left to distribute the school supplies accordingly.

"We are hoping that we will be able to continue this effort as much as possible into the short term, so we can see these children get back on their feet and the children can get back to a new normal...continuity in their life," Kennedy expressed.

"We are making that effort, and we are happy to do so."

Bringing in the New Year in Cherokee

By Lee Pinder

Cherokee has an unusual custom of bringing in the New Year by burning effigies of "Guy Fawkes" just after sunset. Residents make up dummies to submit for the event, usually the young folks, but many of the older generation still make them up as well.

The bodies are filled with any means of burnable material tightly enclosed in a cage of chicken wire and sometimes stuffed with firecrackers. The head portion can be anything from a coconut or a milk bottle or even a recently caught wild boar's head.

They dress them in discarded clothing and often add a wig and make-up for them to appear more life-like. You can usually tell who are the experienced builders, they seem to be on taller crosses, have some unique characteristic and tend to burn longer.

The effigies are set on fire shortly af-

ter dark as a big crowd gathers to watch the spectacle at the water's edge at the Spit (a portion so named at the western tip of the settlement). People remember years past and other outstanding "Guys" and almost everyone still speculates at why it is done on New Year's Eve instead of November 5th and no one seems to know.

As the "Guys" burn down children light sparklers and firecracker and usually someone has brought along some of the big booming fireworks to light up the night sky and keep everyone mesmerized with "oohs and ahhs" over their beauty, it seems young and old alike love a good fireworks show.

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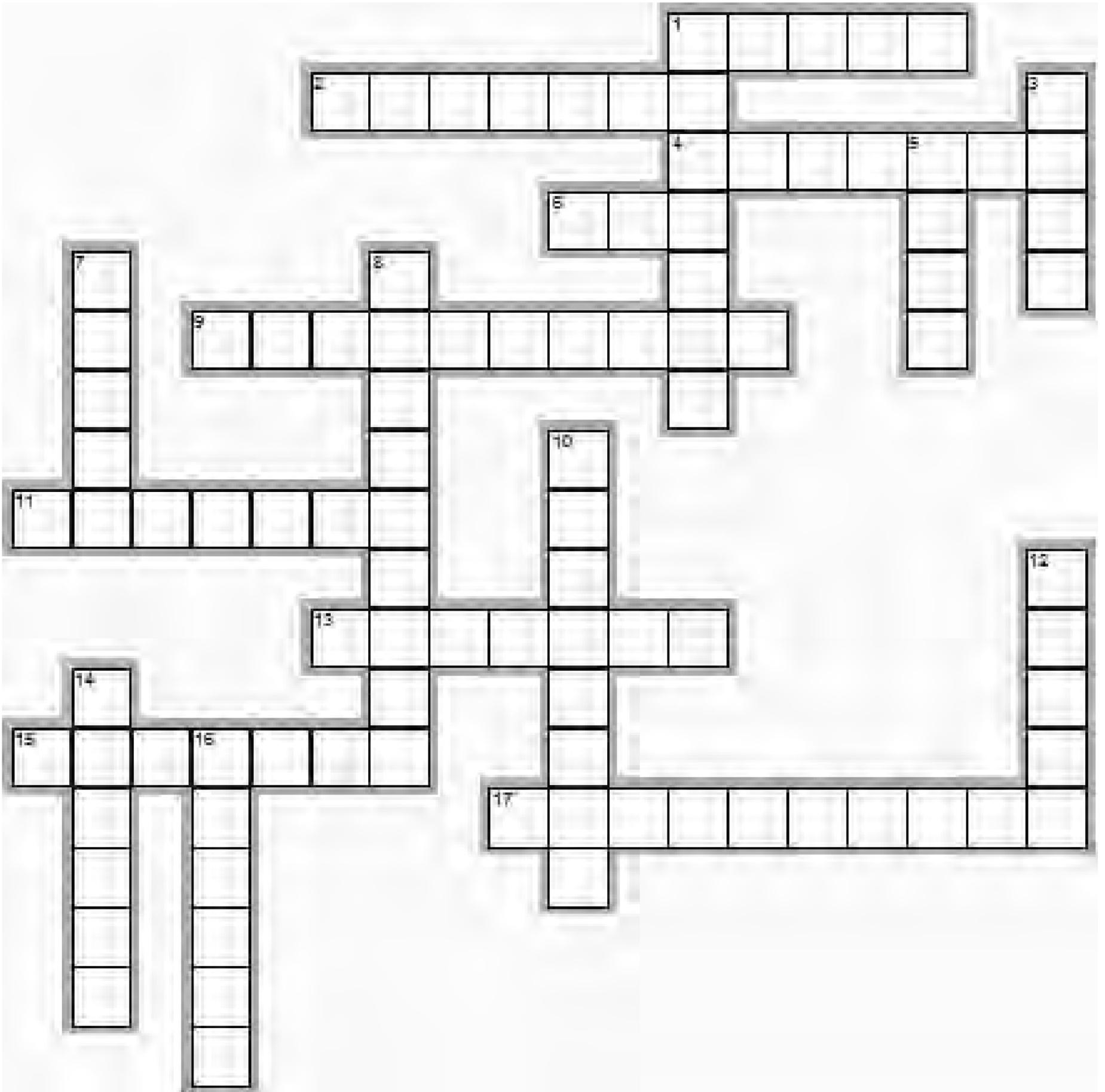
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- 6. Type of serpent found in The Bahamas
- 9. Metopium toxiferum, a tree you wouldn't want to hug.
- 11. Found in deep water and deep pockets.
- 13. Houses many books
- 15. A-Z
- 17. Bright navigational aid.

Down

- 1. To betray King or Country.
- 3. Common machine component.
- 5. Abaco's forest
- 7. Home of the Great Wall
- 8. _____ Creed; popular videogame series, the most recent of which patially set in The Bahamas and Abaco.
- 10. Popular Nassau hotel & casino.
- 12. To fly silently.
- 14. In the eye of the beholder.
- 16. Skill

Jan 1 Answers

Across

- 3. **BEAKS**—Parrots and octopuses both have _____
- 6. **DAVIS**—Deputy Prime Minister
- 8. **BLACKBEARD**—Pirate captain of the Queen Anne's Revenge
- 9. **CELESTIAL**—Starry navigation method
- 11. **SOLAR**—Clean energy source
- 12. **ROGERS**—Governor _____ that expelled pirates
- 13. **PEARLS**—Found in oysters and conch
- 15. **FISH**—Scaly ocean dweller
- 16. **COOKIE**—Popular baked good
- 17. **MANTA**—Also known as the Devil Ray

Down

- 1. **DUST**—"_____ in the wind"
- 2. **HERMITAGE**—Found on top of Mt. Alvernia in Cat Island
- 4. **PIRANHA**—Toothy fresh water fish
- 5. **CHAMPAGNE**—Popular _____ New Years drink
- 7. **RESOLUTIONS**—Commonly made at the beginning of a new year
- 10. **TORTOISE**—Fossils of these slow moving reptiles have been found in Abaco blue Holes.
- 11. **SENSEI**—Karate master
- 14. **SYNE**—Auld Lang _____

School & Youth News

Interact From Page 5

breast cancer items at school and outside of Maxwells and Abaco Groceries for Breast Cancer Research. Also, they held several bake sales and as a school managed to raise over two thousand dollars.

Furthermore, the annual canned food drive held as a school competition resulted in most students giving a generous donation to the less fortunate. Consequently, money and "Toys for Tots" along with over forty boxes of canned food, turkeys and hams were donated to and distributed by the Abaco Rotary Club to bring the joy of Christmas to many less fortunate families. Whatever food was left was then donated to Lovely Reckley as she will provide lunches through the New Year to school children who would normally go without.

They, also, set up a booth at the 2013 Christmas Bazaar. There they sold hand-painted Christmas ornaments, crafts and baked goods raising over eight-hundred dollars to use in future service projects.

Of course, the club is always ready to help both locally and internationally. After the Haiyan Typhoon killed more than 6,000 people in Asia, Interact donated to that cause as well as continued to support the World War II veterans who reside in The Bahamas. On an international level, they will help eradicate Polio through their ongoing funding of vaccinations worldwide.

This determined Interact Club

also has several projects slated for the New Year that will be visible to many Abaconians. These include a swing and picnic bench at Owanta's Pond as well

as chairs, benches and picnic tables at the Memorial Wall of Heroes in Marsh Harbour.

"The Interact Club has been very

successful this year," Mrs. Carroll Co-Adviser of Interact stated. "All the projects so far have thrived."

Agape students perform Christmas musical



Above: Agape students and teachers at their Christmas play, "For Christmas This Year." It was written and directed by Agape Drama teacher, Courtnee Romer.

By Timothy Roberts

Agape Christian School's 4th, 5th, and 6th grades performed a Christmas musical "For Christmas This Year" written and directed by Courtnee Romer, Teacher of Drama, Music and English Language, on December 12th and 13th.

The play addressed the issue that sometimes life is difficult and there

may be struggles people face daily; however, in this play a young girl finds Christ and asks for the assistance of Christians at a church she attends to help out a family who is struggling.

In the end they are able to share God's love and give the best gift ever "For Christmas this Year" which is Jesus.

The well prepared students per-

formed their parts in the play very well and along with several musical numbers the message was well conveyed.

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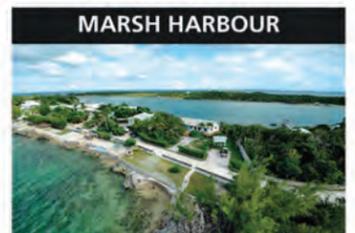
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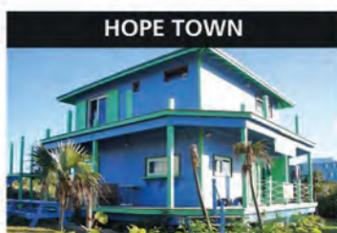
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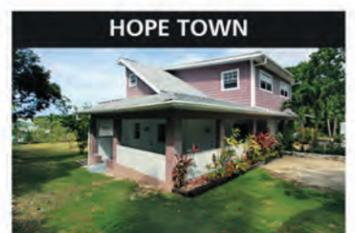
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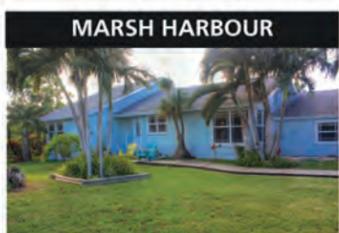
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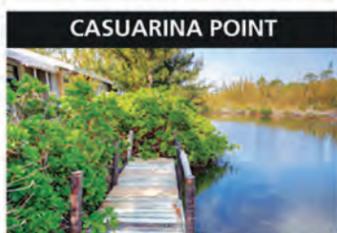
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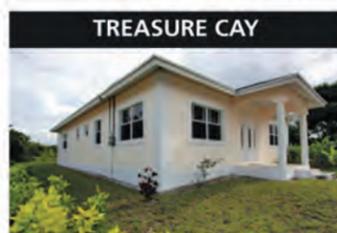
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Tucked Away!
Cozy 2 bdrm home on a quiet cul-de-sac enjoys open living and large outdoor spaces perfect for entertaining.
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New Listing!
Well maintained triplex investment is fully occupied and the perfect income producer.
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