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Poor conditions at Port to be addressed



Above: a vehicle being stripped for parts, collaborating reports that the domestic dock at the Marsh Harbour International Port is being used as a junk yard. The gate into the dock, which is supposed to be closed and locked, has in fact been broken for years. There is also lack of lighting for harbour channel markers, among other maintenance concerns. The Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin with the Ministry of Transport and Aviation said steps are being taken to repair the facility and install CCTV cameras. See page 5.

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Abaco Chamber hosts VAT discussion



Bahamian Chambers of Commerce and the Coalition for Responsible Taxation are concerned that the government is rushing into implementing a poorly understood VAT tax. They are pushing to educate the public about VAT as well as suggest alternatives to the government. Recently the Abaco Chamber of Commerce held a meeting concerning these measures. See page 2.

Bahamian Group seeks to purchase Abaco Club at Winding Bay

By Timothy Roberts

A Bahamian group, headed by Dwight Smith, is seeking to purchase the Abaco Club at Winding Bay as part of a nearly \$500 million Bahamian capital development project with big plans.

Mr. Smith, the head of the Police Staff Association, said he has secured funds from the Security Forces of the Bahamas Pension Trust - a pension plan established just under two years ago to cover members of the enforcement forces in The Bahamas such as police, immigration and customs officers. He said the fund would be used to supply mortgages for those seeking to buy homes throughout The Bahamas and make home ownership more affordable for Bahamians.

He said the project would also see the Abaco Club property redeveloped into one which includes an Olympic training facility and a stem cell research project.

Mr. Smith said he has established a competent management team leading the initiative and has received positive feedback from potential financiers in the United States.

A group of representatives from the Pension Trust has visited the Abaco Club property, which is now for sale as well as being the subject of a legal dispute after

What's Happening

- Feb 18-22: Hope Town Songwriter's Festival
- Feb 19-23: HT Sailing Club Jubilee Celebrations
- Feb 21: Junior Love Rush Junkanoo
- Feb 22: Senior Love Rush Junkanoo
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Works demolishes illegal building

Belligerent conduct threatens safety of Police and Min. of Works crew



Above: on Jan 29 after issuing eviction notices, the Min. of Works, escorted by police, demolished an illegal home in the shanty town known as the Mudd. The police and crew were attacked with rocks and several residents were arrested after the incident.

By Timothy Roberts

The Ministry of Works, with police escort, demolished a recent illegally built home in the shanty town known as the Mudd after the builder ignored stop work orders, finished building and moved in.

Both the woman responsible for the house being built along with three other residents of the Mudd were taken into police custody afterwards. They were all charged with throwing missiles and disorderly behavior and were remanded into custody.

William Krezel, Area Engineer for the Ministry of Works in Abaco, said the builder was issued two stop work orders which she disobeyed. This was followed by an eviction notice on January 14 giving her 48 hours to collect her belongings and leave.

Mr. Krezel said the woman asked him what could she do, as she had nowhere to live. He explained that the proper procedure is to speak to Social Services – which he said she refused to do.

On January 17 another eviction notice was given giving her a further 48 hours. The Ministry of Works set in place plans to demolish the home on January 22 but ran into problems securing a tractor to carry out the work. A week later on January 29 a tractor was secured, and accompanied by five police officers they proceeded to demolish the illegal home.

During the demolishing of the home a group of residents of the Mudd began throwing rocks at the officers and workers. The woman who was evicted was belligerent and as they were leaving the area she attacked Mr. Krezel jabbing her hand in his neck, back, & hip.

She, as well as three Haitians who were picked up later were taken into custody. According to Abaco's Superintendent of Police, Noel Curry they were charged and remanded to her Majesty's Prison in Nassau.

Chamber hosts VAT meeting Alternatives discussed

On Jan 31 the Abaco Chamber of Commerce hosted the Abaco community to a meeting to discuss the upcoming Value Added Tax (VAT). It was held 7:30 pm at the Grace Gym in Marsh Harbour. The meeting was led by Chamber president, Dennis Lightbourne. This particular meeting was one of several that have been, and will be, organized by The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation (BCCEC) and the Coalition for Responsible Taxation.

The Coalition for Responsible Taxation represents 17 major associations throughout The Bahamas including 700 businesses and 65,000 employees.

Mr. Lightbourne said the purpose of these meeting were to educate the public about VAT and, specifically, highlight alternatives to the Bahamian people. Mr. Lightbourne said, however, that whatever does end up being implemented the Chamber will do all it can to help implement it smoothly.

The Coalition had started meetings with the government before the holiday break.

Mr. Lightbourne began by laying out scenarios for VAT as the Coalition and BCCEC understood them.

VAT will increase the cost of goods and services. VAT implementation will likely create an informal, cash-based economy which will cause the government's

plans for higher collections to backfire.

With increased costs to shipping, both directly with VAT on shipping and indirectly with VAT added to ship maintenance and other service, Value Added Tax will have an added burden for the Family Islands.

One thing Mr. Lightbourne continually pointed out was the lack of transparency. He conceded that VAT may indeed be the right direction for the country to go, however, the sources of all the numbers provided by the government have been shrouded.

The Bahamas does not have a Freedom of Information Act.

Penalties to individuals and businesses with failure to comply with VAT include: fines, shutting down the offending business, prison and seizing the businesses owner's passport.

Mr. Lightbourne said he believed Bahamians will not be able to "Game the system," as they have in the past because of the additional teeth included in the VAT bill and the risks involved to the government if it implements the bill and fails.

All businesses will have to purchase new software that is compatible with VAT accounting, or in some other way show and guarantee they are compliant. It is not known yet what this might require.

There is no provision for credit. The VAT bill as it is now requires businesses to pay VAT every month on all invoices, regardless if the business has collected revenue for that invoice yet or not.

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Poor conditions at Port to be addressed

By Timothy Roberts

Minister of Transport and Aviation, Glenys Hanna-Martin, said that they are deploying a technical officer to stabilize the port in Marsh Harbour after receiving reports of the poor conditions at both the domestic and international sides.

Reports of poor conditions include the use of the domestic dock as a junk yard as presently there is a vehicle that is being stripped for parts on the dock. There are three to four Haitian vessels that are frequently stationed at the dock.

The gate to the domestic side, which is supposed to be closed and locked after hours, has been broken for years. There is a garbage bin, presumably used by those on the Haitian vessels, which is overflowing and has not been collected in over a month.

“Ministry of Transport and Aviation is in the process of implementing a number of measures to strengthen the security at the Marsh Harbour port facility and to rehabilitate physical conditions.”

On the international side there are a number of maintenance and repair issues that remain unresolved as well as a lack of lighting on the harbour channel markers, among other issues.

Mrs. Hanna-Martin

said the situation is not good and that the “Ministry of Transport and Aviation is in the process of implementing a number of measures to strengthen the security at the Marsh Harbour port facility and to rehabilitate physical conditions.”

She said these steps include the repair of lighting, installation of CCTV and the addition of a Port Officer with extensive maritime training whose major task will be to ensure ISPS (International Ship and Port Facility Security) compliance at that facility

Mrs. Hanna-Martin said “It is intended that [the Port Officer] will be in post within the next few days. A manpower review is currently being undertaken.”

Central Abaco Council Jan 20, 2014

By Dave Ralph

Council members decided to move forward with a one-time \$5,000 scholarship honouring Mike Malone, the first Chief Councillor for Central Abaco. Endeavours will be made to see that this scholarship continues when local government reconvenes in July with new or perhaps some of the present members. This Council cannot obligate a future Council to this commitment.

Several roundabouts are ugly weed patches, and members discussed various options to beautify them.

Without resolution, the non-performance of some government employees who do grounds maintenance and cleaning work at schools, airport and other government facilities was discussed extensively.

An unknown complication is the status of some of these employees when clinic staff move to the new hospital and the new airport terminal is managed by a private firm.

Council received a complaint from someone denied the right to bury his son in a local cemetery without first making financial arrangements. This brought up the question of whether the cemeteries are public and therefore are maintained by local government or if they are private and therefore not eligible for local government support. Further information is being sought.

Seminar speaker says how to prepare for VAT

By Timothy Roberts

Claire Basden addressed the audience at Change Ministry’s Vision Empowerment Seminar on January 18 on how to prepare for the implementation of Value Added Tax (VAT) which is expected to start on July 1 of this year.

Mrs. Basden said that with this new tax reform businesses will face a change in their business structure as well as their financial reporting procedures and will now have to be knowledgeable about VAT, its laws and regulations and how it affects their business as a whole.

“It is recommended that all business persons intensify their pre-implementation procedures to insure that all necessary systems are in place to position their business to be VAT-ready,” she said.

She said that even though the gov-

ernment has not yet released all the details there are still a number of things people can do to be better prepared.

She said they should analyze and identify the impact of VAT on their business, develop an implementation strategy, estimate the costs and allocate resources to prepare.

She said businesses need to register where applicable. She noted that Bahamians often wait until the last minute to get ready for something or get things done.

Businesses need to adjust their business processes and structure, adapt or change systems and review their arrangements with their suppliers and customers. She added that they then need to educate and train their staff, suppliers and customers about VAT.

“Get informed and learn how it will affect you and your business,” she said. “Use the government’s website to get informed and find out what items will be subject to VAT, and learn of the requirements for registration.”

She said that “When you find out whether the goods or service you provide will attract VAT determine if your annual gross profit puts you in the category required to register – those businesses grossing over \$100,000 per annum.”

She said that if required to, be sure to register by the date provided with all business documents ready.

Mrs. Basden said businesses need to

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ensure their business is ready to deal with VAT, including the software used for sales and accounting; "you must ensure they are compliant with VAT to ensure a smooth transition."



Above: Claire Basden speaking about VAT at a recent seminar on Abaco.

At the time of this writing the government has not released what software is considered to be compliant.

She said that invoices play a special role in a VAT system as they provide the means for verifying VAT charges due, payable and amounts claimed. "They are the essential basis for administering VAT," she said. She said to make sure your invoicing is VAT compliant and make needed adjustments now.

She said businesses should start analyzing their current inventory. "If your items are priced for shelf display and it is possible to reduce your inventory, do so now in order to avoid having many goods that need to be re-priced. Also avoid making large orders of new stock prior to the implantation date especially with slow moving items."

She said that if you're registered for VAT "accurate record keeping is of utmost importance. You must be prepared to be able to produce accurate and up to date books where ever and whenever required to do so by the control office."

She said that employees should be made aware of how VAT will affect their products and be able to assist customers in understanding it as well. Accounting staff will need to know how to complete daily transactions and know how to complete and file a vat return

Mrs. Basden said to ensure your customers and clients understand the implications of VAT on the goods and services you provide and how it will affect existing contracts.

Bush Fire Season Precautions



By Timothy Roberts

February through June every year can be particularly dry and it is during this time that bush fires are prevalent throughout the pine forests of Abaco. Presently there is a forest fire south west of Bahama Palm Shores.

In an effort to be proactive during this time of year Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue (MHVFR) urges residents living in or near heavily forested areas, or persons that have farms or properties in the middle of the forested areas, to create fire breaks around their property providing a buffer zone between them and potential wildfires.

Cleaning your property of debris and maintaining your landscaping are important first steps to helping minimize the potential of damage and loss in the event of a wildfire. Remove any and all dry or dead vegetation from around your home or that or on or near your roof. Ensure that propane tanks are a safe distance from any-

thing flammable.

The main idea is to minimize combustible items in your close proximity to your house so that your home is not at significant risk.

Farmland and other properties directly in the forests should create and maintain a 20 foot firebreak around the edge of their property to keep approaching fires at bay.

In the end there are no foolproof measures that will give you complete protection as wind conditions, heat and humidity among other factors can create extreme conditions that are beyond the control of prevention and even firefighters best efforts; however, every measure taken in prevention makes you that much safer in the event of a wildfire.

If you would like more information on how you can be better prepared in the case of a fire, or if you are interested in volunteering give the MHVFR a call today at 477-5901 or send a message through the fire department's facebook page.



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Central & All Abaco

Abaco Science Alliance promotes research on Abaco and around The Bahamas

By Mirella Santillo & Samantha Evans

After a mix-and mingle formal opening with cocktails and hors-d'oeuvres at Friends of the Environment Education Center, held in the evening of Thursday January 16, the 2014 Abaco Science Alliance's first presentations started at approximately 9:30 on the following morning.

Moderated with the energetic presence of Paleontologist David Steadman, turned MC for the occasion, the conference produced a total of sixteen outstanding presentations either on topics of little known Bahamas resources or on the challenges facing some of the more obvious resources.

Some of the presenters such as Stephen Cone, David Steadman, Todd Pover, Kathleen Sullivan-Sealy or Janet Franklin, to mention a few, were from various universities in the United States, but nearly as many were young researchers from The Bahamas, especially from the Cape Eleuthera Institute.

After the opening remarks from MP for North Abaco, Renardo Curry, the topic of the first talk was "A Culturally Relevant and Island-Specific Approach to Coral Conservation in The Bahamas." It was enthusiastically presented by Nikita Shiel-Rolle. It addressed concerns about the health of the Bahamian coral reefs and their conservation

Presenter Stephen B. Cone talked about The Mangrove Action Plan, a topic already addressed in previous years, but not yet resolved and no less important in view of the prospective future commercial developments considered on the shores of Abaco.

Mr. Cone reiterated the role of the mangrove regarding the health of the coastal eco-system and economy. Mangroves absorb 75% of wave and storm energy thus dampening the impact of storms on coastal communities; they stabilize shorelines and prevent erosion while acting as nursery for important species of sea-life. They trap sediments and nutrients and sequester 1.5 metric ton per hectare of carbon.

Deep-Water Elasmobranch Surveys from Exuma Sound by Dr. Owen O'Shea, a researcher with the Cape Eleuthera Institute, took the assembly through the deep water of the Exuma Sound where Elasmobranch, a group of sea creatures including Sharks, Rays and Skates, without a bone skeleton, but rather a cartilaginous one, live.

As commercial fishing exacerbates population decline in many shallow water fish stocks, deep-water species are increasingly becoming the targets of exploitation, said Dr. O'Shea. It is recognized, he mentioned, that approximately 46% of sharks, rays and chimeras are considered deep-water species.

"Interactions between the Caribbean Spiny Lobster and the invasive Lionfish" was another topic covered.

As Lionfish increase in number, more concerns on its effect on the local fish and shellfish population, especially the Spiny Lobster, are being voiced. The interactions between these two ocean residents

are not well understood. A researcher at Cape Eleuthera Institute, Mrs. Jocelyn Curtis-Quick undertook some experiments with shelters to determine if there was any displacement of habitat by either species. It was observed that lobsters spent significantly more time outside of the shelters and more time roaming when Lionfish were present, suggesting that competition for shelter could negatively affect the abundance of lobsters found in condos.

Krystal Ambrose reached the stage announcing that she was about to talk "trash". By this statement she did not mean that she was not going to use proper language, but that she was going to inform the assembly about her research on the accumulation of plastic garbage on the beaches of Eleuthera.

On Saturday morning, January 18 from 9am to 12 noon, the final sessions of the Abaco Science Alliance were held at New Vision Ministries. Several researchers were on hand to give information and updates on various studies that they have been conducting on Abaco or on various Bahamian Islands.

Andy Stamper was the first presenter who spoke on the topic: Coral Reefs-A Model for Restoration and Management. He spoke about how the coral reefs are being depleted and what can be done to help restore them to their natural beauty.

Dr. Woody Bracey then spoke about his research called: Forty Years of Shorebird Data - an important bird area-the sand spit at the South East corner of Green

Turtle Cay. This research began in 1972 when his medical group bought property there and they have been tracking shorebirds ever since.

Dr. Thomas Goreau spoke about harmful algae blooms linked to nitrogen runoff from the golf course on Guana Cay. He noticed low phosphorus levels there (compared to nitrogen) which he said has likely limited large algal blooms. He referred to his pilot Biorock Reef Restoration Project which he started in January 2014. It is a 6 foot recovery reef made from some scrap metal he found. It is the first of its kind and already he is seeing fish taking up residence there and restoring life to the sea bed there.

To help with the recovery of reefs he suggests: looking at golf course fertilization, harmful algae blooms, controlling phosphorus, looking at golf course locations, setting ecologically sound standards and enforcing them once they are established.

The final speaker was Lindy Knowles who spoke about the Zamia Conservation Action Plan. He began by explaining what a Zamia is - which is a Cycad. A Cycad is the oldest seed bearing plant around. In the Caribbean he explained that the Zamia is called the Coontie. There are three types of Coontie found in the Bahamas.

The weekend of talks promoted lively discussion and many signed up for the additional field trips.

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- Feb 15: Reef Ball (Hope Town)
- Feb 15: Man-O-War School Flea Market**
- Feb 18-22: Hope Town Songwriters Festival
- Feb 18: Cay Topics: Dr. Lawrence Malm
- Feb 19-23: Hope Town Sailing Club Golden Jubilee Celebrations**
- Feb 20: Man-O-War VAT Meeting
- Feb 21: Cay Events in Treasure Cay: Pianist Beth Dixon
- Feb 21-22: Love Rush Junkanoo**
- Feb 28: Cay to Cay Art Group Exhibit
- March 1: Reef Ball (Marsh Harbour)
- March 1: Little Harbour Nautical Flea Market
- March 1: Treasure Cay Library Yard Sale
- March 8: Forest Heights Grade 7 Entrance Exam**
- March 13-16: Dania Beach Marine Flea Market**
- March 15: Pathfinders' Fundraiser (Abaco Inn)**
- March 16: Pathfinders' Fundraiser (Marsh Harbour)**
- March 21-22: Barefoot Man Concert
- March 21-24: Great Abaco Family Fitness Weekend

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Dear Editor:

Please afford me the opportunity to use this medium to express my sincerest gratitude to the entire Abaco community for the overwhelming support I received in my greatest time of need.

As many of you are aware, I, Arden Ryan Granados lost ten members of my family (my mother, grandmother, brother and seven cousins who are all so dear and close to my heart) in "Haiyan", the deadly typhoon that hit The Philippines on November 8, 2013. The Abaco Community became aware of my plight to a great extent because of Rev. Dr. Silbert Mills who immediately sought me out when he learned of my tragedy.

I cannot imagine what I would have done without the outpouring of love, compassion, and financial support I received from so many in our Abaco community, many of whom did not even know me. I know I would have given up. But all of you have made me strong. I am deeply appreciative of all the words of encouragement, every hug, the tap of your hands on my shoulder, and the reminders that God has a plan for everything.

When I decided to travel back home to see my remaining family members, I thought I was somewhat prepared, but I was not! Again, I was strengthened by the constant telephone calls, email messages, and the heartfelt concern that I received all the way from Abaco. Now more than ever, I know that Abaco has some of the warmest, most compassionate and generous people on earth. Despite my broken heart, you continue to help me face the most difficult trial of my life.

Please know that my surviving family members are also extremely grateful for all of your help. We know that God will richly bless you for all you have done for us.

Thank you, Abaco, from the bottom of my heart. I shall never ever forget your demonstration of Christ's unconditional love.

"In every smile is a painful open wound that is longing for healing."

Forever grateful,
Arden Ryan Granados
IT Teacher
St. Francis de Sales Catholic School

Police finally on Guana

Dear Editor:

I would like to publicly thank the Royal Bahamas Police Force, especially Noel Curry for finally listening to our cries on Great Guana Cay. On Monday, 3 February we were assigned our first resident police officer on Guana Cay.

This has been desperately needed for a number of years. The island is growing so rapidly and the presence of an officer on the island will help to deter crime and keep law and order.

Officer Mckenzie has been on island less than a week now and we can already see his impact. He has a lot of responsibility on his shoulders as there are many facets to his job and as the only officer on the Cay he will have his hands full but he seems ready for the challenge.

Troy D Albury
Great Guana cay

Potcakes thank you

Dear Editor:

On Saturday 1st February, a rummage sale was held in aid of Abaco Shelter on the grounds of Marsh Harbour Fire Station. It was a busy and rewarding day, with many turning out to pick up a bargain and to simultaneously help the potcakes of Abaco. All measure of interesting things changed hands, attesting to the accuracy of that well known idiom, "one man's trash is another man's treasure". It was an absolute pleasure to see broad smiles on the faces of those who rummaged and found "just what they were looking for."

Friends and volunteers of Abaco Shelter worked tirelessly throughout the day, selling items and sharing information on the valuable contribution Abaco Shelter makes to the island and its dogs. The generosity shown by the community was heartwarming and will greatly assist in rehabilitating, feeding, housing and rehoming the many stray dogs and puppies rescued from a life of suffering on our streets.

Abaco Shelter is entirely funded by public donations, and has high outgoings in terms of food, shelter maintenance and the spay/neuter program. But most importantly, since many animals are weak and sickly when they arrive at the shelter, a large share of the money donated goes towards vital veterinary care and medica-

tions. Workers at the shelter are all volunteers, so 100% of the donations go to the animals.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who helped to make Saturday's rummage sale such a huge success for the animals. To the many folk who shared their animal stories with us, purchased items and made generous donations, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. To all our friends and dedicated shelter volunteers, who continually give of their best with unceasing energy, we thank you. And finally, because without them, this event would not have been possible, we would like to thank the Marsh Harbour Fire Department for the use of their grounds and the Bahamas National Trust for the loan of their tent and tables.

This was a day of great teamwork and cooperation which will have a very positive impact on the life saving work of the shelter. For more information, including ways in which you can volunteer or donate, please visit www.abacoshelter.org and on Facebook, at Abaco Shelter.

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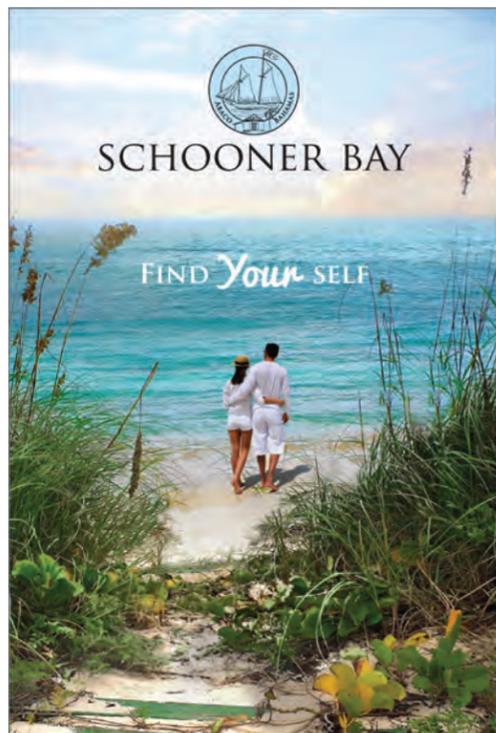
We also serve local beers in bottles and cans, for \$6, as well as Strong-bow hard cider for \$7... Fresh-squeezed cocktails are our specialty, especially our house favorite Saltwater Margarita, made with real, fresh-squeezed lime juice, dark brown sugar and Ragged Island sea salt!

Our menu consists of several hand-crafted burgers, all created and made in-house. Our House Specialty, the Island Burger, is handmade with ground yellowfin tuna and a variety of delicious seasonings. In addition to our Island Burger, made with tuna, we also have a chopped and ground conch burger and a vegetarian black bean burger, along with a Wagyu beef burger and another favorite, Fish-n-Chips... All for \$16 and are served with our fresh-cut French fries, which have never been frozen! We do also have a Tropical Salad with dried fruit and walnuts, appealing as a side salad or, for those wanting to skip the bun and combine with any one of our burger selections, as a hearty meal.

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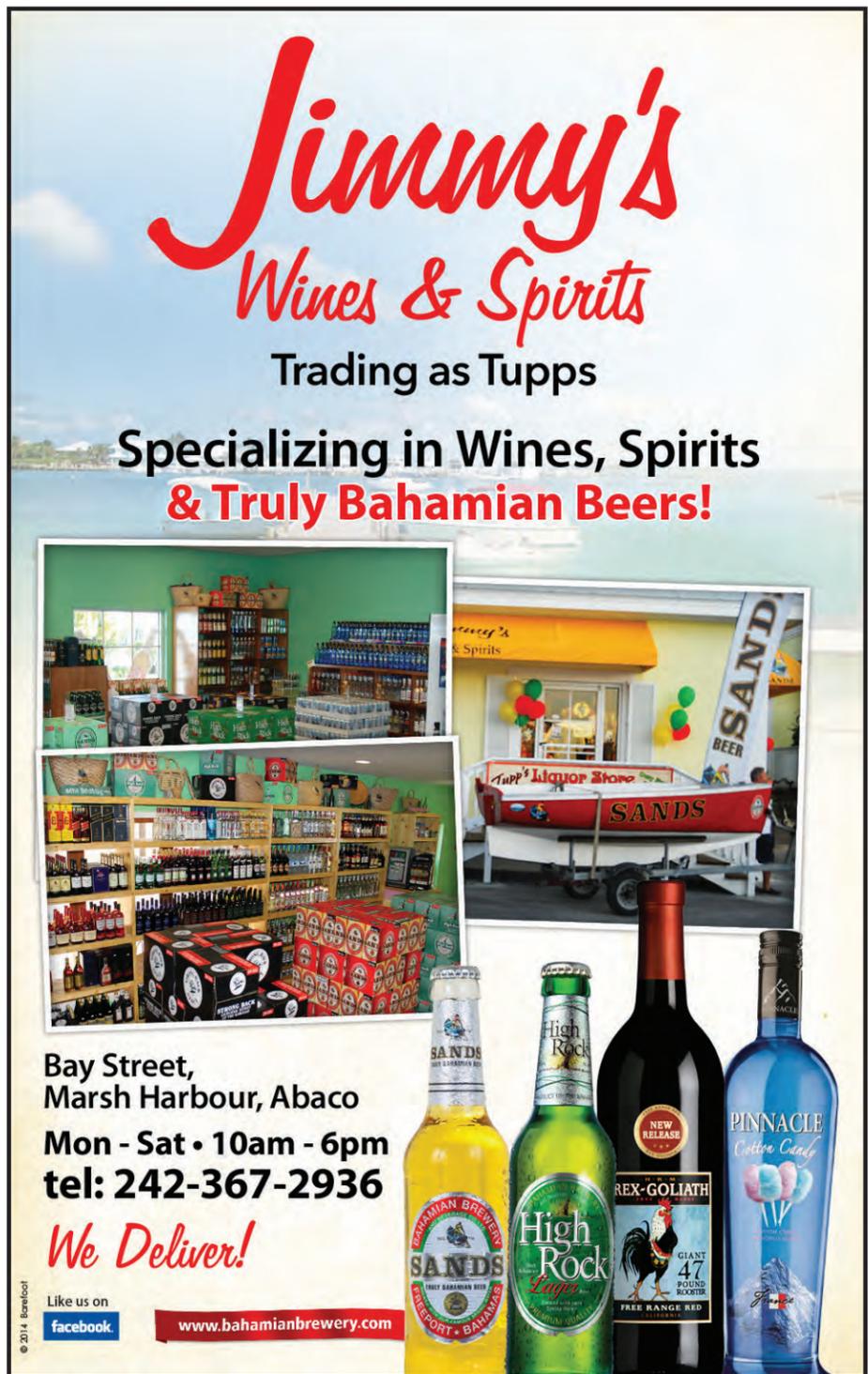
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SAFA members hold elections, visited by BAIC officials



Above left to right: Vanria Lightbourne and George Martin of SAFA; Leslie Thompson, who is now the inspector and consultant for the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC); Jacqueline Estevez, SAFA treasurer; Arnold Dorsett, assistant general manager (AGM) of the Agriculture Division; Judith Thompson, AGM Land Acquisition; and John Burrows, Marketing Manager.

By Canishka Alexander

South Abaco Farmer's Association (SAFA) members held their monthly meeting on Jan. 30 at the Dundas Town Burial Society. The meeting was attended by a team of Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC) officials in the absence of Arnold Forbes, BAIC's executive chairman.

BAIC guests included: Arnold Dorsett, assistant general manager (AGM) of the Agriculture Division; Judith Thompson, AGM Land Acquisition; John Burrows, Marketing Manager; Anthon Thompson, asst. manager of Agriculture Division; and Patrice Cox, manager of BAIC's Marsh Harbour Office.

Following an 18-month break, Vanria

Lightbourne led the meeting with opening remarks yielding the floor to SAFA Presidents Leslie Thompson and George Martin for their Presidents' Overview. Thompson was happy about the partnership between SAFA and BAIC, and pledged to give his continued assistance.

Likewise, Martin encouraged the members to work as a team, and shared that he was happy to see everybody excited about farming again. Although there have been challenges, Martin said he was hopeful that BAIC can lighten the load and revitalize farming on Abaco.

Next, Jacqueline Estevez gave the Treasurer's Report for the Fiscal Year 2013 report. She disclosed that the account balance is a little more than \$100, so she urged existing members and prospective members to ensure that their registration fees of \$50 is paid along with their \$20 monthly dues.

Annually, SAFA's legal fees alone amount to \$900.

After the Legal Report was given by Vanria Lightbourne, Arnold Dorsett gave his presentation.

In his remarks, Dorsett assured that BAIC will live up to its commitment to farmers.

"Take on the challenge to produce more locally," Dorsett suggested. "It can be achieved as a group."

Judith Thompson noted that BAIC officials are aware of the challenges experienced by farmers particularly with the aggressive bamboo grass found in the Spring City and Norman Castle areas and are exploring ways to assist them. She recognized that five acres of land is difficult for farmers who have no equipment and no funding to maintain the area.

"So the same concerns you have, we have been painstakingly trying to address it on how to set up that whole area to make it more productive," Thompson said. "Spring City is not in order unfortunately; it is not laid out properly [and] we are working painstakingly to try to go ahead to reproduce a plan to put it in place.

"We are your friends, and we are your partners; we are working with you."

By March 30, all farmers need to be regularized, so last year, all BAIC clients received a lease offer letter.

"This is the first letter signed by the chairman, which shows his commitment to giving his support. You can stay in the five acres with the grass, but acknowledge receipt of the letter, and say that you will

remain there. If you want to move, this is your chance while we are resurveying."

She told farmers to go to BAIC's Abaco Office to complete an application form because their file should still be active. Farmers who prefer the two-acre plots and want to escape the bamboo grass can move to the front area of Spring City.

"We have seen the agricultural product for Abaco; it was successful," she said. "At the end of the day, you cannot always rely on the government – the government is here to help you."

During the question and answer segment, John Hedden said that it is essential that infrastructure be addressed mentioning that there is a stress factor of shipping livestock from Abaco to New Providence. Additionally, he commented that while he has heard a lot about the country's 20-year Agricultural Plan, he has not seen it.

Dorsett said they have considered mobile slaughter facilities, and are looking to duplicate the Bahamas Agricultural and Marine Science Research Institute on Andros in more islands.

Burrows' focus was on quality, consistency and standards during his presentation. He announced their plans to adopt HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) certified farms, so that farmers can access local and international markets.

A new Farmers' Database will develop traceability schemes, which works in hand with access to companies like Bahamas Food Services, Atlantis, and Bahamar that are interested in Bahamian grown products. These steps will lead to the creation of a Bahamian brand with certification backing.

Burrows said they will organize farmers with a planting schedule that is designed to stagger their planting, and to prevent products from spoiling in the Produce Exchange in Nassau. BAIC will be more detailed in its marketing approach, and work closely with associations to actively market their produce from the day they plant their seeds.

A Standards Desk along with a Testing Facility will also be established to allow Bahamian farmers access to the international market.

"For us to access that market, we have to build that confidence that the produce that has been growing right here locally will be of the consistency and quality that they are looking for," Burrows said.

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Department of Forestry Workshop held in South Abaco

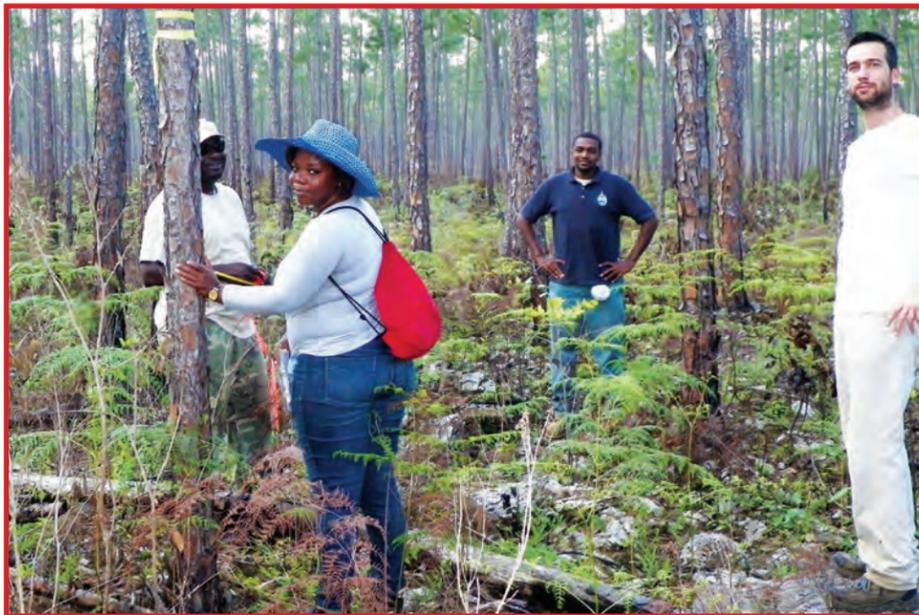
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Anthony Thompson was the final speaker, and again emphasized the need for cooperation and a coordination of all efforts. At BAIC, his responsibility is to assist persons in the central role of operating business by identify their expenses, finding ways to market their crops and livestock, and bringing all of those elements together to successfully penetrate market. He looked forward to liaising with farmers to help them developing a business plan and marketing skills.

Finally, the existing SAFA board was dissolved and new members were elected. The results determined that the President is George Martin; Vice President: Duane Johnson; Treasurer: Deon Edwards; Assistant Treasurer: Jacquelyn Estevez; Secretary: Mary Dames; Assistant Secretary: Rose Bethel; Public Relations Officer: Shanishka Cambridge; Assistant Public Relations Officer: Brent Brooks;

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The next SAFA meeting is scheduled for Feb. 25.



Above: training to better recognize and understand the pine forest for logging and conservation.

By Mirella Santillo

As part of an agreement with the Government of The Bahamas and Lindar Industries, the Department of Forestry is conducting a combined operation with the Bahamas National Trust under the supervision of Arien Sidden, a forestry consultant, and Christopher Russell, Director of The Bahamas Department of Forestry, to make

a forest inventory similar to the one conducted on Andros.

The operation also serves as a workshop to further train people to recognize the various potentials of pine trees, whether for logging or conservation.

A preliminary training had taken place during the summer of 2013 in the Spring City area. Presently three people,

previous participants in the Spring City workshop, are doing a forest inventory and marking trees in the Buckaroon Bay area of the concession granted to Lindar Industries.

Buckaroon Bay is situated approximately ten miles from Marsh Harbour and a few miles east into the forest.

Since January 13, Latonya Williams, the data recorder, Wavell Hanna a tree marker specialist, Marvin Russell, a National Park Warden, all with the Bahamas National Trust and advised by Arien Sidden, have been marking trees to create a guideline for the operatives of Lindar Industries who will start logging in that area.

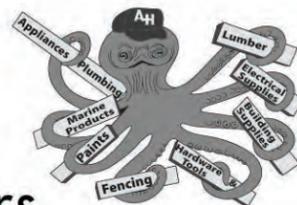
With the help of a GPS, they are surveying a the trees in a fifteen meter radius (eighteen meters in a less dense area) fifty meters away from a road and marking them with different colour tapes. Future crop trees are marked with blue tape; trees ready to harvest are marked with orange tape while trees to be retained are wrapped with yellow tape.

The trees' particulars, such as the stand and the stem qualities and the dimension and vitality of the crown are also described. All the data is dated and signed by the person who took the measurements. The data is to be retained by the Bahamas National Trust.

The survey workshop in the Buckaroon Bay area is conducted simultaneously with the Spring City logging operation.

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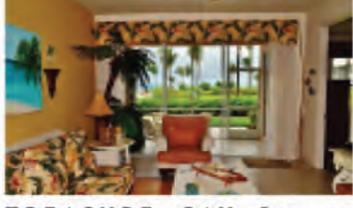
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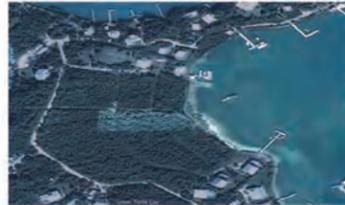
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- D CROSSWINDS 4b 3b w/ beach views. **WEB: 4000005039 US\$585k.**
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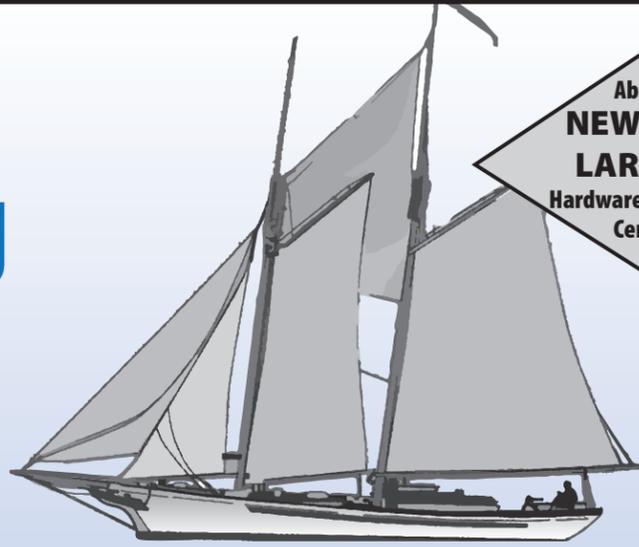
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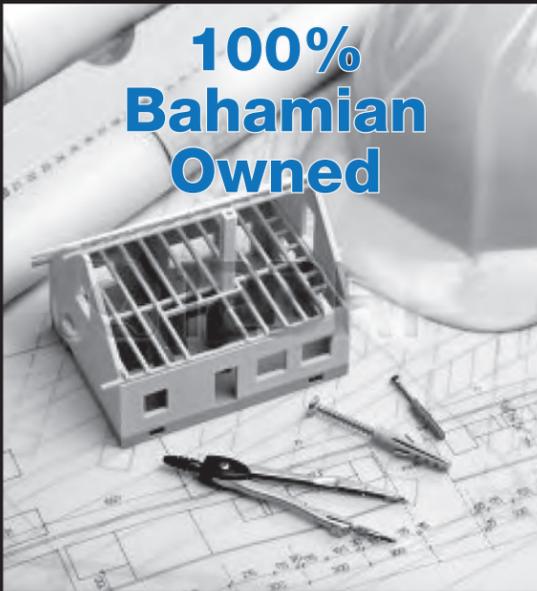
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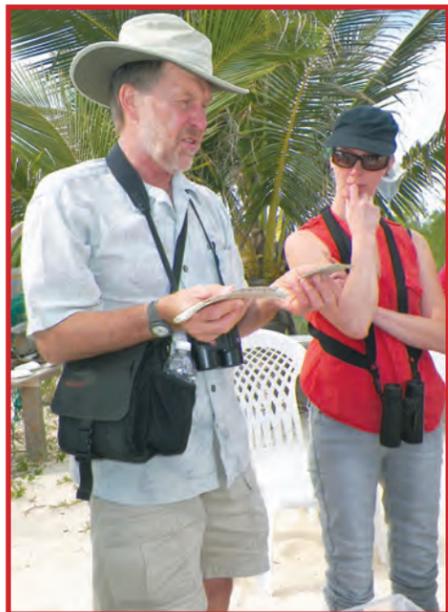
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South Abaco

The Cays

Gilpin Point fossil findings intrigue scientists



Above: Dr. David Steadman (left) examines fossil fragments from Gilpin Point in South Abaco. Discoveries from the area indicate Lucayan Indians cohabited Abaco with extinct tortoises and crocodiles.

By Mirella Santillo

A few years ago Perry Maillis, a land owner in South Abaco and an avid beach comber, found something that looked like a bone. But it was “not a Kentucky Fried Chicken bone” as he jokingly said. Intrigued by his find, he contacted Friends of the Environment and since then, his collection of bones has increased by dozens.

His trove ended up being one of the most important findings on the island with evidence of the first inhabitants of The Bahamas and the species that became extinct because of their impact on the islands. That bone was of a tortoise which was radiocarbon dated to be over 900 years old.

Since then many more fossils were recovered on that shore after the involvement of Nancy Albury, a researcher and the local Office Manager of the Antiquities, Museums and Monuments Corporation and of Paleontologist Dr. David Steadman, a frequent visitor to Abaco involved in the Sawmill Sink Fossil Research Project.

During the first day of January’s Science Alliance Conference, which hosted many outstanding researchers on the environment of Abaco, Dr. Steadman made a presentation on the findings at Gilpin Point. The discoveries led the scientists to deduce the diet of the first inhabitants (likely the Lucayan Indians), the animals that were around at the time (some now extinct on Abaco) and the location of the coast line which seems to have receded several hundred feet.

Professor Steadman started his presentation by stating that faunal and landscape changes on Abaco had been derived from the study of a complex prehistoric site: Gilpin Point.

The fossil story on Abaco started with the finding of a tortoise shell in the Sawmill Sink Bluehole. The bluehole was a low energy zone, he explained; Gilpin Point is a high energy area with changes at high tide and low tide and rise in sea level. The fossils at Gilpin Point were discovered in peat deposits found under water, approximately nine to ten inches deep under the sand at the lowest of low tide. According to Mr. Maillis this only occurs for a couple of months per year, in November

and December.

Transmitting his excitement about the project to the listeners, Dr. Steadman imparted the preliminary conclusions that a group of scientists, himself included, had deducted from the site. Because of the peat containing Cabbage Palm fossils and the buttonwood stumps still on the beach that were radiocarbon dated to around 950AD, suggests that the area was a lagoon at that time and the position of the beach was much further offshore than it is today.

Buttonwood lives near fresh water, he explained, so buttonwoods are a strong indication of a rise in the sea level since then.

The fossils of animals included pieces of shells of green turtles bearing marks of crocodile bites. The bone pieces found at Gilpin Point are much smaller than the ones found in the blue hole, but they are very abundant.

The bones were burnt indicating the presence of humans.

Bite marks on the inside of the shell indicates that the turtles were probably killed, cooked and eaten by humans but the crocodiles later scavenged the remains. The only human artifact found on the site was a round polished shell bead.

Besides the bones of sea turtles and tortoises, bones of Cuban Crows, one tooth from a hutia and several belonging to Cuban Crocodiles were also recovered.

The researchers were able to identify seventeen species of amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, of which only ten still live on Abaco.

The site is important not only for pre-history but also gives us a perspective of fauna and flora on the island before and during the arrival of the first inhabitants.

Marriot From Page 1

home owners sued the Marriott Vacations Worldwide Corp over alleged breaches of duty relating to allegations of poor maintenance, among a variety of concerns, and say they have held discussions with the owners about purchasing the property which they believe may have prompted the homeowners decision to go public with their lawsuit.

The lawsuit also alleges that the homeowners are concerned about the owner’s plans to sell the property, which Marriott Vacations has indicated could be worth around \$28 million, to a group

which plans to undertake a large-scale re-development of the property.

An extensive report compiled by Randolph John of the Construction Services Group in The Bahamas indicated the full extent of the group’s plans and its likely cost, which is in the hundreds of millions.

Smith said that they spoke with a group of doctors who are interested in spearheading the stem cell facility, and believe the Olympic facility could create a reliable source of revenue for the group as they move ahead with their residential development plans.

There are plans to set aside \$9 million in funding to establish a physical office for the Security Forces of The Bahamas Pension Trust from which it would offer a range of financial services for members.

Plans are to make the trust a public investment with Bahamians able to buy in through an initial public offering.

He said the intention is to make the development an inclusive one which addresses existing needs in The Bahamas and to do their best to help the country at large.

There has been no word from Marriot on how seriously they are taking the group and they have yet to release any official statement to indicate if there are other buyers interested.

Cay to Cay Art Group to exhibit

By Timothy Roberts

On Friday, February 28 from 4 to 7:30pm Hummingbird Cottage Art Center in Hope Town will host an open reception for the Cay to Cay Art Group's week-long exhibit.

The CCAGS, as they are commonly called, is a most welcoming, receptive and non-competitive group growing from a trio of women who wanted to paint together in 2008 to a diverse group of over fifty people on five cays.

The coterie of women and a few good men can be seen painting around Hope Town, Lubbers Quarters, Tilloo or Man-O-War any given Tuesday.

The oldest member is in her eighties and the youngest is in her twenties. They represent six different countries including The Bahamas, Canada, Great Britain, Germany, Hungary and over fifteen US States.

The members of the group also represent all media and differing degrees of expertise, from professional painters to those just learning to draw from a workbook.

Members have also expressed how the support for each individual has led to remarkable growth in their art; growth which is nurture and appreciated by the entire group. Such is the spirit of CCAGS!

The show will run through March 5 and everyone is welcome.

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The Cays

Hope Town District Council - 1 Feb 2014

By Dave Ralph

The Hope Town District Council was asked by Nassau if there were any areas in the district requiring funding for extra holiday cleaning.

Neither Guana Cay, Man-O-War Cay or Elbow Cay had any unusual circumstances in this regard. However, the members are putting together a request, hoping that money will still be available.

Approval was given for a bed and breakfast to operate in Hope Town. Plans were approved for a 9,500 square foot residence at Baker's Bay on Guana Cay, estimated to cost \$2.8 million.

Batelco had been given permission earlier to construct a 60-foot cellular tower at its office site in Man-O-War. However, the company now asks instead to build a 100-foot tower on the government land used for the refuse bins. It is estimated that a 100-foot tower at the coastal refuse site will be somewhat higher than a 60-foot tower on the hill where the BTC office is located. The request is under consideration.

A letter from the Prime Minister's office asked the Council for an opinion on a sand mining request off Baker's Bay on Guana Cay. The Council will ask for more information as it was unclear as to the goal of the project, possibly to deepen coastal areas, possibly to sell the sand commercially or perhaps to generate fill for an undisclosed area.

The Minister of Transport has reminded Council that the public's concerns and suggestions must be heard and recorded before any legal changes can be made to the Hope Town traffic scheme.

All Abaco

Taxation From Page 2

Mr. Lightbourne said the Coalition was not just there to complain to the government. They have provided alternatives.

Some ideas that have been floated to the government include:

- Enforcing Budget Caps
- Enforce current taxes including Property, Customs and Business License Taxes that are outstanding
- Enact a Freedom of Information Act
- Enact a 5% Payroll Tax which is easy to collect and brings in \$190 million in new revenue immediately
- Tax on business PROFITS which would replace license fees and closes loopholes in the suggested payroll tax
- Tax the Web Shops and Numbers Houses

Mr. Lightbourne reiterated that VAT may indeed be the correct system to implement. But with the short timeframe of implementation (July this year), lack of education on the subject and the closed-doors research and reasoning of the government Mr. Lightbourne said the above highlighted measures would buy enough money and time to fully understand VAT and its impacts on the Bahamian economy.

The Coalition is hiring an independent economist to run different taxation models for the country, including VAT. The government, according to the Coalition, has only run models that include VAT.

Grace Gym was provided to the Chamber for use free of charge.

Neither Abaco representative was present for the meeting.

CRIME REPORT

Throwing Missiles, Disorderly Behaviour and Assault of a Police Officer

On 29th January, 2014, officers of the MHPS reported that on 29/1/14, while in the Mudd community assisting Ministry of Works Personnel with a demolition project the resident of the home threw rocks and other items at the Police Officers and Ministry of Works Personnel.

Suspect Arrested

At 7:25pm on 29th January, 2014, officers arrested a female age 32 years, a 32 year old male and a 20 year old female all of the Mudd. They were charged for the offences, attended court on 31/1/14 and were remanded to HMP.

Housebreaking

On 29th January, 2014, a female of Coopers Town, Abaco, reported that sometime between 3:00pm on 28/1/14 and 9:15am on 29/1/14, some unknown person/s entered a residence at Treasure Cay, Abaco.

Housebreaking

On 30th January, 2014, a 52 year old female of Treasure Cay reported that sometime between Thursday 23rd January, 2014, and Thursday 30th January, some unknown person/s entered a residence.

Assault

On 1st February, 2014, a female of Spring City reported that her boyfriend assaulted her by punching her in the face and back. Further, he threatened to burn down her house.

Causing Harm

On 4th February, 2014, a female of Murphy Town reported that at 11:00pm same date while at Surfside Club he was approached by a male known to him who punched him in the face and hit him to the back of his head with a rock causing injuries.

Suspect Arrested

At 10:15pm on 6th February, 2014,

officers of the M.H.P.S. arrested the suspect, a 21 year old male of Dundas Town, Abaco reference to this matter. He was charged and will attend court on 17/2/14.

Stealing from a Vehicle

A male of Murphy Town reported that sometime on 3rd February, 2014, a male known to him was caught by him breaking into his vehicle. The culprit searched the interior and stole a plastic bag containing \$5.00 in coins.

Suspect arrested

At 10:15pm on 6th February, 2014, officers of the M.H.P.S. arrested the suspect- an 18 year old male of Murphy Town, Abaco. He admitted to the offence and was charged. He is scheduled to attend court on 10/2/14.

Housebreaking

On 7th February, 2014, a male of Central Pines reported that around 2:00pm same date he caught a male known to him of Central Pines, Abaco coming out of his tool shed in his yard. Police action requested.

Suspect Arrested

On 7/2/14, officers arrested the suspect a 58 year old male of Central Pines Abaco reference to this matter. The suspect was interviewed and charged.

Stealing

On 7th February, 2014, a male of Sweetings Track reported that sometime between 5th February, 2014 and 6th February, 2014, some unknown person/s stole his two 250HP Yamaha engines from his boat that was on a trailer in Casaurina Point, Abaco.

Drunk & Disorderly Behaviour

At 6:30pm on 7th February, officers of the G.T.C.P.S. reported arresting a 38 year old male of Montel Height, New Providence for Drunk and Disorderly Behaviour. Officers arrested the suspect in Green Turtle Cay where he was found drunk and wrestling his family members.

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Across

- 2. **GUANA**—Where residents sit under the fig tree.
- 4. **BLACK**—_____ Wood, North Abaco village.
- 6. **DISNEY**—Company that runs the cruise ship port on a South Abaco island.
- 8. **INGRAHAM**—Country's second PM, hailed from Abaco.
- 9. **SISAL**—Once farmed in Abaco for rope.
- 12. **LUCAYANS**—Abaco's first inhabitants.
- 13. **INK**—Used to write with and to escape predators.
- 14. **WRECKING**—Lighthouses prevented this industry.
- 15. **GREEN**—Colour said to "flash" with the setting sun.
- 16. **GILPIN**—Abaco Site where tortoise fossils have been found on dry land.

Down

- 1. **LOYALISTS**—Wyannie Malone lineage.
- 3. **ADVERTISING**—Marketing activity.
- 5. **HABACOA**—Abaco's name on Juan de la Costa's 1500 AD map.
- 6. **DOLPHIN**—Echolocating aquatic mammal.
- 7. **SOUSE**—A Bahamian breakfast made with chicken, pork, sheep's tongue or pig's feet.
- 10. **FLAMINGO**—Pink because of its diet, national bird.
- 11. **WALKERS**—Northernmost Cay in The Bahamas.

14. **WIND**—Powered boats before gas and diesel engines.

Crossword



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- "**Hayes House**" #2452 - Luxurious 3 level, 4 bed, 5 bath beachfront estate home on Treasure Cay Beach. 3,600 s/f under roof, plus 3,400 s/f covered verandahs. Elegantly furnished, meticulously maintained. Includes vehicle & golf cart **\$2,995,000.**
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- Cutwater Way Canal Home** - # 1524 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 3,600 s/f home on Brigantine Bay. Elegantly furnished, many upgrades. 144' bulkhead, 70' dock, boat lift. **\$1,995,000.**
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- "**Rising Sun**" # 1780 - Windward Beach, 3 bed, 2.5 bath 2,118 s/f furnished home on 25,925 s/f parcel with 150' of sandy beach frontage. Superb sea views! **\$1,310,000.**
- "**Helen's Point**" - # 1791 - 4 bed, 3 bath, 1,800 sq. ft. furnished home on 27,908 s/f Sea of Abaco waterfront parcel with 153' of bulkheaded seawall & dock. **\$1,095,000.**
- "**Pisces**" - # 2085 - Elegantly furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath harbourfront home, 2,189 s/f under air, plus 1,269 s/f double garage & covered patio. 13,716 s/f property with 71' deep water dockage. Private pool. Owner Downsizing **\$ 997,000.**
- "**Hull's Landing**" - # 2204 - 3 bed, 3 bath plus loft, turn-key furnished Galleon Bay canal home. 2,700 s/f under air, + garage & covered porch, pool & dock. Many extras. 10,000 s/f parcel w/80' canal frontage. **\$995,000.**
- "**Harbour's Edge**" - # 2000 - 3 bed, 3 bath furnished Harbour front Home, panoramic harbour views, 3,033 s/f under roof. 15,210 s/f landscaped parcel, 90' deep water frontage. **\$949,000.**
- "**Full Moon**" - # 2163 - 4 bed, 4 bath, 2 level furnished canal home, 2,990 s/f under air, recently renovated, many upgrades. 86' deep water dock & boat lift. **\$ 895,000.**
- "**Treasured Times**" # 2365 - 3 bedroom, 3 bath turnkey furnished canalfront home, 3,430 s/f under roof, fully refurbished in 2008, double garage, many upgrades & extras. 16,000 s/f lot, 90' canal frontage. **\$779,000.**
- "**Yellow Coconut Cottage**" - # 2211 - Elegantly furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2 level Brigantine Bay canal home. 1,541 s/f under air, plus balconies, patios & garage. Private boat slip & 20,000 boat lift, golf cart, many extras. **\$749,000.**
- "**Sea Cliff**" # 2179 - Luxury 3 bed, 3 bath, 2 level sea view home. 2,550 s/f under roof, tastefully furnished. 12,589 s/f elevated landscaped lot. Excellent rental income potential. **\$599,000.**



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- "**Laguna**" - # 1875 - Charming 1,550 s/f 3 bed, 2 bath furnished Galleon Bay canal home. 102' canal frontage with "T" dock & 16,000 lb boat lift. **\$595,000.**
- Palm Bay # 9** - # 2108 - Newly constructed 4 Bedroom, 3.5 bath, 2,077 s/f turn-key furnished harbourfront townhouse. Golf cart included. Private boat slip, Excellent vacation rental income potential. **80% 15 Year Financing Available!** **\$579,000.**
- Treasure House # 11** - # 1592 - Delightful 2 bed, 2 bath comfortably furnished 1,000 s/f Topsider style beachside villa. Community pool, well maintained villa. Exceptional sea & beach views. **\$499,000.**
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- Treasure House # 2** - # 1777 - 2 bed, 2 bath topsider style 1,000 s/f furnished beachside villa. Exceptional elevated Sea & beach views. Close to beach & pool. **\$499,000.**
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- Beach Villa 676** - # 2488 - Exceptionally large 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,250 sq. ft. furnished villa near beach. Owner occupied, but with excellent vacation rental income potential. **\$349,000.**
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- Beach Villa 607** - # 1982 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 900 s/f villa, furnished near beach, pool, shops & marina. **\$229,000.**
- Beach Villas # 651** - # 2230 - Charming 2 bed, 2 bath furnished villa near beach, pool & shopping. **\$209,000.**
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- # 985** - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 level harbourfront end unit. Totally upgraded in 2013. Priced for immediate sale. **\$ 225,000.**
- # 2390** - 2 bed, 1.5 bath, 2 level 832 s/f "turn-key" furnished harbourfront condo, includes garage. **\$219,000.**
- # 1942** - 1 bed, 1 bath, 450 s/f 2nd level furnished unit overlooking community pool. **\$199,000.**
- # 2391** - 2 bed, 1 bath, 2 level 832 s/f furnished harbourfront condo, includes garage. **\$195,000.**
- # 655** - 2 bed, 1 bath condo with marina view **\$189,000.**
- # 2073** - Condo # 1211 - 1 bed, 1 bath, 462 s/f ground level furnished harbourfront condo. Great views. **\$149,000.**
- # 2359** - Condo # 1108 - 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 2nd level, 540 s/f furnished condo overlooks harbour. **\$139,000.**
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Ocean Blvd. Beach Lots 92A & 93 - # 2361 - Exceptionally large 2.0 acre beach parcel w/174' sandy beach frontage. Cleared & level lot, electricity installed. Incredible sea views. **\$2,300,000.**

Ocean Blvd Lot 10, # 1842 - Oversized 54,963 s/f parcel w/165' pristine sandy beach frontage. All utilities available. Phenomenal sea views. **\$1,495,000.**

Beach & Canal Lot Package #941 - Windward Beach lot of 17,542 s/f with 100' of beach frontage on Sea of Abaco, PLUS Galleon Bay lot of 17,955 s/f with approx. 76' of sea-walled canal frontage. **\$1,205,000.**

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

Windward Beach Lots 12 & 13 # 2031 - 100' sandy beach frontage each, 21,675 & 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 206 - # 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.**

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.**

Galleon Bay Canal Parcels: # 1319, 1320, 1801 - Your choice of 3 lots, each with 100' +/- seawalled canal frontage, from 15,800 s/f per lot, utilities available. **EACH \$249,000.**

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

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

TREASURE CAY

Treasure Cay Inland Parcels

St Andrews Estates Golf Course Lots 8 & 9 - # 2467 - 2 adjoining lots, total 28,713 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 167 - # 2436 - 15,000 s/f parcel, near beach, shopping & marina. **\$39,950.**

Treasure Cay Development Parcels

Sandbank Creek Open Zoned Acreage: #2504 - 12.5 acres with frontage on Treasure Cay Dr. & water frontage on Sandbank Creek. Good elevations, utilities available, ideal for commercial venture. **\$499,000.**

3 Prime Commercial Lots on Treasure Cay Dr. # 2502 - Each lot features 15,000 s/f with 100' of road frontage. near Treasure Cay entrance. Zoned for retail business. Utilities available. **EACH \$85,000.**

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 acre elevated parcel with 100' Atlantic Ocean sandy beach frontage, utilities available. **\$195,000.**

Inland Lot - Near Beach - # 3022 - Large 21,450 s/f choice corner lot on main road in Section 1. electricity & telephone available. 1,000' to beach. **\$49,000.**

Inland Lot - Near Beach - # 3076 - Large 21,450 s/f level lot on main street. Electricity & telephone available. **\$35,000.**

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.**

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.**

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 - 3 units, 2 bath each, 2,200 s/f total, 12,000 s/f parcel. **\$180,000.**

Regattas of Abaco # 27 - #1853 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 825 s/f 2nd level "turn-key" furnished condo near to beach, shops, marina, etc. **\$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. 11,378 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. **\$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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Year in Review

2013 in review: Part II

By Jennifer Hudson

August.

Plans for the August opening of the new Marsh Harbour International airport were again delayed.

The Abaco Judo team comprising five members, competed at the US Jr Open Championships. The team defeated many of the world's finest players including champions from Brazil, America, the Dominican Republic and Republic of South Africa to win bronze and silver at the Championships in Fort Lauderdale.

Abaco Crash Fire and Rescue donated a fire truck and fire equipment to the newly formed North Abaco Volunteer Brigade. The new department will handle emergencies from Blackwood to Crown Haven. Treasure Cay also commissioned a new truck on the same day. High-ranking officials from the Bahamas including Commissioner of Police, Ellison Greenslade, were on hand for the ceremony.

It was an historic day for Abaco on

August 24 when five persons graduated from the first ever patient care technician program facilitated by Early Access Training Centre in Nassau.

September.

According to the Department of Marine resources and local commercial fishermen, the 2013 crawfish season has been disappointing with some seeing as much as a 50% reduction based on last year's opening. Poaching, undersized harvesting and water temperature were blamed.

The Bahamas National Sailing Team returned from the World Championship Regatta held in Italy. This was the first time a Bahamian team had competed on the world stage Brandon Sands of Cherokee Sound was only Abaconian to participate and he was selected to carry the banner for the Bahamas.

On September 26 Every Child Counts School's new training centre opened to provide training and opportunities for graduated ECC students. Dignitaries and supporters gathered to celebrate the open-

ing of the new training centre.

October.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Philip Brave Davies, speaking at the 10th annual Abaco Business Outlook, addressed further concerns regarding the new airport in Marsh Harbour. He touched on details such as fire code, fire escape, electrical systems and concerns expressed by airlines regarding equipment and space.

A proposed seaplane service looking to offer direct flights to Hope Town made a test run to the island on October 19 with a view to starting regular service in the New Year.

After months of complaints from taxi drivers, visitors and others who frequent the airport, the driveway at the old terminal was paved. The blacktop helped considerably towards preventing the accumulation of mud and potholes that have plagued the area.

The Abaco Cancer Society was the recipient of donations raised from the Open Water Swim and the inaugural Pink

Rose Ball.

November.

Creter's Bulldogs returned to Abaco November 4 bringing back the winning title from the Bahamas Softball Federation's national round robin tournament.

After six months of major repairs made possible by donations and fundraisers the historic Epworth Methodist Chapel at Cherokee Sound was once again able to hold services in its original building having worshipped in the interim in the WW Sands community centre.

The Abaco Judo Club stunned the entire Caribbean region by winning four gold, two silver, one bronze medal and the top athlete award at the XIII Barbados International Invitational tournament in Bridgetown Barbados.

Cooper's Town library and computer lab was officially opened and dedicated by the Honourable V. Alfred Gray.

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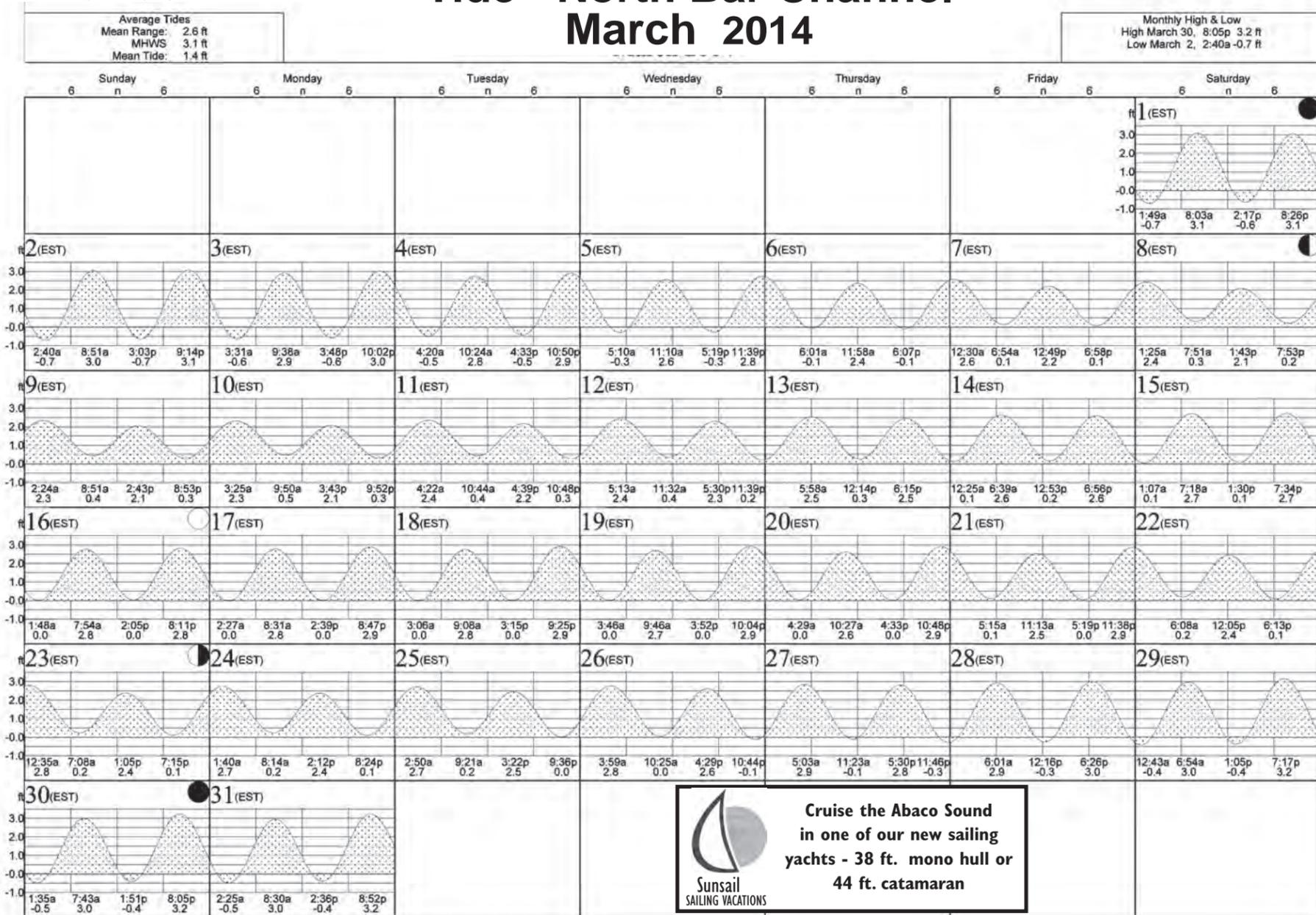


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Business

Sandpiper Inn to be Schooner Bay's first full service inn and restaurant



Above: the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie (left) with Sandpiper Inn Managing Director James Malcolm

Prime Minister of The Bahamas, the Rt. Honorable Perry G. Christie has announced full government support, HEA approvals and start of vertical construction phase for a 100% Bahamian owned & operated boutique hotel located at Schooner Bay Village, South Abaco – slated to open in December of 2014, one that will employ more than 20 persons and generate more than \$3 million alone in economic activity for South Abaco.

Schooner Bay Village began development in 2007 and now with the project services all completed in 2013 and the existence of more than 30 houses and businesses around a viable harbour, the visitation has grown, real estate sales are rising and the overall tourism activity is expected to blossom into 2015.

In 2013 Schooner Bay won the urbanism award from the Institute of Classical Architecture in a field of formidable design entries – a first for a Bahamian project.

On Friday the 31st, the Prime Minister met with the Bahamian owner and principal investor and his partner the Sandpiper VP & Managing Director – James A. Malcolm, also a Bahamian - to reaffirm the government's support for this locally owned & operated boutique hotel operation coming on line in south Abaco at Schooner Bay. The PM commented on the genuine importance of Bahamians partnering and investing in such ventures – in their own country, in the largest economic sector (tourism)

The PM was also briefed on business plans for The Sandpiper Inn & Cottages – one that follows the time tested model for Out Island hotels – seen at such places as Pink Sands & The Dunmore in Harbour Island and Hope Town Lodge and Green Turtle Cay Club in The Abacos.

The Sandpiper Inn & Cottages began construction in December 2013 and will open to the public in December of this year offering refined rooms & suites in the main Inn property and vacation cottages spread through the village for a total inventory of more than 40 bedrooms.

The Sandpiper Inn & Cottages is expected to be Schooner Bay's first full-service inn and restaurant on the harbour front – seating up to 50 - serving the village residents, boaters, visitors and the general public. The design is inspired by the lovely architectural patterns one sees in both Harbour Island and Charleston and comprises a two-and-half story traditional Bahamian verandah house accompanied by two duplex garden cottages – all with views to the water. The 10 village cottages are lovely

mix 2 & 3 bedroom waterfront units some with docks. Please see www.dsbahamas.com/cottages for more.

With its restaurant, bar, other inn services and central location, it is expected The Sandpiper Inn & Cottages will become a popular meeting place in the heart of Schooner Bay.

The main inn will offer seven rooms (three in the main building and four, one-room cottages in the back garden) and the restaurant will seat guests in the indoor dining room and outside on the classical wraparound verandah. The culinary experience for The Sandpiper Inn is being created by a Bahamian born, but Cordon Bleu and Swiss-trained master chef - incorporating many of the locally grown and regionally caught products available from The Commons at Schooner Bay and South Abaco.

The inn will offer a variety of different rates packages such as B&B and modified American plans to allow flexibility in catering to a diverse clientele.

The Sandpiper's ambiance will evoke the real character of the Bahamas – elegant, but simple – and will complement in scale and design the eclectic mix of vernacular styles found along Schooner Bay's Bay Street corridor.

Interiors by acclaimed designer, Amanda Lindroth, will complete the effect of "understated sophistication", helping to make The Sandpiper Inn & Cottages a charming, inviting staple of the Schooner Bay waterfront in the tradition of other iconic Amanda designs such as Old Fort Club, Dunmore Beach Club and The Bal-moral.

VP & Managing Director – James A. Malcolm – has been part of the Schooner Bay project for over 5 years and originally hails from Harbour Is. – where his great uncle (Herbert Malcolm) and grandfather (Allen Malcolm) founded and started The Pink Sands Hotel in 1949 and ran it as the family business for more than 39 years. In 1995 James was hired by Chris Blackwell/ Island Outpost as General Manager when Pink Sands reopened after a 3 year closure as result of Hurricane Andrew. James was an Account Executive with Maritz Travel Company from 1997-2005 and then Executive Director of Group Travel for Min. of Tourism from 2005-2008.

Presentation from Burns House to Love Rush Junkanoo Committee



Above left to right: Wynsome Ferguson, Chantelle Sands and Ruth Saunders.

By Canishka Alexander

On Feb. 3, Chantelle Sands, manager of Burn's House Abaco Office, presented a cheque to Wynsome Ferguson and Ruth Saunders of the All Abaco Junkanoo Committee, at the Government Complex.

"On behalf of Burns House and Kalik, we are delighted to be a part of this year's Junkanoo Love Rush Parade," Sands expressed. "As you know, Burns House and Kalik is synonymous with Junkanoo around The Bahamas, so we felt it

fitting to also take part on Abaco, and we wish you all the best in your endeavours with raising funds and supporting the Abaco community."

Ferguson thanked Sands on behalf of the All Abaco Junkanoo Committee for their partnership once again, adding that they look forward to Burn's House's continued support.

This year, the Love Rush Junkanoo Parade takes place on Feb. 21-22 adjacent to the BAIC Park.



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Roberts Home 3 Bed 2.5 Bath fully furnished 3000 sq ft CBS home with 2 car garage and dock \$949,000

Mariners Cove 1510 Townhouse 2 bed, 1.5 bath, professionally decorated, lovely marina view \$219,000

Royal Palm 2321 2 Bed, 2 Bath tastefully furnished marina condo, end unit with pool in front, boatlift and storage \$229,000 **NEW PRICE**

Beach Villa 635 2 Bed 2 Bath 1,025 sq. ft. charming renovated villa, large gal. extras & upgrades. \$279,000 **NEW LISTING** **SOLD**

Lot 5 Block 191 Brigantine Bay canal front homesite with serene water views. \$310,000 **NEW LISTING**

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Royal Palm 2309 2 Bed, 2 Bath fully furnished lower condo, situated between two pat slip on Treasure Cay Marina. \$249,000 **NEW LISTING** **SOLD**

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The Abaconian presents

"Is the Airport Open Yet?" Part IV



No.

Why? Perhaps it is some kind of social experiment to see how long Abaconians will simply grumble to themselves before making a racket?

What we know: the terminal itself has been mostly finished for at least a year. Permanent Secretary in the Min. of Works, Colin Higgs, has denied allegations that the design will be too costly to operate. Abaco's economy, and indeed the entire country's economy, suffers each day we rely on the old terminal. Min. of transport and Aviation described the old terminal as a "profound inadequacy." The Dir. General of Tourism has confirmed opening the new terminal will allow for direct jet service from key US hubs like Atlanta. The Dir. General has, in fact, had talks with at least two carriers who have expressed interest in expanding into Abaco once the new airport is open. Everybody seems to agree that opening the Leonard M. Thompson International Airport is a good idea. But somehow we can't get past the "punch list" for opening which now includes, according to Min. of Works' Colin Higgs, protective roofing for luggage areas and issues concerning the staircase going up to the lounge.

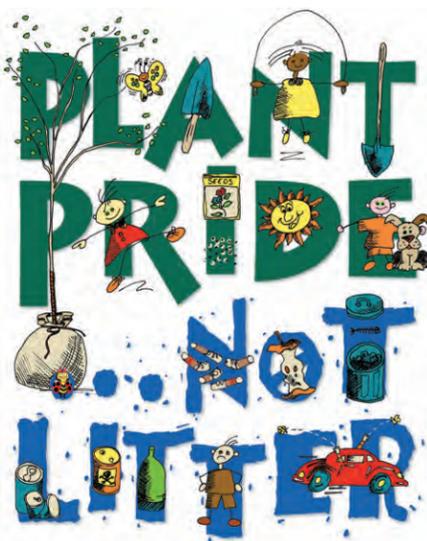
Mr. Higgs anticipates the terminal being given its Certificate of Occupancy by the end of February. So, be sure to Check Back Next Issue for Another Exciting Installment in: Is the Airport Open Yet?

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December. For the tenth year the traditional annual Christmas bazaar welcomed the Christmas season on the first Saturday of December.

Government finally announced the three-month December 1 to February 28 closed season for the Nassau grouper this winter. The Bahamas Reef Environment Educational Foundation noted that it is time for the closed season on this highly prized but endangered species to be fixed in our legislation rather than having to wait on a Ministerial decree each year.

The year ended on a less than pleasant note when homeowners at the Orchid Bay Resort and Marina were shocked by an armed takeover of the resort offices and removal of the long-standing property managers on December 12. Then on December 27 the last of five suspects wanted in connection to the armed daylight robbery of the Deputy Prime Minister's residence was arrested on Abaco.



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Turtle Hill	4 villas	366-0557
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Lubbers' Landing	4 villas	577-2000
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Island Home Rentals	2 hse	365-6048
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Marsh Harbour area		
Abaco Beach Resort	82 rms	367-2158
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Conch Inn	9 rms	367-4000
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Oeisha's Resort		366-4139
Pete & Gay's Resort	14 rm	366-4119
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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
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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.

* Not on Sundays or holidays

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 GT Cay docks

Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 or 375-8123 VHF Ch 16 Charters Available
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Art studio & working foundry Little Harbour
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Man-O-War Boatyards Man-O-War Cay
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Little Harbour - 20 miles S. of Marsh Harbour
Cherokee - 23 miles S of Marsh Harbour

Miles of beach (most exposed to ocean)
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Curlytails
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Hope Town: Abaco Inn
Cap'n Jacks
H.T. Harbour Lodge
Sea Spray

Green Turtle Cay: McIntosh Restaurant
Jolly Roger Bar & Bistro
Leeward Yacht Club
Bluff House
Guana Cay: Guana Grabbers
Nipper's Bar & Grill

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Lucky Strike - Hope Town..... 366-0101
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A Salt Weapon - Hope Town..... 366-0245
Down Deep..... 366-3143
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Back Breaker..... 365-5140

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Man-O-War
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Hope Town Cart Rentals 366-0064
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Marsh Harbour

Abaco Pizza \$ 367-4488
Anglers \$\$\$ 367-2158
Back 2 Da Island..... \$ 367-0150
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Snack Shack \$ 367-4005
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Wallys \$ 367-2074

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Abaco Inn \$\$\$ 366-0133
Cap'n Jacks \$ 366-0247
Firefly..... \$\$\$ 366-0145
Harbour's Edge..... \$ 366-0087
H T Coffee House (B & L)..... \$ 366-0760
HT Inn & Marina..... \$ 366-0003
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Munchies \$ 366-0423
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Sugar Shack + \$ 366-0788

Little Harbour

Pete's Pub..... \$ 577-5487

Lubber's Quarter

Cracker P's..... \$ 366-3139

Man-O-War

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

Guana Cay

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

Treasure Cay

Bahama Beach Club..... \$\$\$ 365-8500
Coco Beach Bar & Grill..... \$ 365-8470
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Harvey's Island Grill..... \$ 365-4389
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Shorties Take-a-way..... \$ 365-4342
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Sandy Point

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Schooner Bay

The Blackfly Lodge \$\$\$ 376-0321
The Red Marlin Bistro..... \$ 426-5440
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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
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Fire - Hope Town VHF Ch 16 • Fire - Green Turtle Cay 475-1768
Fire - Man-O-War 365-4019
Treasure Cay Fire & Rescue 365-9111
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Hope Town 366-0549 Marsh Harbour 367-3752
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Corbett Clinic, Treasure Cay 365-8288
Integrated Medical Center 367-1304
Emergency 458-1234
Marsh Harbour Medical Centre..... 367-0050
Government Clinic, Marsh Harbour 367-2510
Government Clinic, Cooper's Town 365-0300
Government Clinic, Green Turtle Cay 365-4028
Government Clinic, Hope Town 366-0108
Government Clinic, Sandy Point 366-4010
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Agape Family Dental, Marsh Harbour..... 367-4355
Abaco Dental Asso..... 367-0164
Diamante Dental, Marsh Harbour..... 367-4968
Man O War Dental Clinic..... 365-6508

Pharmacy

Abaco Island Pharmacy, Marsh Harbour..... 367-2544
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Caribbean Veterinary Centre, Marsh Harbour..... 367-3551
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Extra \$3 for each passengers above two
• Marsh Harbour Airport to: Effective Dec 08
Clinic, Downtown, Stop Light, \$10
Ab Bch Resort, Eastern Shore dose, 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.

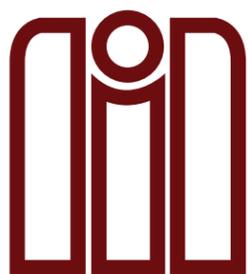
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Green Turtle Cay ferry dock..... \$10
Madeira Park \$20
Sand Banks \$25
Treasure Cay Resort..... \$30
Leisure Lee \$45
Black Wood \$20
Fire Road & Cooper's Town \$40
Cedar Harbour \$60
Wood Cay \$70
Mount Hope \$80
Fox Town \$85
Crown Haven \$90
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Education's District Awards recognizes Abaco's top students, athletes *Abaco students earn top national honours*



Above: Abaco students were honoured for their achievement during the District Awards Ceremony on Feb 5.

By Canishka Alexander

The Dept. of Education held its Annual District Awards Ceremony 2014 at New Vision Ministries on Feb. 5 under the theme: "Excellence for all...Yes, We Say So!"

Jessica Pierre and Desmondo Boodle of Abaco Central High School were the Masters of Ceremonies, and invited Felicia Roberts of Mary E. Albury High School to the stage to welcome the audience. Felicia's welcome was complimented by Central Abaco Primary School's Choir, as students sang a lively selection in Creole and English.

In her remarks, Dr. Lenora Black, District Superintendent, told students that while negative stories fill print and electronic media, she was pleased to highlight a story that speaks to students - our future leaders - who have discovered that God requires a more excellent way.

"This story has been told repeatedly on school campuses by the many students gathered today, who have been recognized by their hard work and due diligence displayed throughout the course of the previous school year.

"Our students would have demonstrated an acknowledgement of the essential role that excellence and discipline plays in the success of all their endeavours," Dr.

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Music Doing Good performs another great show with ECC



Above: students and Music Doing Good Performers take the stage at Abaco Beach Resort on February 7.

By Kathleen Ralph

The Power of One was the theme of the Music Doing Good concert to benefit Every Child Counts held at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge on February 6 and at the Pavilion at Abaco Beach Resort on February 7.

This annual event was very well attended at both locations.

The music followed the theme that each person is important and has something to contribute. The musicians entertained the audiences, frequently singing with the students of ECC to make delightful music.

Along with singing, the ECC students did a junkanoo rush that the crowd loved.

The students are encouraged to develop their artistic and musical abilities, and it is amazing what they have accomplished. One student recently won first place in his age category for singing in the Bahamas National Arts Festival in Nassau.

ECC is a school for special students who have learning or physical disabili-

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Black continued. "Discipline must be accompanied by an uncommon degree of dedication and determination."

Dr. Black also extended thanks to the Ministry of Education and her technical team for their hard work. She admonished the students to encourage their friends to follow their good examples and to encourage the male students particularly as they take on true leadership positions as priest, provider and king.

"Be excellent in every aspect of your life and undertaking," she urged. "These students are featured prominently because they deliberately chose a more excellent way."

Audience members gave a standing ovation for Ronel Escarment of Every Child Counts following his rousing rendition of "You'll Never Walk Alone."

Next, Senior Education Officer Leslie Rolle recognized all corporate sponsors, which soon led to the presentation of awards. There were numerous National Competition and National Arts Festival winners along with Top Sports Achievement Awards for track and field, judo and swimming champions.

In track and field, gold medalists included: Daelin Delancy of Central Abaco Primary School (CAPS) in the 400 meters; Elta Charles of CAPS in the shot put; and Ure Mills of Fox Town Primary School captured the 100 meters and 200 meters at the Frank P. Rahming Primary Track and Field Nationals.

More gold medals were acquired at the Bahamas National Judo Championships by Ozeke Swain of Long Bay School; Maximus Andrews of St. Francis de Sales School; William Russell of Agape Christian School; John Pintard II of St. Francis; Sebastian Parr of Angel's Academy; and Taryn Carroll of Angel's Academy; Desmond Bootle and Desmond Bootle of Abaco Central High School and Jonathan Strachan of St. Francis also earned gold medals at Barbados International Caribbean Championships. Dre Hall of ACH with a bronze medal in the US Open; Gold at the Bahamas Championships; 1 Silver and two gold medals at the Barbados Championships.

At the RBC Bahamas National Swim Meet, gold medals were awarded to Noah Albury of Man-O-War Primary; Carter Albury and Maddox Pinder of Agape Christian School; McKenzie Dam of Agape; Lilly Higgs of Forest Heights; Brayden Dam of Agape; and Miller Albury of Forest Heights in the 200 meter backstroke, 200 meter medley relay, 200 meter freestyle relay, 400 meter medley relay and 400 meter freestyle relay with bronze medals earned at CARIFTA in the 400 meter freestyle and medley relays.

Margaret Albury Higgs of Forest Heights gold medal listings were extensive: 50 meter breaststroke; 100 meter breaststroke; 200 meter IM relay, breaststroke, butterfly, freestyle relay and medley relay; 400 meter freestyle, freestyle relay, IM relay, medley relay; and 800 meter freestyle. Higgs set two National Records

at the CCCAN with two gold medals and one silver medal. She earned CARIFTA gold medals in the 200 meter IM; 50 meter breaststroke; 100 meter breaststroke; 200 meter breaststroke; and 400 meter IM relay. She was the top medal winner at CARIFTA on the Bahamas Team.

Thereafter the awards continued with GLAT, BJC and BGCSE Awards. For Grade 3, Dania Curry of Fox Town Primary School for Writing; Erica Roberts of Man-O-War Primary in Mathematics; and Declan John Bethel of Angel's Academy in Language Arts. For Grade 6, Samuel Collicie of Long Bay School in Language Arts; Scarlet Taylor of Agape in Writing Skills; Joey Gale and Khalea Richard of Hope Town Primary School in Writing Skills; Kaitlyn Russell of Treasure Cay Primary School; and Rashon Neymour of CAPS in Science and Social Studies.

Students with BJs of five Bs or better: Kiara Tilus (Abaco Central High School); Giavanna Noel Manni (Mary E. Albury School); Briantae Kelly (Smith Memorial School); Vanessa Jean and Romea Rolle (S.C. Bootle High School); Giovanni Morris and Kyla Ann Harvey (Long Bay School); Cierra Carroll, Johanan Cartwright, Benjamin Higgs and Zoya Thompson (Agape Christian School); Joshua Archer, Macneisha Alfre, Marvin Cash, Jessica Knowles, Shawntalay McDonald, Ranisha Newbold, Abby-Gae Raymore, Alexis Sawyer, Raniece Smith and Falkeisha Thompson (St. Francis de Sales School); and Aurora Aitken, Christopher D. Albury, Isabella Albury, Landon

Albury, Zavion Archer, Aaliyah Gibson, Margaret Albury Higgs, Jacob Hull, Nico Jonsson, Scott Lightbourn, Bailey McBride, Rakasha McIntosh, Isaac Miller, Trinard Missick, Andrew Pinder, Ayanna Pritchard, Madison Sands, Hannah Strachan, Dante Stuart and Savannah Williams (Forest Heights Academy).

In the BGCSE examinations, students earning 5 Bs or better: Jake Consulta and Charese Kemp (St. Francis); Olujimi Scott and Payton Stubbs (Abaco Central High School); Clydesha Cornish, Sherrie Romer and Shantell Bernadin (S.C. Bootle High School); and Miranda Albury, George Colby Cross, Amanda McIntosh, Alexandra Philpott and Rebecca Strachan (Forest Heights).

Overall Top District Winners: Dania Curry Top GLAT Grade 3; Joey Gale Top GLAT Grade 6; Vanessa Jean - Abaco's Top BJC Public School Recipient; Margaret Albury Higgs - Abaco's Top BJC Recipient in Private Schools. Sherrie Romer earned the Top BGCSE results for Abaco's Public Schools (2 As and 5 Bs); and Rebecca Strachan obtained 8 As and 4 Bs for the Top Private School BGCSE results.

Overall Top National Winners were S.C. Bootle High School, which placed second nationally for the Most Improved GPA in Government Class B Schools (BGCSE); and Margaret Albury Higgs earned Top BJC Craft in the country; the award for Overall National Top BJC Student in Private Schools and Overall National Top BJC Student for 2013.



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School & Youth News

Business owner donates laptops to St. Francis de Sales students

By Samantha Evans

Mr. Marcus Bethel, owner of Kentucky Fried Chicken-Abaco, has a passion for education as his dad Patrick Bethel does and during the first term of the 2013-14 school year, he donated four laptops to the school for "The KFC Essay Competition."

Mr. Bethel has been supporting the school through essay writing for four years and he always presents the students with top-of-the-line laptops. The laptops are given to the top essay writers from the upper and lower primary school, the junior school and the high school.

The essays go before a panel of judges before the top ones are selected. According to Principal Josephine Kumar, only three essays made the grade this time because to win the laptop the essays must be "A" quality work. They do not lower that standard, she explained.

The laptops were won by Malia Sweeting -upper primary, Liberty Clarke-junior high school, and Chelsae Ramotar-senior school. Principal Kumar stated that this competition gives the students another incentive to excel in another area of education which is writing. The students are given a new topic each year and it varies by grade level.

The topics the essay competition winners received were as follows: upper primary: "Which is more important? Good character or lots of money?" The topic for junior high school grade 7 - 9 was: "You have been asked to persuade your schoolmates to be more environmentally conscience. Write the words of your speech." The topic for the high school grades 10-12 was: "Discuss the importance of work and its relation to finances." The students were given their topic several weeks in advance to research their topic and could only enter

the exam room with a pen. No notes were allowed.

The hour and a half exam was invigilated by the principal. She and her staff are grateful to Mr. Bethel for being very supportive of their school. He is a good cooperate citizen who she stated does his best to help all sections of the community.

St. Francis de Sales wins Grade Six Spelling Bee

By Samantha Evans

The Grade 6 Spelling Bee took place on Wednesday, January at the Old Friendship Tabernacle Church in Dundas Town. The competition began at 10 am with 23 spellers all ready to capture the winning spot. It was clear from the beginning that this competition was going to be fierce and indeed it was.

The students did an excellent job studying the words given to them to learn. But, as this process began, the best spellers emerged making a clear statement that they came to win. After ten rounds of spelling from the Seen List, the students were given words to spell from an unfamiliar list called the Unseen List which quickly separated the good spellers from the best spellers.

In third place was Jaslyn McIntosh from Cooper's Town Primary School, in second place was Brody Roberts from Agape Christian School and the winner was Fanaeya Nicholson from St. Francis de Sales Catholic School.

On hand to give brief remarks was Dr. Lenora Black, Superintendent of Education for the Abaco District. She commended the spellers and substitutes for a job well done and told the audience that she is yearning to hold another national trophy and they all agreed with an eruption of applause.

After her comments, the spellers were

given their certificates and the top three spellers their trophies. The judges for this Spelling Bee were Eunice Mills, Samantha V. Evans and Tracey Simmons who were presented with certificates as well.

The pronouncer was Sandy Edwards.

Donations received for fire victims

By Samantha Evans

At the start of the new academic school year in January 2014, many students from Central Abaco Primary and Abaco Central High School were unable to return to school due to losing many of their school uniforms and supplies in the fire that took place in the Pigeon Peas community on New Year's Eve.

Those students who were able to attend school came in their own clothing or in uniforms salvaged from the fire or those given to them by neighbors and concerned citizens. During the second week of January donations were received from Social Services and Forest Heights Academy to aid the fire victims.

Both entities dropped off items to the school's office at Central Abaco Primary School for distribution through the Guidance Department. Social Services donated uniforms and school supplies and Forest Heights Academy donated clothing, school supplies, notebooks, towels, blankets, sanitary items, and toiletries.

The items were distributed to the students through their classroom teachers while others were given items directly. The students were most appreciative for the love shown to them for the Abaco community.

Writing Workshop held for CAPS teachers

By Samantha Evans

Seasoned educator and teacher at S.C. Bootle High School, Enzil Cooper, was invited by the Grade 6 Coordinator of

Central Abaco Primary School, Eleanor Hield, to host a writing workshop for her teachers.

She stated that the purpose of this session was to expose them to strategies they can use to help their students write better for the GLAT exam.

The teachers stated that the approach Mr. Cooper took was great as it encouraged the brain to think from the outset with brain teasers and other such activities. He exposed them to new ways of teaching vocabulary, planning lessons, teaching journal writing using media prompts, writing without words to show students the importance of words, and integrating other subjects into writing skills.

The teachers learned how to create games to teach vocabulary, how to begin writing by allowing students to write in groups, and how to use comic strips to write stories.

The teachers have used some of these unique strategies since the workshop and are looking forward to seeing much better writing pieces turned in by their students.

The workshop was held on Saturday January 18, 2014 from 10am to 12 noon at Central Abaco Primary School. In attendance were Abaco District Superintendent of Education, Dr. Lenora Black, and School Principal Beatrice Moxey.

Forest Height Academy holds first PTA fundraiser of the year

Press Release

The Forest Heights Academy PTA held their first fundraiser for the New Year on Saturday, January 18, 2014. A Scavenger Hunt started out the day's activities at 11:30am at Forest Heights Academy, where teams for the hunt were registered and given the rules.

Each team had to scour Marsh Harbour collecting photos of significant landmarks and various hard to find items, before meeting back at New Vision Ministries within the one hour time allotment, to have their scores tallied.

The winning team, including Jesse Sims, Scott Lightbourn, Allie Bethel and Janell Collins (driven by Nick Sims), received a gift certificate for a 21 piece bucket of chicken - kindly donated by KFC.

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs were sold and the action continued with games of BINGO.

Players excitedly marked their boards hoping to be the first to yell. Talia Davis won the final round of BINGO and the Grand Prize of the day - a Samsung Galaxy Tablet. It was a great day of enjoyment and fun was had by all who were there.

The PTA would like to thank everyone who supported the event and, of course, those who generously donated both time and money. All proceeds from the day were donated to the Philippines' Relief Fund.

The PTA's next event is a Parents & Teachers vs. Students Softball Game to be held on Saturday, March 29, where the PTA's raffle will also be drawn after the game. The GRAND PRIZE for the raffle this year is a \$3,000 Travel Certificate with A & W Travel, which can be used to purchase any travel arrangement desired, such as a 7 day Alaskan or Caribbean Cruise for two.

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ties. Funding is always needed to keep the school operational. Recently the school built a workshop to assist older students with gaining work experiences within their individual capabilities.

Music Doing Good is a charitable foundation based in Houston, Texas, that assists in fund raising through music education programs and concert events. The group learned about Every Child Counts several years ago and has encouraged the children in developing their musical abilities. Three years ago they assisted in forming the ECC Choir.

Forest Heights Academy continues Green Journey

By Isabella & Christopher Albury
Grade Ten Students

One year after Forest Heights Academy received its Green Flag, it is still going strong! Late last year the school became the first high school, not only in Abaco but in The Bahamas, to receive the Green Flag. The now "green" school is making a tremendous effort to maintain a clean and eco-friendly environment by involving students and teachers alike.

Although the fifty member club is small, it still has ambitious plans for the year ahead. They plan to build a water catchment irrigation system to water their



Above: the FHA Eco Garden.

own thriving native learning garden. Located behind the school, it is maintained after school by volunteers and members of the club.

The Eco club also does many things throughout the school year to keep the community involved. This includes events such as the most recent two week long compost competition, which encouraged students to bring in all natural compostable material to school to be put in their team's bucket to win house points. The competition aimed to bring in compost to keep the garden's soil fertile while raising awareness.

The Eco club also focuses on having recycle bins in each classroom, using the water heater only when absolutely necessary, turning off lights whenever leaving the classrooms and encouraging healthy eating by selling fruit in the morning.

Eco School's President James Boyce says, "Our goal is to make the school more eco friendly and try to educate the entire school about sustainability."

The program has been very successful promoting teamwork among the student body as well as encouraging a healthy way of living.

Agape Christian School wins Grade Five Spelling Bee

By Samantha Evans

On January 29, 2014, twenty-eight students took part in the Grade 5 Spelling Bee held at the old Friendship Tabernacle Building in Dundas Town. The competition began at 10am and these students were as sharp as tacks when it came to knowing their spelling words.

The students were so good that after nine rounds of spelling from the Seen List words, nineteen students advanced to the Unseen List of spelling. At the end of round ten there were ten spellers left and after round eleven only three spellers were left.

After a continuous round after round of great spelling left all present sitting on pins and needles, the top three spellers were announced.

They are: Darrinique Stuart of Moore's Island All Age School in the third place, Deoria McIntosh of Cooper's Town Primary in second place and the winner from Agape Christian School - Branae Bain.

The students were presented with certificates and the top three finishers received trophies as well. The judges for the event were Eunice Mills, Samantha V. Evans and Tracey Simmons. The pronouncer was Sandy Edwards.



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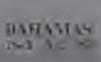
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Majority Rule and Swearing-in Ceremony for Local Government Junior Council held in Cooper's Town



Above: Local Government Junior Council member being sworn in during a ceremony in Cooper's Town.

Press Release

With a focus on leadership and democracy, Majority Rule Day was observed and a Local Government Junior Council (LGJC) Swearing-in Ceremony took place last month in Cooper's Town.

The ceremony began with the introduction of the Mistress of Ceremony, Patiqua Cooper, who serves as Head Girl Prefect, and who was formerly an LGJC member at its inception. Cooper gave a history of the LGJC in The Bahamas as well as its introduction to Abaco.

An elaborate history was given of the efforts of the group since its inception. Some of the notable efforts included: community clean-ups; organization of the Cooper's Town Community Library; Graffiti Campaign/Refurbishment Wall; presentation to teachers on Teacher's Appreciation Day; refurbishment and maintenance of S.C. Bootle's school sign; painting of the Independence Memorial Wall; a shared winning of the LGJC logo; and the construction and donation of three picnic benches.

Other former members were called on to participate in the ceremony. Johnny Auguste opened in prayer, while Ashvonn Russell established protocol and gave a heart-warming welcome. Two 11th grade students - Beranda Pinder and Tamia Wells - performed a duet, which was well received.

After the performance, Neil Campbell, North Abaco Administrator initiated the swearing in and the oath of office. He was joined by Deputy Chief Councillor Ejnar Cornish, who brought remarks on behalf of Chief Councillor Gary Smith.

Cornish extended the invitation for residents to call upon the Local Government District Office for assistance of any kind. He asked students to look for projects that they are passionate about and present it to the senior council. Cornish stated that his office has some projects that need the help of the LGJC. He then presented a framed Certificate of Appreciation to the LGJC coordinator and assistants, thanking them for their tireless efforts with the student leaders and the program.

Administrator Campbell then called Senior Island Administrator Preston Cunningham, who brought remarks from the Minister of Agriculture and Local Government, the Hon. V. Alfred Gray.

Administrator Campbell continued the ceremony reminding the LGJC student body that while they were one of the top three councils in the nation, they had the resources and the ability to achieve excellence and become the top council in the country.

Administrator Campbell noted that the two LGJC members who were away at a debate competition would be sworn in at a later date. Each student was called

forward to read a contract, sign and repeat the oath loudly before the school body. Assisting with this part was Administrator Lavon Harris-Smith from the Southern Abaco District along with the Administrator Cunningham, the Deputy Chief Councillor, Principal Huel Moss and Teacher Laura Davis.

Afterwards, Mr. Campbell continued with the admonishment for students to seek new ways to bring better to their communities. He encouraged them to call upon the Island Administrators for assistance of any kind and to make their presence felt. Finally, he expressed his congratulations and his thanks for a job well done.

The National Anthem and pledge of allegiance signaled the end of the formal session.

Majority Rule Ceremony

Soon platform guests of administrators, and Local Government officers from the district were invited to join S.C. Bootle students for their "Majority Rule" post ceremony.

Afterwards, Ms. Cooper resumed the moderation and within the same 'beat' gave a dynamic speech on the "Overview of Majority Rule" written by Laura Davis. The speech gave a timeline of the Burma Road Riot and its immediate results along with the rise of political parties and trade

unions. It also highlighted the struggle of The Women's Suffrage Movement. The essay identified in clear fashion, the "movers and the shakers" of this revolution. Davis was assisted by another former LGJC member.

The Governor General's speech was read by Principal Huel Moss. As he ascended the stage to speak, a throng of students from varying grades dressed in formal wear, took their place in the front left side of the audience. They represented the dynamic leaders of the time.

Represented were: Dame Dr. Doris Johnson, Sir Milo B. Butler, Sir Randol Fawkes, Georgiana Symonette and the other female suffragettes, Mr. Alvin Braynen and Sir Lynden Pindling. Each took turns as they were called, to share about the part that they played in advancing universal suffrage. As they ascended the stage, a brief biography was given by the moderator. The students memorized main parts of the actual speeches wherever possible.

Most elaborate were Dr. Doris Johnson, Sir Randol Fawkes, Sir M. Butler and Sir Lynden Pindling.

The ceremony was most successful based on the response of the guests, teachers and students.



Above: officials and attendees during the Cooper's Town ceremonies.

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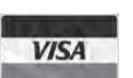
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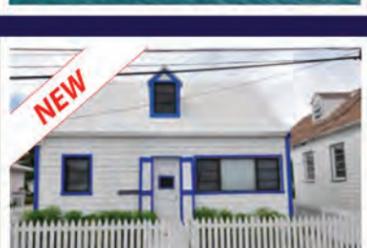
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Artist Highlight

Stacey Bethel-Adderley

By Jennifer Hudson

Stacey Bethel- Adderley is a multitalented young lady with creativity oozing out of every pore. She describes herself as a mixed media children's artist who received her BFA in fashion design with a minor in art history from the Savannah College of Art and Design. She subsequently attended the postgraduate programme in Art Education at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock and received her teaching certificate from the Association of Christian Schools International. She also received her dance teacher certification in August 2012.

Ms. Adderley started her career in Fashion Design in Nassau designing costumes for teen pageants. In 2000 she was chosen to design costumes for the New Year Celebration show at Atlantis Resort and Casino. Her career path then took a turn when she decided to pursue a career in teaching art education. She has taught art for several years here on Abaco, firstly at the Agape Christian School and is now employed as art teacher at Angels Academy.

Ms. Adderley loves working with children and in April 2012 opened her own studio, Creative Studio Boutique, on Don McKay Boulevard above Home Fabrics. Here she offers after-school classes in fashion/sewing, fine art/craft, and creative movement/dance. She also offers holiday and Saturday workshops, summer camps, birthday parties and an Artistic Expres-

sion for Troubled Youth programme. She is spurred on by her two children both of whom love art. Alicia loves to dance, sing and paint and Bracey loves to draw and write stories which he illustrates.

Like all budding young artists, Stacey began displaying her talents at the age of three years by scribbling on walls and books instead of reading them. "My mom and dad and school art teacher, Miss Moya Strachan whom I remember well encouraged me," says Ms. Adderley. She also began dancing at the age of three with Janet Cartwright at the Nassau Royal Academy of Dance and continued classes all the way up through school and throughout college.

"Whilst very young I developed my artistic talents by joining art clubs, decorating Christmas cookies and participating in school plays, choir and ballet and then in high school I painted back drops and props for the Nassau Operatic Society," recalls Ms. Adderley. When I went off to college I was finally in a creative world surrounded by art galleries and culture and my passion for art grew even more."

Ms. Adderley states that whenever she makes art it is based on her mood or environment. Her two favourite pieces are an illustration of a Junkanoo girl and the drawing of her brother Christopher Bethel who was killed in a car accident in 2009. However, nowadays her art is especially based on her two young kids Bracey and Alicia. "I make my art fun and whimsical like them," she says.

"Sharing my talents with others, both



Above: Stacey Bethel-Adderley

students and the community, is what God intended for me and though I may not showcase my work as much as I should, teaching gives me the opportunity to let my students find and develop the gifts God has given them. My biggest supporters are my husband Wade Adderley, my family in Nassau and my New Visions family."

Ms. Adderley states her philosophy thus; "We are all born creative but if we neglect to develop and strengthen these skills our creativity becomes inhibited. By assisting and encouraging a child's creativity you set the stage for endless opportunities for that child's imagination. Healthy imagination not only creates a resourceful and productive individual but it also builds self-esteem which is an important tool that will be used for the rest of that child's life. When a child creates a work of art they are not just drawing a picture they are also creating aspects of self-importance, individuality and engaging in self-expression."

Ms. Adderley is currently a member of 'Abaco Island Artists' and has partici-

pated in local shows throughout the year including the Abaco Inn Art Show and the Bahamas National Trust's Art for the Parks. The last show she participated in was Kaleidoscope III in Nassau. Her work can be purchased at shows or at her Creative Studio Boutique.

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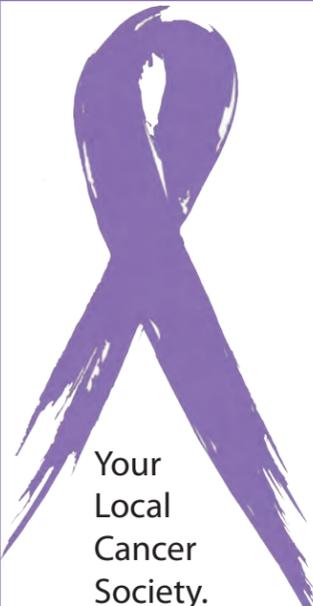
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SPORTS

Wildhaws sweep Makos



A power running game helped the Wildhaws win the day.

By Timothy Roberts

The Wildhaws swept the Makos in the Abaco Youth Football Association in flag football games on Saturday, February 8 at New Vision Ministries' field in Marsh Harbour winning both junior and senior divisions.

In the Junior Division game the Marsh Harbour Wildhaws took the early lead over the Man-O-War Makos on a pair of long rushing touchdowns and finished out the second half with more running. The Wildhaws won the contest 45 to 20.

In Senior Division play the Wildhaws played an impressive defensive game giving up only six points. Meanwhile the offense played a well-rounded and bal-

anced game winning over the Makos 27 to 6.

Junior Division Standings has the Green Turtle Cay Falcons undefeated at three wins and no losses. The Wildhaws are in second place with five wins and one loss and the Makos are in third place with no wins and seven losses.

Senior Division Standings has the Wildhaws in the lead with four wins and two losses. The Falcons are in second with three wins and three losses and the Makos are in third with three wins and five losses.

The flag football season continues in Green Turtle Cay on February 15 with games starting at 10:30am at the softball field.

Abaco Softball Association members, teams prepare for 2014 season

By Canishka Alexander

As men and women's softball teams on Abaco began their training for the 2014 season, Abaco Softball Association (ASA) Vice President Mark Douglas gave an update on what players and fans can expect in the upcoming months.

VP Douglas and President Haziel McDonald will be featured in a live interview on Radio Abaco on March 1, so fans are encouraged to listen in. After winning the Bahamas Softball Federation's National Round-Robin Tournament on Nov. 3, Creter's Bulldogs has boosted confidence and excitement for the sport.

The Bulldogs will be among the teams participating in Spanish Wells for their tournament, and five players from the Creter's Bulldogs have been selected to try out for the Bahamas National Softball Team. They are: Lyle Sawyer; Grant Albury; Andrew Albury; Tyler Russell; and Nigel Bootle Jr. Douglas said they will be attending a fundraiser to assist the Bahamas National Softball Team with their travel expenses on March 28 in Nassau.

On April 4, a team and manager's meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Murphy Town Ball Field. Douglas reiterated that the deadline for player's fees and team and sponsor's fees is April 25. And all fees must be paid in full by that date. The team/sponsor's fee is \$500, while the player's fee is \$50 per player.

The player's fee will include insurance coverage.

The 2014 softball season opening date for Abaco is May 9, followed by the All Abaco Softball Tournament from June 20-21 where all Bahamas softball teams are invited to participate.

Later on in the year, Abaco will be hosting the Round Robin Tournament in October, and the event is expected to be a big boost economically for the community.

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Press Release

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The main events take place starting at the crack of dawn on Saturday. The simultaneous Sprint and Olympic triathlons occur with both individuals and relay teams taking part. The Sprint distance includes a 500m swim, 20km bike (12.4 miles), and a 5km run (3.1 miles) and the Olympic distance is a 1500m swim, 40km bike (24.8 miles) and a 10km run (6.2 miles).

In 2012 the field grew from 16 entrants in the first year to over 65 entrants. "The popularity of the triathlons is increasing each year, as both locals and tourists share their experiences here," said Lee McCoy, managing director of the events. "The relays are becoming increasingly popular as friends and family share their training and race experience to complete the challenge."

Father and son duo Greg and Simon Lowe are both returning to compete, each one having won the Olympic triathlon in alternate years.

After the triathlons on Saturday morning, the youngsters get their chance to race. The Kids' 1-mile fun run takes place within the resort on safe roads, well-attended by volunteers and parents alike. The children get to watch their parents race in the triathlons, and then the parents get to cheer on their kids afterward - it's truly a family filled day.

After lunch at the Coco Beach Bar, the children are invited to participate in a junior cheer clinic, hosted by the Cheer Bahamas. The certified cheerleading coaches show the young participants and parents everything from entry level poses



Above: racers at last year's Great Abaco Family Fitness Weekend. The GAFFW has quickly become one of the most anticipated yearly sporting activities on Abaco with a 300% increase in participation from the first year to the second.

to advanced moves.

The awards ceremony for Saturday's triathlon events takes place at the Spinnaker Restaurant that evening. This year some of the overall awards are being cast in bronze by Peter Johnston in Little Harbour, and other locally hand-crafted awards are being sought.

The final event takes place on Sunday morning, the 5k/10k fun run/walk. This 3.1 mile or 6.2 mile event attracts strollers, speed walker, joggers, and elite distance runners alike. The course again takes place within the Treasure Cay Resort and along scenic coastlines. This year the course will be internationally certified, making it the first official distance road race in the Abacos.

The weekend's events close out with an awards ceremony for the 5k/10k and overall winners, those competing in all three events. Friends of the Environment will be drawing raffle tickets, sold via their

website and during the event, the main prize being a Jamis bicycle provided by Cycles Unlimited out of Nassau, with other great prizes being added to the list.

The Treasure Cay Resort is set to host the event, increasing capacity from last year's sold out weekend. Special event rates and rooms are blocked off, those interested should contact the resort directly to book accommodation. Transportation into Abaco is being provided by Bahama-Air and Bahamas Ferries, with both services offering special trips. The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism and the Bahamas Out Island Promotion Board offer special packages to those staying at the resort, including free airfare with certain travel arrangements.

More information on travel, accommodation and specials is available on the event website, www.GAFFW.com

The Great Abaco Family Fitness Weekend raises money for two main beneficiaries, the Rotary Club of Abaco and Friends of the Environment. Both organizations are non-profit and directly benefit Abaco and the islands of the Bahamas. Their support of the event is greatly appreciated, providing volunteers and organizational support to the weekend's events.

Online registration is now open and early-bird registration savings are in effect until the end of January. Local registration in Abaco is available at Friends of

the Environment. For more information on registration please visit their website or the Facebook page, www.facebook.com/GAFFW

Local youth helps break records abroad



Above: local youth, Miller Albury, is attending Asheville School in North Carolina, USA. His efforts with their swim team recently led to school records being smashed.

The Asheville School Blues swim team recently won the boys and girls team championships. Miller Albury, son of Bill and Victoria Albury, had the fastest splits in the 200 Medley Relay and the 400 Free Relay and helped both relay teams break school records.

"Our team effort was great today," said fellow Bahamian, and Head Boy, Michael Holowesko. "Everyone did what they were supposed to do to make this happen"

Longtime Asheville School coach Frank Kriegler estimated that the Buncombe County meet has been held for the last 20-25 years.

Miller Albury, a resident of Abaco, also recently broke the Asheville school record for 100 Backstroke. This was one of his short term goals going into the swim season, and he was "very excited" to achieve this goal so quickly.

He is now setting his sights on breaking more records and hopes to be a part of the Bahamas National Swimming Team again this year.



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School & Youth News

St. Francis de Sales Interact Club adopts a school in the Philippines

By Samantha Evans

The deadly typhoon that hit the Philippines on November 8 last year claimed many lives and left the community there devastated. According to St. Francis teacher Elmer Bongon, the Abaco school's Interact Club recently launched their "Adopt a School Program" and decided to adopt a school from the Philippines.

They reached out to the president of Sacred Heart School there but due to lack of power it took two months to reach them. They recently received a reply from the president about the school's condition.

The school had 786 students prior to the typhoon hitting but only 225 of them were able to return to school due to being homeless or losing the lives of their parents. He also reported that the school was totally devastated and is in dire need of repair.

The Interact Club in conjunction with the entire school body of St. Francis de Sales Catholic School are now raising funds to help the school in its recovery. All funds raised will be sent to the school in February.

Mr. Bongon stated that this project further enhanced the students' humanitarian skills and made them more appreciative of the blessings they currently receive yet sometimes take for granted.

K-Kids collect garbage from Central Pines community

By Samantha Evans

As a part of their community service project, the members of Central Abaco Primary School's K-kids joined Friends of the Environment in their clean-up campaign. On Friday January 24, 2014, the kids took to the streets of Central Pines to collect garbage in the vicinity of their school.

In half an hour they had collected six bags of garbage ranging from juice cans, beer bottles, chip bags and food containers.

Coordinator of K-kids, Neulessa Major, stated that they were shocked by the amount of garbage collected in such a short period of time covering only the area of the school in the Central Pines community. Now that they have collected the garbage, they will compile the information and forward their data forms to Friends of the Environment.

Once again, residents are reminded to find trash bins to place their garbage in and keep their environment clean.

St. Francis Interact Club receives Presidential Citation

By Samantha Evans

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School received the highest award that could be given to any Interact or Rotary Clubs from Rotary International. The award was given for the 2012-13 school year but they are just now receiving it here at the school on Abaco. The award was received for "Peace through Service" and they had to meet the following criteria: meet regularly as a group, engage in community service both locally and internationally and participate in the Rotary Essay Competition.

They won this award out of eighty-six clubs in District 7020 covering ten countries in the Caribbean. This school was the only one to receive this award.

Along with the plaque, they received a check for \$1,431.00 to support their projects. To date they have used the money to fix the Cabana at the school, order a new playground for the primary school, paint the pedestrian crossing in front of the school, and assist the school with the purchase of surveillance cameras.

The international projects they engaged in included a clothing drive for FEMA, donation of funds to UNESCO,

and sending new and used clothing to Haiti. The local projects they took part in included adoption of the turtle pond next to the school, coastal clean-up from Don Mackay Blvd to the Airport round-about, visiting the old folks home and the collection of canned goods and non-perishable items for Thanksgiving which were donated to Social Services, Heal Our Land and First Assemblies of God in Marsh Harbour.

Majority Rule celebrated at CAPS

By Samantha Evans

The Majority Rule assembly was held on Thursday January 9, 2014 at Central Abaco Primary School. Promptly at 10:00 a.m. the assembly began; under the theme, "From whence we came...The struggle to majority rule."

The assembly began with a prayer and the singing of the National Anthem followed by a lively yet informative assembly led by the student body. The listening audience was reminded that there is a season for everything under the sun, Grade Five student and moderator Shavante Roberts further stated that the Bible declares this message of hope and promise.

A song selection entitled, "Bahamian Pioneers" was performed by a mixture of grade 5 and 6 female students. They

were followed by Savannah Valsaint, Khatlin Wallace and Kaitlyn Francis who paid homage to the forbearers of this momentous occasion such as the late Sir Lynden Pindling, the late Sir Milo Butler and the late Sir Randol Fawkes, and Clarence A. Bain.

This was then followed by a skit depicting an interview with Sir Randol Fawkes, written by Culture Club leader, Jesika Smith. It reminded the students of the lives of the great men that came before all of us and the wonderful legacy they left begin for them and others to follow.

The audience was moved at hearing the song, "We Shall Overcome." As the song was played, boys neatly dressed in suits, shirts and ties, marched down the aisle holding pictures of a pioneer of majority rule. As each child took to the stage they stated the name of the person they represented and the constituency that individual represented at the time.

At the end of this performance they marched off in grand style, with their heads lifted up high to the song, "Lift every voice and sing". The assembly culminated with an excerpt video documentary presentation retrieved from YouTube that was shown to the entire school on, "The Struggle to Majority Rule." The chairperson of the committee was Mrs. Kayla Wallace District Teacher of the Year.



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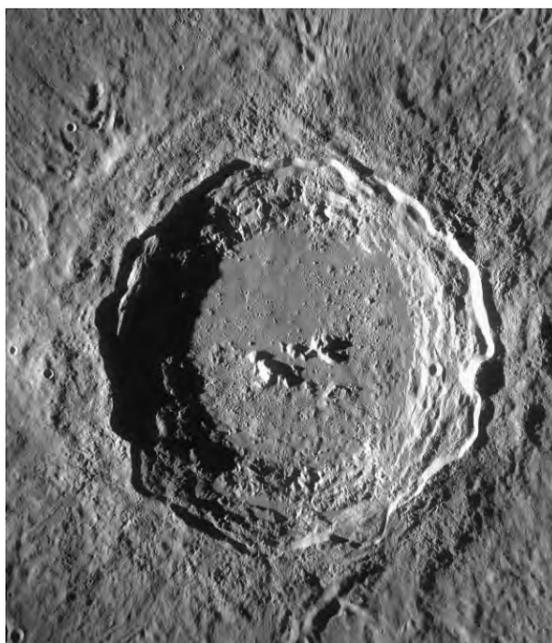


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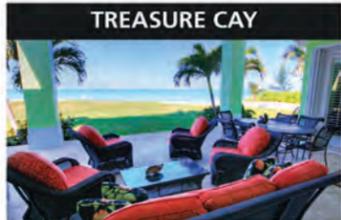
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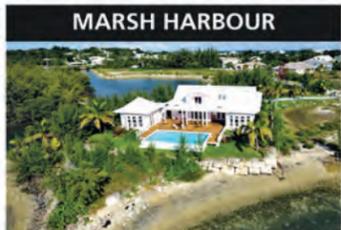
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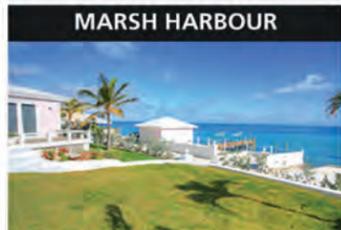
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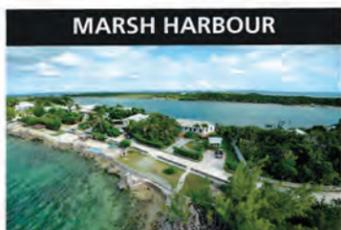
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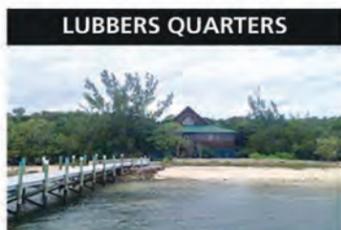
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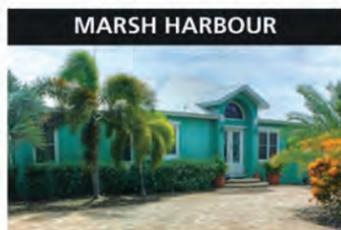
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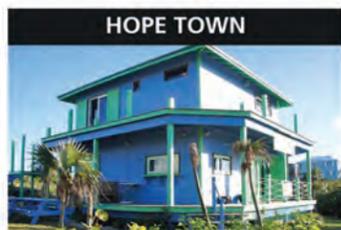
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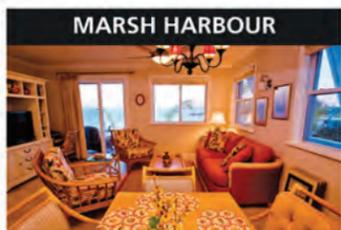
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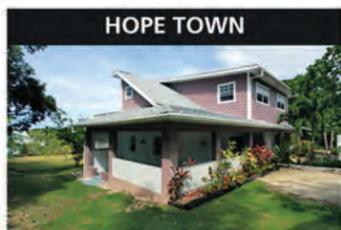
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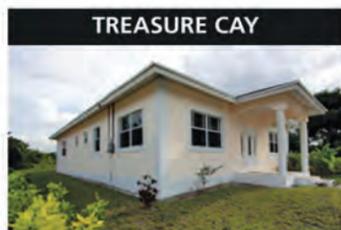
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