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Abaco feels the Love Rush



Above: Despite a 300 point penalty for a late start, the Spring City Rockers took first for the third year in a row with fantastic costumes, center pieces and music. The Green Turtle Lil' Island Slammers put on a spectacular show in the Senior Division as well. For Results and photos from the Junior Love Rush see B 2. For photos and the story about the Senior Love Rush see A 2.

Man O War Flea Market brings crowd to cay



Above: Nancy Albury directs the crowd's attention to the auction board. People came from all over Abaco to attend this year's Man O War Flea Market. See page 10.

Sports and business developments on the way

By Timothy Roberts

North Abaco Member of Parliament and Parliamentary Secretary, Renardo Curry, revealed that plans are underway for a Technical Vocational school to come to Abaco and that the Sports Complex and Swim Center are proceeding.

He said the Abaco Sporting Complex is still in progress and that with the upcoming softball tournament this summer he is hopeful that it will be completed in time for that.

Mr. Curry said that the sports complex and the swim center will be a private/public partnership in which the government and private sector will together fund the project.

"We already have partners for the sporting complex and the swim center and we are looking for others to come forward and support this investment in youth and sport in Abaco," he said. "It shows these businesses are very interested in the development of their communities."

When these facilities are completed Mr. Curry says he will push very hard for an "Abaco Games" where every community will come together and compete in multiple sports disciplines. "We could bring together flag football, tennis, basketball, softball, swimming and track and field," he said, "and do the games maybe every two years and invite international scouts from various sports to watch our athletes compete."

Mr. Curry is also presently seeking a location to house a technical school he will partner with from Grand Bahama. He

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Central & All Abaco

Love Rush Junkanoo Weekend impresses

By Timothy Roberts

Thousands of visitors and locals came together to enjoy yet another grand display of colours, rhythm and dancing on February 21 and 22 as the annual 'Love Rush' Junkanoo parade concluded with two three-time winners. The Spring City Rockers took first in the Senior Category and Forest Heights Academy took First in the Junior Category.

On Saturday night for the third time straight, under the theme "Indian Celebration," the Spring City Rockers took first place winning in all categories except group performance.

They also won despite a 300 point penalty for a late start.

The Rockers started up front with an impressive, and extremely large, banner piece which featured Indian totems, followed by another massive piece with a canoe and colorful decorations depicting nature surrounding it. Both pieces had difficulty fitting under a couple of low hanging wires, but managed to travel the circuit well enough in the end.

The rest of the group followed in a stunning display of Indian themed costumes coupled with nicely choreographed dancing supported by a strong and talented music section.

The Green Turtle Cay Lil' Island Slammers put on a spectacular show to the theme of "Ancient Arabia" including an impressive large scorpion piece. The group, which won the Group Performance, gave an overall great performance.

Tony Davis, Chairman of the All

Abaco Junkanoo Committee, said a special thanks to all Abaco for helping to host yet another successful Love Rush weekend.

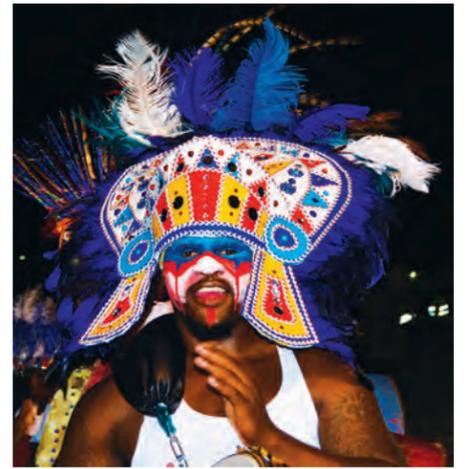
Ishmael "Stretch" Morley, Abaco Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, was pleased with the way the weekend event went and thanked all those who took part and supported.

Mr. Davis said it was a difficult task to pull the event together and he thanked the sponsors for making it all possible including the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) and their major sponsor, Burns House Limited.

Mr. Davis said this year they had an amazing turnout for the Junior Junkanoo parade which included a few schools participating for the first time. He was especially pleased to see Grace Baptist Pre-School and Grand Cay High School wowed the audience in their first appearance.



Both groups in the Senior Division put on a great performance during the Love Rush Junkanoo.



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Urban Renewal taking steps in right direction through community outreach

By Canishka Alexander

Urban Renewal's Central Abaco Office spearheaded a yard clean-up campaign for an elderly resident living in Dundas Town on Feb. 17. Sandy Boodle explained that they had to gain consent from him be-

fore doing the clean-up, and that after they were completed, he was greatly appreciative.

"We were more than happy to assist because this is what Urban Renewal does," Boodle explained. "We have a very good working team, so there are more things to come in the community."

Boodle was joined by Ernestine Albury; Anita Reckley; and Weldon Davis, who are Urban Renewal facilitators. She said that they have also joined forces with

Sgt. 2483 Jocelyn Smith and Police Constable 3203 Kenton Clarke of the Marsh Harbour Police's Road Traffic Division.

Boodle said it is important for the police to be a part of their efforts because they are diligent in what they do and they are familiar faces in the community.

In addition to clean-up campaigns, the facilitators are required to carry out assessments in the community.

According to the Royal Bahamas Police Force's Web site, the Urban Renewal 2.0 Program "is a direct response to past and current problems facing a number of inner city communities in the Bahamas such as crime, poor housing conditions, joblessness, illiteracy, homelessness, and other social ills that contribute to crime and anti-social behavior."

Moving forward, they plan to organize soup kitchens to feed the hungry.

"Urban does not stop; there is a wide spectrum of things that we do," she emphasized. "We are foot soldiers and are out here getting things done."

"What people turn a blind eye to, we see."

While many of their projects have focused on the elderly, Boodle said that Urban Renewal also looks to work with the youth. She said it is important to keep the youth focused and work with them to build communities.

"We are moving forward at a good pace, and there will be bigger and better things to come," Boodle assured.

Earlier in the month, the Urban Renewal Team organized a walk-a-bout that took place in Hope Town. Sandy Boodle

and Ernestine Albury were joined by Inspector Gregory Barr, Sgt. Hubert Smith and Corporal Hugo Nesbitt, who is stationed in Hope Town.

A general meeting was held for the Urban Renewal team on Feb. 26 at the Dundas Town Burial society to discuss upcoming projects.

The Urban Renewal Central Abaco Office is situated in the Ann Wilmore Office Building in Dundas Town. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The telephone contact: 699-2247.

Marsh Harbour Town Committee -12 February-

By David Ralph

Ministry of Works Engineer William Krezel was invited to discuss issues with the Marsh Harbour Town Committee members. Topics included the multitude of potholes and the lack of patch materials, demolishing construction in the immigrant communities, removing derelict houses and other issues. Mr. Krezel is soon going to his Ministry in Nassau and hoped to return with answers.

One derelict house has been removed and steps are underway to remove two others, one being the burned out house remains across from Royal Bank in Marsh Harbour.

Spring City is asking for a cemetery and higher ground is being looked into on the turn-off to Snake Cay. An earlier site found ground water only two feet below the surface.



Above: Urban Renewal Officers at a recent walk-about in Hope Town.

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said the school presently works with BORCO (Bahamas Oil Refinery Company) and other industrial businesses to provide skills training and a labour pool for those companies to be able to draw from.

"I want to bring the same thing here, but have it tailor made for Abaco," he said. "We can have them assist in marine training, deep sea fishing, property management, bone-fishing guides, forestry and tour guides so we can ensure people are professionally trained and certified."

He also believes it will equip persons with the skills they need to be able to start their own businesses and take advantage of untapped ideas. "We have a natural ability to be able to do things we just need to be encouraged and enabled to do it," he said.

The technical school will work in conjunction with the National Training Agency to get our people proper training.

North Abaco MP plans public transportation

By Timothy Roberts

North Abaco Minister of Parliament and Parliamentary Secretary, Renardo Curry said he is undertaking plans to implement public transportation infrastructure for the mainland of Abaco as many persons commute daily from the far ends of the island.

He noted that persons from Cooper's Town and even as far as Crown Haven often hike or carpool daily to get to jobs located in Central Abaco and he would like to see a more efficient and cost effective system in place to help those persons. "I

have had a number of inquiries into a bus system running from down there," Mr. Curry said.

He said even tourists could make use of such a bus system as it can be challenging to catch a taxi from the airport to Treasure Cay or other communities in the north. "With a well-structured bus system in place even they could benefit from it," he said.

We've already begun by putting in bus stops in a couple of locations on S. C. Bootle Highway; one is at the corner of the south-side dock road and the other across from the new Mini-hospital in Marsh Harbour.

"We envision having the bus system for those who can't catch rides, or even those who would just like a more cost efficient way to get here," he said. "It's tough financially and it's hard for some to be able to afford gas."

"With many who work at these larger investment properties like Baker's Bay, I felt I needed to ensure that they had as easy access as possible to get here."



Above: a recently built bus stop across from the mini hospital.

North Abaco

Colonoscopy procedure performed on Abaco for first time

By Canishka Alexander

On Feb. 15, three patients made history on Abaco after undergoing the island's first colonoscopy procedures at Integrated Medical Centre (IMC) in Treasure Cay.

Dr. Gemma Rolle, a gastroenterologist and consultant at Princess Margaret Hospital, facilitated the procedure. Dr. Rolle was assisted by Dr. Sy Pierre, an anesthesiologist; and Warren Young, endoscopy tech assistant, who took biopsies and applied abdominal pressure when needed during the procedure.

Warning signs that a colonoscopy may be needed are: changes in bowel movements; blood in the stool; constipation; and unexplained abdominal pain. Screening guidelines determine that patients should have a colonoscopy done at age 50 for men and women.

Because of patient confidentiality, Dr. Rolle did not go into specific details. However, she said that she was pleased with the results that day noting that all of the procedures went well.

"Colonoscopies in general are low-risk procedures with each procedure taking on average about 30 minutes," Dr. Rolle explained. "Today is the first time that a colonoscopy is being done at this centre, and perhaps in Abaco as far as I understand, and it went fairly well."

Colonoscopies require the patient to be sedated, and after the procedure is completed, the patient is awakened and is somewhat alert. Patients are monitored for 45 minutes to an hour and can eat or drink

lightly initially to allow any remaining air in the bowels to be released.

"In general, patients are walking out the door right after the procedure," Dr. Rolle boasted.

If biopsies are taken during the procedure, and depending on the significance of what was removed, patients must follow up with their primary physician with the results of their pathology report.

After a screening colonoscopy where polyps are removed, the endoscopist makes a recommendation for another colonoscopy to be done in three, five or seven years.

Colonoscopies are covered by insurance.

Back in January of this year, Dr. Rolle attended Integrated Medical's recent Medical Symposium and Grand Opening in Treasure Cay. During her presentation, Dr. Rolle said that while there are a number of screening methods available, colonoscopy is the "gold standard" because polyps, which have the potential of leading to cancer, can be detected and removed at the same time.

Treasure Cay Art League presentation to benefit Primary School

On Sunday, March 9, the Treasure Cay Art League will be presenting an art show from 2pm until 5pm. The show will take place at Virginia and Bernard Curry's garden. Complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

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South Abaco

Dominican and Haitian nationals attempting illegal entry in Sandy Point captured as aircraft crashes into police jeep

On Feb 23, at 6:45pm a twin engine Aztec Piper landed on the airstrip in Sandy Point. The aircraft was carrying a group of illegal immigrants. The aircraft was met by police as it landed. In an attempt to avoid capture, the pilot of the aircraft rammed the police jeep.

Abaco Superintendent of Police, Noel Curry, said the police were acting on intelligence provided by New Providence and were set to capture the pilot and passengers when they touched down. When the aircraft landed officers attempted to intercept the plane and instructed the pilot to stop.

It was then that, according to Supt. Curry, the pilot intentionally crashed the plane into the approaching police vehicle. Two officers received minor injuries and were treated.

When the aircraft stopped, seven illegal immigrants as well as the pilot attempted to escape by running into the bushes.

Police arrested four Dominican nationals and three Haitian nationals, including a toddler.

Police believe the pilot to be a Bahamian.

A manhunt is underway for the pilot. Supt. Curry has indicated that the pilot's identity is known to Police.

The passengers were transported to New Providence for processing.

Supt. Curry commented that the aircraft likely originated from Jamaica or Haiti, but it was still being determined.

New photography book published on the bird life of Abaco

Press Release

A spectacular new photographic book on the birds of Abaco has just been published by The Delphi Club.

The 272-page, large-format, hard-back book is the first of its kind in The Bahamas and features more than 160 species of birds found in Abaco and its outer cays, including several species that are unique to The Bahamas.

Included are several very rare birds, not least the elusive Kirtland's Warbler and two species never previously recorded, let alone photographed, in The Bahamas - Swainson's Hawk and the Black-browed Albatross.

All the 300-plus photographs, without exception, were taken on Abaco. And many were taken by talented guests from the Delphi Club itself, which is located in the pristine wilderness of south Abaco and overlooks a beautiful Atlantic beach called Rolling Harbour.

The books, which weigh over 4lbs each, have been produced to the highest of standards and were printed in Italy by one

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The Cays

Celebrity chefs to dish it up at Devour! The Beach in Green Turtle

Press Release

America's hottest chefs will descend on Green Turtle Cay for a three-day ocean-side food extravaganza. From March 26-29, 2014, the remote-island paradise will play host to the first annual Devour! The Beach festival. The three-day event features extraordinary culinary events led by celebrity chefs from Chicago, Las Vegas, Cleveland, Dallas, Ottawa and Halifax.

"Visitors to the island will have countless opportunities to not only enjoy the food of some of their favourite international chefs," says Adam Showell, Green Turtle Club Resort & Marina owner. "They will get to relax and play alongside them in a famously hospitable, tropical environment that was once featured on Life-styles of the Rich and Famous."

The mouthwatering menu of activities can only be matched by the location. Stunning Green Turtle Cay, an island just three miles in length, is reached by the quaint Bolo ferry Service. The Green Turtle Club and Marina sits on a picturesque harbor surrounded by some of the most spectacular beaches in the world.

"This new annual festival is a wonderful opportunity for The Bahamas to grow its global reputation for hosting international epicurean events," says Wynsome Ferguson, manager of the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism. "The Abacos and Green Turtle Cay are the picture-perfect backdrop for Devour! The Beach - the next big thing in culinary tourism."

Food and wine lovers will enjoy two themed gala dinners from a classic six-course French cuisine to the best in pan-American cooking, various activities for the culinary and wine enthusiast, from fishing and diving to chef beach cookouts to wine and culinary demonstrations.

There's even a film screening under the stars. All served up by celebrated chefs Jean Joho from Chicago/Los Angeles, Michael Blackie from Ottawa, Tom Fleming from Dallas, Craig Flinn from Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Cleveland's Eric Williams. The Host Chef is Michael Howell, Executive Chef of The Green Turtle Club.

Michael Palij, MW (Master of Wine from Oxford, England) is the world's leading authority on wines from Italy and will also serve up wine pairings, tastings and seminars for the inner-sommelier in everyone.

Devour! The Beach really is as relaxing as it sounds. Make time to unwind and drink in the local culture. A limited number of all-access Devour! The Beach passes are available now. Single event tickets will be available on February 6. Visit www.devourthebeach.com for more information on passes, tickets and travel.

Devour! The Beach is produced by a small team of culinary event professionals led by Executive Director, Michael Howell, and Managing Director, Lia Rinaldo. The team currently produces Devour! The Food Film Fest. It is an internationally recognized food, wine and film festival that takes place annually in November in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada.



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From the Editor's Desk // Rake & Scrape



Of all things in Bahamian culture I find Rake & Scrape music to be one of the most endearing.

At its best, Rake & Scrape is a liberating form of music. Rake & Scrape springs from a time when our ancestors had very little, especially fancy instruments. But it was also cultivated in a time when our forefathers aspired for so much more. A simple saw and spoon could become a gateway of soul.

As music it is both raucous and harmonious. It's a blending of what we once lacked and what we strived for.

We wanted to hear music, so we made it in the toolshed.

In many ways Rake & Scrape represents Bahamians as a people. We found a way to express ourselves even when we lacked traditional instruments. It shows our resourcefulness. It shows our earnestness, and pride, in that we would master such a ridiculous "instrument." It shows that we can make-do and still achieve something beautiful.

But these days Rake & Scrape

is mostly treated as a gimmick. It's something to throw into a performance for the tourists to enjoy. Don't get me wrong, many still incorporate Rake & Scrape into their performances masterfully, but how often have you seen a bored musician scrape away while a CD of "Greatest Hits" played in the background.

We've grown lazy on the accomplishments of the previous generations. Our culture, hard-fought and hard-won, has become a gimmick to us. The tenacity of those who've gone before us seems to have been buried with them.

These days we seem to do very little else except play over their already-recorded CDs.

I think it's time this current generation made some new noise.

The residents of the Family Islands, and Abaco in particular, still have a potent strand of the Rake & Scrape mentality in us. Doing for ourselves. Not waiting on handouts, yet not turning down hand-me-downs. We are tough. Fighters. Doers.

So it is ridiculous that we just sit back when we know things must be done.

We need to fight for our community. We need to fight for our children, businesses, environment and culture. And we won't win these fights clocking out every day and mumbling at the television as ZNS recalls all the bad things happening in the country.

We need to force the good things to happen. We need to make the music ourselves. Even if it means getting unconventional. Even if it means little bit of Rake & Scrape.

- 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 8: GTC Island Roots Heritage Festival Fundraiser Grillout
- March 9: Eye Candy Makeup Course, 12pm Dundas Town**
- March 9: Treasure Cay Art League Show
- March 13-16: Dania Beach Marine Flea Market**
- March 14: Delphi Club Book Launch Party
- March 15: Pathfinders' Fundraiser (Abaco Inn)**
- March 15: Agape School Fair
- March 16: Pathfinders' Fundraiser (Marsh Harbour)**
- March 21-22: Barefoot Man Concert
- March 21: Cay Events: Treasure Cay
- March 21-24: Great Abaco Family Fitness Weekend
- March 26-29: Devour! The Beach in GTC
- April 5-6: Homer Lowe Regatta
- April 2-4: Angels Academy Book Fair**

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Letters to the Editor

Missing Our Visits to the Treasure Cay Citrus Farm

Dear Editor,

For many years my friends and I have enjoyed afternoon visits to the old citrus farm at Treasure Cay just to see the various sights and to see what fruits and veggies are being planted and to tour the facility.

This is no longer possible.

On a recent visit we were abruptly turned away by staff who stated that this is private property. They said no outsiders allowed.

From the brief glimpse we had, we could see they were not growing veggies: more like tobacco plants or something similar.

If anyone knows anything would appreciate knowing. Those visits are greatly missed.

Thank you

Michael

We must demand better

Dear Editor,

Thank you for allowing me space to air this grievance. Though this may seem like an old issue being dredged up again, it is absolutely ridiculous that there is no simple access to the Minister of Parliament for Central and South Abaco.

It's unbelievable to me that this man receives \$1,500 per month for a constituency office and yet there is no office, nor is there a discernable number to call.

The stipend is given for the specific use of maintaining an office for the constituents to be able to call or visit. I know it will be claimed that the office is at his house and you can reach him there; however, most people have no idea where he lives and no one really supposes that his home number is the same as his office number.

So why is there no clearly marked office? If he indeed is using his home what is he doing with the \$1,500 that he receives

monthly?

Further, what is he doing with the capital stipend he receives yearly? We know a few years ago it was \$100,000 per constituency. Why should this even be a question that needs asking?

For close to seven years it seems we have lacked representation in the House of Assembly and quite frankly we deserve some answers; we deserve representation.

Where is his voice on the lack of maintenance and slow progress in paving our roads?

Where is his voice on the constant delays stopping our new International Airport Terminal's opening and holding back the economic potential of Abaco?

Where is his voice on the undesired tax reform of Value Added Tax?

Where is his voice on the unhindered progress of shanty towns? Never mind...

Why do we as a people continue to simply accept failed representation? We must demand more! We must demand better!

Stephen R.

In Response to Editorial "Mythical Creatures"

Dear Editor,

Thanks for having the sheer fortitude to continue to fight the good fight.

With genuine sincerity, I stand and salute you.

Stan S.

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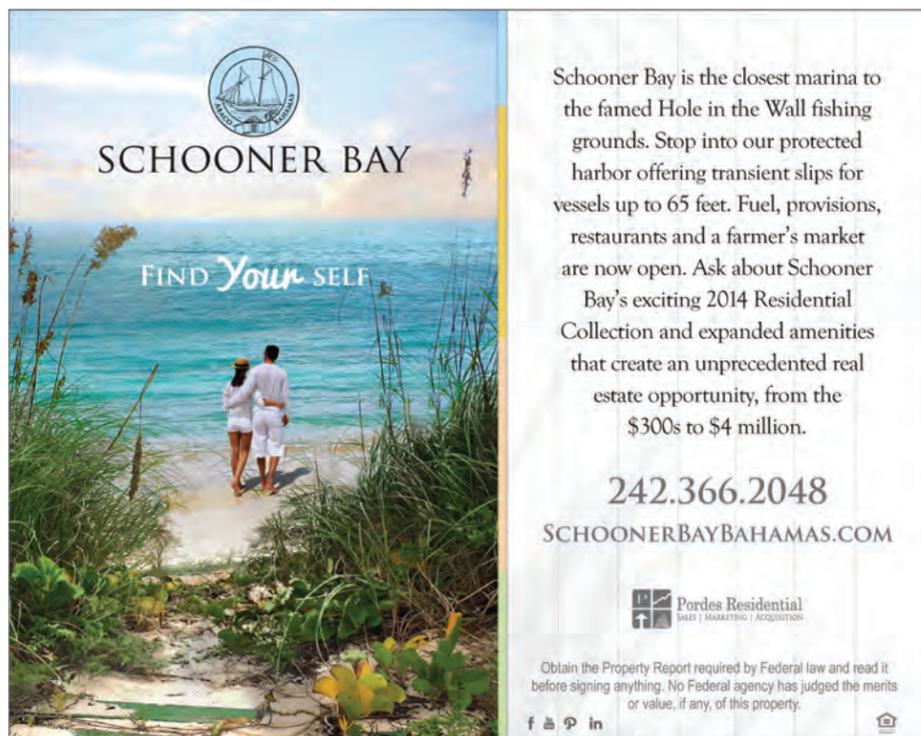
Dear Editor,

I think a contest should be held between a date for completion of the airport and the road to the ferry dock.

Buy a ticket with your date and choice. Proceeds split between a winner and a charity of the winner's choice.

Likely not legal, but just a thought. Bet you a lot of tickets would be purchased.

-B.W.



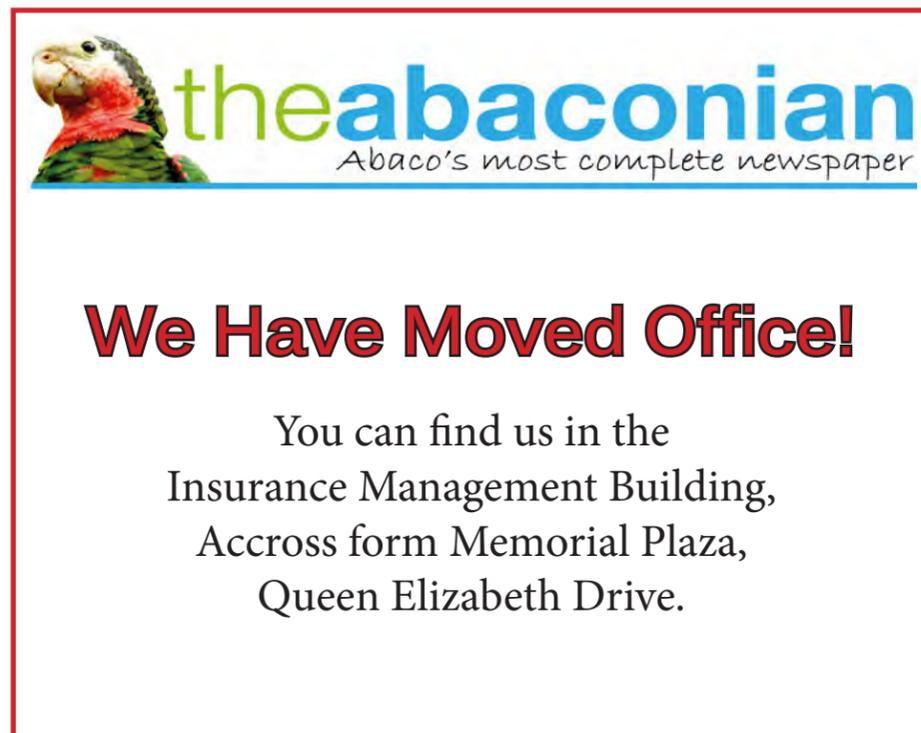
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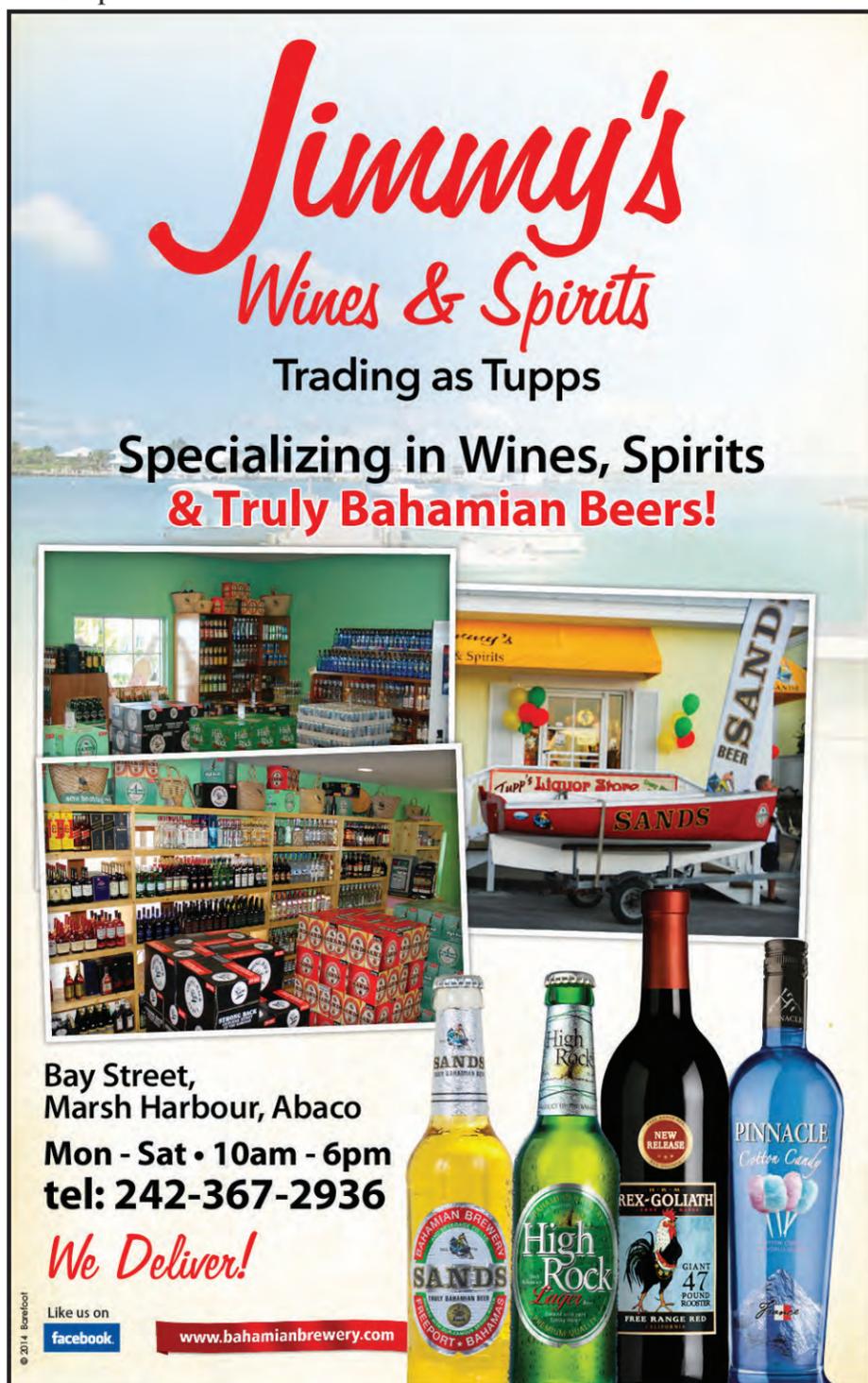
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The Cays

Man O War Flea Market brings crowd to cay



Above: "The Pantry" providing cakes, breads, jams and other goodies for the shoppers during the Man O War Flea Market on Feb 15.

By Mirella Santillo

The annual Man O War Flea Market, held this year on February 15, brought loads of people to the small Cay. Many arrived by ferry throughout the morning. This year the weather had collaborated and it was under blue skies. With a refreshing breeze on their faces the bargain hunters did their shopping.

As usual, there was something for everyone whether it was picture frames, books, pastries, home-cooked food, white elephants items, plants and jewelry. This year there was even a very informative demonstration in wood turning by Mr. Philip Sands.

Children were occupied on the bouncing castle or racing soldier crabs and adults crowded around the stands, particularly the

food stand manned by parents where fried chicken, chicken souse, peas 'n' rice and macaroni & cheese were lunch favorites. They also filled the street, stopping to chat with friends and acquaintances.

The Pantry also had its line of followers trying to make a difficult choice between an assortment of breads, cakes and pastries, as well as jams and dips.

The Man O War Garden Club boasted a luscious display of ornamentals, herbs and salads as well as sour oranges that could also be found at several locations on the island.

A glass beads stand attracted a lot of ladies interested in Pandora bracelet beads or heart pendants. The building holding the white elephant sale was packed with people. There cheap bargains could be found

on clothes, handbags, purses, hardware items, bric a brac or home decor, most of them for under \$10.00. No wonder this year's takings broke the previous years' records.

The Friends of Abaco Animals had their sale under the gazebo; there too books, clothes and decorations items could be found at a bargain price, the proceeds go to help neuter and spay cats and dogs.

As usual, there was a constant crowd around the silent auction stand as people wrote their offers and continuously checked if they were out-bid for such enticing lots as lunches at Sea Spray, Pete's Pub, Jaime's Place or Cracker's Peas to mention a few, or a deal for inter-island travel on Albury's Ferry, or help with their hardware needs at Standard Hardware, Abaco Hardware or Corner Value.

A winner could ship merchandise with Tropical Shipping or spend two nights at the Conch Inn, had his/her teeth taken care of by Dr. Norman Cove or a back problem handled by Dr. Koch, not to mention a multitude of other great lots.

The bulk of the crowd was returning on the 1:30 ferries, some to the Union Jack dock, others to the Eastern dock, most of them with a treasure to carry back home, but they did not leave before the raffle and silent auction results were announced.

The lucky winner of the raffle's first prize, a round trip ticket on Cherokee Air, was Briana Sweeting of Cherokee Sound. Sue Sweeting from Man O War won the iPad Mini, the second prize.

There were too many silent auction items to list all the buyers, but one of the best items, a small sail boat dinghy- donated by David and Carol Pahl from Hope Town- was bought by Dr. Leo Landhus for his grandchildren.

David and Dorothy King, new second home owners, bought the wooden barracuda painted by Man O War artist, Pam Smith.

The school's Art Teacher, Patricia Farrel bought many lots, among them a voucher from Tropical Shipping.

This year again, the Flea Market was a great success. According to the school's Principal, Mrs. Kelly Janes, The Pantry, The Man O War Garden Club booth and the Parents' food stand did extremely well.

She expressed her gratitude towards the many volunteers and contributors, especially to Nancy and Michael Albury and Lu Ann Goode.

The proceeds will help the primary school to pay for some of its needs such as improvements, buying learning material, updating computers and sponsoring field trips, among other needs.

Watercolour exhibition and reception to be held at Hummingbird Cottage



Hummingbird Cottage Art Centre in Hope Town will feature original works by local watercolour artist Brigitte Bowyer at a wine and cheese reception on Wednesday, March 12, from 4:30 to 7 pm.

The exhibition will continue through April 9. All are welcome.

Brigitte Bowyer is a watercolour painter with a special touch. This is due to the wet-on-wet technique she uses in many of her paintings. This is not the predictable kind of painting most people remem-

ber when they think of this medium, but a vibrant, loose and fun presentation.

The artist strives to evoke emotions and memories in the viewer and feels that as an artist she is an entertainer, and therefore cannot live without an audience.

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The Cays

Historic home moved in GTC



Above: the 100 year old house, "Fish Hooks" on moving day.

Editor's Note:

Amanda Diedrick is a ninth-generation Bahamian, currently living in Los Angeles with her husband, Tom Walters and their dog, Wrigley. Through her blog, www.LittleHousebytheFerry.com, Amanda documents the ongoing restoration of her family's ancestral home on Green Turtle Cay and shares stories about life on the cay, past and present.

This year they planned to move their four-generation old property, a house named Fish Hooks, to a new location that would preserve it.

The following is Mrs. Diedrick's story

about the home and the trials of preserving this piece of Bahamian heritage

By Amanda Diedrick

This property has been in my family for nearly 100 years. Prior to September 1932 my great-grandparents, Herman and May Curry, and their three daughters lived in a large, two-story home there. It had four bedrooms, including two upstairs with large dormer windows.

Below the house was a cellar where Pa Herman cleaned fish. And, as was customary at the time, to protect against fire and provide relief from the heat, the dining room and kitchen were situated in a separate

structure behind the main house.

But September 5, 1932 brought the first day of the new school year, and a category 5 hurricane. It destroyed most of the buildings on Green Turtle Cay, including the Curry family home.

Herman and May were left to rebuild a house with nothing more than the materials they could salvage from the rubble. My grandmother remembered watching her mother pull on overalls and climb the steep roof to nail shingles.

Even today, there are signs within the cottage of its humble heritage. The wall boards vary randomly in width and length. Strange notches in the kitchen ceiling beams serve no purpose in the current structure. And not surprisingly, the house

is significantly smaller than its predecessor.

Pa Herman passed away in 1958, and soon after, Ma May moved to Nassau to be near her daughters and grandchildren. After her death in 1984, the little house by the ferry sat empty most of the time and by the turn of the century, it was shuttered year-round.

When I first brought my husband Tom to Green Turtle Cay in 2005, the house was in disrepair. Its concrete footings were beginning to crumble, the paint had peeled, and without a protective coating, the wood siding was wearing away. A leaking roof had left the floors spongy and the interior walls water-stained.

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Above: Green Turtle Cay after 1932 hurricane — Curry house is second from left at bottom of image. (Photo courtesy of Albert Lowe Museum)

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The Cays

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Tom and I offered to purchase the house and restore it, but as is often the case, the various relatives who owned the property had different ideas about what to do with it.

That's when our friends Mark and Caroljean Lowe stepped in to help. With the long-term fate of the house still up in the air, they offered to make some immediate repairs and protect it from further deterioration in the interim, while using it for their golf cart rental company – Kool Karts. We'll always be grateful to Mark and Caroljean for seeing the cottage through those years of uncertainty.

Finally, by 2012, the various family members were all in support of our offer to buy it, and Tom and I completed the purchase.

Our journey toward restoring Fish Hooks took an unexpected detour when we learned that the crane we hoped would move the cottage was out of commission, and nobody knew how long repairs would take.

Needless to say, the weekend of the move was a stressful one for Tom and me. We wondered if, despite our months of planning and anticipation, we might leave Green Turtle Cay without moving the house at all.

Then, on Monday, Jason had a word with local contractor, Wade Cash. Wade agreed to bring his crew by on Tuesday morning to see what they might be able to

do to help.

And what a help they were!

By lunchtime on Tuesday, the house had been lifted completely off its old foundation and by end of day, Fish Hooks was ready to move.

We knew that together, Jason, Oral, Wade and his crew were a construction dream team. Still, I didn't sleep much on Tuesday night. As the fourth generation of our family to own this property, I feel a huge responsibility for preserving and protecting it.

When I got up on Wednesday, it felt like a mix of Christmas morning and the beginning of a day on which you have a root canal scheduled.

Fortunately, I needn't have worried. Thanks to the resolve and resourcefulness of our dream team, and despite a few challenges along the way, by Wednesday afternoon Fish Hooks was resting firmly on its new foundation.

It was lovely to have so many family members and friends drop by to offer well wishes and check on our progress. And we made a few new friends among the passersby's.

Tom and I are so very grateful to Wade, Adam, Brandon, Benny, Jason and Oral for everything they've done over the past few days. These folks are extraordinarily skilled at what they do.

And at the risk of repeating myself, thanks to Tom for all the hours (and sleepless nights) he's put into documenting our Fish Hooks journey.

Elbow Cay Reef Ball trumps success of last year



Above: "Suppa Time" entertains at the Reef Ball at the Abaco Inn.

The Reef Ball was held on Elbow Cay on Feb 15. This year it was held at the Abaco Inn and a second Reef Ball will be held on March 1 at the Jib Room in Marsh Harbour. A silent and live auction delighted the crowd with great prizes. Local band, "Suppa Time" brought the beats that got the crowd dancing at the end of the evening.

The Reef Ball is an annual charity dinner hosted by Friends of the Environment.

The dinners, at \$100 per plate, raised money for the educational charity. As patrons browsed the silent auction items friends and acquaintances chatted and enjoyed the beautiful evening.

During the dinner the live auction was held. The ever-energetic Michael Albury was the auctioneer-in-chief as he rattled through the different prizes taking them to their highest possible bidding prices – for a good cause.

An auctioned pie donated by locally-famous baker, Belle Albury, went for \$600.

After many of the live auction items were won, Lindsey McCoy, Friends coordinator, took things in a more direct approach. To build a new educational and research facility, a "Build a Room" option was offered to the guests.

Guests could donate anything from \$2,500 for an office named after them to \$300 for a low-flush toilet to be installed.

It was a very successful tactic.

Friends Executive Director, Kristin Williams, said "The Hope Town Reef Ball was as successful as it was fun! It is evident that the Hope Town community sees the value in the preservation of our natural resources and their generous contributions will go a long way in creating a sustainable future for the people and wildlife of Abaco."



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Above: Lindsey McCoy and Michael Albury selling of "Build a Room" options.

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The Cays

GTC's new "Artist in Residence" seeks the tranquility of island life

By Kelsi Farrington

Green Turtle Cay has a new face that's become quite familiar these past few weeks. Usually found with his easel propped opposite his muse - one of the cay's street views, homes or beaches, Rett Sturman has a growing collection of oil-painted scenes like the Albert Lowe Museum he's currently working on.

After a Google search for beautiful places in the Caribbean, Rett Sturman fell in love with the array of turquoises that New Plymouth's harbour had to offer. Hailing from Vermont, which was experiencing -20 degree weather, he's sought refuge on the 3-mile-long island for the past 6 weeks.

Rett, 67, studied for his Masters in Architecture in the 70s at the University of Pennsylvania. There, he realized that he wanted to paint. After "starving for a number of years," he spent a lot of his time visiting some of his old teachers with his progress and they'd in turn offer their criticism.

One in particular would ask, "Are you feeling strong?" before laying the blows. "But," he said laughing, "there was some good criticism there and a lot of the time, there would be a little pearl to take home." So, the then 20-something-year-old wouldn't be too discouraged. "I felt pumped up and I've been doing it for 40 years. It's taken a lot of practice."

When home, Rett has someone who

takes his soft canvas sheets and makes them into giclee prints, a process of printing paintings via an inkjet printer, which he jokes "makes them look nicer than the actual paintings!"

His work (which in the past has ranged in price from a few thousand to sometimes \$25,000 depending on the subject) has been sold in galleries, but after so many years he began feeling pigeon-holed. "I just burned out."

Stepping away from the 'factory-line' style of working and attracted by the unmodern, loyalist homes of Green Turtle, it's provided a calm and warm environment to do some of his work that's "not like anything else [he's] really done before" and he's "really having fun."

Rett has no aims to make a living off of these landscaped canvas prints of predominantly the homes in New Plymouth, he spoke of keeping them and some of his other work in a "treasure trunk" styled file for his 24-year-old son, Evan, to come across.

It's a beautiful idea that would allow his son to stand in his shoes while taking in the lighting, the people and the surroundings of a paradise unlike anywhere else. He explained how nice it was to have people chatting to him rather than the soundlessness of a studio, admiring his work (only a distraction when he's trying to get the lighting just right). Some of his favourite moments on the cay include what some of the island people have said.

For example, a quote from one local: "You could've built that house by now!"

Our 'artist in residence' will be here painting the different scenes of GTC (from one end to the other) until the 25th of Feb-

ruary. His oil paintings, all drying on the self-cut sheets of rollable canvas will be travelling in a hard case back to Canada. The capture of the Albert Lowe Museum has taken him about 2 weeks to complete. His cross-handed style of painting professes someone who wants a reassured, steady hand to follow the imperfect lines of the homes.

His architectural background brought distaste for the use of rulers to produce lifeless straight lines. "I like to follow the hand of the painter." His overall experience on Green Turtle Cay "has been heavenly...it really has. And I'll be back next year - very happily so."



Above: Rett Sturman working on a painting in Green Turtle Cay.

Birds From Page 7

of the world's leading fine art printers, who work with leading museums and university presses in Europe and the US, including New York's Metropolitan Museum.

The book is published as a never-to-be-repeated limited edition of just 600, only five hundred of which will be sold. The rest will be given to each of the 25 schools in Abaco, to the National Library of the Bahamas, to the Minister for Education and to the 35 contributors.

Written and collated by retired London barrister, Keith Salvesen, who is well known to many Abaconians for his rolling-harbour.com wildlife blog, and designed by his art-publisher wife Sally, the book has benefited from a wide range of local and international expertise. There are contributions from virtually the entire elite of the Abaco and Bahamian birding community.

The book also features a specially-commissioned and up-to-the-minute scientific listing of all 281 bird species recorded in Abaco since 1950, compiled by Tony White from Nassau with Dr Elwood Bracey, a wellknown Treasure Cay resident.

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South Abaco

Johnston Studios Foundry awarded \$74,000 to construct Sir Lynden statue

By Canishka Alexander

On Feb. 13, The Bahamas Government awarded a \$74,000 contract to Peter Johnston and Richard Appaldo of Johnston Studios Foundry in the House of Assembly to construct a bronze statue of former Bahamian Prime Minister, the late Sir Lynden Pindling.

The statue will be erected at the Lynden Pindling International Airport in New

Providence on July 10.

During a recent bronze casting at the Foundry in Little Harbour, Johnston explained that the statue will be five feet, six inches (5' 6") tall, and mounted on a four-foot granite marble base to soar at more than nine feet once completed.

Minister of Transport and Aviation Glenys Hanna-Martin said Sir Lynden's life and work are "linked to the history of the modern Bahamas and the major advancements of the Bahamian people." She added that he will join the ranks of other freedom fighters around the world who are being memorialized in a similar fashion.

Along with a committee, the family of Sir Lynden were involved in the selec-



Above: Wax casting of Sir Lynden Pindling.



Above: Lavon Harris-Smith, South Abaco's new Island Administrator.



Above: Johnston and Appaldo using the 5,000-year-old Lost Wax process.

tion process of Johnston, who said he was honoured to have been commissioned to sculpt such a masterful piece that will become a part of the nation's history.

Standing alongside the life-size statue, Johnston explained that they submitted a three-foot model to the committee, which was approved on Feb. 12 in the House of Assembly.

To construct the statue, Johnston and Appaldo are using the 5,000-year-old Lost Wax process. With the use of materials like iron, foam and modeling composition, the duo are fine tuning the proportions and dynamics of the statue.

The head of the statue is completed so far, and the statue will be casted into 14 pieces.

"We will cast it hollow, then reassemble it and weld it together with a stainless steel internal framework to make it solid," Johnston outlined.

The men will receive further approval this month when the committee travels to Abaco to view their progress. Once approved, the statue will advance to the next stage of plaster molding, then on to wax, and finally casting.

Johnston estimated that the amount of material used for just the statue weighs between 1,200 to 1,500 pounds with the base adding an additional 3,000 pounds.

An introduction to the new Administrator for South Abaco

By Jennifer Hudson

Following the retirement of South Abaco's former Administrator, Joshua Smith, last year after a short tenure, the post was temporarily filled by administrator for Central Abaco, Preston Cunningham, who had the arduous task of administering both large districts.

In November 2013, Lavon Harris-Smith arrived to take up the post as Administrator for South Abaco following six months of service in Mayaguana.

She has been very busy during the first few months finalizing unfinished projects and doing a lot of driving to visit the various townships within her district which covers Cherokee Sound, Casuarina Point, Bahama Palm Shores, Crossing Rocks and Sandy Point on the mainland as well as Moore's Island which she visits once a month.

Ms. Harris-Smith is no stranger to Abaco since her first posting as an Island Administrator was to Green Turtle Cay as Administrator for the North, a post she held for one and a half years.

Ms. Harris-Smith's position as Island Administrator comes after many years

of dedicated employment in many departments of the Public Service. She joined the public service in 1984 as a trainee marketing officer in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries where, after six months, she was seconded to BAIC where she worked as project officer for nine years.

After working a year in the Office of the Prime Minister she was then transferred to the Ministry of Finance and Planning in the Revenue Administration Department and, during the next 18 years, worked her way up to the position of First Assistant Secretary. By September of this year she will have completed 30 years of government service.

In 2008 Ms. Harris Smith began feeling the desire to become an Island administrator and so she applied in 2010. She was called into training for six months and then received a posting to Green Turtle Cay in 2011.

Ms. Harris-Smith says that she enjoyed her work in Green Turtle Cay very much, the people were very nice and the council easy to work with.

"We were able to do a lot of work in the community, complete many projects and carry out a lot of hurricane repairs. My posting as Island Administrator for the North also necessitated me working two days a week in Coopers Town and I liked working in both these districts," she stated.

Ms. Harris Smith says she has found it quite interesting taking up a position at the opposite end of the island and has found that, "The North and South bring two different flavours. The people have been very welcoming, they are very industrious and entrepreneurial and there are a lot of good cooks," she says. "I am enjoying my postings as Island Administrator very much as I am in a position to help more people than when I was working in a government office. I love to help people and help communities achieve their goals. I want to leave a positive and lasting effect where ever I go," she says.

Ms. Harris Smith has noted that there is a lot of room for growth in all areas of South Abaco and she feels that there are many opportunities there to be explored and taken advantage of. For example, the Disney cruise ship which comes into Gorda Cay several times a week could provide opportunities for local residents to create tours and take visitors to various environmentally touristic sites which could be de-

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South Abaco

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veloped such as Hole in the Wall, the mangroves and the South Abaco National Park.

She also feels that there is an excellent market for handicraft development in the area and would like to see this taken more seriously. "The area is abundant in silver palm for straw work and shells and sea glass for jewellery. We need to be competitive with other countries and cannot sit back and wait for government do everything for us," she advises.

Beautification of the entranceways leading into Sandy Point and Crossing Rocks are improvements Ms. Harris Smith would like to see as she feels facelifts are needed. Also, she feels that Hard Bargain on Moore's Island needs beautification and the airport which has been very much neglected needs major attention.

Ms. Harris Smith feels a responsibility towards the children and feels that there is limited growth for social development for children in the South apart from church. The Naomi Lightbourne library in Sandy Point, which was commissioned in 2013, will be the recipient of numerous books from the Urban Renewal community.

The library will also be receiving assistance from the library section of the Ministry of Education who will be helping with staffing and the setting up of the library. This is very pleasing to Ms. Harris-Smith since she says; "I would like to see young people read more; reading is a gate to the universe and helps produce creative minds."

Cherokee location of not just another tea party

By Lee Pinder

Ladies from Cherokee, as well as Marsh Harbour, Dundas Town, Hope Town and even Nassau, gathered for their 19th annual Valentine's Tea Party on Friday, Feb 14.

They enjoyed Tea Party-type refreshments of little cakes and sandwiches, tea, fruit punch and even included coffee on the menu this year. Guests either brought their own china tea cup and saucer or were able to use one of the many lovely extras provided for them (no Styrofoam cups or paper plates here).

Reverend Marie Neilly introduced a prayer for the gathering to get things started. There were many old friends, but also some new visitors were there for the first time. Some simple but challenging games were played while Hostess, Lee Pinder, attempted to keep everyone entertained. Besides the many little prizes, there was a drawing to see who would receive the antique china teacup and saucer, won by Rosie Saunders of Nassau, as well a Valentine's Box of Russell Stover Chocolates, won by Peggy Albury of Cherokee, who has been one of the organizers for the party for many years.

Tea Parties conjure up visions of little girls with their playmates and dollies, but these Tea Parties are for the ladies. Many may say they don't have the time to waste,

but it's really a time to pamper and to treat them and to give them a day off from the office, their housework or maybe even babysitting.

Men are not allowed, nor are any children - strictly the ladies. It's a time for them to enjoy the fellowship of other women.

A collection was taken up this year (something else that had never been done before) with the ladies voting to where they would like to see the money donated. \$150 was collected, with \$100 going to Epworth Chapel and \$50 going to The Assemblies of God, both Cherokee churches.

New Cherokee Church Board elected

By Lee Pinder

The members of Epworth Methodist Chapel in Cherokee Sound elected a new congregational board during regular services on Feb 23. The new board consists of five persons and the minister, Reverend Marie Neilly, who conducted the voting process, along with the outgoing Secretary, Lee Pinder. Other out-going board members were Michael Knowles, Chairman, Linda Albury, Treasurer and board members Norma Jean Neilly and Annette Roberts.

Elected were Kenneth Albury, Rex Albury, Erica Bethel, Jim Bethel (who, along with his brother and their construction company had undertaken the job of restoring the old church building) and Michael Bethel (a special appointee to the old

congregational board to do fund raising for the restoration work needed). They will decide on officers from within the group at their first meeting.

Reverend Neilly thanked the outgoing board members for serving and for their steadfast dedication to working for the Lord. She pointed out that the old board had accomplished many great things during the past year alone and, although, the main renovations are nearly completed on the old church, there was still much to be accomplished.

She said that some repairs within the attic and roof still had not been completed and that an addition to the building itself is planned to house a foyer, storage and bathroom area (which the church has never had before).

She did say this additional work, although already discussed by the previous board, would have to be sometime in the future as there were still commitments to be paid off and more fundraising to do.

She said that the new congregational board has their work cut out for them, but she had confidence in their ability and that there was plenty of work to go around and everyone's help was needed.

The new congregational board members were immediately installed into office with some encouraging words by the minister and thanked for agreeing to serve God and the church during its time of need. In addition, before dismissing them the congregation was thanked for their part in the election and voting process and asked for their continued support for this new board.



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"Peace & Plenty" # 1927 - Ocean Blvd. 4 bed, 3.5 bath 1,930 s/f furnished beach home, plus 1485 s/f covered balcony. 163' beach frontage on 1.453 landscaped acres. Separate guest cottage. Recently renovated. **\$2,495,000.**

Brigantine Bay Canal Home - # 1589 - Luxuriously furnished 4 bedroom, 4 bath, 4,850 s/f under roof, double garage, covered verandah, 15,306 s/f parcel, 91' canal frontage, 25' finger dock, boat lift. **\$2,495,000.**

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.**

#12 Ocean Blvd. # 1007 - Elegant 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath 3,500 s/f furnished beach home. 100' beach frontage, pool. Recently refurbished Excellent vacation rental income earner. **\$1,995,000.**

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"Windward Palms" # 1454 - Splendid 3 bed, 2 bath furnished beach home. 2,500 s/f under roof, 1,600 s/f patios & walks, 16,000 s/f landscaped parcel, 100' sandy beach. Meticulously maintained, Many extras, **\$1,349,000.**

"Rising Sun" # 1780 - Windward Beach, 3 bed, 2.5 bath 2,118 s/f furnished home on 25,925 s/f parcel with 150' of sandy beach frontage. Superb sea views! **\$1,310,000.**

"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 2007, 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.**

"Deelarrys" #2305 - 4 bed 2 bath furnished Sea of Abaco home. 1,674 s/f under air, + covered patio & garage. 16,326 s/f parcel, 100' seawalled frontage. **\$599,000.**

"Laguna" - # 1875- Charming 1,550 s/f 3 bed, 2 bath furnished Galleon Bay canal home. 102' canal frontage with "T" dock & 16,000 lb boat lift. **\$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.**

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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.**

"Elysium" #1460 - 4 bed, 2 bath, 2,840 s/f under roof furnished home on 2 lots (22,000 s/f) on Ocean Blvd. Includes double garage. Close to beach. **\$497,000.**

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.**

Treasure House # 7 - #2455 - 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f furnished Topsider style home on beachfront development. Community pool, One of only 12 units. Well maintained. Excellent rental income potential. **\$329,000.**

Beach Villa # 638 - #2306 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,127 s/f tastefully furnished home on large double lot, washer/dryer in unit, near beach, good rental income potential. **\$324,000.**

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Atlantis 2107 - # 2392 - Well maintained 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,075 s/f ground level "turn-key" furnished condo on Brigantine Bay. Includes private dock & slip. Close to beach. **\$299,000.**

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Beach Villa # 605 - # 1635 - 2 bed, 2 bath well maintained & elegantly furnished "turn-key" villa. Washer/dryer. Many extras & upgrades, new air conditioning & asphalt architectural shingles. Close to beach. **\$249,900.**

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.**

Beach Villa # 601 - # 2240 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 865 s/f "turn-key" furnished villa. Recently upgraded, well maintained, near beach. Priced to Sell! **\$199,000.**

Beach Villa 648 - # 2420 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,050 s/f furnished villa near beach. Recently renovated and expanded. Excellent vacation rental income potential. **\$199,000.**

Condos

Bahama Beach Club 2020 - # 1139 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f 2nd level beach condo, elegantly decorated. Superior beach & ocean views. **\$872,000.**

Bahama Beach Club 2047 - # 1468 - 3 bed, 3 bath, ground level Phase 5 unit, 1,750 s/f living space condo, close to beach, tastefully furnished, numerous upgrades & enhancements. Superb sea views. **\$795,000.**

Bahama Beach Club 2030 - # 2364 - 3 bed, 2 bath elegantly furnished 1,650 s/f 2nd level luxury beach condo. Well maintained, owner occupied. Many upgrades. **\$679,000.**

Bahama Beach Club # 2025 - #2057 3 bed, 3 bath ground level condo, 1,650 sq. ft. Tastefully furnished, well maintained. Great views. Excellent rental income. **\$599,000.**

Carleton Landing - Carriage House # 1 - # 1621- 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,755 s/f ground level furnished condo on Brigantine Bay. New construction. Includes community pool, finger dock/private slip, 2 garages. **FURNISHED - \$599,000.**

Carleton Landing - Carriage House # 2, 3 & 4 - # 1620- 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,755 s/f unfurnished condos on Brigantine Bay. New construction. Community pool, finger dock/private slip, 2 garages. **NOW EACH \$599,000.**

Royal Palm 2480 - # 2310- 3 bed, 3 bath, 2nd level, 1,264 s/f furnished condo on Brigantine Bay. Deep water dock, artwork, van & golf cart included. Near beach. **\$463,000.**

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Royal Palm # 2435 - # 1881 - 3 bed, 3 bath 2nd level turn-key furnished 1,264 s/f harbourfront condo. Well maintained end unit. Sensational marina views **\$369,000.**

Sand Dollar Condo # 7 - #1456 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f ground level furnished beachfront condo. Well maintained, superb sea views, community pool. Best Value! **\$369,000.**

Royal Poinciana # 2511 - # 1483 - Deluxe 2 bed, 2 bath ground level furnished 1,300 s/f beachfront condo. Well maintained. Great sea views, excellent rental income potential. **\$349,000.**

Royal Palm 2419 - #2294 - 3 bed, 3 bath 2nd level 1,264 s/f furnished harbour condo w/level elevated harbour views. Private finger dock & slip. Excellent rental income potential. **\$349,000.**

Royal Poinciana # 2512 - #2060 - 2 bed, 2 bath, ground level furnished beachfront condo, on site pool & tennis court. Great sea views, excellent rental income potential. **\$325,000.**

Royal Palm 2301 - #2311 - Well maintained 2 bed, 2 bath ground level 1,000 s/f furnished harbourfront condo. Desirable "end" unit. Private finger dock & slip. Golf cart. **\$299,000.**

Atlantis 2107 - #2392 - Charming 2 bed, 2 bath, 875 s/f ground level furnished canalfront condo. Includes private dock slip **\$285,000.**

Royal Palm 2325 - #2285 - Well maintained 2 bed, 2 bath ground level 1,000 s/f furnished harbourfront condo. Great harbour views. Private finger dock & slip. **\$259,000.**

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#1942 - Condo # 1312 - 1 bed, 1 bath, 450 s/f 2nd level furnished unit overlooking community pool. **\$199,000.**

#985 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 level harbourfront end unit. Totally upgraded in 2013. **Priced for immediate sale. \$ 198,500.**

#2391 - 2 bed, 1 bath, 2 level, 732 s/f furnished harbourfront condo, includes garage. **\$195,000.**

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#2073 - Condo # 1211 - 1 bed, 1 bath, 462 s/f ground level furnished harbourfront condo. Great views. **\$149,000.**

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Thurston Bay Development Parcel - #1579 - 108 acres at entrance to Treasure Cay w/2,300' shoreline w/1,300' sandy beach frontage. Abaco Highway & Treasure Cay Dr. frontage. Great development potential. **\$3,900,000.**

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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.**

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

Galleon Bay - # 1441 - 28,072 s/f cleared parcel, 64' of bulkhead with dock & house. **\$348,500.**

Harbour Canal Lot 4, Block 200 - # 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.**

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#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.**

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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 - # 2022 - 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 - # 1176 - 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 **\$895,000.**

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 bedrooms, 2 baths each, 2,200 s/f total, 12,000 s/f corner parcel. **\$180,000.**

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

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

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

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.**

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. **\$119,000.**

Lot 209 - # 2519 - 12,828 s/f parcel with 100' extra deep water, sheltered canal frontage. All utilities available. **\$115,000.**

1080 - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed. **Reduced \$109,000.**

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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Bahamas WiMax to offer the Bahamas first ever "Pay as You Go" residential internet

Press Release

Bahamas WiMax, the Bahamas' premier Wireless Internet Service Provider is set to offer the Bahamas first ever "Pay as You Go" residential internet.

After months of testing and development Bahamas Wimax CEO Matthew Carey stated, "We are pleased to announce that we have added two brand new service offerings to our lineup, MAX Lite and MAX Basic with monthly rates as low as \$14.95"

Bahamas WiMax "metered plans, MAX Lite and MAX Basic give the customer the option of paying for only the internet they need. Each plan comes with a base amount of usage and customers can purchase additional usage based on their need.

Mr. Carey went on to say that the new internet plans will be available in all the locations currently served by Bahamas WiMax which include, Abaco, New Providence and Exuma with Eleuthera and Grand Bahama coming on later in the year.

"This is just another example of how we are bringing leading edge technology and value to our customers."

Bahamas WiMax is a premier Wireless Internet Service Provider for the Bahamas, dedicated to providing carrier-grade data and telecommunications service as an alternative to wire-based utilities. Pres-

ently serving New Providence, Abaco and Exuma, Bahamas WiMax offers a wide variety of fast, secure solutions with connectivity and dedicated support for business and home.

Sponging remains a viable industry in Abaco

By Dave Ralph

A sponger from Little Abaco spoke about sponge harvesting that is making a comeback on Abaco. Donald Rolle of Mount Hope makes his living sponging, fishing and guiding and told about his work to an interested audience during the Art for the Park event at Abaco Beach Resort on January 25.

Donald explained that there are about 60 different types of sponges found here. They come in a variety of colors, size, shape, height, from six feet high to one and a half inches high. The biggest is the loggerhead sponge that grows to size of a 55-gallon drum.

He collects mostly six types of sponges. They must be cut carefully, leaving the base in place. The base will regenerate if left undisturbed.

The fisherman must clean the sponges before selling them to a buyer - a process that takes four to five days. This involves leaving the sponges to dry, then putting them back into sea water, a process that is repeated several times before it is clean. Mr. Rolle receives \$5 to \$7 per sponge while they eventually sell for about five times that amount.

Abaco Beach Resort held Taxi Drivers Reception

By Samantha Evans

A reception was held at Anglers Restaurant at Abaco Beach Resort on Thursday evening February 6 from 7 to 9pm under the theme "Partners in Tourism." This event was initiated by Andrew Sweeting, one of the owners of Boat Harbour. The purpose of this event was to build a good relationship with taxi drivers so that they can better cater to those persons who visit Abaco.

According to Mr. Sweeting, they have a huge uptrend of 40% so far from last year, which is great, so they want to ensure that all partners in Tourism are on the same page. He believes that cooperation is better than the alternatives. He stated that Tourism represents 79% of the GDP which is huge so it affects people from all walks of life.

He would like for every tourist who comes to Marsh Harbour to be treated very well. He would further like for Bahamians to realize that every guest is a great opportunity for all. He noted that many of the guests to their resort are repeat visitors; which is wonderful but he would like to see those numbers increase. This can only happen, he added, if all guests are treated well.

He believes that all of us have the power to make an experience wonderful for our visitors. He stated that they spend a lot of money on marketing at his resort but the best marketing is still "word of mouth." With Tourism being the bread and butter of the majority of Bahamians, it should not be our desire to have any visitor report a bad experience to their family or friends when they leave our shores.

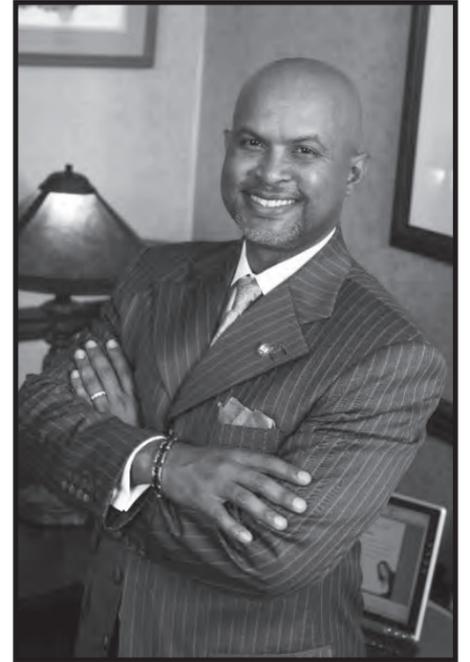
He hopes that everyone will see Tourism as a partnership opportunity and embrace it so that repeat visitors can grow and return with friends. This cocktail reception, he explained, is one of many other events to follow which are all intended to broaden their relationship with those persons they view as partners in Tourism.

Juliett McCafferty stated that building good customer service, being unified and forming relationships with stakeholders are most important if they are to make each visitor's experience memorable. Min. of Tourism official on Abaco, Wynsome Ferguson, also reiterated the importance of this event. She said that her staff reads every exit survey that visitors fill out espe-

cially the complaints.

She would like for all stakeholders to work together to make Abaco the number one destination and not fight against one another. At the event, the taxi drivers enjoyed great food, drinks and music. Persons invited to this event were stakeholders from the Abaco Tourism Office, Road Traffic, Superintendent Noel Curry of the Royal Bahamas Police Force and Taxi drivers from Central, North and South Abaco.

Abaconian orthodontist returns to serve community



Above: Dr. L. Barry Russell

By Jennifer Hudson

After an absence of five years, Dr. L. Barry Russell is now serving the people of Abaco once again. Dr. Russell is familiar with Abaco for not only has he practiced here for four years previously but his father was born in Blackwood and so the family has Abaco roots.

Dr. Russell will be working at the office of Abaco Dental Associates, Suite 102 a, Royal Harbour Village, one day each month. He also practices in Nassau and Freeport and is the current Chairman of the Bahamas Dental Council which is the regulatory body which grants licenses to dentists and also regulates the profession. He holds the distinction of being the first Bahamian orthodontist.

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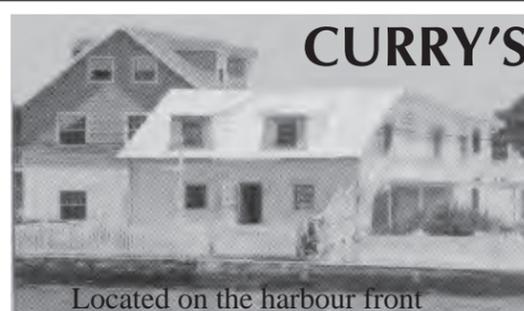
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Dr. Russell received his training in dentistry with a specialty in orthodontics at Howard University, Washington DC. He then completed general practice residency at Columbia University and Harlem Hospital, New York City. When he began his orthodontic practice 23 years ago things were very different and the majority of his patients were children or teenagers. However, he says that he has seen many changes over the years and things are totally different now than when he started and they are still changing rapidly.

Nowadays, Dr. Russell sees children as early as age seven years and the oldest patient he has just finished treating was 86 years of age. He says that nowadays he treats many patients in their older years.

"The trend today of many older people is to try to buy time by improving their appearance through cosmetic surgery and so why not improve their teeth?" he comments. "It is good to have a beautiful smile at any age as it makes people feel better about themselves. There have been many technical improvements over the past 10 to 15 years which makes teeth straightening much more palatable. The appliances are less noticeable, more comfortable, have less visibility, work faster and provide better results."

Dr Russell uses the 'Damon System' which is the latest technology and a superior system and he is the only orthodontist in the Bahamas using it.

Dr. Russell is excited to be back on Abaco and to provide service to the community. Appointments with Dr. Russell may be made by calling Abaco Dental Associates at telephone 367 0164 or contacting them at abacodentalassociates@gmail.com.

BTC launches LTE in Abaco

By Timothy Roberts

Abaco received Bahamas Telecommunications Company's (BTC) latest upgrade in mobile technology as they launched 4G LTE (LongTerm Evolution) here as well as in New Providence, Grand Bahama and Eleuthera with other islands to be networked-in over the ensuing months.

BTC officially went 'live' at a celebratory launch in Nassau's Pompey Square on Thursday evening, February 13 with guest of honour Dr. Bernard Nottage, Minister of National Security giving the address.

Dr. Nottage congratulated Geoff Houston and all the BTC staff on the momentous occasion of the new, faster 4G LTE mobile voice and data network then flipped a switch on an electric display panel to mark the official launch.

BTC CEO Geoff Houston spoke at the launch and said that from the very beginning, LTE had been a part of BTC's holistic communication plan and that North America's telephony and broadband standard was always their point of reference.

"Tonight, the switch over to 4G LTE marks an important milestone for BTC and The Bahamas. In planning for and building a new and enduring network, our reference point was always North America, and LTE has always been a part of our plans, so with 4G LTE going live tonight, The Bahamas is now up there with the best you can get in America. Further, The Bahamas now has the biggest LTE network in the Caribbean region; it's absolutely the latest and greatest mobile communication network available. We are even ahead of most parts of Europe - where LTE has just barely been rolled out."

BTC has invested some \$18 million expanding mobile capacity - including the investment in LTE - just this fiscal year and will invest millions more in the next 12 months as BTC continues to increase performance and capacity while connecting more of the Family Islands for nationwide 4G LTE coverage.

With the launch of 4G LTE, BTC is meeting the immediate and future needs of an increasingly mobile-active population demanding faster speeds, better performance, agility and practicality from their cellular provider.

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“World’s Shortest St. Patrick Day Parade” to be held March 17



The Strawberry Money’s Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade will be held March 17 and will be the 6th year that “Irish-for-the-Day” boaters, second homeowners and residents of Abaco can celebrate with Shamrocks, beads and the usual shenanigans.

Snappas will become an Irish Pub for the night by offering a special brew and grog, and will welcome the green wave of parade participants who will be led by a surprise Grand Marshall.

Participants will stage at Memorial Park no later than 4:45pm and the parade

of no more than 300 steps will parade to Snappas for an evening of merrymaking beginning at 5pm. Complimentary Irish Beads will be provided.

This is a family event, where children and pets are welcome, and the wearing of green is a must.

The Strawberry Monkey Yacht Club continues to sponsor Bocce on Sunday’s at their club house located across the street from Snappers. Interested parties can listen to the Cruiser’s Net for further updates or visit the clubs website at strawberrymoney.com

CRIME REPORT

Possession of Unlicensed Firearm

At 10:05am on 14th February, Officers of the M.H.P.S. came into the station with two male suspects under arrest reference to Possession of Unlicensed Firearm ages 33 years and 23 years of The Mudd, Abaco. They were arrested after being found in possession of an unlicensed shotgun.

Shooting

At 11:00pm on 14th February, a male resident of Grand Cay, reported that a fight occurred in the area of a local Bar located near the water front, involving a number of males. As he tried to intervene to bring peace, however, these young men turned on him, attacked him and pelted him with stones resulting in him receiving injuries about the body. The young men also caused damages to his truck.

As a result, one of the males produced a shotgun and fired two rounds striking another male in both legs. Police action requested. The injuries are not life threatening. Investigation continues.

Trespassing and Vagrancy

At 10:00am on 11th February, an anonymous caller contacted T.C.P.S. and reported that there was a suspicious looking male lurking in the bushes near Ocean Blvd acting in a suspicious manner.

Suspect arrested.

As a result a 23 year old of Yamacraw, N.P. was brought to Treasure Cay Police Station by family members where he was arrested and charged. The accused was arraigned in Magistrate Court, Coopers Town on 14.2.14 where he pleaded not guilty and was remanded to HMP.

Shop breaking & stealing

On 16/2/14 a female of Sandy Point, Abaco reported to the police at Marsh Harbour Police Station that sometime between 6:00pm on 15/2/14 and 6:00am on 16/2/14 some unknown person/s entered her store located at Don Mackay Boulevard searched and stole clothing items.

House breaking & stealing

On 16/2/14 a 67 year old male of Marsh Harbour; reported to the police at Marsh Harbour Police Station that between 3:30pm and 5:30pm on 16/2/14 some unknown person/s stole items from his residence.

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

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

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Drive to & swim in Blue Hole..... Treasure Cay farm road
Art studio & working foundry Little Harbour
Man-O-War Heritage Museum..... Man-O-War Cay
Man-O-War Boatyards Man-O-War Cay
Hole-in- Wall lighthouse -very rough road..... South Abaco
Cedar Harbour plantation ruins - need guide... North Abaco
Blackwood blue hole & sisal mill..... North Abaco
Abaco wild horses by appointment..... 367-4805
Bird watching - ask tourism..... 367-3067

Beaches

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

Miles of beach (most exposed to ocean)
• Treasure Cay • Green Turtle Cay • Guana Cay • Elbow Cay
• Man-O-War Cay • Casuarina Point • Bahama Palm Shore
• Sandy Point & more

Tours & Excursions

Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour..... 367-2936
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Green Turtle Cay
Bluff House 38 F 365-4247
Green Turtle Club 40 F 365-4271
Black Sound Marina 15 365-4531
Other Shore Club 15 F 365-4226
Abaco Yacht Service..... 10 F 365-4033
Leeward Yacht Club..... 26..... 365-4191

Treasure Cay
Treasure Cay Marina 150..... F 365-8250

Man-O-War
Man-O-War Marina 28 F..... 365-6008

Marsh Harbour
Boat Harbour Marina 192 F..... 367-2158
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Harbour View Marina 40 F 367-2182
Mangoes Marina 29 367-4255
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Hope Town
Hope Town Marina 62 366-0003
Lighthouse Marina 6 F..... 366-0154
Sea Spray 60 F..... 366-0065

South Abaco
Schooner Bay 15 F..... 475-7626

Spanish Cay
Spanish Cay Marina 40 365-0083

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Orchid Bay 66 F..... 365-5175
Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour

Wi-Fi Hotspots

Marsh Harbour: Sundowners
Abaco Beach Resort Snappas Grill & Chill
Curlytails
Mangoes Restaurant
Hope Town: Abaco Inn
Cap'n Jacks
H. T. Harbour Lodge
Sea Spray

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

Charter Fishing Boats

Lucky Strike - Hope Town..... 366-0101
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Down Deep..... 366-3143
Local Boy..... 366-0528
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Marsh Harbour
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Conch Pearl Boat Rentals..... 365-6502
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Hope Town
Cat's Paw Boat Rentals 366-0380
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Will Sawyer..... 366-2177

Crossing Rocks
Tony Russell 366-3259

Green Turtle Cay
Rick Sawyer..... 365-4261
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Capt. Joe Pritchard... 559-9117
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Restaurant Guide

Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper

Marsh Harbour

Abaco Pizza..... \$ 367-4488
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Back 2 Da Island..... \$ 367-0150
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Hope Town

Abaco Inn \$\$\$ 366-0133
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Little Harbour

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

Lubber's Quarter

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

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Bradley's on the Harbour..... \$ 365-6380
Dock'n Dine..... \$ 365-6139
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Guana Cay

Baker's Bay - Market Place \$\$\$ 612-1021
Grabbers \$ 365-5133
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Treasure Cay

Bahama Beach Club..... \$\$\$ 365-8500
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Nancy's..... \$ 366-4120

Schooner Bay

The Blackfly Lodge \$\$\$ 376-0321
The Red Marlin Bistro..... \$ 426-5440
Judy Mae's Kitchen..... \$ 475-7626
Beach Cabana Bar..... \$ 376-9858

Emergency Services

Police - Marsh Harbour 367-3437 • 911
Police - Hope Town 366-0667
Police - Man-O-War 365-6911
Police - Treasure Cay 365-8048
Police - Green Turtle Cay 365-4550
B. Electricity Corp 367-2727, 367-2846, 367-4667
Water & Sewerage 475-1499, 475-5518

The following services are provided by volunteers
Fire - Marsh Harbour 367-2000
Fire - Hope Town VHF Ch 16 • Fire - Green Turtle Cay 475-1768
Fire - Man-O-War 365-4019
Treasure Cay Fire & Rescue 365-9111
BASRA Bah Air Sea Rescue..... Marine VHF 16..... 366-0282
Hope Town 366-0549 Marsh Harbour 367-3752
Guana Cay 365-5178 Treasure Cay 365-8749

Medical Services

Abaco Family Medicine, Marsh Harbour 367-2295
Abaco Medi-Center..... 367-9999
Auskeel Advanced Medical Clinic 367-0020
Chiropractor-Dr. Lewis..... 367-0020
Chiropractor-Michael Hendley, D.C..... 242-439-0768..... 367-0020
Corbett Clinic, Treasure Cay 365-8288
Integrated Medical Center 367-1304
Emergency 458-1234
Marsh Harbour Medical Centre..... 367-0050
Government Clinic, Marsh Harbour 367-2510
Government Clinic, Cooper's Town 365-0300
Government Clinic, Green Turtle Cay 365-4028
Government Clinic, Hope Town 366-0108
Government Clinic, Sandy Point 366-4010
Kidney Centre, Marsh Harbour..... 367-3310
Out Island Chiropractor..... 367-2584

Dental Services

Agape Family Dental, Marsh Harbour..... 367-4355
Abaco Dental Asso..... 367-0164
Diamante Dental, Marsh Harbour..... 367-4968
Man O War Dental Clinic..... 365-6508

Pharmacy

Abaco Island Pharmacy, Marsh Harbour..... 367-2544
Treasure Cay..... 365-8061
Chemist shoppe, Marsh Harbour..... 367-3106

Veterinary

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

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Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is 367-2266
AirGate Aviation - New Smyrna Beach..... 1-386-478-0600
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Bahamasair - Nassau, W. Palm B, Ft Laud 367-2095
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Island Wings - Ft. Lauderdale..... 1-954-274-6214
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Dive Abaco Since 1978, Marsh Harbour..... 367-2787
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Froggies, Hope Town..... 366-0431
Treasure Divers, Treasure Cay..... 365-8571
Brendal's Dive, Green T. Cay..... 365-4411
Dive Guana..... 365-5178

Taxi Cab Fares one or two passengers

Extra \$3 for each 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.

• Treasure Cay Airport to: Effective Dec 08
Green Turtle Cay ferry dock..... \$10
Madeira Park \$20
Sand Banks \$25
Treasure Cay Resort..... \$30
Leisure Lee \$45
Black Wood \$20
Fire Road & Cooper's Town \$40
Cedar Harbour \$60
Wood Cay \$70
Mount Hope \$80
Fox Town \$85
Crown Haven \$90
Marsh Harbour airport \$80

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



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Elbow Cay
 - 24,916 s.f. - 0.571 Acre
 - 800 s.f. - 2 Bd - 1 Bth
 - 16.5' x 12.4' Shed/Work
 - Shared Dock on Sofa
 - Off Grid / Solar
 - Wired - power available
 - Newly Built
 - Atlantic Beach access
 #HTH1217 - \$549,000



Green Turtle Cay
 - 22,330 s.f. - 0.512 Acre
 - 155.59' on Sea of Abaco
 - 1083 s.f. - 2 bd - 2 bth
 - Deltac Home
 - 15,000 gal cistern
 - close to Gilliam Bay
 - Close to town
 #GTH1235 \$610,000



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



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



Green Turtle Cay
 - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath
 - 976 s.f. under air
 - on two levels
 - 12,577 s.f. - 0.288 Acre
 - 85' protected Bita Bay
 - Beach frontage
 - 822' wrap around porch
 - vaulted ceilings
 - hurricane glass
 #GTH1236 - \$699,000



Central Pines Marsh Harbour
 - 12,000 s.f. - 0.275 Acre
 - 2,851 s.f. Residence
 - 2 Bed - 1 Bath
 - Screened Porch
 - 130 s.f. efficiency
 - 206 s.f. Apartment
 #MHH1229 \$405,000



Great Guana Cay
 Two houses available
 - 12,105 s.f. - 0.277 Acre
 - 60' Atlantic Beach
 - 642 s.f. - 2 bd - 2 bth
 - 1,558 s.f. - 3 bd - 2 bth
 - Beautiful views of Atlantic Ocean
 - Close to town
 #GGH1191 \$449,000
 #GGH1190 \$699,000



Green Turtle Cay
 - 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath
 - 1,461 s.f.
 - 22,249 s.f. - 0.51 Acre
 - 98.6' pristine beachfront
 - Offered for sale at \$920,000 or
 - \$1350,000 inclusive of
 - 1 bed, 1 bth cottage
 - 16,144 s.f. or 0.37 Acre
 - 127' on Black Sound w/
 14,000 lb boat lift
 #GTH1237 - GTH1238



Marsh Harbour
 - Cove Estates
 - 17,288 s.f. - 0.39 Acre
 - 2,540 s.f.
 - 3 Bed, 2 Bath
 - Duel central a/c
 - Metal Roof
 - 6.5 KW Generator
 #MHH1223 - B\$430,000



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



Green Turtle Cay
 - 3 Bedroom, 3 Baths
 - 1,282 s.f. under air
 - 887 s.f. ground floor -
 bed-bath-garage
 - 1,597 s.f. decks
 - 15,710s.f. - 0.360 Acre
 - 200' on Coco Bay Beach
 - 8,000 gallon cistern
 #GTH1152 - \$1,175,000



Pelican Shores at Marsh Harbour
 - 1,300 s.f. Residence
 - 16,862 s.f. - 0.39 Acre
 - 2 Bedroom 2.5 Bath
 - Situated on Bluff
 - Overlooking Harbour
 - 1583 s.f. open porches
 - 117' on the Harbour
 #MHH1228 - \$685,000



Great Guana Cay
 - 500,940 s.f. - 11.5 Acres
 - 695' of Atlantic Frontage
 - 555' on Sea of Abaco
 - 500' of well protected
 boat basin frontage
 - 500 s.f. - 3 bd - 2.5 bath
 - 6' MLW
 - Great Elevations/Views
 #GGH1226 \$2,995,000



Green Turtle Cay
 - 4 Bd, 4 Bth
 - 4,948 s.f. / 2 levels
 - 19,083 s.f. - 0.438
 - Each level private
 living space/kitchen
 - Sea of Abaco
 - Dock/boatlift/10,000
 #GTH1181 - \$1,475,000



Pelican Shores at Marsh Harbour
 - 5 Bd, 4.5 Bth
 - 5,600 s.f.
 - 38,289 s.f. - 0.878 Acre
 - 115' on the Harbour
 - Great elevation
 - Pool
 - Private Dock
 - Turn Key
 #MHH1227 - \$2,970,000



Green Turtle Cay
 - New Plymouth
 - 1,726 s.f. - .039 Acre
 - 890 s.f. Loyalist Cottage
 Settlement Harbour
 - 2 Bed, 1 Bath
 - Historic
 - Shed/Wash house
 #GTH1222 - \$225,000



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



Scotland Cay
 - 1 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath
 - 612 s.f.
 - 79,150 s.f. - 1.82 Acre
 - 300' pristine beachfront
 - Garage/Laundry
 - Cistern 25,000 gal
 - 30 kw auxiliary gen
 - Lifetime landing rights
 - Boat Slip / Lift
 #SCH1094 - \$1,150,000



Green Turtle Cay
 - 2 Bedroom, 3 Bath
 - 1400 s.f. Residence
 - 12,469 s.f. - 0.286 Acre
 - 757 s.f. of open decks
 - garage/workshop
 - Native trees
 - 20,000 gallon cistern
 - City Water
 - Public dock - dive shop &
 GT Club steps away
 #GTH1239 - \$499,000



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



Scotland Cay
 - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath
 - 1,900 s.f.
 - 38,107 s.f. - 0.874 Acre
 - 145.70' on the Sea
 of Abaco
 - Dock Slip in Private
 Marina
 - Lifetime landing rights
 - Panoramic Views
 #SCH1148 - \$1,200,000



Green Turtle Cay
 - 31,816 s.f. - 0.730 Acre
 - 197.46 Bonefish flats
 frontage on Sofa
 - 1,700 s.f. - 2 bd, 1 bth
 - Artistic Studio loft
 - Garage/workshop
 - 40' useable beach
 - Private water views
 #GTH1221 - \$599,000



Man O' War Cay
 - 94,089 s.f. - 2.16 acre
 - 146' Atlantic Beach
 - Private 90' dock
 - 1,975 s.f. residences
 - 758 s.f. Main residence
 - 374 s.f. Master suite
 - 713 s.f. Guest cottage
 - 130 s.f. Snore box
 - Unique Estate
 #MWH1232 - \$2,475,000



South Abaco - Private Island
 - 1,864,368 s.f.
 - 42.8 Acres
 - 900 s.f. pavilion w/grill
 - improved roads
 - Flats boat ramp
 - Yellow Wood Creek
 #SAH1234 \$3,065,000

Great Guana Cay - Green Turtle Cay - Man-O-War Cay
 Hope Town - Marsh Harbour - Scotland Cay
 Treasure Cay

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FHA's Junkanoo win streak improves to three amid tough competition



Above: Forest Heights Academy's theme at Love Rush Junkanoo this year was "The Four Seasons." Seen in the photo is "Fall" with a Thanksgiving Turkey in front of the brass section. See page 2 for photos and results.

Olympic Gold Medalist visits Abaco to promote the AAF Bahamas World Relays



Above: Olympian Pauline Davis-Thompson with students from SC Bootle. The student is holding the lignum vitae baton which is to be used in the AAF relays.

By Mirella Santillo

The very dynamic, enthusiastic Bahamas Gold Medalist, Pauline Davis-Thompson, visited Abaco on February 11 and 12 to promote the up-coming Bahamas 2014 World Relay that is to take place in Nassau May 24-25.

Arriving on the first Bahamas Air flight from Nassau on Tuesday, she was welcomed by the local representative of the Ministry of Sports, Youth and Culture, Ishmael Morley who had arranged for scheduled visits to the local TV station, to MP for North Abaco Mr. Renardo Curry, to hotel resorts in South and North Abaco and to several high schools.

During her interview with BCN producer, Pastor Silbert Mills, she gave a brief synopsis on how her sports career started when she was 12 years old.

"Initially, I just loved sports" said the athlete, "but once I started Track

The Junior Love Rush Junkanoo was held on Feb 21. This year saw the first time participation of Grace Baptist Pre-school and Grand Cay All Age School. Central Abaco Primary won the Primary School Division with 2745 points. Forest Heights Academy won the High School & overall for the third year in a row with 3029. FHA narrowly edged out a stellar effort from Abaco Central High, which accumulated 2979 points.

Grand Cay All Age School, in its first ever appearance in Love Rush, impressed judges in the "Group," and "Dance" categories, beating out every other school in these areas. Grand Cay scored a total of 2663.

The totals in each division were as follows.

Preschool:
Grace Baptist - 1011

Primary:
Central Abaco - 2745
Treasure Cay - 2658
Fox Town - 2524
JA Pinder - 2088

High School:
Forest Heights - 3029
Abaco Central - 2979
Grand Cay - 2663
Every Child Counts - 955
Wesley College - 912



Clockwise from top: and FHA dancer, ACH brass, Fox Town with their "Out of Africa" theme, and first time performers from Grand Cay.



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<p>NEW</p> <p>Merkel Home - 2bed/1bath central location in village #20133 - USD\$159K</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>Hannah's Bluff - 10 acre estate Sea-to-Sea 3bed/2bath & 1bed/1bath #18255 - USD\$1.795M</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>Developers 2.5 acres 325' Ocean underground electric. Must see. #19879 - \$799,900K</p>	<p>NEW REDUCED</p> <p>Sandy Feet - Beautiful 3B/2B Ocean Front home w/ private dock slip. #18923 - \$739K</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>Ridgeview 4B/2.5B designer built 2.8 Acre home in Sunrise Bay. Must see #19221 - \$699K</p>	<p>REDUCED</p> <p>Sea to Sea Estate. 3B/2B Main, 2B/1B Cottage. Beach & Dock. #18869 - USD\$3.25M</p>
<p>Great Abaco Club</p> <p>Sea View - 3B/2.5B, Great views of Hope Town. Boat slip included. #16937 - \$525K</p>	<p>BRING OFFERS</p> <p>3B/3B never lived in home with appliances, generator, 50' yacht slip. #18632 - USD\$710K</p>	<p>Great Abaco Club</p> <p>Lea ~Sing - 2,200 sq. ft. 4B/4.5B. Gated community, 50' dockage. #15664 - USD\$875K</p>	<p>Pelican Shores</p> <p>Fanny Bay - 3B/2B with 230' on water awesome views, must see. #17197 - \$650K</p>	<p>ADJACENT TO #15946</p> <p>GAC Lot #29 - Gated Community Grouper Therapy - 4B/4B, 50' +/- secure deepwater dockage. 7ton lift, 60' protected yacht slip. #17435 - USD\$295K</p>	<p>Great Abaco Club</p> <p>Coral Point Villa - 2,250 s.f. 3B/3B 170' Waterfront 1+ acre. #17857 - \$750K</p>
<p>REDUCED</p> <p>Triplex - 3250 s.f. 2B/1.5B, 2B/1.B, 1B/1B, 14,000 s.f. fenced lot #18174 - \$370K</p>	<p>Eastern Shores</p> <p>Even Tide / Low Tide - 3B/3B rental history, turn key, waterfront. #14322 - USD\$975K</p>	<p>Eastern Shores</p> <p>Sur La Mer - 2B/2B + bonus room Rental history. 130' Sea of Abaco. #15269 - USD\$700K</p>	<p>Eastern Shores</p> <p>1 acre Sea to Sea - 3B/3B + Guest Cottage & Garage. Rental history #17759 - \$1.15M</p>	<p>Marsh Harbour</p> <p>Below appraisal - 2B/2B + 2 bonus rooms easy duplex conversion. #15783 - \$210K</p>	<p>Great Cistern</p> <p>Coral Point Villa - 2,250 s.f. 3B/3B 170' Waterfront 1+ acre. #17857 - \$750K</p>
<p>NEW</p> <p>Sunrise Bay "awesome views" Hilltop Lot 3 w/ private boat slip. #19565 - \$242K</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>Joes Creek/ Leisure Lee Lot 4 28,000 sq. ft. 100' beachfront. #19601 - \$199K</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>Next to Winding Bay - "BIG CAVE" 11.4 Oceanfront acres. #19532 - \$595K</p>	<p>NEW REDUCED</p> <p>Waterfront Lot 101 Dolphin Beach Estates "Great Buy" 2B/2B 2150sf duplex ready to finish. #19052 - \$175K</p>	<p>OPPORTUNITY HURRY!</p> <p>BELOW APPRAISAL Central Pines 2B/2B 2150sf duplex ready to finish. #18175 - \$80K</p>	<p>FOR ADDITIONAL LISTINGS LOTS & ACREAGE LEASES & RENTALS PLEASE SEE SECTION B PAGE 5</p>

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Student of the Year Nominees

Berneisha Davis



Her school where she is involved in the K-Kids and Discovery Clubs.

She attends Zion Baptist Cathedral where she is involved in the youth group, youth choir and praise dance team. She participates in the church service sometimes where she gives the welcome address, performs skits and recites poems.

Her hobbies include reading, public speaking and taking pictures. She describes herself as being the best speaker at her school and church having won numerous speech competitions.

Even though she is very active in her school and church, Berneisha is a very humble child who is very committed to achieving excellence and making her family proud. She is very passionate about her education and doesn't allow her friends to talk her into engaging in any behavior that can put her prefect badge or grades in danger.

She would like to become a pediatrician when she completes high school and college. Her Grade Point Average is 3.90. She is daughter of Lydia Curry and the late Bersol Davis. She lives in Murphy Town with her mother.

Malia Sweeting



Malia Sweeting is a 10 year old Grade 6 student of St. Francis de Sales Catholic School and was nominated as their

student of the year because of her excellence in academics and being a good role model to her fellow classmates. Malia loves swimming, sailing, drawing, writing and playing softball.

She is a part of the Hope Town Junior Sailing Club, St. James Methodist Church Junior Praise Team and a member of a group she and a friend started to keep the Hope Town Ball Field clean.

She takes part in Softball Sundays at her church and loves acting at school. Hence, she plans to become an actress when she completes her formal education.

She loves math and creative writing. Malia's teacher, Mrs. Olive Simon, describes her as being a very encouraging student, one who tries her best to achieve high standards. She is a very focused student who stays on task, well-spoken, cooperative and not being afraid of a challenge.

She recently returned from New Providence where she took part in the Arch Diocesan's Spelling Bee where she placed fifth out of eighteen students. She will also be competing in the Math and General Knowledge Competitions later this school year.

Her classmates describe her as being smart, determined, goal-oriented, a good friend, funny, trustworthy, kind, creative and very pleasant to be around. She is the Head Girl which supports her classmates' view that she is a leader and not a follower.

Principal Josephine Kumar stated that parental support is essential to a child's success and Malia has that. She is the second sibling to be named student of the year as her sister Chloe was bestowed the same honor while there.

Malia has a 3.8 Grade Point Average and is the daughter of proud parents Jamie and Johnathan Sweeting.

Kenedee Romer

Kenedee Romer is a beautiful, humble, and peaceful person. She is a well-behaved, hard-working student who has earned Bible Memory and Behaviour Honour Roll awards since grade one when she joined the Agape Christian School family.

She has maintained a 94% GPA or above annually from grade one so she re-



ceived the Super Honour Roll Award. She won the grade one inter-school spelling bee and has represented her school well over the years in this compe-

tion.

This young woman has competed in art, science, religious studies and poetry competitions, winning several and continues to demonstrate a Godly character.

The Agape Christian School family are proud to announce Kenedee Romer, their primary school head prefect, as the one to represent their school family at the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation activities in New Providence for 2014.

Brittany Weatherford

Brittany Weatherford is the nominee for Primary Student of the Year from Man-O-War Primary School. She is the daughter of William and Cindy Weatherford.

Brittany is a talented and accomplished sixth grader. Brittany works hard to excel in academics as evidenced by her 98.51 average last school year. She has been on the Honor Roll throughout grades one through six.



She has participated in various extracurricular activities including Spelling Bees, General Knowledge Competitions, and winning science fair projects.

Her writing has been published in Abaco Life magazine and The Abaconian newspaper. She is an accomplished vocalist and often sings in community and church programs.

Last school year, she was the vice-president of the school eco-committee. This committee led their school in activities that allowed them to attain the prestigious Green Flag Status.

Brittany has plans for future academic pursuits. She looks forward to attending college.

Deshawn McKinney



Deshawn McKinney was born on May 10, 2001. He is currently a sixth grade student at Crossing Rocks Primary School. He grew up in this quaint

community located in south Abaco which he described as exciting yet challenging.

He enjoys spending his afternoons with his peers riding bikes throughout the community. Most of his family including his mother and siblings live in Crossing Rocks. Despite its small population of about 200 people, this is home to Deshawn. However, it can be a challenge because there are very few extracurricular

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School & Youth News

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activities offered outside of school.

For the most part, he spends a lot of time in church, participating in various church events such as the youth choir and is very active in Sunday school.

In 2012, Deshawn's father died which was a very tragic time for him; leaving a serious emotional impact. He expected his father to be there to watch him grow up to become a productive citizen and to see him succeed throughout his educational journey; but God had other plans. He knows that if his dad was still alive today that he would be one of his biggest supporters and would have been elated to see him nominated for such a prestigious award.

Deshawn was always told by his teacher that success is a journey and not a destination. He is now turning a new page in his book of life and looks forward to accomplishing even more of his goals.

He enjoys running, spelling, dancing and singing. He plans to become a pilot upon completion of his formal education.

He would like to thank his teacher, Mrs. Simone Pinder, for her dedication, hard work and positive influence she has had on his outlook towards education. Her stern discipline and genuine interest in his education has motivated him to change his attitude.

Abaco Central High School placed first in the 16th Visual Arts Exhibition in Nassau



Art Teacher Stacia Pitt with her students, Mario Murphy & Jason Luis. Mario & Jason received trophies for Abaco Central High School's first place in the 16th Visual Arts Exhibition, Family Islands category.

By Mirella Santillo

Art Teacher, Stacia Pitt, returned from Nassau on February 14 with two of her students, Mario Murphy and Jason Louis holding trophies received for Abaco Central High School's first place in the 16th Visual Arts Exhibition, Family Islands category.

The trio who represented Abaco Central High School and their art class, attended the award ceremony that took place on February 13 at the Mall of Marathon, New Providence.

Ms. Pitt's class had participated in twenty four arts and crafts categories including drawing, painting, calligraphy, textile, weaving, shell crafts and photography among others, sending the students work to Nassau on the Mail Boat "Legacy" to be entered in the competition.

The art show put together by the Department of Education, was exhibited at the mall of Marathon for the public to see.

Ms. Pitt's class is a very industrious one, with students experimenting in many media.

Its success in Nassau followed another first place award received at the end of January by Levaughn Forbes who received the Bahamas National Trust Fund award for his video "Pictures of Abaco Backyards" entered in the Arts for the Parks Exhibition.

Eight New Providence schools and four Family Islands schools participated in The 16th Visual Arts Exhibition, under the theme "Exploring the wonders of Art and Design". The event was sponsored by RBC FINCO.

Cosmetology Classes offered at Abaco Central High School

By Mirella Santillo

As of September 2013, Cosmetology Classes have been offered at Abaco Central High School. The teacher, a volunteer native of Freeport, Charmaine Davis, has been instructing up to now a class of nineteen female students on how to do facials and manicures.

The instruction first covered theory, history, ethics, sanitation and sterilization as well as practice.

Participation in shows and running a beauty salon as a business are also part of what the young ladies will learn during the three year program.

Their first initiation was to enter a hair show, "Hair mania," in November 2013. The all class participated, styling and modelling. Four students also competed in a

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NEW Guana Cay DolpBch Est. #19052 10919 s.f. watrfrnt Lot 101 \$189K
Guana Cay #14957 Orchid Bay Ctg Lot #4 80' waterfront. \$245K
REDUCED Guana Cay #13432 Fishers Bay Lots 28 & 28B 94' waterfront. \$275K
REDUCED Guana Cay #12378 10,432 s.f. lot dual views. \$75K
Orchid Bay Village #18493 Lot V19 7,061 s.f. beach access B\$69k
Tilloo Cay #19248 2.713 Sea-to-Sea acreage w/ dock & elev \$575K
Tilloo Cay #14845 47, 48 & 49 offered as ONE parcel 35,750+ s.f. \$299k
REDUCED Tilloo #15264 Lot 19 wtrfrnt. elec avail. 13,050 s.f. lot. \$137K
NEW Guana Cay Susan's Cove #19991 13,290 sq. ft. Lot 10A 45' elev. \$89,000
NEW Guana Cay Susan's Cove #19992 8,816 sq. ft. Lot 10B 40' elev. \$69,000

MARSH HARBOUR AREA
NEW Sunrise Bay #19565 Hilltop Lot 3 great views/includes boat slip \$242,000.
NEW Pelican Shores #19511 Lot 4 3/4 acre dock, elect/wtr. nxt to Jib Rm \$549K
Govt. Sub 2 - #18081/#18079 10,125 sq.ft. Lot 92 & 93 \$54K Each
Great Abaco Club #17435 Lot #29 Gated, 50'+/- deepwater dockage. \$295K
Great Cistem #16230 Comer Lot 106' elevwaterfrmt 14,248 sq. ft. \$115K
Murphy Town Call for info TWO 80'X90' adjacent lots \$23,400 ech
Marsh Harbour #13123 2.05 acres adjacent Maxwell. \$195K
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Royal Harbour #17434 Lot #12 Waterfront Lot. Great Buy \$140K
REDUCED Stede Bonnet Rd. # 19306 Residential Lot 8,125 s.f. lot. \$50K
REDUCED Stede Bonnet Rd. #19305 Elev. 9,425 s.f. lot util. avail. \$65K
Sunrise Bay #18049 18,371 sq. ft. Lot 32 \$295K
Sunrise Bay #17839 Lot 4 hillside, views, only 70' to beach \$187K
REDUCED Sunrise Bay #18068 Lot 12 13,226 s.f. lot. \$199K

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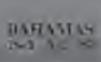
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NEW Long Beach # 19491 Lot 217 Interior "great buy" \$39,500K
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NEW Yellow Wd # 19532 11.4 acres Oceanfront next to Winding Bay \$595k
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REDUCED Long Beach #15957 Lot 315 Vacant Corner Lot \$35K.
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NEW Joe's Creek #19601 Beachfront Lot 4 1/2+ acre 100' beach \$199K
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Leisure Lee call for info Interior Lot 22 10,000 s.f. lot. \$45K
Treasure Cay call for info Lot 44 Blk 167 multi-family \$45K
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REDUCED T. Cay #13227 Lot 9 Block 190 Interior Lot, canal views. \$53K
REDUCED T. Cay #13230 Comm.lot adjacent school 9.4 acres \$169K
Treasure Cay call for info Lot 78 Block 1 Sect 1. 10,000 s.f. lot. \$59,900
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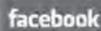
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Olympic Gold Medalist visits Abaco to promote the AAF Bahamas World Relays



Above: Davis-Thompson with MP Curry, Mr. Morley and other officials during her visit to Abaco.

Olympic From Page 1

& Field, I just loved it. Once you cross the line you are a winner.” Mrs. Davis-Thompson topped her athletic career with two gold medals in the 200m and in the 4x100m relay in Sydney in 2000.

Getting back to the point of her visit, she talked about the scheduled world relays event to which over forty countries have pledged participation, including Jamaica and Kenya.

The most renowned world Track & Field athletes will compete in the 4x100m, 4x200m, 4x400m, 4x800m and 4x1500m.

Family islands will have an opportunity to participate in two categories: one lane, one island and in a high school category. High school students are invited to go to Nassau on May 9-10 to participate in trials that will qualify the top eight to enter the May 24-25 event.

During a short courtesy visit to North Abaco Member of Parliament Renardo Curry, Mrs. Davis-Thompson reiterated

the information she had given on the television network. She explained that The Bahamas was particularly lucky to have been chosen to host the tournament as countries such as Brazil, Dubai and Qatar had been considered as a venue.

Mr. Curry expressed his hope that Abaco will be represented but that the island is waiting for a gymnasium in order for the athletes to train at home. Mrs. Davis-Thompson mentioned that a big green space would be as good as a track for the athletes to train, explaining that it was how Jamaicans trained.

She ended her comments by saying that she “would like to see the country become a power-house in sports as practicing sports was a way to learn determination and discipline and to build a strong character, qualities needed in adult life to become productive citizens.”

During her meeting with the resorts managers, Eugene Martin in Winding Bay and Stephen Kappeler in Treasure Cay, Mrs. Davis-Thompson offered them the opportunity to put together packages

through the Ministry of Tourism to attract the visitors attending the competition, before or after the event.

Visits to four schools were on the agenda. In each school, except for Abaco Central High School where a whole assembly welcomed the Gold Medalist, a group of students from the higher grades assembled to listen to Mrs. Davis-Thompson’s presentation. Everywhere she was greeted with cheers and applause.

At St Francis de Sales, students lined up for her autograph. At Agape Christian School, known more for its winning Basketball program rather than Track & Field, a few students promised to try for the event. So did kids at SC Bootle High School and at Abaco Central High School. She mesmerized them with her enthusiasm and the way she made them feel that they could be part of that great athletic happening.

She had brought with her a baton sculpted in Lignum Vitae by artist Antonius Roberts and after passing it to all the students to hold for good luck, she had four students in each school act out a relay start-up with the symbolic baton that will be given to the IAAF President, Lamine Diack, to keep in a museum.

The Treasure Cay tour ended with a lunch of fresh fish at the Coco Bar, compliments of the Treasure Cay Hotel Resort and Marina.

This is a first time event for The Bahamas which, if successful, could determine the possibility of further international sporting events held in our country, placing The Bahamas as an international sports tourism destination in our region of the world.



Above: The gold medalist signing autographs during her visit to St. Francis de Sales.

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Abaco Darts Association wins 2014 Gold Cup Tournament

By Mirella Santillo

The Abaco Darts Team traveled to Freeport, Grand Bahama during the weekend of February 6-7 to participate in the annual Gold Cup Championship, coming back once more with the Cup.

Fourteen members of the Abaco Darts Association, including the team captain Roscoe Thompson, participated with the women playing the principal role in winning the cup.

Angela Russell won the women's single and teamed with Faith Sawyer to win the women's double against fellow Abacoians Lakeisha Albury and Lenora Pinder.

Top Abaco player Robin Albury placed second in the men's single, taking the second place also in the men's double with partner Shane Sawyer.

Robin Albury and Lakeisha Albury partnered in the mix double, placing second in that category.

It was an intense weekend during which teams from four islands, Abaco, Grand Bahama, New Providence and Eleuthera competed. The tournament took place at the Grand Bahama Taxi Union Hall from 6:00pm to approximately 12:30am on Friday and from 10:00am on Saturday to the early morning of February 8, with the last men's single event ending at 1:00am.

The Abaco team is preparing for its participation in the Caribbean Cup Tournament to be held in Tampa in July.

Local Masters competition will be held the first weekend of March to determine who will participate in the National Masters taking place in Nassau in April. That weekend, the top ten Abaco men and the top five women will try to secure a place in the National Team that will travel to Florida in July.

Lions win S.C. Bootle Track & Field Competition



Above: students take their places on a make-shift field for SC Bootle's Inter-House Track & Field Day.

Press Release

S. C. Bootle High School held their Inter-House Track and Field Competition on the softball field in Cooper's Town recently. The four "Big Cat" Houses - Cougars, Panthers, Tigers and Lions - took to the field for their annual epic battle, and what a battle it was!

In the end, the Lions House won the war.

"Congratulations to you, Lions, and to the remaining three houses - next year

is only 11 months away," Principal Huel Moss exclaimed. "Thanks to the community volunteers, parents and friends of the school who assisted and showed support.

"Under the circumstances of not having a proper track and field facility, the student athletes performed admirably."

The final scores were: 768 points for the Lions; Tigers, 760; Panthers, 647; and Cougars, 596.

"Congratulations; a job well done by all," Moss praised.

Falcons sweep Wildhaws

By Timothy Roberts

The Green Turtle Cay Falcons swept the Marsh Harbour Wildhaws in flag football competition on Saturday, February 15 in both Junior and Senior Division play putting them at the top in both divisions as the regular season nears completion.

In Junior Division games the Wildhaws took on the Falcons twice on the day. In the first game the Falcons took the

early lead off a couple of turnovers but the Wildhaws battled back outscoring the Falcons in the second half. The late surge wasn't enough; however, and the Falcons took the first contest 34 to 25.

In the second game the Falcons took to the air and scored on multiple deep strikes. After taking the lead they never looked back and their defense held the Wildhaws to one score, winning 33 to 6.

In the Senior Division the Falcons kept the pressure on and after taking the lead held on to secure a win against the persistent Wildhaws who battled back in the hotly contested game. Green Turtle Cay emerged victorious in the end with a score of 38 to 25.

A full slate of games will be played at New Vision Ministries Sports Field on Saturday, February 22 beginning at 9am featuring both Junior and Senior teams from Green Turtle Cay, Man-O-War and Marsh Harbour. This week the playoff picture hangs in the balance.

Arawaks win Abaco Central Inter-House Sports Day

By Mirella Santillo

A blue label on the floating trophy will bear the name of the Arawaks, winners of the Abaco Central High School inter-house sports competition for 2014 with 963 points. The Tainos came second with 900 points, followed by the Lucayans with 865 and the Caribs with 804. It was one of the closest races in the history of ACH, demonstrating the competitive level of the students in sports activities.

The whole school gathered at the Murphy Town Park on February 6 and 7 to watch and support the members of the high school's four houses competing against each other in Track & Field events.

Sitting under a tent placed in front of the finish line, teachers acted as time keepers, judges and recorders, while other faculty members supervised the fields events, measuring the jumps or the distance of the discus, javelin or shot put throws.

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Most of the long races such, as the 3000m open females and 1500m in the three age categories (under 15, under 17 and under 20) as well as the heats for the 100m, 200m and 400m were held on the first day. Destiny Seymour, representing the Caribs, placed first in the 3000m, the 800m, 400m and the 4x400m relay.

A Lucayan, Woodley Jean, came first in the 5000m race which started the Friday events. Woodley's brother, Johnson Jean, placed second. Triple Jump finals for the under 15 males and under 20 females were being held behind the soccer field. Long Jump for males and females under 17, as well as Discus, Javelin and Shot Put for

males and females in the three age categories occupied all of the morning and part of the afternoon.

The track events 100m, 200m, 800m and the 3000m for males under 15 and 17 took place simultaneously with the field events, ending up with a 75m teachers' race. It was won by Ms. Major with Ms. Deveaux placing second in the female category. The first place went to Mr. Young in the male category; he was followed by Mr. Longley.

No track event is complete without relay. The fair weather that had blessed the beginning of the sports competition unfortunately did not last until the end of the event and it is under the rain that the athletes, males and females in all age categories,

ran the 4x400m relay race.

All the contestants did their best to have their house come ahead, but Coach Brown distinguished a group of boys and girls who strived harder.

Here is her list of the most outstanding athletes for the ACH Inter-House Sports Day 2014:

Arawak Dremika McIntosh, Arawak Kavantia Reckley, Carib Kadisha Reckley, Arawak Marvinique Dean, Carib Destiny Seymour, Taino Shaquil Newton, Arawak Desmondo Bootle, Arawak Devonte Arthur, Arawak Vesley Cireus, Arawak Isaiah Seymour, and Taino Melchizedek Brice.

Falcons overcome tough competition

By Timothy Roberts

The Green Turtle Cay Falcons swept yet another slate of weekend games overcoming stiff competition from Marsh Harbour and Man-O-War in Abaco Youth Football Association (AYFA) flag football action on February 22.

With the playoff picture nearly set the Falcons are keeping the edge over the com-

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Above: the Most Outstanding Athletes from Abaco Central High's Inter-House Sports Day. The Arawak Team took first this year amid stiff competition.



Above: A Wildhawk player runs against the Falcon defense. Photo by Tuppy Weatherford.



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petition to be the top seed in the AYFA Flag Football Championship game winning all of their games at New Vision Ministries' sports field.

In Junior Division action the Marsh Harbour Wildhaws competed fiercely in back to back games against the Makos and Falcons.

The Makos battled hard and tied the game by half-time, but an interception late in the second half secured the win for the Wildhaws with a final score of 40 to 32.

In the second game the Falcons took the early lead and despite a valiant effort in the second half of the game they were able to keep lead winning over the Wildhaws by one point with the final score of 33 to 32.

The Falcons weren't done winning for the day, but it wouldn't come easy as the Makos kept fought hard in a back and

forth game. The Falcons would outlast the Makos in the end winning by a touchdown; 42 to 36. The Falcons remain undefeated in the junior Division.

The Senior Division also saw a tense game as the Falcons battled with the Wildhaws in a nail-bitter of a game. The Wildhaws got the ball with last that a minute left in the game and drove the ball down the field but came up shy losing 31 to 30 to the Falcons.

One more weekend of games remains on March 8 and will take place at Treasure Cay Primary School's field on S. C. Bootle Highway.

The Playoff games and Championship games will be held for both divisions on Saturday, March 22 and Murphy Town field, where the first Champion of Abaco Youth Football Association Flag Football League will be crowned in both the Junior and Senior Divisions.

RC Laser Regatta double dips at Snappas

Press Release

Round 5 of the RC Laser Tour of Abaco returned to Snappas for a second event. It was a warm summer day in the middle of winter. A light south off-shore wind was forecasted and the racers started off that way, but the races were soon postponed after a brief rain shower.

The wind that had been present was drawn away by the passing showers and then shifted more to the west, and then back to the south, and then back to the west and finally ended up out of the northeast, so officials called it a day after 7 races.

Anders Ljungholm got off to a quick start winning the first race. Brandon Sands

had a great showing, recording three 2nds and finished 3rd overall after his second radio controlled regatta. But Jim Kaighin won 5 of the 7 races to win the day.

The group thanked Snappas for welcoming them to use their facilities. Also, thanks went to Harbour View Marina for the use of their dock.

Ylva Ljungholm manned the countdown clock and took the pictures, while Lenore Mulock kept racers on their toes and kept the starts clean; thanks Lenore and Ylva.

They are looking forward to returning to Little Harbour March 22. Also on the calendar is the 24th Annual Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta April 5-6. The headquarters will be Snappas. Sunfish and Optimist classes will be racing.



Above: RC racers competing at Snappas.

Abaco Youth Football Association - Week 7 Standings

Junior Division				Senior Division			
Team	Win	Loss	Pct.	Team	Win	Loss	Pct.
FALCONS	7	0	1.00	FALCONS	5	3	.625
WILDHAWGS	6	4	.625	WILDHAWGS	4	4	.500
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Above: Abaco Youth Football Association final standings going into the playoffs.

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School & Youth News

K-Kids crown king and queen at Cinderella Affair



Above: Queen Quintesha Bonamy and King is Frenel Meronvil.

By Samantha Evans

On Saturday evening February 15, 2014, K-Kids held a Valentine's event under the theme "A Grand Cinderella Affair." The event was held at Mangoes Restaurant from 7pm to 9:30pm. The females were all dressed in Cinderella Ball Gowns and the males nicely dressed in their three piece suits.

At the event the students had an etiquette course hosted by pageant queen Cindy Hollingsworth, after which they were presented with certificates of completion and certificates of attendance at the first Cinderella Ball.

The students learned restaurant etiquette: in particular how to eat with a knife and fork, how to sit in the chair properly, how to use napkin and how males are to open chair for the females. This was a wonderful treat for the youth.

They also had a nice dinner and played games focused on character building. Door prizes were given out during this event along with many surprises. At the end of the night a king and queen were crowned.

The queen is Quintesha Bonamy and the king is Frenel Meronvil.

St. Francis wins Grade Four Spelling Bee

By Samantha Evans

The Grade Four Spelling Bee was held on Friday, February 14 at the Old Friendship Tabernacle Church in Dundas Town beginning at 10am. Twenty-five spellers representing thirteen schools were in attendance.

The event was intense from start to

finish as these young spellers all came with one goal in mind, which was to win. Seven rounds were spent on the known list of words and after the organizers realized that these students had mastered the spelling of these words, they moved to the unseen list of words which, as they suspected, heated up the competition.

After an additional seven rounds on this list of words, the top three spellers emerged. They are: Lakelle Ambrister of Central Abaco Primary School-third place, Declan Bethel of Angels Academy-second place and the winner from St. Francis de Sales Catholic School was Asiah Newbold.

All spellers were then presented with their certificates and the top three their trophies. The event was organized by Senior Education Officer of the Abaco District Education Office Felemease Sawyer.

Bahamas Institute of Business and Technology to offer degree, diploma and certificate Courses

By Samantha Evans

Bahamas Institute of Business and Technology, formerly Success Training College, began their first semester under their new name on Saturday February 8, 2014 at Abaco Central High School.

The Institute has been registered with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology to offer certificate, diploma and degree programs in New Providence, Grand Bahama, Central Abaco and Eleuthera.

The programs offered are as follows: Certificates in Business and Computer, Diplomas in Business and Computer, and Associate Degrees. The business diploma programs include Business Administration, Economics, Hospitality Management, Office Management, Human Resources Management and Travel Management. The computer diploma programs include Office Application, Automation Science, Networking, Website Administration, Web Page Management, Internet Systems Management, Graphics Communication and Networking.

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Interested persons can contact Enid White at 475-2957 or Sharon Rolle, Program Coordinator, at 225-7162 to register for any of the above listed programs.

Crossing Rocks School News



Above: a few Crossing Rocks students are shown with BNT representatives and the school principal.

By Samantha Evans

Crossing Rocks Primary School has had many success stories over the past several years under the leadership of Mrs. Simone Pinder and this school year is no different.

Student, Deshawn McKinney, placed third in the Abaco District Religious Knowledge Speech Competition 2013. The school also got a generous donation of laptops from Rhonda L. C. Hull which was a welcome Christmas gift for the school.

Crossing Rocks Primary placed first in The Bahamas National Trust Video Competition and was third place National Winner for dance in the National Arts Festival 2013.

The students of this fine school in the south have also been taking part in all Spelling Bees that have been held in the district to date and have done very well. They represented their school with pride and performed commendably.

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School & Youth News

Seventh grader from S. C. Bootle High wins District Spelling Bee

By Samantha Evans

Fourteen students from grades 7 and 8 took part in the District Spelling Bee held at the Old Friendship Tabernacle Church in Dundas Town on Friday morning February 7 at 10am. The winner of this event will join other stellar spellers from across The Bahamas to compete for the coveted title of National Spelling Bee Champion.

Once the competition began, it went by quickly as a new format was being used this year. All of the words the students were given came from an unseen list of words which forced them to utilize their spelling skills even more.

After only three rounds of spelling the winner emerged from S.C. Bootle High School, leaving three students to battle for second and third place.

After the eighth round ended, the other top two spellers from Abaco Central High and St. Francis de Sales emerged, taking the second and third place spots.

In third place was Duane Johnson a Grade 8 student from St. Francis de Sales Catholic School. In second place was Kerishanna Sands a Grade 8 student from Abaco Central High School and the winner, Kaitlyn Russell, is a Grade 7 student from S. C. Bootle High School.

The winner was a very poised speller who has been competing in these competitions for years. Congratulations were extended to the winner and her school family for a job well done as she prepares to travel to New Providence for the National Spelling Bee on March 16.

Her coach was Mrs. Kawalram. The event was organized by Education Officer Felemease Sawyer. The judges were Samantha V. Evans (head judge), Eunice Mills, and Mr. Flowers from the Office of the Prime Minister Abaco District.

S. C. Bootle High School holds health/fun walk



Above: students walking from Blackwood to Cooper's Town.

Press Release

Walking the five plus miles from Blackwood to the school in Cooper's Town is slowly becoming an annual pilgrimage at S. C. Bootle High School, according to Principal Huel Moss.

Once again, teachers, security officers, janitresses, students, parents and

friends of the school, took to the highway for the trek. Moss explained that some of the participants accompany them on the walk for exercise and health purposes, while others do it to socialize and bond.

"Whatever the reason, it was a fun time for all," Moss exclaimed.

CAPS held Annual Picnic on the Lawn



Above: A family enjoying lunch together at Central Abaco Primary's Picnic on the Lawn.

By Samantha Evans

February has been observed as Parent Month at Central Abaco Primary School. The month has been packed with activities to get parents more involved in their child's educational life. The parents were treated to breakfast on February 10 and on this same day fathers were invited to bring their children to school.

On Friday February 14, the school's annual "Picnic on the Lawn" was held which was huge. This was the third year this picnic was held with this year being the biggest it has ever been. Parents came out in abundance to eat lunch with their

children.

The lawn and pavilion were filled with parents and children having a picnic style lunch. It was a beautiful sight to behold. The day was so well attended that Principal Beatrice Moxey extended the lunch time to accommodate parents. Lunch was even prepared for the teachers and staff by Mr. and Mrs. Ronés Telus.

This couple also fed children whose parents were unable to attend, until they ran out of food. Parents and teachers were encouraged to wear red and white on this day which they did.

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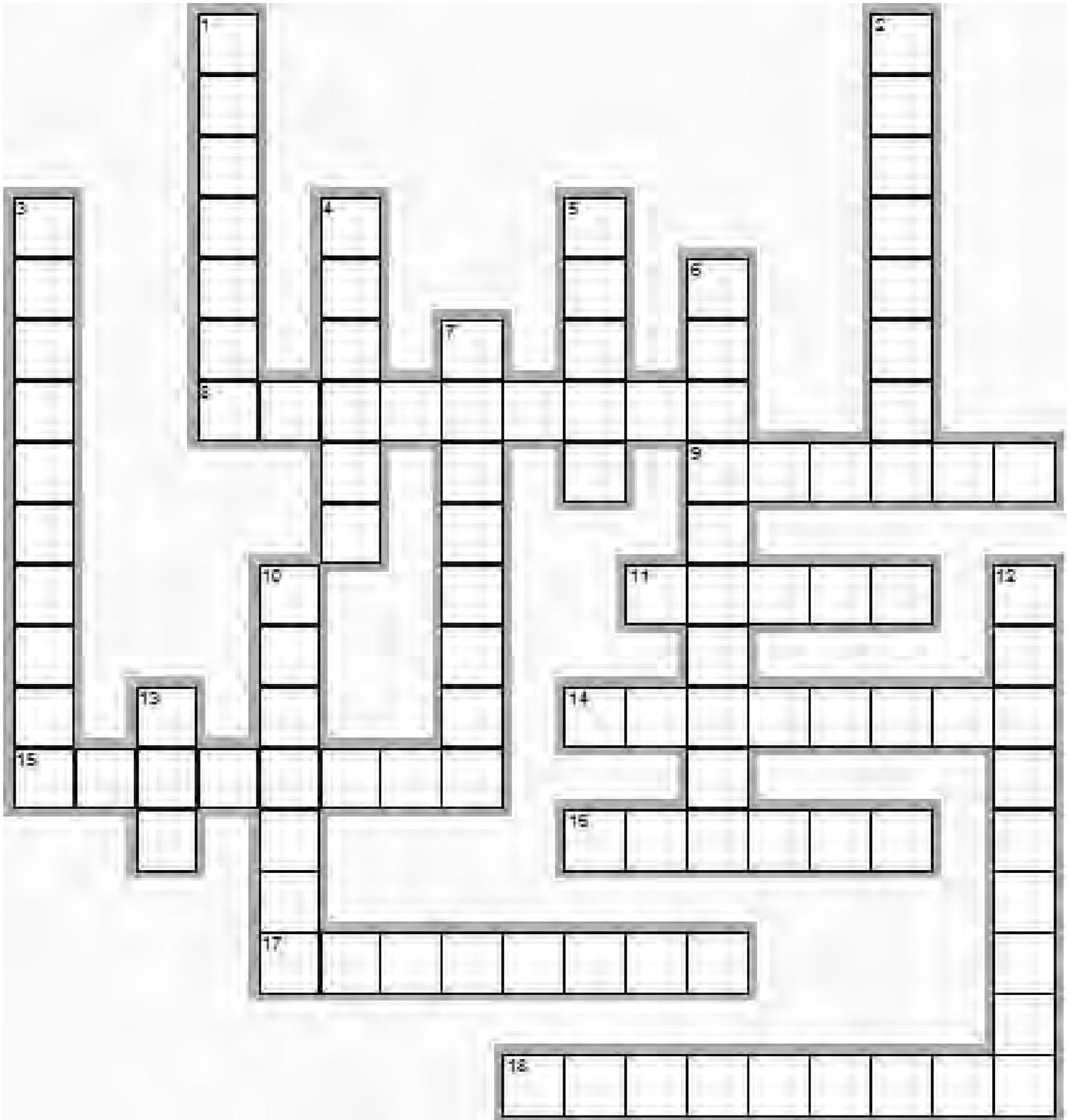
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Across

- 8. Long-necked dinosaurs
- 9. Customer
- 11. Horn instruments
- 14. 1,000 bytes.
- 15. Junkanoo drums.
- 16. Nurse, Lemon, Bull, etc.
- 17. This echinoderm move using tubed feet and can regenerate lost arms.
- 18. Nearest Sprial Galaxy to th Milky Way

Down

- 1. Beaks and tentacles.
- 2. Bahamians would "run" this during the American Civil War.
- 3. German theoretical

physicist and one of the key creators of quantum mechanics; The alias of a certain popular tv character who works in chemistry.

- 4. cirrus, stratus, etc.
- 5. This "Jack" used to fly over Bahamian soil.
- 6. The bark from this plant is used in some flavoured liquers.
- 7. This Abaco Studio & Foundry was recently awarded a major contract to cast a stature of Sir Lynden Pindling.
- 10. summer, winter, spring & fall.
- 12. Location of Glass Window Bridge
- 13. Crazy

Feb 15 Answers

Across

- 2. LOGGING—Pine tree industry
- 4. PASSPORT—Stamped during travel
- 5. TASK—Job
- 8. SUN—Closest Star
- 9. FAMILY—Brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, etc.
- 12. SANTIAGO—Chile capitol.
- 14. HERITAGE—Culture derived from history

Down

- 1. IGUANA—Large native lizard
- 3. GENUINE—Real, authentic
- 6. SOCHI—Site of 2014 Winter

Olympics

- 7. JEALOUS—Envious
- 8. SHADE—Found under trees on a bright day
- 10. LUNCH—Middle meal
- 11. JAVA—Coffee slang
- 13. TURTLE—Green, leatherback or hawksbill.



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hair show where they placed second. Mrs. Davis is planning to take them to another hair show in Orlando, in June 2014.

When the manicure program is over, hair styling will be the next discipline. The curriculum will follow the standard of "My Lady", a hairdressing magazine.

Classes are held three times per week and presently the students are getting ready to participate in a mini-hair show organized by the Scholastic Institute that will be held at the Anglican Church hall on May 29.

Abaco student shares her college experience in China

By Canishka Alexander

Pamela Smith, a 2011 graduate of Forest Heights Academy, is now attending Beijing Union University (BUU) in pursuit of a degree in International Business and Trade. Smith has already completed two years of study at BUU in addition to learning to speak and write in Mandarin.

"I can manage Mandarin, but the tone is what makes the difference," Pamela expressed. "The Chinese speak so fast, but depending on the conversation, you can tell what they are saying."

Pamela said that with all the language learning tools available there is no comparison to being in a country and learning the language firsthand. She also visits with a Chinese family and teaches English to their two sons.

BUU offers exciting extracurricular activities in addition to its various degree plans for students, and has greatly enriched the lives of international students like Pamela with peer mentoring programs, free training courses, lectures on Chinese history and culture, speech and debate competitions, and free visiting tours.

In her free time, Pamela also loves visiting China's country side, and has learned that there is no shortage of transportation i.e. taxis, trains, and subways to

arrive at her destination.

During her travels to more developed areas, she was impressed by her visits to Hong Kong; Shenzhen; the Great Wall of China; and World Park, which features small monument of historical sites around the world like France's Eiffel Tower, Egypt's Great Pyramids, Pharaohs of Alexandria and Great Sphinx, India's Taj Mahal, Italy's Leaning Tower of Pisa, and the Statue of Liberty.

Although there were some minimal adjustments to the Chinese culture, so far she has enjoyed the traditionally prepared Chinese food and has appreciated that the cost of living in China is not high.

On average, she spends \$40 or less a week.

"Seeing how the people live firsthand has reinforced the idea that we can live simply and that not everything is a necessity," Pamela observed.

Although she has noticed a number of differences between China and The Bahamas, she was impressed by the closeness of families and the Chinese people's way of thinking. At her university, there are approximately 30 Bahamian students, but she is the only student from Abaco.

When she first considered college, Pamela wanted to study in Florida using her partial scholarship from Abaco Pathfinders. However, she worked at the Chemist Shoppe for a brief time, and after talking with a friend, she decided to try out an experience in China.

Pamela said that, coming from a small community, she is amazed to be able to interact with people from all over the world. Nevertheless, the experience has made her more independent, and her thinking has been expanded through the realization that there is more to the world than just The Bahamas.

Pamela added that she has been given the opportunity to create networks with the diverse student body and her teachers.

"With the Bahamian Government forming closer relations with China, I am among students who have gathered firsthand experience and knows the language.

"It has been life-changing, but I plan to come back," she hurriedly added. "Home is always home; it's always there."

Despite China's great population, at no time does Pamela worry about crime.

"The Government makes the difference because there is a big difference in regard to safety in China," Pamela said. "Although China is Communist, the people are not deprived; they are happy."

"I encourage anyone if you get the experience, take it when you can," she advised.

vised.

She thanked her parents: Loretta and Harrison Pinder; her grandparents: Clio and Curtis Sands; Aunt and Uncle - Mailin and Grant Sands; and her father Earl Smith.

"I want to thank my family in general for making me into the person I am. They've given me the tools to interact with others, and to build upon them, and I appreciate them for that."

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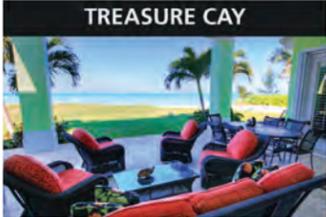
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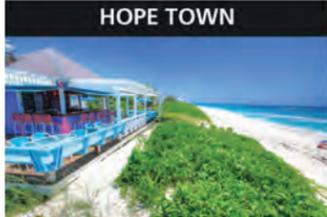


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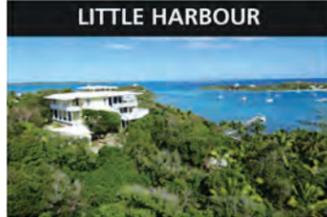
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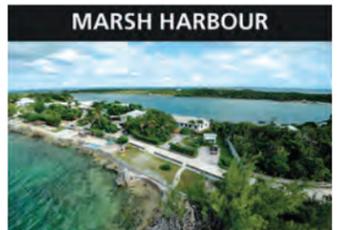
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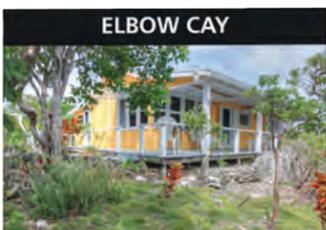
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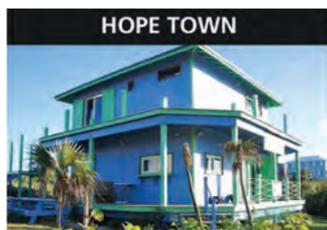
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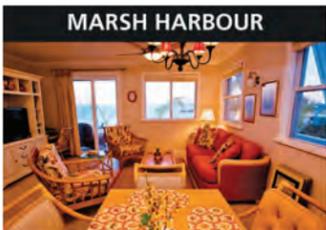
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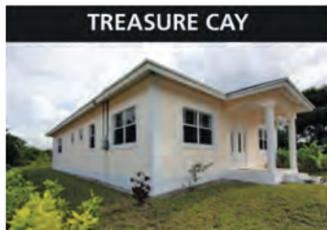
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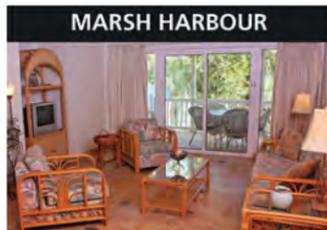
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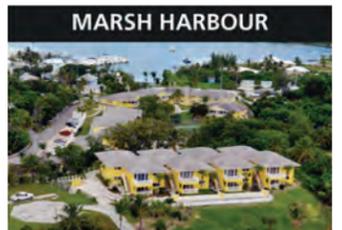
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