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Road works progressing

Above: Simmons Construction crews have been busy grading and laying black top along central Abaco's roads. After several months of delays this is a welcome sight for motorists. See page 5.

Constant oil spills at landfill threaten fresh water supply

Above: despite the contract for managing the Central Abaco Landfill expiring in November 2012, no new official management contract has been awarded; leaving the state of affairs at the Landfill up in the air. Oil spills and illegal burning are now commonplace. See page 2.

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Airport progresses, April pegged as date of "full delivery"

By Timothy Roberts

The Marsh Harbour International Airport Terminal and Control Tower have received occupancy certificates and final works are now underway that will lead to "full delivery" during April 2014 according to Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Urban Renewal Philip Brave Davis.

During his contribution in the House of Assembly on March 5 Mr. Davis said, "Work on the Marsh Harbour International Airport during this period leads me to advise that we expect full delivery during April 2014." We were unable to get further clarification from Mr. Davis before press time.

James Edgecombe, Partner in FES Construction Company, said that weather permitting they expect to complete their work by the end of March and will turn it over to the Airport Authority.

He said that the relevant agencies have completed their inspections and that both the Control Tower and Airport Terminal Building have received their Occupancy Certificates from the Ministry of Works.

He said they are presently carrying out trenching works for conduits on the south side of the terminal building. When this work is completed the tarmac will be paved. All works, weather permitting, are

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Oil spill at landfill causing concern

Above: the multimillion dollar Abaco Landfill is now little more than a dump.

By Timothy Roberts

A lack of safeguards protecting sensitive areas from environmental hazards at the Central Abaco Landfill has a number of residents concerned with the prevalence of used oil barrels spilling their contents.

It is claimed by one of the men who oversees activity at the landfill that it is happening due to the heat of the sun. He claimed that the heat from the sun cause the barrel's lids to 'pop' off and even causes them to tip over due to the metal swelling.

Presently there is no proper means of disposing of the oil and it is merely brought in barrels and left at the landfill. It is not clear what happens to the barrels of used oil after being delivered to the landfill.

One of the largest fresh water lenses in Abaco is in the same area and locals are concerned that left unchecked the continued spilling of oil could possibly contaminate the water supply.

We attempted to reach Minister of Environment and Housing, Ken Dorsett but up to press time had received no response on these concerns.

Marsh Harbour Reef Ball entertains, raises money

Above: Wynsome Ferguson, Friends of the Environment President, thanks the crowd at the Jib Room.

The second, and final, Reef Ball of the year was held at Marsh Harbour Marina & Jib Room. The event, complete with a silent auction, a live auction and a soulful performance by local band, "Suppa Time," entertained the crowd while raising money for the educational charity – Friends of the Environment.

According to FRIENDS Executive Kristin Williams, Friends of the Environment has provided over 10,000 education

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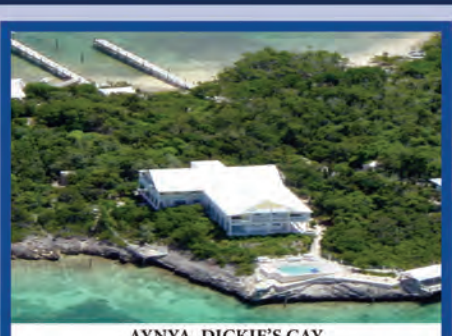

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Fire aboard barge off coast of Abaco

By Timothy Roberts

In a statement from the office of the Ministry of Transport and Aviation it was revealed that there was a fire aboard a 730 foot triple deck barge fully laden with a variety of containerized cargo that was en route to Puerto Rico from Jacksonville, Florida on Thursday, March 6 which was subsequently extinguished with the help of Svitzer Salvage and the US Coast Guard.

At about 2pm on Thursday, the Port Department received a call from the Royal Bahamas Defense Force stating that the barge, which was being towed by a 127 foot tugboat named "Patriarch", was on fire. Both the barge and the tug are owned by Crowley Shipping Company.

Three salvage/firefighting tugboats from Svitzer Salvage and Towage and a United States Coast Guard Cutter "Robert Yered" were dispatched to the barge's location to offer assistance and monitor the situation.

In order to assist in monitoring the coastline, the crew-members and the barge, three flyovers have been conducted since the March 6 as safety precautions. Also an Emergency Operating Centre was established in Grand Bahama by Crowley to manage the situation and provide information to key Governmental departments.

The fire was brought under control on Saturday, March 8, 2014, following which representatives from Crowley requested permission for the barge to sail into Grand Bahama to conduct cleaning activities and repairs.

A meeting was held with Crowley representatives and various Local agencies inclusive of the Ministry of Transport and Aviation, the Ministry of The Environment and Housing, the Port Department, the BEST Commission and the Royal Bahamas Police Force Fire Branch, the Royal Bahamas Defence Force and the Environmental Department of the Grand Bahama Port Authority, the same afternoon at 3:00 pm with the purpose of assessing the incident and determining if it is safe for the vessel to sail into port.

A careful review was undertaken of the proposed safety measures, and it was determined that they were adequate and approval was granted by the Port Controller for the barge to sail into Freeport Harbour.

On Sunday, March 9 at approximately 10:24 a.m., the barge was safely escorted to the Grand Bahama shipyard to commence cleaning activities and repairs. Daily reports will be provided to the Ministry of Transport and Aviation and the barge will be inspected prior to departing dry-dock to ensure that it is seaworthy.

There were no injuries or environmental damage reported in this incident. Investigations are continuing into the cause of the fire, and the Captain has been requested to submit a report to the Port Controller within 48 hours of the barge's arrival in Freeport, Grand Bahama.

An incident management team, consisting of representatives from the Ministry of Transport and Aviation, the Port Department, the BEST Commission and the Department of Environment Health Services are continuing to monitor the situation to ensure that any additional follow up action required, is taken.

Road works resume

Above: Bill Simmons Construction & Heavy Equipment Company Ltd. working along Queen Elizabeth Drive. Along with recent approvals for paving, Bill Simmons Construction will also drill three drainage wells.

By Timothy Roberts

Despite a late start, road works have resumed as drivers who frequent Queen Elizabeth Drive receiving relief from steadily increasing potholes which had accrued over the past months.

Bill Simmons Construction & Heavy Equipment Company Ltd., after receiving approvals to continue with the drilling of drainage wells and re-paving works at the end of January, resumed paving on Sunday, March 2 moving quickly in completing paving on Queen Elizabeth Drive then moving on to begin paving Bay Street going toward the Crossing.

Their recent approvals also included three drainage wells to be drilled in the area of Rubis Gas Station and Abaco Hardware which according to Kino Simmons, Manager of Simmons Construction, would likely begin in early March as they awaited certain equipment in order to carry out the drilling.

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expected to be completed by month's end, including a few minor cosmetic details to on the interior of the terminal.

There is no word on when, or if, the proposed $6 million runway extension spoken of by Minister of Transport and Aviation Glenys Hanna-Martin will begin. The architectural plans for a freight building to be located west of the new terminal were presented and passed in Central Abaco Town Planning in late 2013; however, there is no word of a contract being awarded for its construction.

Urban Renewal team discusses programs during Department Heads meeting in February

By Jennifer Hudson

A general meeting was called for Heads of Government Departments by the committee of Urban Renewal Abaco 2.0 on February 26 at the Burial Society Hall in Dundas Town. Recently, the Ministry of Works and Urban Development Urban Renewal 2.0 team of Abaco joined with the Royal Bahamas Police Force Urban Renewal Team for discussions concerning a number of programs for 2014 to be delivered under one umbrella.

"The theme for this programme is 'Building strong communities by transforming lives' and we must work as a team and a community to accomplish this goal," stated W. Sgt.2483 Jocelyn Smith, Coordinator of the Abaco Urban Renewal project who asked for the full support and co-operation of government departments.

Points for discussion were:

- UR Youth and Music clubs
- UR Homework centre
- UR Soup kitchen
- UR Cleanup campaign
- UR Seniors Thanksgiving luncheon
- UR Farm and Sand Bank task

W. Sgt. Smith opened in prayer and thanked the department heads for taking the time out of their busy schedule to be present. She then introduced the Urban Renewal Abaco 2.0 team -- Assistant Manager, Sandy Bootle, Constable Kendal Clark, Ernestine Albury, Officer Boyd, and Vernita Reckley.

Each team member gave details of their particular project within the team.

-W. Sgt. Joycelyn Smith: Clean Up Campaign.

Officer Smith stated that several elderly persons have been assisted in cleaning up their yards and also with other work to their homes which they were unable to do themselves. Overgrown public areas have been cleared which were a danger and a hazard to health and derelict houses have been cleared. A weekly survey is carried out and clean ups are done twice a month in different areas. Officer Smith hopes that persons will follow up. She is also seeking assessments from other departments such as Ministry of Environmental Health and Ministry of Works.

Above: members of the Urban Renewal team

-Sandy Bootle: Assistant Manager Urban Renewal.

The Urban Renewal Centre, which is located in the Dundas Town Burial Society Hall now has five computers for the use of the children of Dundas Town and Murphy Town for their homework and projects. The children are supervised Monday to Friday from 3:30 PM to 8 PM by the team. The use of the computers for Saturdays is also being looked at as a possibility.

-Vernita Reckley: Soup Kitchen. Vernita Reckley stated that this project is targeted for the less fortunate children in the community who have no breakfast before going to school. On Mondays breakfasts are provided at Central Abaco Primary School, on Wednesdays at Abaco Central High School and on Fridays lunches are provided for the community. The Urban Renewal team and the Police are responsible for this project which includes cooking and distribution.

A Thanksgiving luncheon is provided for seniors and the Department of Social Services and the Royal Bahamas Defence Force assist in organizing this event. Sponsors from corporate Abaco are needed three months in advance of this event.

-Officer Clark and Mr Davies: Youth Club Programme. The Youth Club takes place at Central Abaco Primary school for 35 children on Wednesdays from 3 to 4:30 PM. Pastor Henfield also has a program with kids who have behavioural and social issues. Officer Clark and Mr. Davis will also be conducting the Mudd and Peas Task on May 12 -14 which involves counting and renumbering of houses and count-

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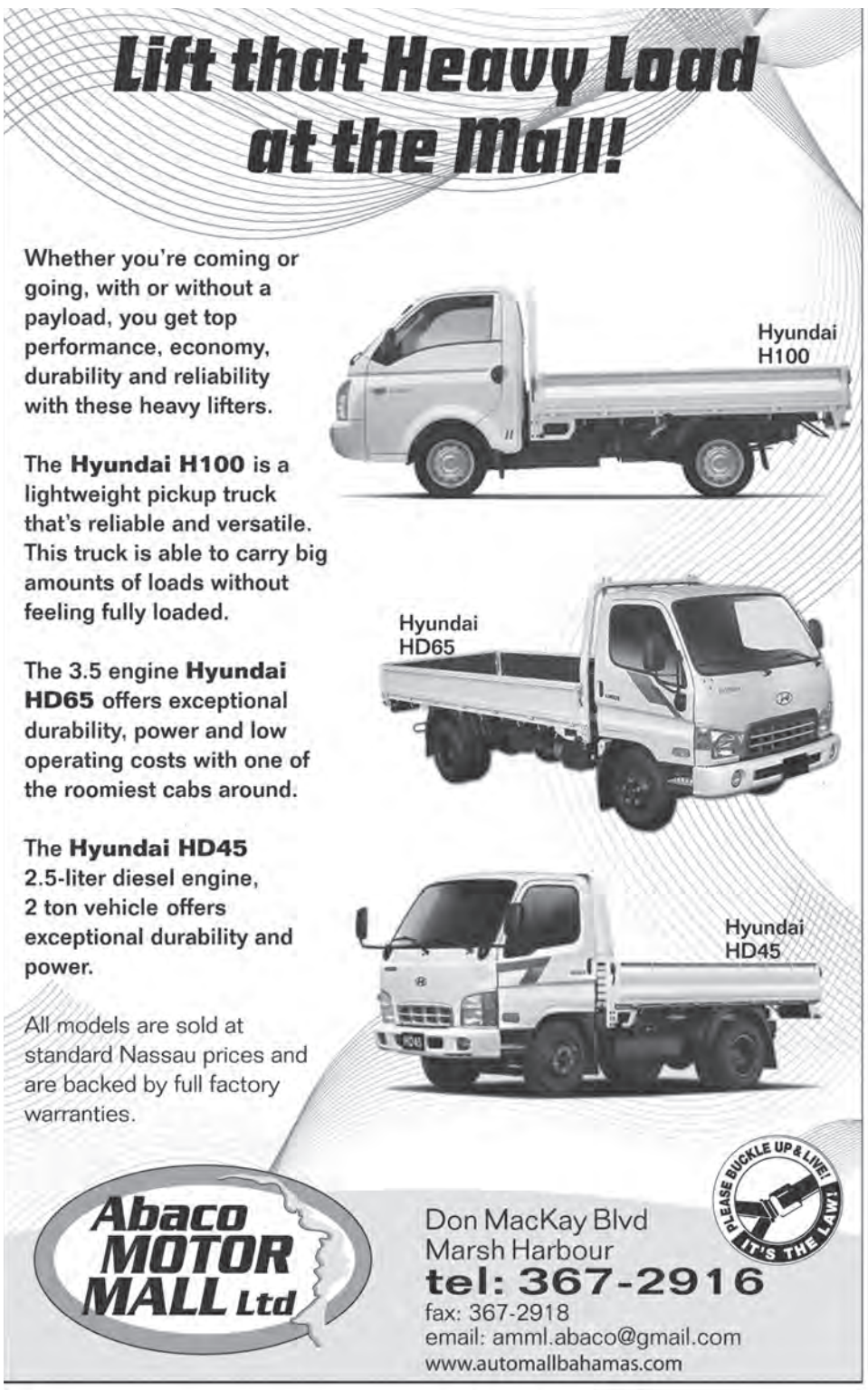

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ing how many persons are in each house.

-Ernestine Albury: Fun Day. The first Fun Day will take place on March 29. These will be held on the last Saturday of every third month at Browns Bay from 11 AM to 4 PM for children ages 6 to 12 and will include games, fun, hamburgers, hot dogs and bouncing castle.

Officer Boyd assists with Urban Renewal on Green Turtle Cay and is assisted by church pastors. They provide daily lunch for the elderly and conduct a lunch drive at Central Abaco Primary school every Friday. They are also connecting with the SC Bootle High in carrying out a school sports programme and a drill programme and physical education programme every Thursday. Officer Boyd stated that the community is very appreciative of the services delivered and all the churches are on board.

W. Sgt. Smith stated that the RENEW program which they had planned to start at the Abaco Central High school some time ago had been delayed but they hoped to start it soon with persons to assist with counselling and job training. People present were then given the opportunity to ask questions.

Officer Smith closed the meeting by saying that she believed that the Urban Renewal project can impact the building of the communities in Abaco but it is paramount that all departments be a part of this initiative.

"There is a big need and we must try to cope with this as a team. Funding, transportation and resources are urgently needed and we reach out to corporate businesses, government and the Prime Minister for assistance because we need more help on Abaco," she stated.

Lumber mill progressing toward full operation

By Timothy Roberts

After several years of planning and overcoming obstacles timber harvesting company Lindar Industries is building inventory and hoping to start providing a growing product list to the local Bahamian market by mid-April this year.

Rob Roman, principal of Lindar Industries, which has a licence to harvest timber in the Bahamas, said they are presently working to provide product for some existing sales, which is made up of flooring and bead-board. Currently they are set to fulfill about 15,000 board feet in pre-sales.

"If pre-sales are any indication of the consumer confidence we're going to have in the product, then I think things are going to go quite well," he said.

Mr. Roman said Lindar, which has six direct employees at present, has moved into production on a temporary basis. "We set up some temporary facility, we're still running that, but we're moving into a warehouse where we are going to be setting up our permanent facilities which we just have to do some renovations to," he added. The new warehouse will be located at the entrance to Snake Cay.

He said they have been somewhat hampered in their temporary location at being able to produce as much as they want but with the new facility they will have a much more streamlined operation.

Mr. Roman said that after they fulfill the current order they will begin to build their inventory as they seek to create interest in the products and provide stock to local hardware stores.

Mr. Roman said, "We're trying to do some samples for the various things we intend to make, such as crown moldings, base boards, stair treads and door casings."

Mr. Roman said they are presently doing harvesting themselves while hiring a local company to truck the lumber for them. He said they will look at hiring out harvesting of lumber in future.

Mr. Roman said they have worked closely with the Department of Forestry who suggested that Abaco was the ideal location for their operation. He said Abaco was chosen as more of the forest is located on Crown Land and it was generally seen that the trees were larger.

The venture began in 2010 and about one year later they hit a significant problem when their operation was raided by what is believed to have been scrap-metallers. The operation was robbed of over $100,000 of equipment and their future appeared to be uncertain. However, they stuck with the plan and today are poised to begin operation and write yet another chapter to Abaco's lumber mill history.

Committee member upset over no lighting at Ocean View Park

By Canishka Alexander

According to Cay Mills of the Dundas Town Committee, his efforts to restore lighting at Ocean View Park in Dundas Town on March 4 were impeded.

While Mills had a long list of complaints regarding the sea wall that was damaged in Hurricane Sandy to the fencing that was removed and garbage piled up on site, his main concern was the lack of lighting for residents to enjoy full use of the basketball court.

"The biggest thing in Dundas Town that hosts more crowds than even the political events is this here basketball court," he emphasized.

Mills explained that he had inquired about getting the lights turned on and was allegedly told by a BEC representative that he had no authority to put on any lights in Dundas Town.

"I'm putting it on for the boys to play some basketball because the lights have been off for five years, and BEC was willing to put it on today," Mills complained. "BEC was told by the Chairman of Dundas Town and Chief Councillor that I could not touch anything in Dundas Town like I came here on a boat... I do have a say in what's going on in Dundas Town, and I'm on the board in Dundas Town."

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From the Editor's Desk // Half Baked Brownie Points

I've got to say how much nicer my commute home is now. After dedicating so many columns and words to the road situation it is incredible to see, and feel, actual progress. Yes, ladies and gentleman, the roads in Central Abaco –at least the big problem areas on the main thoroughfare - are well on their way to being completely paved in blacktop.

Strike one up for the good guys.

How much did it cost? Certainty more than the $1.3 mil initially allocated for the vague "road repairs" back in January of 2013. But how much more? How much of the work done was in the initial scope of works versus contract extensions?

We don't know. And we won't know - because we the people have not demanded that our government be transparent with its business. We have no freedom of information act in our country.

Should I be complaining though? You may ask. After all this paper has made it a point that Abaconians DESERVE these new roads despite the cost (within reason) because of how much Abaco pumps into the national Treasury. Aren't we on the way to getting what we want? Shouldn't that be enough?

Yes and no.

Yes, it is fantastic when much-needed projects like the roads and <ahem> airport <ahem> are completed. It's called Nation Building and we are all in it together.

And that's where the "no" comes in. It is not enough BECAUSE we are all in it together. Including our money. And especially our children's money.

There's always going to be waste in government. If your government shows you the books at the end of the year and there's no waste then something is very, very wrong. But here's the thing: we don't even get to look at the books. Yes we are made aware of the budget, but when simple things – like even the nature of Simmons Construction's road contract – are unavailable we can't possibly hope to get an accurate picture.

The Coalition for Responsible Taxation has been learning the hard way about the lack of transparency in government as they seek out how the government exactly came to decide on VAT as our best course in this time frame. It may very well be, but we don't know because we haven't been given real numbers to work with.

Hold on now because I'm about to step into some very speculative territory. Get your tinfoil hats ready.

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The problem with the lack of transparency is that it leaves us vulnerable to political manipulation. For example, say a government wanted to legalize something. For the sake of argument let's say this thing is numbers houses and gambling.

And let's say the government cannot get a public consensus, or feels that legalizing gambling would be a very unpopular move – politically. To test the waters, in a very expensive way, they call a referendum on the subject. The referendum fails, and the government doesn't get what they want.

So the government creates a specter, a boogeyman, and let's calls that boogeyman the VAT Tax. The government swears up and down that VAT is coming, and it is coming very quickly. July 2014 in fact! You let the public get riled up against the impending boogeyman all the while hinting that it is their fault since they chose to reject the ballot that would have given the government easy money.

Imagine it is zero hour now. Private businesses are in a panic because in four short months VAT is supposed to be enacted, the government has not budged on this date, and yet next to nothing is known about how to go about preparing.

Then the kicker: government is considering legalizing numbers houses anyway, despite the referendum, and taxing them. In fact, they tell us, doing that may delay or even prevent the VAT all together!

But we have no way of knowing - we don't have the facts. Because there is no true transparency. Not in this administration and not in the administration before it. It's all a great fun game of which political party can score the most brownie points on our dime.

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Weird stuff. Purely speculative. And don't say I suggested it because that scenario sounds absolutely bonkers.

In all seriousness, though. It is time we demanded a Freedom of Information Act. We need to stop being appeased when we are thrown a bone, even if it is a year or <ahem> in the case of the airport <ahem> several years late.

If we keep awarding those who lead us with brownie points for half-baked dishes we deserve to get burned.

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- March 15: Abaco Inn Art Show
- March 15: Agape School Fair
- **March 16: Pathfinders' Fundraiser (Marsh Harbour)**
- March 17-20: NEMA Training Seminars
- March 20: Forest Heights School Play
- March 21-22: Barefoot Man Concert
- March 21-22: Jonathan Curry Basketball Tournament - North Abaco
- March 21-24: Great Abaco Family Fitness Weekend
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Letters to the Editor

A Heartfelt Thanks to BASRA

On Sunday, Feb. 16th, my intention was to gather with our new book club in Hope Town. Halfway up the sidewalk, I was looking for our group when I tripped on a step and landed full force on my knee cap. I knew immediately that serious damage had been done.

The girls gathered around me, preformed preliminary first aid and Hope Town Fire and Rescue/ BASRA were notified.

In a matter of 12 minutes they were at my side - Jamie Williams, in charge, along with TJ Baldwin and Justin Thompson. These young men assisted in splinting my leg and transported me in the BASRA vessel to Marsh Harbour.

Chris and Jill Prewiitt worked as dispatchers while in route, arranging ambulance transportation to Abaco Medi Center where Dr. Latesha McIntosh was waiting.

Dr. McIntosh's, professional and calm demeanor aided me in my state of extreme pain, she assisted in keeping me comfortable in a motel room until I could have X rays the next day. I was fortunate to find an afternoon flight on Cherokee Air to have specialist knee surgery.

I cannot express my gratitude to the above mentioned as well as others.

Thanks you for coming to my aid.

I encourage EVERYONE to support these VOLUNTEER services , it takes $$$$ to run them, as well as a medical facility that is on call 24/7.

You never know when you may need their services.

Sincerely,

Patte Myers

Thanks for Highlighting TC Yardsale

Dear Editor,

Thank you for highlighting the date of our library Spring event in the February 15th issue of The Abaconian. Our sale was last Saturday, March 1st with a great turnout of shoppers and in addition we had 30 vendors participating, many returning from last year.

We wish to thank all our wonderful volunteers who gave tirelessly of their time for both the Annual Library Yard Sale and the Spring Book Sale.

This weekend's double event for the library was started by Jerry Roberts sometime between 1990 and 1994 and has turned out to be our largest fundraiser of the year and the largest yearly event in Treasure Cay. We are already collecting merchandise for next year's sale which will be Saturday, March 7, 2015.

-Mary Mellon

Yard Sale Chairman

Be afraid. Be very afraid.

Remember: the people who have managed the building of the new airport and tower may very well be in charge of tower operations.

Maybe we would all be safer with an uncontrolled airport.

D. Moody

Buzz Off

Dear Editor,

Please allow space in your paper. I am a local Bahamian that personally is tired of all the BUZZ going around in continuous annoying emails.

Yes it is what I call junk mail that I was continually deleting then finally unsubscribed to when I realized I could so, in fact i don't ever remember signing up to be bombarded with these constant emails.

But the most annoying part is seeing some foreigner come into our little community and take away business from our local very well capable BAHAMIAN owned and run businesses.

Abaco is only so big, but this foreigner is out to take a very large chunk of the already very small pie. I know already of a young Bahamian put out of work because he was muscled out.

What also upsets me is that you have other local business owners that use her service instead of supporting our very capable, talented, LOCAL BAHAMIAN services. I EMPLORE those, and other businesses, to really think about this.

Is this person even legal? Do they have a work permit? Can we go into her country illegally and get away with what she is doing. NO! Even if this person was legal they need to grow a conscious and realize what they are doing is wrong and how it is affecting our already established BAHAMIAN OWNED businesses.

People please be aware of who you are doing business with, it just might be your business being affected by some imposing foreigners that think they are better than our locals.

-M. Curry

Parking Problem Worsening

Dear Editor,

Maybe you can help me get this out to the Central Abaco District Counsel, the Marsh Harbour Police and Baker's Bay.

I think the time has come for the local government and police to get involved with the parking problem on Queen Elizabeth across from the Union Jack Dock and Bristol Wine building. All these vehicles are employees of Baker's Bay or Starfish Construction and many of them are illegally parked in spite of "No Parking" signs being posted. All of these employees are being transported by ferry boat from the Union Jack Dock. Marsh Harbour is already an "ugly duckling" and 145 vehicles parked all over the place certainly doesn't help.

My office is in the Percy Archer building next to Out Island Internet and we are constantly having problems with vehicles parking in front and on either side of our building. These parking spaces are for our customers. We have "No Parking" signs posted but they are just ignored.

This morning I counted 26 vehicles parked on the side of our building on the street where the old BTC offices were located. There are 13 parked along the side of the road on Pole Line Road, 82 on the property across the street from Bristol Wines and 24 by the Union Jack Dock.

This is not a temporary problem and will get worse as Baker's Bay continues to build over the next 20 years. I think the time has come for Baker's Bay to obtain a parcel of land north of Marsh Harbour where their employees can park and be picked up/dropped off by the ferry boats.

-B. Thompson

We Will Miss Our Trips to Abaco

Dear Editor,

My wife and I come to Abaco as often as possible, as her family lives in Marsh Harbour and on Elbow Cay.

It has come to our attention that friends of ours who are frequent visitor as well have decided to not come back until the Airport Terminal is completed. We would come away regardless of the condition of the present terminal.

However, after checking with two prominent airlines for times and availability it was very alarming to see that one wants over $1,500 round trip for two and the other wants just over a $1,000.

If tourism is slow this year there are many reasons, the boat taxes and now stupid pricing from the only remaining public airlines.

We will miss our trips to Abaco.

-N Shelley

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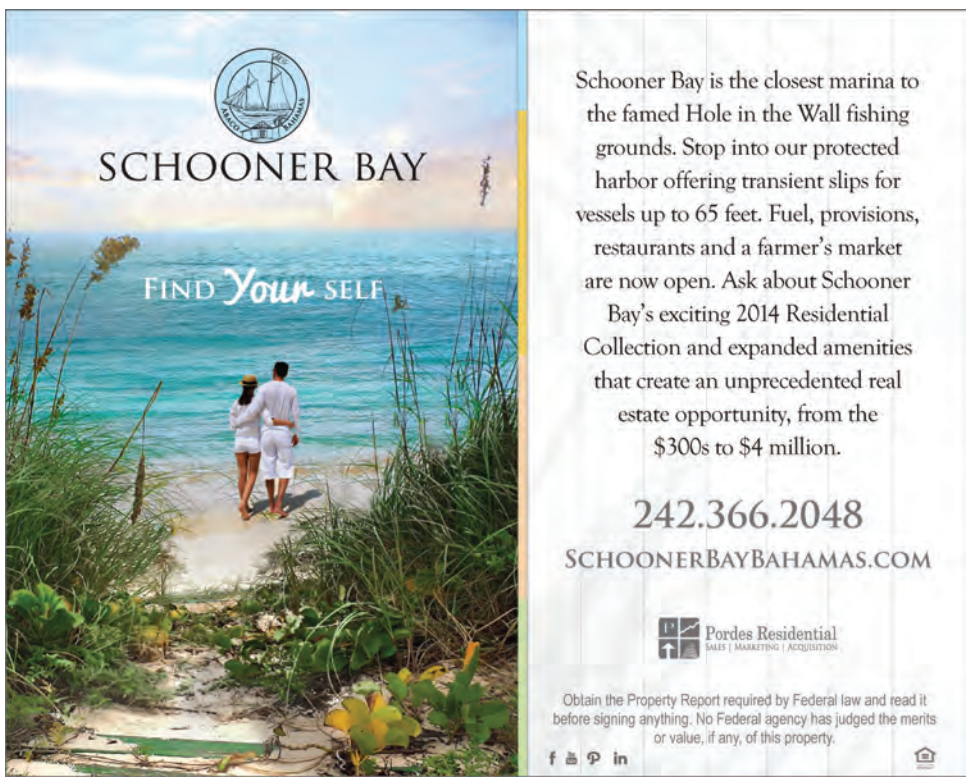

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Park

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Meanwhile, Faron Newbold, Chairman of the Dundas Town Committee, said he nor Chief Councillor Cornish were ever contacted by Mills regarding lighting at the basketball court, and said that he would be willing to assist him as a link between the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Community Affairs or the Abaco Basketball Association.

Newbold agreed that Local Government does have responsibilities for the Ocean View Park, but lighting does not fall under those responsibilities therefore he could not stop BEC from providing lights to the area.

Nevertheless, Mills says he plans to run for the position of Chairman in the upcoming Local Government elections on June 23, and he will be backed by a deputy chairman in the person of Wayde Archer.

"We're going to campaign next month in Dundas Town in full force to let the people know that Dundas Town deserves better, and ought to have better, and we can do better than what they've been doing.

"They are not enhancing Dundas Town. People want to see the shorelines; they don't want to see a big wall. After three years, they have not shown what they are doing to enhance Dundas Town or its people."

Above: Cay Mills and Wayde Cornish observing damage of the sea wall at Ocean View Park in Dundas Town.

Reef

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opportunities for youth on Abaco. These opportunities range from treks through the mangroves to snorkeling coral reefs.

She highlighted the importance of the organization's work saying that it is a first time many of the children have even put a mask on. She continued with trying to describe the children's reaction to seeing a reef full of fish and colourful wildlife for the first time.

FRIENDS' current major project is the construction and outfitting of a lab and educational office for scientists to inhabit and work right here on Abaco. Thanks to the generous donations of some, that project will be well on its way.

As always, the live auction was energetically hosted by Michael Albury. He was assisted by FRIENDS' Special Projects Coordinator, Lindsey McCoy.

Every event members of the public are honoured by FRIENDS for their dedication to the environment. This time Kevin Sawyer and Woody Bracey were brought forward to receive their plaques.

Some of the Live Auction items this year included a delicious chocolate cake baked by Cha Boyce, tickets to the upcoming Devour! The Beach in Green Turtle, a trip to Spanish Wells and a trip to Firefly among others.

The night closed off with dancing as "Suppa Time" took to the stage.

Above: crowd at the Reef Ball perusing the ever popular silent auction for steals and deals. Of course, all proceeds go to a good cause.

MHVFR personnel promoted

Above: During the regular monthly meeting of Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Fire Chief Danny Sawyer gave out promotions to three fire personnel. Pastor Earlyn Baillou was promoted to the position of Captain, Jessica Cooke and David Darville were promoted to the rank of lieutenant. Pictured left to right are Asst. Fire Chief Matthew Key, Pastor Earlyn Baillou, Jessica Cooke, David Darville and Fire Chief Danny Sawyer.

Central & All Abaco

Lodge donates to Heal Our Land

Above: Sanford Culmer of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge presents Eleanor Russell (Heal our Land) with a donation.

By Timothy Roberts

The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, while visiting their Dundas Town Lodge, left a donation for Heal our Land on Saturday, March 1 at the Dundas Town Burial Society building.

Sanford Culmer, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, said that while they were having a Northern Region session here in Abaco "we wanted to leave a small donation with a charitable organization on our behalf, to make sure that whoever it can help, it will help, and we hope to do it on a larger scale at another time."

He said "We just now trying to deal with the different regions and make sure on every island we travel to that we leave something for somebody who is in need."

Ms. Eleanor Russell, part of Heal our Land, was on hand to receive the donation. She said that Heal Our Land helps less fortunate mothers and their children by donating packages of groceries to them and helping the children with school clothes and shoes.

She said "I thank God for them, we can always use help. Heal our land appreciates the good deed that they have done today."

Benefit Concert held for Mother Willamae Dawkins

By Canishka Alexander

The Mother Willamae Dawkins Benefit Concert held on March 1 at Grace Gym brought together a great cross-section of people from the Abaco community in support of this mighty woman of God.

Mother Dawkins, 74, was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor, and is scheduled to undergo surgery on March 14 in Florida. In addition to her brain tumor, Mother Dawkins damaged the nerves in her lower back and legs after a fall almost a year ago.

Since then she has been travelling back and forth from Nassau seeking treatment and therapy from doctors and specialists to alleviate the discomfort and excruciating pain from the nerve damage.

That was not the end of her medical woes.

Mother Dawkins soon learned that she was in need of immediate thyroid surgery and cataract removal. She began experiencing problems with her vision and grew increasingly concerned about the way her head felt at times.

The uplifting gospel event featured soloists, local gospel and church groups, and of course, the legendary Cooling Waters Gospel Group.

Rev. Christopher Dean, senior pastor of Zion Baptist Cathedral, opened the concert in prayer and was followed by the Zion Praise and Worship Team.

Above: Willamae Dawkins.

Leading the soloists, Esther Bethel entertained the audience with a collection of traditional hymns like "Oh Victory in Jesus," and "Land of the Unclouded Day." Next in line were The Harvesters from Green Turtle Cay, who sang their hit songs: "On A Mission for the King," and "Please Forgive Me."

Other featured gospel artists and groups were: Barbara Thurston, Jerome Burrows aka Preacher Boy, the Seventh Day Adventist Choir – But For Grace;

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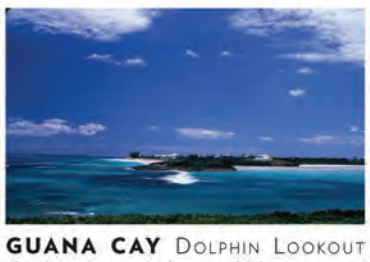

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Devour! The Beach to feature food, wine and beach parties

Green Turtle Cay is prepping for the highly anticipated three-day food and wine festival to be held March 26-29. Devour! The Beach will feature receptions, meals, wine tastings and other culinary events aimed at pleasing any foodie. Devour! The Beach will be held at the Green Turtle Club and, as its name suggests, along the beautiful Green Turtle beach.

Five top chefs from North America are cooking for the event, including: Jean Joho, Michael Blackie, Tom Fleming, Craig Flinn and Eric Williams.

Michael Palij, one of only 350 Masters of Wine in the world, will be on hand to pair wines with each meal, and has personally curated the wine selection himself.

To better accommodate guests from Abaco and elsewhere in The Bahamas, the Green Turtle Club is offering $100 rooms with the purchase of any dining event ticket for Devour! This is a Bahamas resident special.

Ferries to and from Green Turtle are also being offered as a courtesy to event attendees. According to event organizer and chef, Michael Howell, they wanted to make it as easy as possible for as many people from the mainland Abaco to make it to the event and enjoy the setup.

Film crews, including a crew from the Ministry of Tourism, will be on location throughout the weekend. Chef Howell said he is certain that the event will be great for the local economy and that the event will grow year after year.

Menu items will include, among many others: Stone Crab and Avocado Salad, Grilled Lamb, Molasses Beef Rib with Duck Fat Mash, Seared Scallops with Roasted Corn and Coconut, Grilled Wahoo, Lobster Vanilla Beurre Blanc, and many other exciting dishes. Each dish will be paired with wine selections.

Above: Green Turtle Club's Executive Chef, Michael Howell. Chef Howell is an internationally regarded Chef with a career that spans more than 20 years cooking in Chicago, New York, Boston, Detroit, Toronto, and The Bahamas.

March 26 is the Welcome Reception & Dinner for VIP pass holders.

March 27 is the "Great Wines of Italy Tasting & Luncheon," at 1pm and the "Kitchen North America" starts at 7pm with Chefs Blackie, Finn and Williams.

March 28 is the "Wine with Fish Tasting & Luncheon," at 1pm with the Jean Joho Classic starting at 7pm.

March 29 is the final day with "Chefs on a Beach BBQ" starting at 3pm at Coco Bay.

Event sponsor, Big Green Egg, is donating their notable and unique outdoor cooking equipment not only for use at the event, but to remain at the Green Turtle Club as a permanent addition for their restaurant.

For more information about the event, including ticket purchases and room reservations, call 365-4271.

Hope Town District Council – March 6

By Timothy Roberts

During the March 6 meeting of the Hope Town District Council Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting presented an annual report as well as the new budget for the upcoming year.

The Chief Councillor presented an Annual Report for the year 2012/2013 detailing all that had taken place over the course of that year. He said while the report is not mandated by the local Government Act he does it for the practice of transparency and accountability.

During the presentation he noted that during the 2012/2013 budget year for the district the total value of construction was $40.6 million which resulted in $28,902 in permit fees. He added that from July 2008 until 2013 the district has handled $180.5 million in construction value. He said the numbers show that the Hope Town District needs an increase in budget.

The Chief Councillor also presented the 2014/2015 budget for debate. The present budget is just over $414,000 and the Council is seeking a 3.7 percent increase which would bring it to $429,843 for the new budget year.

The Council also requested a further increase be considered to account for the proposed Value Added Tax (VAT) due to be implemented on July 1, to ensure the tax does not create shortfalls in their budget wherever it is applicable.

It was reported that Leland Russell from Abaco's Port Department held a meeting in Hope Town after receiving reports that boat repairs were being carried out at the Elbow Reef Lighthouse property. According to a letter read from the Port Department that advised that no repairs should be carried out at the property and a further decision will be made to deal with the situation.

The mayor of Port St. Lucie, who awarded Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting a key to the city during his visit there last year, will be visiting the Hope Town District on May 23 and 24 and Minister of Foreign Affairs Fred Mitchell is expected to be in attendance for her visit.

Administrator advised that the local government elections are to be held on June 23 with nomination day to be announced, although it is expected that it will likely fall in late May.

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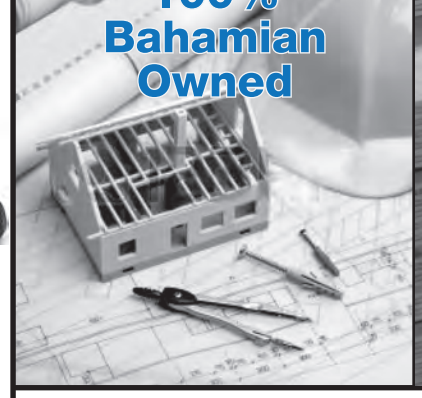

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Twelfth Annual Writers' Read held in Hope Town

Above: the annual Writers' Read event in Hope Town brings together a great crowd.

By Lorraine Morecraft

The 12th annual Hope Town Writers' Read was held on February 26 and 27, at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge. Eighteen representative writers from the Hope Town Writer's Circle and one young writer, Samara Cole, a student at Forest Heights Academy, presented a selection of original essays, poems, memoirs and humorous stories to the delight of the local residents and island visitors in the audience.

The highlight of the two night event, as always, were the poems written and read by Adelaide Cummings, Hope Town's local diva and Poet Laureate of Cape Cod.

Each Thursday morning, from 10 am to noon at the Hope Town Sailing Club, members of the Writers' Circle, which now numbers forty-one, gather to share their current works.

Guest writers (amateur or professional) are welcome to join for the morning or the season.

Tranquil Turtle Fish Fry aims to be new GTC tradition

Above: a game of Corn Hole at the Tranquil Turtle during its Sunday Fish Fry. Michael Withers, one of the new owners at the Bluff House, hopes the event will gain traction with its great food and fun atmosphere.

By Kelsi Farrington

As one of Green Turtle Cay's oldest resorts and marinas, Bluff House has had a major revamp in the last three years. With new owners and a fresh set of staff, they are taking on new projects and events and one of particular success is their Sunday Fish Fry.

Tranquil Turtle Beach Bar's Sunday Fish Fry was an idea from Bianca Curry, a familiar face working at the Bar, and although it is only in its first few weeks it's already had a great start.

Attracting around 100 people every Sunday from 2pm onwards, the focus of this weekly event (which aims to carry on for the rest of the season) is bringing people together for a local treat and Bahamian tradition.

Michael Withers, one of the new

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Bluff House Beach Resort & Marina has been described as the "most special piece of property in Abaco." Perched on the highest point of Green Turtle Coy, this 12 acre tropical Bahamian paradise stretches from White Sound Harbour to the Sea of Abaco, complete with its own white-sand **Private Beach.** See what Bluff House has to offer!

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The **Jolly Roger Bar & Bistro** serves up delicious breakfasts, lunches and dinners seven days a week. Dine outside on the harbourside deck or inside in our cozy, air-conditioned dining room with great views of the water. Lounge in the sun by our Swimming Pool adjacent to the Jolly Roger.

The **Tranquil Turtle Beach Bar** is located on the Sea of Abaco where guests can swim or lounge on the beach and enjoy island food and drinks on the Patio Deck. Tie up at our dock or dinghy in for the local music, stunning sunsets and unsurpassed hospitality.

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Above: Crisply and lightly battered whole snapper served with homemade banana pancakes. A weekly dish at Tranquil Turtle.

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owners at the Bluff House explains the secret behind the Sunday Fish Fry which is all prepared from scratch in the Beach Bar's kitchen:

"It's all thanks to our staff," Michael explained. "We've got great girls with great ideas and personalities. Bianca ran with this idea and so far so good! We also have other things like our burgers, cracked conch and fritters besides the 60-70 prospective orders of the main attraction."

The great food and fun atmosphere is helped by the sounds of a local DJ and of course the star of the Sunday Fish Fry is in the name but it is done with a difference. Crisply and lightly battered whole snappers are served with homemade banana pancakes providing a perfect balance of light and filling.

Coming from a traditional Bahamian breakfast - fried fish and 'panny cake,' the fresh snapper with the hint of sweetness and the chef's addition of "a little nutmeg" to the pancakes ties the flavours together really well.

For the tourists staying in the hotel rooms and villas, it provides the perfect combination of a beautiful beach location, great food, drinks and music all with a buzzing and unique atmosphere which draws in locals and other vacationers alike.

One GTC local for example, Maxwell McIntosh, approved of the event and expressed his hope for some of the "money to stay on the Cay rather than everyone going to Nippers every Sunday."

A regular visitor and sailboat owner, Pat Phelan said that Abaco (and Green Turtle Cay in particular) was, compared to Southern Bahamas, the place he spends the most money and gladly. "There are so many nice things to go to like this. It's fun and it's a happy medium here. It's nice to get everyone together."

So, whether you're carried by golf cart, boat or foot, Tranquil Turtle's Sunday Fish Fry is a Sunday well spent and you'll leave with your belly full, your dancing-legs sore and maybe some damaged pride after a game or two of sandbag toss or volleyball on Tranquil's extended beach.

Barefoot Man concert slated for March 21-22

Press Release

Barefoot Man and Band are back again on March 21-22 for one of Guana Cay's biggest event of the year: the Nippers-Barefoot Man concert .

The concert started some years ago as a one performance event. But over the years the popularity of the event has left Nippers' owner, Johnny Roberts, no choice but to put The Barefoot Man to work for three performances.

George (Barefoot Man) Nowak who has family ties in the Abacos is known for his humorous island songs including a special collection of tunes customized for Abaco such as Hope Town Ferry, BEC, The Fig Tree and The Nippers song.

Backing the Barefoot Man will be his four band members (Sea n'B Band) who all hail from the island of Grand Cayman, including Chuck and Barrie Quappe, Mark Mctaggard and Winston " Bugs" Wilson.

Friday, March 21 the concert starts around 1:00 pm, on Saturday The Sea n' B Band plays their concert starting around midday and after sunset the Barefoot Man takes over again for the dinner dance under the stars.

For more information contact Nippers Bar and Grill on Guana Cay.

New service and convenience mark ferry's 55th anniversary

By Timothy Roberts

The introduction of an inter-cay schedule along with the opening of the Peggy Thompson Welcome Center in Hope Town marked the fifty-fifth anniversary of Albury's Ferry Service on February 18.

The Welcome Center was named after Peggy Thompson who was an active, well known and loved member of the community of Hope Town who supported travel and tourism throughout the Bahamas.

The Welcome Center serves as a tribute to Peggy's commitment and love of Hope Town, the Abacos and the Bahamas. The Center is open from 9:30am-5:30pm daily and located just across from the post office dock.

Jessica Mullen, manager of the Peggy Thompson Welcome Center said they offer a place to purchase tickets for all Albury's Ferry routes, information about the service and about the cays and island concierge services.

"We want to direct people in here for any information they may want; if they have any questions or anything about the inter-cay ferry that's what we're here for. We want to take away some of the wondering of how do I get here or how do I get there; what can I do; where can I go; how can I get a golf cart," she said.

She recalled when she worked at Hope Town Hideaways with Mrs. Peggy and at Sun Dried Tees that "you get bombarded with all these requests, like can you call me a golf cart, whereas now you can just go over to the welcome center and we will get a golf cart for you, we'll call the shuttle for you, we'll set your dinner reservations, as your island concierge service, we do groceries and anything you might want from Marsh Harbour we will pick it up for 20 percent of your bill."

Ms. Mullen said that they really like to promote all the businesses on the cays. "That's something that was ingrained in me from Mrs. Peggy; we are all in this together, so as much business that we can drive to everyone the better. We really want to come into this with her spirit and keeping her spirit alive."

The same day the Welcome Center opened Albury's Ferry introduced the inter-island ferry service, which they hope will make island hoping much easier and more convenient. Albury's Ferry has added direct inter-cay ferry service between Man-O-War Cay, Lubbers Quarters, Elbow Cay and Guana Cay.

Ms. Mullen said Albury's Ferry is providing three ticket options which comes with a wristband. The inter-cay service comes with some perks as participating businesses on all the cays are offering incentives, specials and discounts to Albury's Ferry Service wristband holders, embracing the inter-cay island hopping service that encourages people to take advantage of the new excursion.

The Welcome Center pulls it all together in a convenient location where all ferry tickets, freight service and island concierge service can be purchased or arranged through the welcome center. "We want to make it as convenient and full service as possible." Ms. Mullen said.

She added that the service has been well received so far. "We are seeing an increase in just locals taking advantage of it, so we're really glad to see that it is being utilized by both locals and tourists alike."

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TREASURE CAY
Houses

"Girasole" # 1551- Delightful 4 bed, 4.5 bath elevated Italian villa style beach home, plus 2 bed, 2 bath separate guesthouse. Elegantly furnished, many upgrades. 45,000 s/f landscaped grounds, 100' + beach frontage. **$4,450,000.**

"Casa Pita", Ocean Blvd. #2334 - Luxurious 5 bedroom, 5.5 bath, 5,234 s/f furnished beachfront estate home on 51,452 s/f landscaped lot w/110' beach frontage. Includes guest house & 2 double garages. **$3,495,000.**

" Hayes House" #2452 - Luxurious 3 level, 4 bed, 5 bath beachfront estate home on Treasure Cay Beach. 3,600 s/f under roof, plus 3,400 s/f covered verandahs. Elegantly furnished, meticulously maintained. Includes vehicle & golf cart **$2,995,000.**

"The White House" - # 2131-Awesome 4 bed, 4.5 bath, 2 level tastefully furnished Ocean Blvd. beach home, 3,312 s/f under air, plus garages58,500 s/f landscaped parcel-150' beach frontage. panoramic sea & beach views. **$2,655,000.**

NEW LISTING

"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 pacel, 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.**

"Trident House" - #317 - 3 Bed, 3.5 Bath 3,500 s/f furnished beachfront home. 2 garages, 16,000 s/f parcel, 100' beach frontage. Fabulous Sea Views. **$1,850,000.**

"Green Gecko" # 2283 - 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 2 level furnished canal home. 2,870 s/f under air, plus 1,045 s/f covered verandahs. Immaculate condition.Many upgrades. Garage, dock, gazebo, dolphin pilings. **$1,495,000.**

"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.**

"Deelarryus" #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.**

TREASURE CAY
Houses

Palm Bay # 9 - # 2108 - Newly construched 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.**

"Sunny Side" # 2013 - Luxurious 3 bed, 2 bath, 2,704 s/f furnished sea view home on 15,750 s/f landscaped lot. Well maintained, close to Treasure Cay Beach & Windward Beach. Many upgrades. **$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.**

NEW LISTING

Beach Villa 676 - #2488 - Exceptionally large 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,250 sq. ft. furnished villa on beach. Owner occupied, but with excellent vacation rental income potential. **$349,000.**

UNDER CONTRACT

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

NEW LISTING

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.**

NEW LISTING

"Blue Treasure" #2533 - Fully renovated & upgraded 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,240 s/f unfurnished home , 700 s/f open deck on 13,500 s/f parcel. Move-In Ready. Enclosed Yard. Auxiliary generator. **Exceptional Value. $299,000.**

#1898 - "Starfish Cottage" Beach Villa 503A & B 2 adjoining, self contained 1 bed, 1 bath furnished villas near beach. Great Rental Income Potential. **$299,000.**

UNDER CONTRACT

Beach Villa # 715 - # 2072 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 950 s/f turn-key furnished beachfront villa. Well maintained, excellent vacation rental income potential. **$299,000.**

Beach Villa # 655 - # 2241 - 2 bed, 2 bath exceptionally large 1,013 s/f attractively furnuished villa near beach. Excellent vacation rental income potential **$299,000.**

Ocean Villa 923 - #2332 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 900 s/f furnished villa near to beach, marina & shopping. Well maintained, Excellent rental income potential **$299,000.**

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.**

REDUCED

Beach Villa 506 - # 2495 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,250 s/f furnished garden villa comprising 2 back-to-back units. Ideal as a prime vacation rental income property. **$299,000.**

Beach Villa 685 - #2360 - 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 886 s/f "turn-key" furnished villa just 2 minutes from beach. Renovated & refurbished. **$249,000.**

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 Villa 673-#1847, 2 bed, 2 bath furnished 1,000 s/f, Near pool/beach, refurbished, well maintained.**$225,000.**

UNDER CONTRACT

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***Condos*** **$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**

TREASURE CAY

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.**

NEW LISTING

Royal Poinciana 2612 - #2552. Charming & well maintained 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,600 s/f 2nd level furnished beach condo w/loft. Spectacular views. **$475,000.**

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.**

Bahama Beach Club # 2035 - # 1981 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f furnished ground level condo. Overlooks pool & beach. Best Priced Condo at Bahama Beach Club **$449,950.**

Bahama Beach Club 2023 - #2456 - BEST PRICED 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,645 s/f ground level tastefully furnished, owner occupied beachfront condo. Includes giolf cart garage. Excellent vacation rental income potential. **$449,000.**

NEW LISTING

Royal Palm 2402 # 2544 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,264 s/f well maintained 2nd level turn-key furnished harborfront condo w/ loft, private boat slip/dock on and golf cart. **$399,000.**

NEW LISTING

Atlantis 2201 - # 2537 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level, 1,000 s/f furnished Brigantine Bay condo.. Desirable "end unit".Private finger dock, boat slip. **$295,000.**

Royal Palm # 2437 - # 2286 - Well maintained 3 bed, 3 bath 2nd level 1,264 s/f furnished harbourfront condo. Panoramic harbour views. Boat slip & dock. **$399,000.**

REDUCED

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, comunity 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.**

UNDER CONTRACT

Royal Palm 2419- #2294 - 3 bed, 3 bath 2nd level 1,264 s/f furnished harbour condo w/ loft. 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.**

Mariner's Cove Condominiums

UNDER CONTRACT

2010 - 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,236 s/f 2 level furnished harbourfront condo. Fully refurbished in 2008. Close to beach & marina **$374,000.**

#2480 - Mariner's Cove 1511 - 2 bed, 1.5 bath, 2 level 845 s/f furnished condo overlooking Treasure Cay marina, Well maintained, near beach, close to shops. **$239,000.**

#2390 - Condo # 1412 - 2 bed, 1.5 bath, 2 level, 732 s/f turn-key furnished harbour condo, garage. **$219,000.**

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

REDUCED

#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.**

#655 - 2 bed, 1 bath condo with marina view **$189,000.**

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

#2359 - Condo # 1108 - 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 2nd level, 540 s/f furnished condo overlooks harbour. **$139,000.**

 # 2321 - Mariner's Cove 1217 - 1 bed, 1 bath, 2nd level, 540 s/f furnished unit overlooking harbour & marina . Great vacation rental income potential. **$139,000.**

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TREASURE CAY
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Treasure Cay Beach Parcels

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. **B$3,900,000.**

Ocean Blvd. Beach Lots 92A & 93 - # 2361 - Exceptionally large 2.0 acre beach parcel w/174' sandy beach frontage. Cleared & level lot, electricity installed. Incredible sea views. **$2,300,000.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Treasure Cay Canal Parcels

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

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

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

REDUCED

Galleon Bay - # 1441 - 28,072 s/f cleared parcel, 64' of bulkhead with dock & deck 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.**

Galleon Bay Canal Parcels: # 1319,1320,1801 - Your choice of 3 lots, each with 111'+/- seawalled canal frontage, from 15,270 s/f per lot, utilities available. **EACH $249,000.**

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

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

TREASURE CAY

Treasure Cay Inland Parcels

St Andrews Estates Golf Course Lots 8 & 9 - # 2467 - 2 adjoining lots, total 28,713 s/f w/317' of golf course frontage. Partially cleared, good elevation, all utilities available **$79,500.**

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

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

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

Multi-Family Lot 45, Block 167 - # 2436 - 15,000 s/f parcel, near beach, shopping & marina. **$39,950.**

Treasure Cay Development Parcels

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

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

GREAT CISTERN CAY

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

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

GUANA CAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

BAHAMA PALM SHORES

Beachfront Lot 5 B - # 714 - 1 acre elevated parcel with 100' Atlantic Ocean sandy beach frontage, utilities available. **$195,000.**

Inland Lot - Near Beach - # 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.**

REDUCED

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

UNDER CONTRACT

#2265 - Central Pines Duplex - 3 bed, 2 bath 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 elevation, 110' sea-walled canal frontage, deep water dock, tropically landscaped grounds. **$749,000.**

REDUCED

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. **B$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.**

NEW LISTING

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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Opinion

Observations on Abaco's growth

By Dave Ralph

Parking at Marsh Harbour's Crossing Beach was a challenge on March 16, 2014, with crowds headed to the annual Man-O-War Flea Market. To encourage support for this event, Albury's Ferry Service offered a reduced $15 round-trip fare from Marsh Harbour.

Although additional ferries were put into service to handle the high passenger flow, there was no relief for drivers trying to park their vehicles at this congested site. On a normal day parking is marginal as construction workers, resort staff and others take the early 7 a.m. ferry to either Hope Town or Man-O-War Cay.

Additional commuters taking the 9 a.m. ferry add to the parking congestion. Between the 8:30 a.m. ferry arrivals from Hope Town and Man-O-War and the 9 a.m. ferry departure to Hope Town, traffic at Crossing Beach is chaotic. School busses, taxis and commuters all vie for a parking space or a choice spot to pick up students on their way to school, workers going to their jobs or visitors headed to the airport while others are discharging those taking a ferry at 9 a.m. to Hope Town. Disembarking persons heading into Marsh Harbour must navigate their way through those just arriving by car to board the departing 9 a.m. ferry.

Saturday's Flea Market crowd parked as best they could with many vehicles parked along the roadside approaching the Crossing Beach area. Many drivers were dismayed on their return in the afternoon to find their cars missing.

Reporting missing vehicles to the police disclosed that complaints of parked cars obstructing traffic led to many vehicles being towed away to clear the roadway. We were told by some who experienced this that it cost them a taxi ride to the tow operator's yard and payment of a $100 tow fee.

Similar parking challenges happen when Hope Town stages its Heritage Day event or one of the resorts hosts a craft or art show or a Junkanoo evening. Evening events are not quite the parking challenge as some parking opens for the night as commuters leave the site at 5 p.m.

Creative use of space and painted lines by either local government or the Ministry of Works to give parking a semblance of order would gain some additional spaces. However, the continual growth of Elbow Cay and Man-O-War Cay will require creative thought to find solutions as the number of parked vehicles increases.

To compound the problem, Crossing Beach is Marsh Harbour's only public beach which adds to the parking congestion. However, Sunday is the most popular day for beach activity, and this is the least active day for ferry commuters and visitors. A minor effort is underway to create a waterfront park elsewhere which will give relief to those enjoying the beach. Lunch patrons to the small take-away restaurant at the foot of the public dock further add to the parking issues.

Among government's many responsibilities is that of providing or encouraging basic utility infrastructure: roads, water, electricity, communications and education to name a few. Abaco's growth caused Water and Sewer to expand its well field years ago to keep up with Central Abaco's water demands. Batelco's expansion has been continual but not normally visible as most of its growth takes place with additional equipment in the back room.

Port expansion was recognized years ago after excessive congestion, confusion and marginal ability. It could not keep up with incoming freight required so it was obvious that the port capacity had to be

expanded. We have now almost outgrown this expanded port area.

Another area that required government's attention was our waste disposal. A modern landfill was created to absorb this expanding waste volume. But, like a septic tank, landfills do not get attention until

they overflow. Mismanagement and indifference has reduced the expensive landfill into a common dump. It badly needs government to put in place a proper system of managing this facility.

Amid controversy, BEC doubled its

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Tide - North Bar Channel
April 2014

Average Tides
Mean Range: 2.6 ft
MHWS 3.1 ft
Mean Tide: 1.4 ft

Monthly High & Low
High April 28, 8:44p 3.3 ft
Low April 1, 3:20p -0.3 ft

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 (EST) 3:12a -0.4, 9:15a 2.9, 3:20p -0.3, 9:37p 3.2	2 (EST) 3:59a -0.3, 9:59a 2.7, 4:03p -0.2, 10:21p 3.0	3 (EST) 4:45a -0.1, 10:43a 2.6, 4:47p 0.0, 11:06p 2.9	4 (EST) 5:31a 0.1, 11:28a 2.5, 5:32p 0.1, 11:52p 2.7	5 (EST) 6:20a 0.3, 12:15p 2.3, 6:21p 0.3
6 (EDT) 1:42a 2.5, 8:11a 0.5, 2:07p 2.3, 8:14p 0.4	7 (EDT) 2:36a 2.4, 9:05a 0.6, 3:03p 2.2, 9:13p 0.5	8 (EDT) 3:34a 2.4, 10:01a 0.6, 4:01p 2.3, 10:14p 0.5	9 (EDT) 4:32a 2.4, 10:54a 0.6, 4:58p 2.4, 11:12p 0.5	10 (EDT) 5:26a 2.4, 11:43a 0.5, 5:50p 2.5	11 (EDT) 12:05a 0.4, 6:14a 2.5, 12:27p 0.4, 6:36p 2.7	12 (EDT) 12:53a 0.3, 6:59a 2.6, 1:09p 0.3, 7:19p 2.8
13 (EDT) 1:38a 0.2, 7:41a 2.7, 1:48p 0.2, 8:00p 3.0	14 (EDT) 2:21a 0.1, 8:22a 2.8, 2:27p 0.1, 8:40p 3.1	15 (EDT) 3:03a 0.0, 9:03a 2.8, 3:06p 0.0, 9:19p 3.2	16 (EDT) 3:45a 0.0, 9:44a 2.8, 3:46p 0.0, 10:01p 3.2	17 (EDT) 4:28a 0.0, 10:27a 2.8, 4:28p 0.0, 10:45p 3.2	18 (EDT) 5:14a 0.0, 11:12a 2.7, 5:14p 0.0, 11:32p 3.2	19 (EDT) 6:03a 0.0, 12:01p 2.7, 6:05p 0.1
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Opinion

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capacity in serving the entire Abaco archipelago. Although the Marsh Harbour airport has been recognized for many years as the country's second busiest, it was well accepted that it was woefully short of providing the standards required of aircraft and passengers. Expansion was undertaken and is still underway.

These were the larger issues that government has improved or expanded for Abaco's population. Occasionally smaller needs get attention. The reverse osmosis water plant in Moore's Island and supplying piped water to Green Turtle Cay are two localized examples.

It is now time for government to examine Crossing Beach which is the gateway to virtually all human traffic to and from Elbow Cay and Man-O-War Cay.

The traffic congestion at Crossing Beach is evident only to those enduring the trip. Even a random visit during much of the day is apt to be deceiving as the area is peaceful and quiet. An observer will get a much different opinion with a visit at 7:15 a.m. or 8:30 a.m. rather than looking at the situation at noon.

There are no easy or obvious answers to solving the problem.

Recognizing the airport's deficiency years ago was relative easy as it is a focal point of activity. Fixing the airport required only that it be bigger. The Crossing Beach area does not lend itself to being bigger. However, the growth of Elbow Cay and Man-O-War Cay will continue, and the parking needs and traffic congestion will increase. Government would be wise to follow the procedure used in the port expansion where public meetings were held in the affected communities and opinions of local people was sought.

The Treasury is quite happy with the financial contributions made by these two cays and it is to government's benefit that growth there be facilitated. Beyond tax revenues are the jobs created by buoyant economies and the resultant consumer spending.

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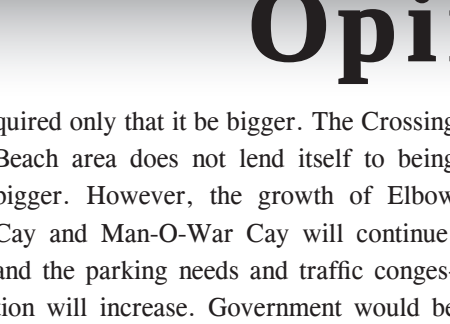

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"Is the Airport Open Yet?" Part V

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But we feel good about it this time.

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

Central & All Abaco

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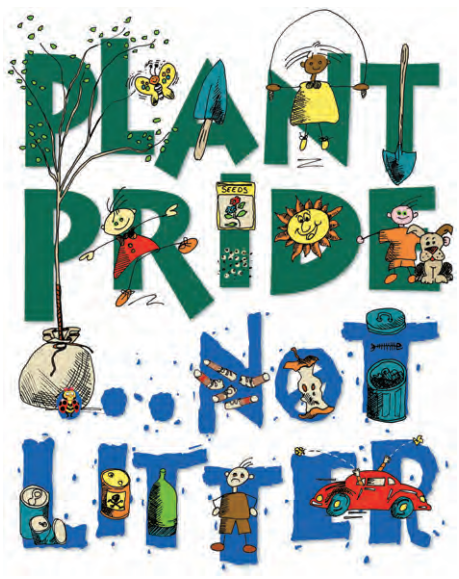
Genesis; Simmone Bowe; Jes'Us; New Direction Band; Bishop Cedric Bullard; Taxi Station; Dawkins Sisters; andCooling Waters.

The family has opened a Willamae Dawkins Brain Tumor Fund on GiveForward.com, an online fundraising Website, to raise additional funds for Mother Dawkins.

The Dawkins family expressed: "We are sincerely grateful to all of you for your continued prayers and support and donations during this difficult, emotional, physical and financial time."



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Hope Town..cont

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Government Clinic, Cooper's Town	365-0300
Government Clinic, Green Turtle Cay	365-4028
Government Clinic, Hope Town	366-0108
Government Clinic, Sandy Point	366-4010
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Diamante Dental, Marsh Harbour	367-4968
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Marsh Harbour>Hope Town 7:15am 9:00am 10:30am 12:15pm 2:00pm 4:00pm 5:45pm
Return: 8:00 am 9:45am 11:30am 1:30pm 3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 6:30pm

Marsh Harbour>Man-O-War 7.15am 9am 11am 12:15pm 4pm 5:45pm
Return: 8:00am 10:30am 1:30pm 3:30pm 5:00pm

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

Beaches

Pocket

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

Miles of beach (most exposed to ocean)

• Treasure Cay • Green Turtle Cay • Guana Cay • Elbow Cay • Man-O-War Cay • Casuarina Point • Bahama Palm Shore • Sandy Point & more

Tours & Excursions

Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour..	367-2936
Abaco Neem • Marsh Harbour	367-4117
Abaco's Nature Adventure	577-0004
Adventure on Prozac - T Cay	365-8749
Brendals Dive • Green Turtle Cay	365-4411
C & C Charters • Treasure Cay	365-8506
Dive Abaco Since 1978 • Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Excursion boat, Froggies • Hope Town	366-0024
DSB Eco-Adventures • Schooner Bay	376-9858

The Great Abaco Express Eco & Historical bus tours
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Abaco Marinas - Slips - Fuel - Phone

Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House	38	F	365-4247
Green Turtle Club	40	F	365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15		365-4531
Other Shore Club	15	F	365-4226
Abaco Yacht Service	10	F	365-4033
Leeward Yacht Club	26		365-4191

Treasure Cay

Treasure Cay Marina	150	F	365-8250

Man-O-War

Man-O-War Marina	28	F	365-6008

Marsh Harbour

Boat Harbour Marina	192	F	367-2158
Conch Inn	72	F	367-4000
Harbour View Marina	40	F	367-2182
Mangoes Marina	29		367-4255
Marsh Harbour Marina	62	F	367 2700

Hope Town

Hope Town Marina	62		366-0003
Lighthouse Marina	6	F	366-0154
Sea Spray	60	F	366-0065

South Abaco

Schooner Bay	15	F	475-7626

Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Marina	40	F	365-0083

Guana Cay

Bakers Bay Marina	158		365-5802
Guana Hide-aways	37		365-5070
Orchid Bay	66	F	365-5175

Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour

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Casaurina Point
Junior Albury.....366-3058

Cherokee
Donnie Lowe.....366-2275
Maxwell Sawyer.....366-3058
Marty Sawyer.....366-2115
Randy Sawyer.....366-2284
Will Sawyer.....366-2177

Crossing Rocks
Tony Russell.....366-3259

Green Turtle Cay
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Ronnie Sawyer.....357-6667

Hope Town
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Tom Albury.....366-3141

Marsh Harbour
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Sidney Albury.....477-5996
Richard Albury.....577-0313

Marsh Harbour cont...
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Buddy Pinder.....366-2163
Justin Sands.....359-6890
Danny Sawyer.....367-3577
Jay Sawyer.....367-3941
Abaco Lodge.....577-1747

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Pedro Thurston.....365-2405

Sandy Point
Valantino Adderley....366-4323
Anthony Bain.....366-4107
Rickmon's.....366-4139/4477
Pete's Guest House...366-4119
Patrick Roberts.....366-4285

Treasure Cay
Capt. Joe Pritchard...559-9117
Carey McKenzie.....365-8313

Wi-Fi Hotspots

Marsh Harbour:
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:
Sundowners
McIntosh Restaurant
Jolly Roger Bar & Bistro
Leeward Yacht Club
Bluff House

Guana Cay:
Guana Grabbers
Nipper's Bar & Grill

M-O-W Cay:
Man-O-War Marina
Islander's Restaurant

Charter Fishing Boats

Lucky Strike - Hope Town	366-0101
Sea Gull - Hope Town	366-0266
A Salt Weapon - Hope Town	366-0245
Down Deep	366-3143
Local Boy	366-0528
Back Breaker	365-5140

Bikes & Scooters • Boats

Marsh Harbour

A & P Car Rentals	367-2655
Abaco Dorado Boat Rentals	367-1035
Bargain Car Rentals	367-0500
Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910
Cruise Abaco	577-0148
Quality Star Car Rentals (Texaco)	367-2979
Rainbow Boat Rentals	367-4602
Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars	367-4643
Rich's Boat Rentals	367-2742
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	367-2513
Sea Star Car Rentals	367-4887
The Moorings Boat Rentals	367-4000

Green Turtle Cay

Brendals Dive Bikes & Kayak rental	365-4411
C & D Cart Rental	365-4311
Cruising Cart Rentals	365-4065
D & P Cart Rental	365-4655
Donnie's Boat Rentals	365-4119
Harbour View Golf Carts	365-4411
Kool Karts	365-4176
Reef Boat Rentals	365-4145
Sea Side Carts & Bikes	365-4147
T & A Cart Rentals	365-4259

Guana Cay

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

Lubbers Quarters

Cruise Abaco	321-220-8796

Man-O-War

Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	365-6502
Ria-Mar Golf Cart Rentals	365-6024
Waterways Boat Rental	357-6540 & 365-6143

Hope Town

Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	366-0380
Elbow Cay Cart	366-0530
Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
J R's Cart Rental	366-0361
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
T & N Cart Rentals	366-0069

Treasure Cay

Abaco Adventures - Kayaks	365-8749
Blue Marlin Rentals	365-8687
Cash's Carts	365-8771
Cornish Car Rentals	365-8623
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Schooner Bay

T's Carts	557-1015
DSB Bike Rentals	376-9858

Restaurant Guide

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

Marsh Harbour/Murphy/Dundas

Abaco Pizza	$	367-4488
Anglers	$$$	367-2158
Back 2 Da Island	$	367-0150
Casiah's	$	367-0514
Curly Tails	$$$	367-4444
Foxie's Pizza	$	367-2058
Golden Grouper	$$	367-2301
Island Family Rest	$$	367-3778
Java Coffee House	$	367-5523
Jamie's Place	$$	367-2880
Junovia's	$$	367-1271
Jib Room	$$	367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken	$	367-2615
Mangoes	$$$	367-2366
Oasis	$$	699-4000
Rum Runners	$$	367-0171
Snack Shack	$	367-4005
Snappas	$$	367-2278
Wallys	$$$	367-2074

Hope Town

Abaco Inn	$$$	366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	$$	366-0247
Firefly	$$$	366-0145
Harbour's Edge	$$	366-0087
H T Coffee House (B & L)	$	366-0760
HT Inn & Marina	$$	366-0003
H T Harbour Lodge	$$$	366-0095
Munchies	$	366-0423
OnDa Beach	$$	366-0558
Sea Spray ‡	$$	366-0065
Sugar Shack +	$	366-0788

Little Harbour

Pete's Pub	$$	577-5487

Lubber's Quarter

Cracker P's	$$	366-3139

Man-O-War

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

Guana Cay

Baker's Bay - Market Place	$$$	612-1021
Grabbers	$$	365-5133
Nippers	$$	365-5143
Orchid Bay	$$$	365-5175

Treasure Cay

Bahama Beach Club	$$$	365-8500
Coco Beach Bar & Grill.	$	365-8470
Florence's Cafe	$	365-8185
Spinnaker Restaurant	$$$	365-8469
Touch of Class	$$$	365-8195
Treasure Sands Club	$$$	365-9385

Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House	$$$	365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	$$	365-4247
Green Turtle Club	$$$	365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill	$$	365-4389
Lizard Bar & Grill	$$	365-4191
McIntosh's Restaurant	$$	365-4625
Miss Emily's Restaurant	$$	365-4181
New Plymouth Inn	$$	365-4161
Pineapple Restaurant Bar & Grill	$$	365-4039
Plymouth Rock Cafe	$$	365-4234
Shorties Take-a-way	$$	365-4342
Sundowners	$$	365-4060

Sandy Point

Nancy's	$$	366-4120

Schooner Bay

The Blackfly Lodge	$$$	376-0321
The Red Marlin Bistro	$$	426-5440
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Abaco's Junior Minister of Tourism named

Above: Speech Judges along with Abaco Tourist Manager Wynsome Ferguson seated in front row while contestants of Abaco's Junior Minister of Tourism and Dushinka Roberts from the Abaco Tourist Office stand in the background. *See page 5.*

New Director of Junior Junkanoo visits Abaco to watch Love Rush Parade

Above: Henry Higgins (left) is the newly appointed Director of Junior Junkanoo at the Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture. He visited Abaco to watch the recent Love Rush Junkanoo Parade and admitted he was impressed.

By Mirella Santillo

Henry Higgins, the recently appointed Director of Junior Junkanoo at the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, attended the Abaco Junkanoo Love Rush Parade held on February 21-22.

Mr. Higgins took office in September of 2013 replacing Mr. Francis who retired. A former member of the Saxons and present leader of the Conquest of Christ, a B category group, Mr. Higgins is in charge of dispersing the seed money and of making sure that parades come to the family Islands. He also has the responsibility of providing workshops and sending people to set-up the workshops.

He explained that this year there will be a Workshop Summer Program for interested schools in the Family Islands. Schools will have to indicate their intention to participate, through the intermediary of the representative of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture on Abaco, Mr. Ishmael Morley.

Workshops will include the demonstration of costume making as well as of dance and music performances taught by members of the National Junkanoo Committee.

Commenting on the Junior parade held on February 21, Mr. Higgins was impressed by the costumes, saying that they were "beyond expectations." He also appreciated the crowd's participation.

"I liked the parade," he commented; "there is room for improvement, but it ran smoothly."

SPORTS

Falcons earn top seed

A hard fought season in the Abaco Youth Football Association has lead to the playoffs.

By Timothy Roberts

The Green Turtle Cay Falcons have earned the top seed in both Junior and Senior Divisions for the upcoming Abaco Youth Football Association Flag Football League Championships to be held on March 22 at Murphy Town Ball Park.

All flag football teams completed their season on Saturday, March 8 with the Falcons coming out on top in both divisions. In the Junior Division the Falcons were undefeated at 10-0 followed by the Marsh Harbour Wildhawgs at 6-5 and the Man-O-War Makos at 0-11. In the Senior Division the Falcons took top seed with 7 wins and 3 losses, followed by the Wildhawgs at 5-5 and the Makos at 3-7.

In what is setting up to be an exciting playoffs the Wildhawgs will play against the Makos in a single game elimination competition in both divisions. The winner of the contest will face the Falcons for the Flag Football Championship trophy.

The playoff games begin at 4pm on March 22 starting with the Junior Division and the winner will play the Falcons starting at 7pm in the evening.

This will mark the conclusion of the first season of flag football in Abaco and the next season promises to be even more exciting as more teams are expected to join in the competition and fun.

Saturday's results were as follows:

Junior Games

Falcons 35, Wildhawgs 26

Falcons 35, Makos 18

Falcons 47, Makos 39

Senior Games

Falcons 45, Wildhawgs 32

Wildhawgs 46, Makos 24

Falcons 42, Makos 30

Double-amputee Hector Picard to participate in Great Abaco Family Fitness Weekend

By Timothy Roberts

After having both arms amputated and almost losing his life in a work related accident over twenty years ago Hector Picard has overcome obstacles becoming an inspiration for all who know him.

At the invitation of Lee McCoy, Organizer of the Great Abaco Family Fitness Weekend, Mr. Picard has come to Abaco to participate in the annual event. He said "to be honest I had never heard of the Abaco Islands. I had to google it and immediately said yes. Wow, what a venue!"

The four time Ironman, who will swim and sprint as well as demonstrate how to change a bicycle tire without hands, said he ran his first triathlon in 2009 and that Abaco's event would be his eighty-ninth.

"I enjoy the challenges that my physical disabilities present. It takes a lot of creativity to not only complete a race but to be competitive as well. I've had to modify the way I ride a bike, swim and even run in order to compete. The sport of triathlon has given me a happy and healthy life in addition to being therapeutic."

The triathlons led to inspiring others on the course and that led to the motivational speaking.

He recalled March 31, 1992 when while working as an electrician to remove some equipment on a substation transformer in Hollywood, Florida USA he climbed up an active transformer that "upon contact with my right arm sent 13,000 volts through my right side and out my right foot then again in through my left arm and out my left hip."

He said the jolt put him in a month long coma and forced the amputations of his entire right arm and half his left arm. He also had second and third degree burns over forty percent of his body.

"I spent two months in intensive care and then six months in a rehabilitation hospital. My journey through recovery was a long and tough one but having two small children with one born before the accident and my second born two years after never allowed for time to feel sorry for myself," he said.

He said as he competes he wants others to think that anything is possible. "Before I competed in triathlons, I wasn't a swimmer, I wasn't a cyclist and frankly I hated running and now I am a four time Ironman. If I can do this then you can too!"

Mr. Picard said "I'm so excited to be competing in this event and the opportunity to inspire new people. I want to thank Lee McCoy, The Great Abaco Family Fitness Weekend, The Cable Bahamas Cares Foundation and the Treasure Cay Resort for making this possible for me."

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Guana Cay — NEW — Developers 2.5 acres 325' Ocean underground electric. Must see. — #19879 - $799,900K
Guana Cay — NEW REDUCED — Sandy Feet - Beautiful 3B/2B Ocean Front home w/ private dock slip. — #18923 - $739K
Sunrise Bay — NEW — Ridgeview 4B/2.5B designer built home in Sunrise Bay. Must see — #19221 - $699K
Green Turtle Cay — REDUCED — 2.8 Acre Sea to Sea Estate. 3B/2B Main, 2B/1B Cottage. Beach & Dock. — #18869 - USD$3.25M
Great Abaco Club — REDUCED — Lea ~Sing - 2,200 sq. ft. 4B/4.5B. Gated community, 50' dockage. — #15664 - USD$800K
Great Abaco Club — BRING OFFERS — 3B/3B never lived in home with appliances, generator, 50' yacht slip. — #18632 - USD$710K
Great Abaco Club — Sea View - 3B/2.5B, Great views of Hope Town. Boat slip included. — #16937 - $525K
Pelican Shores — Fanny Bay - 3B/2B with 230' on water awesome views, must see. — #17197 - $650K
Great Abaco Club — ADJACENT TO #15946 — GAC Lot #29 - Gated Community 50' +/- secure deepwater dockage. — #17435 - USD$295K
Great Abaco Club — Grouper Therapy - 4B/4B, 7ton lift, 60' protected yacht slip. — #15946 - USD$859K
Central Pines — REDUCED — Triplex - 3250 s.f 2B/1.5B, 2B/1.B, 1B/1B, 14,000 s.f. fenced lot. — #18174 - $370K
Eastern Shores — Even Tide / Low Tide - 3B/3B rental history, turn key, waterfront. — #14322 - USD$975K
Eastern Shores — Sur La Mer - 2B/2B + bonus room Rental history. 130' Sea of Abaco. — #15269 - USD$700K
Eastern Shores — 1 acre Sea to Sea -3B/3B + Guest Cottage & Garage. Rental history — #17759 - $1.15M
Marsh Harbour — Below appraisal - 2B/2B + 2 bonus rooms easy duplex conversion. — #15783 - $210K
Great Cistern — Coral Point Villa - 2,250 s.f. 3B/3B 170' Waterfront 1+ acre. — #17857- $750K
Marsh Harbour — NEW — Sunrise Bay "awesome views" Hilltop Lot 3 w/ private boat slip. — #19565 - $242K
Joes Creek — NEW — Joes Creek/ Leisure Lee Lot 4 28,000 sq. ft. 100' beachfront. — #19601 - $199K
Yellow Wood — NEW — Next to Winding Bay - "BIG CAVE" 11.4 Oceanfront acres. — #19532 - $595K
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Fully equipped, 2 bdrm home on a 1-acre beach lot. **Ref. AS12154**

MURPHY TOWN $95,000
Brand new duplex with 1 bdrm apartments. **Ref. AS12285**

CASUARINA POINT $120,000
This triplex investment is an ideal opportunity. **Ref. AS12243**

MURPHY TOWN $180,000
Triplex investment. **Ref. AS12290**

DUNDAS TOWN $48,000
24,901 sq. ft. elevated lot. **Ref. AS12270**

CENTRAL PINES $48,000
13,342 sq. ft. lot in an up and coming subdivision. **Ref. AS11932**

LITTLE HARBOUR $340,000
Oceanfront living on an acre awaits at this renovated 3 bdrm home with guest cottage. **Ref. AS12235**

HOPE TOWN/ELBOW CAY

BUTTONWOOD SUBD. $300,000
Income producing property includes 4 apartment units. **Ref. PS10678**

MARNIE'S CREEK $549,000
20,000 sq. ft. hilltop lot with partially completed house. **Ref. PS10666**

NEAR BIG HILL $1,100,000
Four 2 bdrm, 2 bath pool and ocean view villas located just across the street from a stretch of white-sand beach enjoys all the amenities of Turtle Hill Resort. **Ref. PS10669**

FISHING POINT $2,200,000
One-of-a-kind, 1.14 acre waterfront estate has a 3 bdrm house, outdoor kitchen, beach, dock and hurricane hole. **Ref. PS10671**

LUBBER'S QUARTERS

LUBBERS QUARTERS $995,000
9.16 acre sea-to-sea estate has 2 docks, 2 beaches, 2 residences and a cottage. **Ref. AS12308**

NEAR ABACO OCEAN CLUB $499,000
A 3 bdrm hilltop home just steps from the beach. **Ref. AS12294**

GREEN TURTLE CAY

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

GILLIAM BAY $2,400,000
4 bdrm pod-style beach home on a half acre. **Ref. AS12261**

BLUFF HARBOUR $1,500,000
2 bdrm waterfront home on 2 acres, *plus* dock. **Ref. AS11826**

SUNRISE BEACH $575,000
New Price! 3 beachfront lots available for the price of 2. **Ref. AS11711**

HARBOUR VIEW ESTS. $349,000
Low maintenance 2 bdrm home with great rental income **Ref. AS12006**

GUANA CAY

SHIPWRECK SUBD. $70,000
A fantastic value, this fully serviced 6,811 sq. ft. lot has potential sea and ocean views from a two-storey home, and is located near the community dock and just a short walk to the beach. **Ref. AS10891**

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

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

PUBLIC DOCK $95,000
Quaint fixer-upper has commercial potential. **Ref. AS12292**

GUANA SEASIDE VLG. $249,000
Classic cottage restored to almost brand new is just steps from miles of white-sand beach and features a breezy floorplan complemented by 2 bedrooms with beautiful ocean and bay views, *plus* a relaxing and well shaded porch. **Ref. AS12139**

TREASURE CAY

OCEAN BLVD. $1,250,000
Experience privacy and luxury amenities at this 1.2 acre lot with 100 ft. of beach. **Ref. AS12260**

WINDWARD DRIVE $580,000
Charming 3 bdrm, 3.5 bath canal home with great sea views is unbeatably priced. **Ref. AS12224**

ROYAL PALM CONDO 2314 $295,000
2/2 furn. with boat and dock. **Ref. AS11897**

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

OTHER CAYS

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

WALKER'S CAY $19,000,000
58 acre island is a legendary fishing resort with airstrip, marina, and development approvals. **Ref. AS12219**

POWELL CAY $9,400,000
293 acre island with nature reserve is located north of Cooper's Town and is the ideal spot for a 5-star resort project or private retreat. **Ref. AS12305**

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More Student of the Year Nominees

Todd Thompson

Todd Thompson began his education at Cooper's Town Primary School in September 2008 and since then has demonstrated great intelligence, dedication, industriousness, honesty, initiative, and other such great qualities.

He has been a prefect for the past three years and is an excellent role model for his school mates and other youngsters.

His hobbies include reading, fishing, singing and dancing. In his spare time, he plays softball and baseball. He plans to attend college to become a neurologist.

His current GPA IS 3.21. His father's name is Todd Thompson Sr. and his mother's name is Rasheda Rolle.

Bessie Lowe

A dynamo in a small package would be a good way to describe head girl of Hope Town School, Bessie Lowe. Bessie is the daughter of Maitland and Mercedes Lowe.

Despite her many honours she is humble and occasionally shy. Her grades have been outstanding since Grade 1 and she has been honoured at the District Award Ceremony as Hope Town School's Top Student in Grade each year since then. She has also been honoured at the national level by the Ministry of Education at the Minister's Award Ceremony.

She placed second nationally at the Commonwealth Writers Competition for her story about her father. She was invited to Atlantis to read her story before the gathered crowds at the awards ceremony.

Bessie loves sports and swam each year in the Perry Cooke Memorial Interschool Swim Meet. She has been a member of the Youth Sailing Group for and recently won second place in Treasure Cay at the Ssands Sailing Meet.

She is caring and generous and has cut her long hair twice to donate to "locks of love" for child cancer patients to have human hair wigs.

She is active in maintaining the school garden and monitoring the sea oats the school. She recently had an article published in the "Sandwatcher" on-line magazine about the sea oats progress.

Christanique Russell

Christanique Russell is a sixth grade student at Fox Town Primary who has maintained a GPA above 3.00 since first grade.

She is the Head Girl and is active in all of the extra-curricular activities of the school such as Junkanoo, Sports, Student Christian Movement (SCM), Sunflowers and has participated in the Spelling Bees from grades 1 – 6.

She is a pleasant and helpful young lady who is always willing to assist other students and the staff. She is active in St. Chad's Anglican Church where she serves as acolyte, is a part of the Youth Praise Team and the Liturgical Dance Team.

In the community she often assists a disabled member of her church as well as helps out at the Community Clinic. Miss Russell is eleven years old and plans to become a teacher when she completes her formal education.

She is the daughter of Christopher and Zermah Russell of Fox Town.

Jadyn Laroda

Eleven year old Jadyn Laroda is the 2014 Student of the Year for Treasure Cay Primary School. She is the president of the Big Brother-Big Sister Club, a member of the Spelling Club and an active member of the Discovery Club.

She is very involved in her church, Full Gospel Assemblies of God, where she serves as a marching band member, and member of TY365 and Speed the Light. Jadyn loves to help people and hopes to one day do this in a more meaningful way by becoming a teacher.

Her current Grade Point Average is 3.3. She is the daughter of proud mother Charmair Laroda and very supportive and loving grandparents, Clint and Wendy Laroda.

Ashley Newell

Ashley R. Newell is a sixth grade student at Angels Academy in Marsh Harbour. Daughter of proud parents, Ed and Cindy Newell, Ashley has received the Super Honour Roll every year since Grade 1.

She is the current Head Girl at Angels Academy.

You may recognize some of Ashley's work. She is the creator of "Ashley's Abaco Seaglass Jewlery" Most of the proceeds from her venture go towards helping the Abaco Shelter for Potcakes.

Recently she won a school competition for designing a flyer to promote the upcoming Angels Academy Book Fair. In fact that flyer design can be seen in this issue of "The Abaconian."

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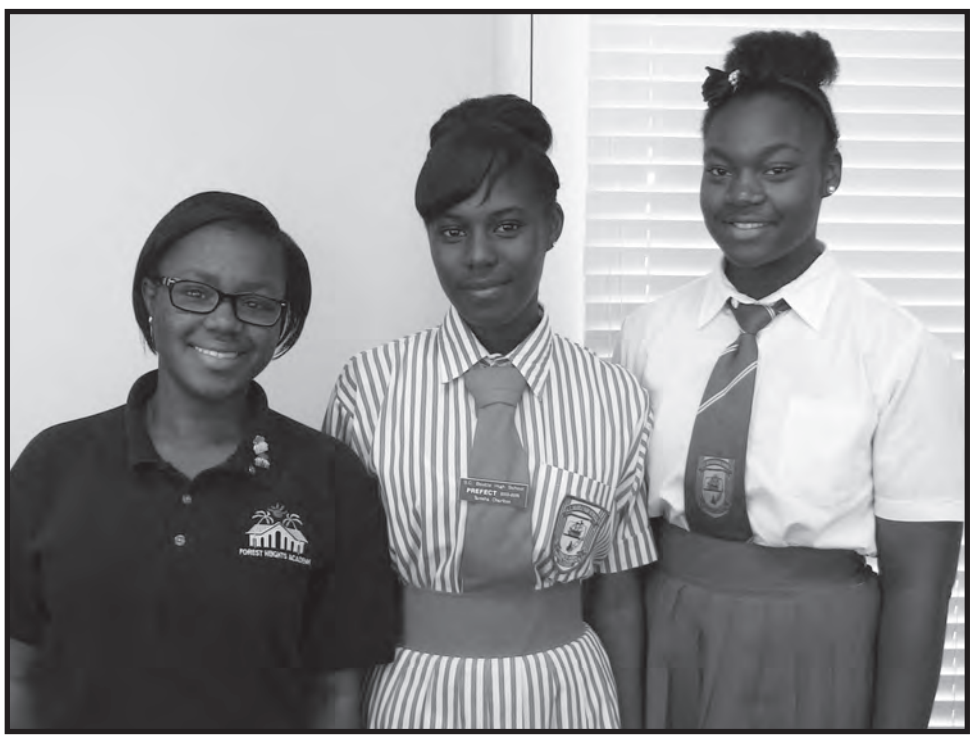
Jonnajah Boodle named Abaco's Junior Minister of Tourism



Above: Jonnajah Boodle (left) of Forest Heights Academy is named the 2014 Abaco Junior Minister of Tourism; Tanisha Charlton of S.C. Bootle, second; and Curtisher Mills of S.C. Bootle, third.

By Canishka Alexander

On March 6, the Abaco Tourist Office held its Junior Minister of Tourism Speech Competition in the Office of The Prime Minister's Conference Room. Dushinka Darville introduced the six high school students, who presented their speeches on the topic: "The Impact of our Culture on Tourism."

Joshua Robins of St. Francis De Sales Catholic School was the first speaker. Robins was followed by Tanisha Charlton of S. C. Bootle High School; Celeste Kelly of Long Bay School; Curtisher Mills of S.C. Bootle High School; Joshua Archer of Long Bay School; and Jonnajah Boodle of Forest Heights Academy.

In her speech, Tanisha Charlton spoke about Tourism's role and culture being a part of our country's attractiveness.

She pointed out that beyond natural beauty, The Bahamas has music like Goombay and rake n' scrape as well as social and religious influences that have left lasting impacts. Other important aspects, Tanisha said, are the friendly nature of the Bahamian people and the attendance of visitors to local events like Homecomings and Regatta.

"Visitors come to The Bahamas to escape here for business or island life adventure," Tanisha said. "We have to remain true to who we are – our history and heritage, our folklore and cuisine. We have to take customers back to our roots."

Next, Curtisher Mills started off with an appealing Junkanoo introduction before asking the audience the question: "What are strangers looking for?"

In her response, Curtisher was convinced that visitors search for our festivals, food and rich culture.

"The sights, the sounds and the taste – the impact is that they come to see!" she declared. "We have to give them that 'more' they are looking for."

Jonnajah Boodle opened her speech with facts regarding the "Father of Tourism" – Sir Stafford Sands. She reasoned that Sands somehow knew that tourism would become the career of the ages.

Coupled with the culture and the climate of The Bahamas, Jonnajah added that other profound aspects are Bahamian music, Junkanoo and its handmade costumes, Androsian fabric, jewelry and straw crafts, our hospitality, cuisine, and the four million visitors that visit the country each year.

"On an exit survey, six out of 10 visitors thought The Bahamas was much better than they expected," Jonnajah revealed. "We are all ambassadors, we are all involved, and we all play a role no matter how small.

"All the culture in the world would not bring tourists without these accessories," she concluded.

After tallying their scores, the judges determined the winners based on the 40 percent acquired from the students' interviews, and the remaining 60 percent from their speeches.

Jonnajah Boodle won the competition to become the 2014 Junior Minister of Tourism for Abaco, while Tanisha Charlton and Curtisher Mills of S.C. Bootle, placed second and third, respectively.

Jonnajah will travel to Nassau on March 27 to compete against students who won the title of Junior Minister of Tourism on each island. At the National competition, the students will be presenting their speech on the topic – "Celebrating 50 Years: Protecting the Brand, Promoting the Destination."

Commonwealth Day celebrated at ACH

By Mirella Santillo

Each year, Commonwealth Day is the occasion for the students of all the Commonwealth schools to showcase their skills and creativity. This year again, during a special assembly that hosted a panel of official guests, the students of Abaco Central High displayed their talent for music, skits and singing, while following the theme "Team Commonwealth".

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The Queen's message was read by Vice- Principal, Shirley Krezel. In her message, the Head of the Commonwealth spoke of the up-coming Commonwealth Games that will be held in Glasgow this Summer and of the baton that is being passed through the seventy countries and territories of the Commonwealth.

She mentioned the "ever growing network of links which connect us in our diversity and our common purpose. It is this unity that is expressed in this year's theme - Team Commonwealth."

That theme was upheld by the speakers of the day. The Principal, Ricardo Ferguson, brought up the analogy of his school with the Commonwealth: a place of diversity and mixed ethnic groups. "But we have to live together and be our brother's keeper" he said.

Leslie Rolle, who represented the Department of Education in the absence of Dr. Black, reminded the assembly of how grateful residents of The Bahamas should be compared to those of other countries of the Commonwealth which do not enjoy the abundance and quality of life experienced here.

MP for North Abaco, Renardo Curry, reminded people of the importance of sharing our principles and values and of the benefits of being received as being part of a bigger world. He also spoke of gratitude and urged the students to represent their school positively everywhere they went.

The guest speaker, Philip Miller, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, also outlined the bonds between the countries of the Commonwealth, a legal, cultural and lingual tie. He offered some historical data, mentioning that from the 1500s to the 1900s, England owned and ruled the British Empire. He reminisced on the time when Commonwealth Day was called Empire Day.

He compared the country to a sports team with its strength and weaknesses, a team's successes depend on leadership and shared vision. After speaking of the issues affecting The Bahamas today, he addressed the male students:

"Young men you are the protectors, the protectors of children, women and property. Your job is to protect, not to destroy." He urged them to have a vision of what The Bahamas should be forty years from now and to help actualize that vision.

In between spoken remarks, the girls' choir sung and the school band performed musical pieces, but the best entertainment was the talent competition between the four houses to be judged by three of the official guests.

In turn Caribs, Tainos, Arawaks and Lucayans demonstrated their ability to sing, skit and rap. They were to be judged on their performance, creativity and adherence to the theme of the day. Two girls represented the Cribs and the Tainos respectively. The Lucayans sent four boys to the stage but the Arawaks came in number, ten of them.

They were all outstanding. When the results were announced, Arawaks and Lucayans were tied in first place, with Tainos third and Caribs fourth. However the students did not settle for a tie and they went on performing… The forty plus members of the school Junkanoo group, including its impressive band of brass, cow bells and drums "rushed" through the school yard, putting on quite a show.

Food prepared by the Home Economic Department, representing various nations of the Commonwealth, including The Bahamas, was offered to the guests and faculty members.

Mrs. Cox and the Department of Social Studies planned and coordinated the event.

Above: ACH students performing during Commonwealth Day. Flags from different Commonwealth Nations were displayed. Guest speaker, Philip Miller (Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) recalled a time when "Commonwealth Day" was "Empire Day."

St. Francis student among finalists in FCAA Essay Competition

Above: Mrs. Georgia Williams-Curry, St. Francis English teacher; Monet Brown, essay finalist; and Wynsome Ferguson, manager of the Abaco Tourist Office.

By Canishka Alexander

On Feb. 27, Wynsome Ferguson, manager of the Abaco Tourist Office, presented a $200-cheque to Monet Brown of St. Francis de Sales School for her partici-

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pation in the Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) Essay.

Last year, Monet, a 12th grade student, competed in the senior division of the FCAA Essay Competition to become a finalist.

Ferguson explained that the cheque was given to Monet for her participation and placement in the final round of the essay competition.

Monet spoke on the topic – "What makes my destination different from others?"

In her response, Monet talked about The Bahamas' culture, its beauty, and the abundance of natural resources like blue holes. She concluded by expressing her appreciation to FCCA noting that the time and effort she had put into the competition had been well worth it.

Angels Academy wins Grade Three Spelling Bee

By Samantha Evans

The Grade Three Spelling Bee was held on Friday February 28th, 2014 at 10am at the Old Friendship Tabernacle Building in Dundas Town. Twenty-four students took part in this event which began with words that the children were given to learn and practice.

Eighteen rounds were spent on the Seen List of Words before moving to the more challenging words on the Unseen List. The students utilized all of their spelling skills hoping to take home one of the top three trophies but at the end of the competition only three students could claim those spots.

In third place was Ryleigh Sweeting from Hope Town School, in second place was Faith Francis from Central Abaco Primary School and the winner from Angels Academy was Olivia Mary John.

ACH holds special assemblies

By Mirella Santillo

Abaco Central High School Career and Technical Education Department held a special assembly in the afternoon of February 10 under the theme: Celebrating Bahamian Career and Technical Education Super-heroes.

The technical department consists of several disciplines such as clothing construction taught by Mrs. Agatha Simms, Food and Nutrition taught by Mrs. Vivian Jones, Office procedure and Keyboarding taught by Mrs. Shantell Miller. Ms. Kimiley Major oversees Accounting and Commerce, Mr. Conliff Green, Communication and Mr.Rori Young is the instructor in Technical Drawing, Carpentry and Joinery.

To illustrate how such disciplines can help develop successful careers, persons representing each of the subjects were chosen in the community.

The honorees were Mr. William Swain, owner of Bill Swain and Sons Construction, Mrs. Lovely Reckely owner of Lovely's Delights, Mrs. Iris Henchel, First Caribbean Bank Manager, Mrs. Margel Smith, a seamstress as well as an Insurance Representative, Mrs. Desmond Bootle owner of 3D Signs company, Mrs. Sharman Davis owner of Restoration Salon and Spa, Mr. Silbert Mills also represented two businesses, Abaco Pizza and Radio

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All Girls Seminar held at S.C. Bootle High School

Above: the girls of S.C. Bootle celebrating "Beautiful Me."

Press Release

On Feb. 18, S.C. Bootle High School held its Annual Girls Seminar. Female students and teachers gathered at The Wisdom Changing Centre for a half-day seminar under the theme: "Beautiful Me." Principal Huel Moss said that the seminar was both exciting and educational allowing the female Dynamic Dolphins to bond through music, drama, and self-affirming activities.

The ladies explored various qualities of beauty, both inner and external, and were encouraged to focus on beautifying themselves from the inside out.

The keynote speaker for the event was Mr. Latroy Russell of Cooper's Town.

As a pastor and father of three girls, Mr. Russell spoke on "A Father's Love" from the perspective of a biological father as well as our Heavenly Father. Mr. Russell eloquently explained how a father's love is meant to bring out the greatness in his daughter(s).

His presentation convincingly communicated to each attendee that she is beautiful, strong, smart and great. The culminating moment was at the conclusion of the event when the women and girls held their heads high, smiled brightly, and confidently declared: "I AM Beautiful!"

S.C. Bootle holds All Boys Seminar for 2014

Press Release

S. C. Bootle High School held its annual All Boys Seminar under the theme, "There is a King in Every Boy," at the Faith Walk Church of God in Cooper's Town recently.

District Superintendent of Education, Dr. Lenora Black, addressed the students on the importance of completing their formal education with an emphasis on their keys to success as young men today.

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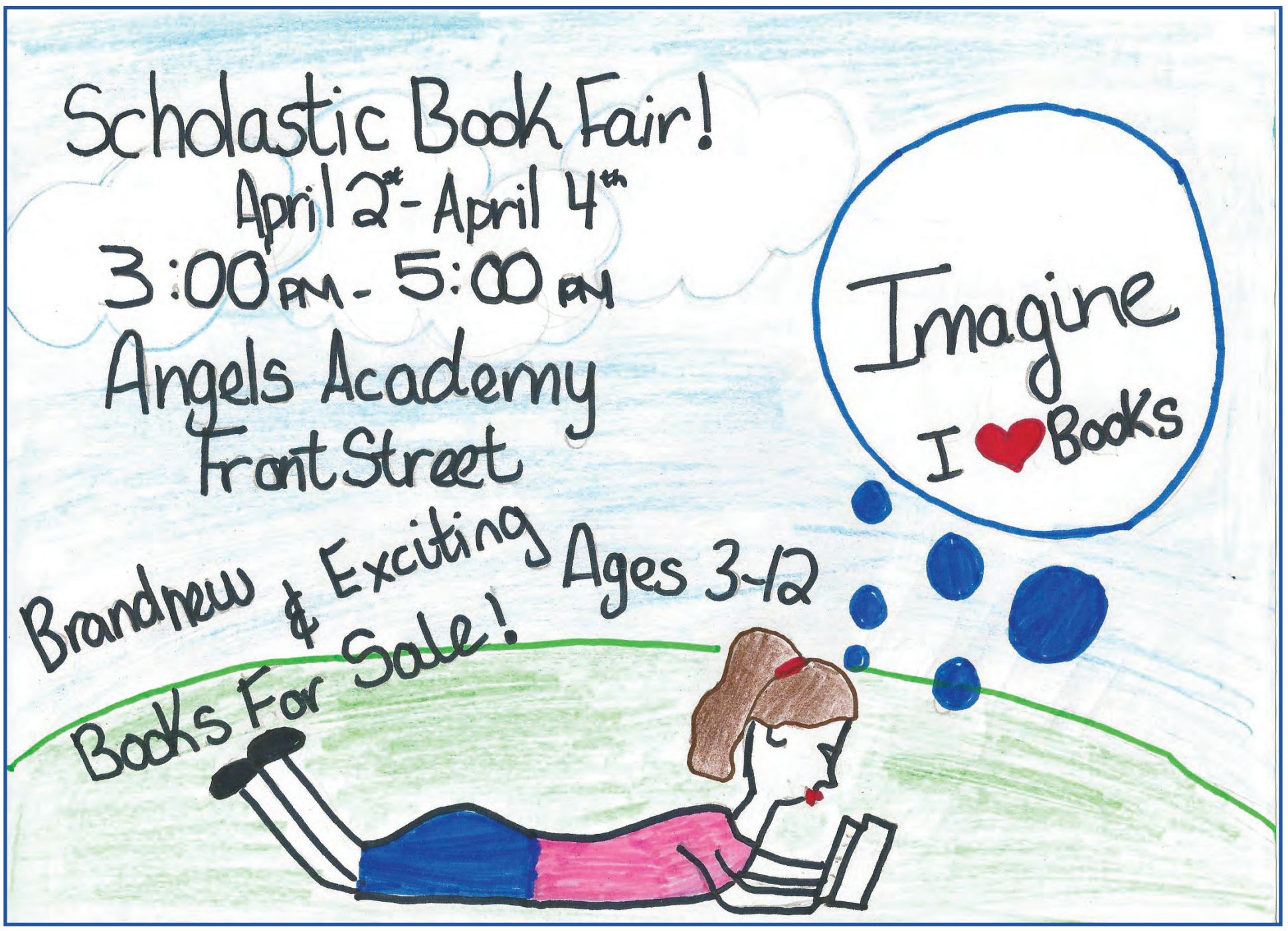

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Above: Bro. Dexter James defines what a 'man' is to the S.C. Bootle boys.

Boys

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The next speaker was Bro. Dexter James, who spoke to the young men on their purpose as men and the importance of citizenship.

Finally, Carlton Gibson, gave a very moving testimony on how God can change lives and the importance of sharing love and brotherhood among each other.

Principal Huel Moss expressed that the seminar was truly an extremely enriching set of sessions.

Assembly

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Abaco and, lastly, Architect Ryan Archer.

Four of these honorees were invited to address the students briefly during the assembly. They were eighty two year old Bill Swain, a very active man who still helps run his business.

The second person was Mrs. Lovely Reckley whose arts and crafts activity allowed her to travel many places in the world.

Mr. Silbert Mills, needless to say is well known all over The Bahamas for his weather forecast and his news briefs on Radio Abaco as well as for his gospel and religious programs on BCN Television Network. He also owns a pizzeria in Marsh Harbour.

Mrs. Sherman Davis, a successful cosmetologist, teaches a class of young ladies at Abaco Central High School three times a week when she is not running her beauty salon.

Their life stories were very motivating as they were all self-made, successful entrepreneurs. The speakers were presented with certificates of appreciation and a small bag of candies. And the students paid them tribute with poems and songs.

During a brief assembly held in the morning of February 18 students who had accomplished special achievements in last year Spelling Bee, such as Jacqueline Jean Jaques or Maliyah Forbes, or Donte Zilma whose Essay Writing was recognized. Also acknowledged with cheers were the arts and crafts students of Ms. Stacia Pitt.

Mr. Jamal McIntosh reminded the assembly of the Junkanoo schedule and Mrs. Shantell Miller mentioned that raffle tickets for two Valentine baskets still had to be sold.

Mr. V. Coakley announced that one of last year's graduates was ill with cancer and a collection was done to help his family with hospital expenses.

He also reiterated the dress code rules and asked the students to proceed diligently to their classrooms when the bell rang. "Respect yourself and your teachers," he admonished.

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- Great elevation
- Pool
- Private Dock
- Turn Key

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- New Plymouth
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- Historic
- Shed/Wash house

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- Turkish Tile Floors
- Pickled vaulted ceilings
- Community Dock Access

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SPORTS

Agape Eagles fall to C.I. Gibson in Hugh Campbell Basketball Classic Championship

Above: the Agape Eagles had another great showing during this year's Hugh Campbell Basketball Classic.

By Mirella Santillo

Its participation in the 2014 Hugh Campbell Basketball Classic was another success for Agape Christian School who made it to the full championship in its pool, only losing to the C I Gibson High School Rattlers.

During the annual Hugh Campbell Basketball Classic, held the week of February 18-24, the Agape Christian School Eagles were placed in pool number one, which put them with eight of the toughest competitors among thirty four high schools.

They managed to beat the Queen's College Comets and Sunland Baptist High School Stingers twice to make it to the championship game against CI Gibson Rattlers, a team that inflicted the Eagles' only defeat in their pool.

But for Coach Adderley it was not all about winning or losing. Inspired by the sport and academic performances but also by the determination and courage of one of his former students, Jaron Cornish, he somewhat modified his outlook on the ultimate goal of a sports team. Although still very much in a competitive mood, Coach Adderley feels that the experience gathered and the making of their character and the opportunities offered to the young men are as important as a victory.

At the end of the Tournament, the Eagles received three scholarships offers and two of the Agape Christian School's players, Godfrey Rolle and Timothy Bullard, made the All-Tournament Team.

Agape Christian School now ranks in the top five high schools in the country in basketball.

Local Basketball News

By Mirella Santillo

Churches basketball Season to start with the Sherwood Simms Basketball Tournament

The second annual Sherwood Simms Basketball Tournament is scheduled on start on Saturday March 15 at 6:00pm. It is to take place on the basketball court of Zion Cathedral in Murphy Town.

Several church teams have already indicated their intention to participate in the tournament that will last until the first weekend in May during which the championship games will be held.

Victory Tabernacle, Abaco Youth Ministry, Change Ministries of Murphy Town, Church of God of Prophecy of Dundas Town, St Mark Baptist Church of Crossing Rocks, Revival Time Church of Spring City and of course Zion Cathedral will enter teams to the tournament.

Players will be accepted in four age categories, under twelve, under fifteen, under nineteen and open.

Zion Cathedral's Pastor Strachan, the coordinator and organizer of the tournament hopes that the Member of Parliament for North Abaco, Renardo Curry, will attend the first game and throw the first ball, as he did last year.

There will be refreshments on sale at each game.

The Jonathan Curry Tournament

Games will take place in Cooper's Town /Mount Hope on March 21 and 22 for the Jonathan Curry Tournament. An all Star team from Central Abaco will attend that event. A bus departing from Zion Cathedral will be taking the players and supporters to the games.

Games will resume at Zion Cathedral on

March 28 & 29,
April 4 & 5
April 11 & 12.
April 19-21

Abaco players make up Bahamas National Softball Team

By Canishka Alexander

Three softball players from Abaco were selected as part of The Bahamas' National Softball Team that will compete in the Central American and Caribbean Games qualifying tournament in Cali, Colombia from April 23 to May 3.

They are Pitchers Lyle Sawyer and Tyler Russell, and Grant Albury, catcher, from the Creter's Bulldogs. The Bulldogs became the nation's softball champions after winning last year's Round Robin Tournament.

The trio will make up the national team that includes: Pitchers – Alcott Forbes and Thomas Davis; Catcher – Angelo Dillette; Infielders – Jamal Johnson, Wayne "Eric Pappi" Johnson, Ken Wood, Richard Bain, Rashad Seymour, Quintin Rolle (Grand Bahama) and Keel Pinder

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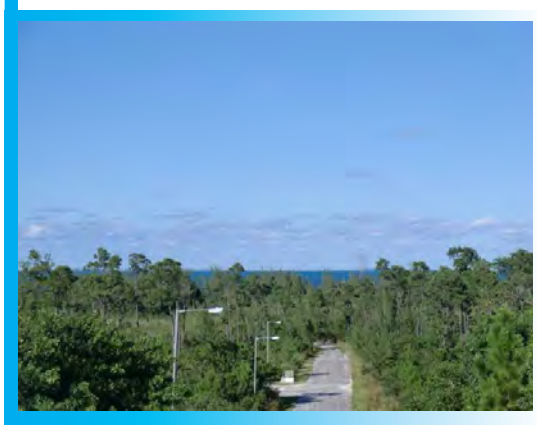

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(Grand Bahama); Outfielders – Sherman Ferguson, Lamar Watkins, Addie Finley and Marcus Holbert (Grand Bahama).

The Bahamas team will be accompanied by Manager Godfrey Burnside Sr.; Coaches Perry Seymour and Martin Burrows Sr.; and Reserves – Garfield Bethel, Jordan Gibson, Andrew Albury, Larry Russell Jr., Philip Johnson, Carlos Pratt, Zhivago Archer and Martin Burrows Jr.

If the players are successful in Colombia, they will advance to the CAC Games in Veracruz, Mexico on Nov. 15 to Nov. 30.

Girls basketball team gives "110 percent" on national stage

On Feb. 20, S. C. Bootle High School's Senior and Junior Girls Basketball teams traveled to Grand Bahama to compete against various girl teams all over The Bahamas in the Geneva Rutherford Basketball Tournament.

Unfortunately, the Junior girls were defeated in their category, but fought a good fight. Coach Kayetta Brown expressed that the games became intense especially going up against Freedom Baptist Academy in Nassau. The Juniors went into two double overtimes where the score was so close, but the Dynamic Dolphins fell short by two points.

The Junior girls then went up against St. Mary Patricia Junior High School in Freeport to qualify for pool championship,

Above: the SC Bootle Girls Basketball Team.

but once again fell short by one point.

"These girls did exceptionally well [and are] a very young team with a lot of talent and passion," Coach Brown said. "Our Junior Dynamic stars who represented us are as follows: Maija Miller, Shakendra Russell, Maygan St. Claude, Gitavia Stubbs, Antonia Nixon, and Fayonte Rolle."

The Senior girls also fought a good fight where they fell down in their first game against St. Georges school in Freeport.

"It seems that nerves kicked in, but they did not leave defeated," Coach Brown reasoned.

The next day the Seniors went into the gym with "blood in their eyes," and defeated the Jack Haywood School: 18-15. Ka'Andra Sawyer, the team captain, scored a three-pointer that nailed the game.

In their next game, the Senior girls were up for the fight.

"We went up against the C. R. Walker Knights, who are presently the champions for the GSSA league in Nassau," Coach Brown explained. "However, this game was very close, and I would say these girls gave it 110 percent. The score in the end was 31-26 where the Dolphins fell down by just five points.

Going into elimination game against Catholic High Crusaders, Moss said was a very intense close game as well commenting that the girls felt that they were not given fair calls.

"However, we will not stop here," she said. "Having the best girls' team in Abaco, I am sure we will have more success stories in future tournaments to come. This is a very young vibrant team with a lot of high expectations."

Among the Senior girls' dynamic stars were: Rosanna Parker (MVP); Ka'Andra Sawyer (MVP); Tanisha Charlton, one of their best defenders; Dearsharay Brown, and Sabrina Jordan.

GAFFW encourages sign-ups

Press Release

Sign up to participate in the 3rd Annual Great Abaco Family Fitness Weekend that is scheduled for March 21st-23rd in Treasure Cay. The weekend of events will include: the 1-Mile Open Water Swim, Sprint/Olympic Triathlons (Individual & Relay), Kids' 1-Mile Fun Run and the 5k/10k Fun Run/Walk.

Participating in this year's event is Hector Picard. Hector is a bilateral amputee who will be participating in the Open Water Swim and the Sprint Triathlon. He will also be there to speak with kids from ECC and Forest Heights Academy on Friday morning and will demonstrate how to change a tire - with no hands -on Friday afternoon.

Also in attendance will be Cheer Bahamas who will put on their Cheerleading Clinic for juniors and adults alike and PappaSurf who will coordinate the Paddleboard Races on Saturday afternoon.

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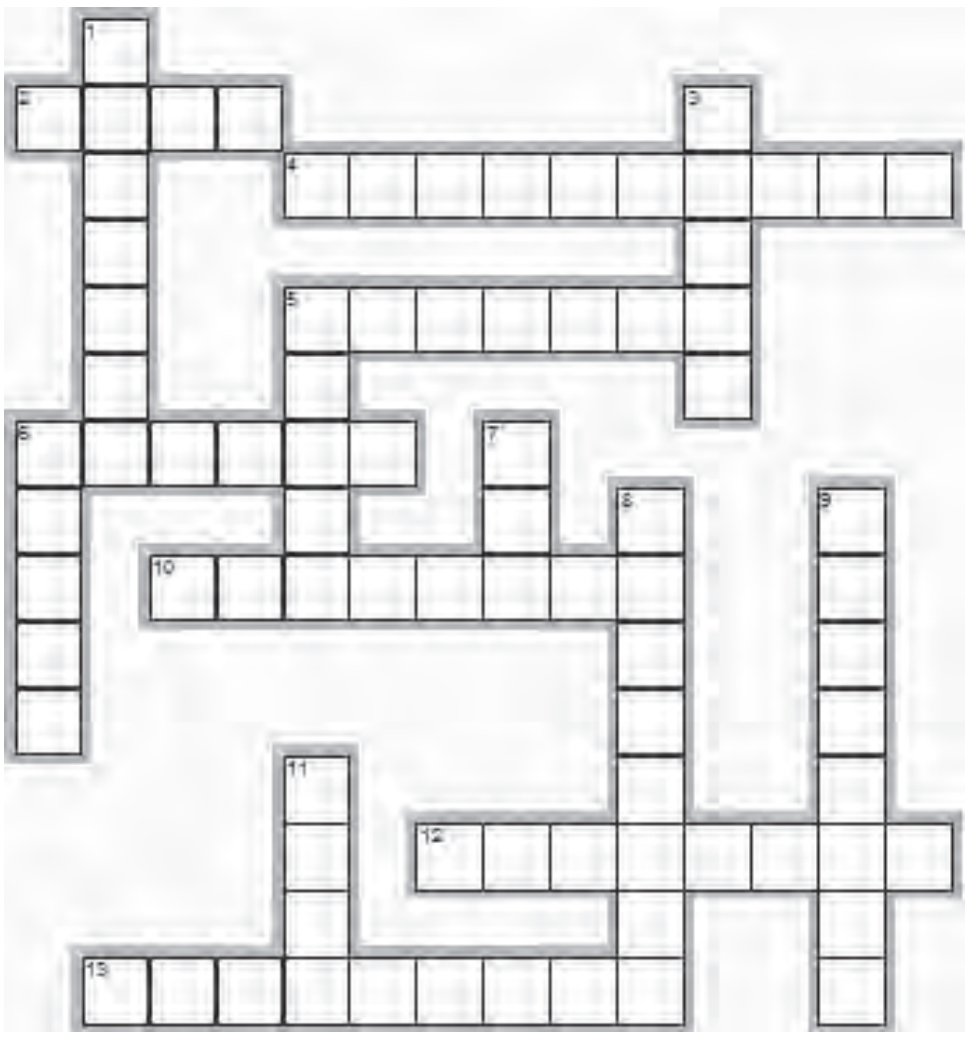

Clues

Across

2. Daybreak
4. Candy striped in Elbow Cay
5. Closest US State
6. Mythical fire breather
10. "King of the Monsters"
12. In the islands you have to watch for falling _____
13. Bahamian rock

Down

1. Protective reef
3. Jewish Holy Book
5. 1999 Hurricane
6. Twelve
7. This bird might ask you, "Who?"
8. Natural fish nursery
9. Hunts prey.
11. "Time and _____ wait for no man."

March 1 Answers

Across

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

Down

1. **OCTOPUS**—Beaks and tentacles.
2. **BLOCKADE**—Bahamians would "run" this during the American Civil War.
3. **HEISENBERG**—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. **CLOUDS**—cirrus, stratus, etc.
5. **UNION**—This "Jack" used to fly over Bahamian soil.
6. **CASCARILLA**—The bark from this plant is used in some flavoured liquers.
7. **JOHNSTON**—This Abaco Studio & Foundry was recently awarded a major contract to cast a stature of Sir Lynden Pindling.
10. **SEASONS**—summer, winter, spring & fall.
12. **ELEUTHERA**—Location of Glass Window Bridge
13. **MAD**—Crazy

Lifestyles

FRIENDS to showcase film in hope Town

Press Release

Friends of the Environment is excited that Barbara Ettinger and Sven Huseby have accepted the invitation to visit Abaco, meet FRIENDS members and show their amazing film, "A Sea Change".

Hope Town Inn and Marina has kindly offered to host the film showing, with a "meet and greet" and light dinner menu, on Thursday March 27th at 6:00pm.

"A Sea Change" follows the journey of retired history teacher Sven Huseby on his quest to discover what is happening to the world's oceans. After reading Elizabeth Kolbert's article "The Darkening Sea" in The New Yorker, Sven becomes obsessed with the rising acidity of the oceans and what this "sea change" bodes for mankind.

His quest takes him to Alaska, California, Washington, and Norway as he uncovers a worldwide crisis of which most people are unaware. Speaking with oceanographers, marine biologists, climatologists, artists and policy experts, Sven discovers that global warming is only half the story of the environmental catastrophe that awaits us.

Excess carbon dioxide is dissolving in our oceans, changing seawater chemistry. The increasing acidity of the water makes it difficult for tiny creatures at the bottom of the food web – such as the pteropods in the films – to form their shells. The effects could work their way up to the fish one billion people depend upon for their source of protein.

A Sea Change is also a touching portrait of Sven's relationship with his grandchild Elias. As Sven keeps a correspondence with the little boy, he mulls over the world that he is leaving for future generations.

A disturbing and essential companion piece to An Inconvenient Truth, A Sea Change brings home the indisputable fact that our lifestyle is changing the earth, despite our rhetoric or wishful thinking.

A Sea Change is the first documentary about ocean acidification, directed by Barbara Ettinger and co-produced by Sven Huseby of Niijii Films. While emphasizing new scientific information, the feature length film is also a beautiful poem to the ocean world and an intimate story of a Norwegian-American family whose heritage is bound up with the sea.

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Business

Chamber Directors meet with Chief Councillors

By Dave Ralph

The Abaco Chamber of Commerce hosted the Chief Councillors Association of Abaco at a dinner at Mangoes Restaurant on February 13. The two groups are concerned with mutual problems affecting Abaco and felt it would be beneficial to discuss and work together on these. This meeting of the Chief Councillors was in keeping with the Local Government Act that mandates an island's chief councillors meet together for the common good of their island.

The halting of work on the airport terminal is upsetting to both groups. Abaco needs the terminal to accommodate our visitors who are the core of Abaco's economy. It was decided that the Chamber and local government groups must make more noise to push government to complete the facilities. To this end, a joint statement is planned. It has been said that when the terminal is completed, direct flights from Atlanta may begin. In addition to the terminal, concerns were raised over the high cost of air travel to Abaco.

Refuse collection and disposal are another common issue. The landfill is not being managed and is now just a dump. Central government took over the expense of barging garbage from Elbow Cay and Man-O-War Cay and the management of the landfill, but there is no effective management of the landfill. Fires are burning there continually.

More authority needs to be given to local government as the people in local government know what the local communities want and need and how they want available funding to be spent. Central government is not paying attention to our towns' needs, and local government has neither the funding nor authority to make meaningful progress. There is a lack of accountability on government spending for island projects. Contracts are issued without local knowledge of what is to be accomplished, what the project may cost or how the finished project will be maintained.

The Chamber and the Chief Councillors both want the Freedom of Information Act to be put into practice to enable accountability of government business.

Other complaints included the mini-hospital not being completed. Government now says it is due to the plans being incomplete in some aspects. Another complaint was that central government did not ask for local input about our road conditions and issued contracts with varying degrees of success. We have a new power plant that cost over a $100 million, yet we are still experiencing power outages.

It was suggested that several members of the combined group attempt a meeting with the Prime Minister, taking a list of complaints. But it was brought out that government would not meet with established civic groups in Nassau that recently formed the Coalition for Responsible Taxation. It is doubtful, they felt, that the Prime Minister would meet with Abaco representatives.

Government's proposed Value Add-

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Church News

Change Ministries hosts March Madness 2014

By Canishka Alexander

Every Sunday in the month of March is designated as March Madness 2014 at Change Ministries International. Joining Host Pastor Samuel Cornish and First Lady Carmen Cornish, speakers include: Bishop George Bloomer; Pastor Luther McKinstry along with guest psalmist Jonathan Nelson; Pastor Reginald Perry; and Terez Davis – "Ms. Daisy" – as a guest psalmist.

On March 2, Bishop George Bloomer delivered his sermon on the topic: "Time is On Your Side," as he spoke concerning the Devil/Lucifer and spiritual warfare. The Scriptural text was based on Ezekiel 28:13 with excerpts taken from the Books of Genesis, Isaiah and Psalms.

Bishop Bloomer outlined the benefits of worshipping God, and pointed out the ways that God provides for us. He warned Christians to not allow Satan to offset their "worship rhythm" and to ensure that their worship remains pure.

"On your weakest day, you have more power than the Devil," he declared. "You become unstoppable when you get to the place that was preordained for you."

Almost two decades ago, Bishop Bloomer discovered his preordained place after being imprisoned and not being able to read most of his adult life.

"Every year I lost, when I said yes to God, I redeemed the time," Bishop Bloomer shared. "Lucifer understands that he has a short time, so he uses propaganda and tells you things that are not true.

"The Devil is a lie; he only comes into existence when we give him power. In order for a lie to work, there has to be a level of credibility."

The following week on March 9, Pastor Luther McKinstry was the next invited guest speaker. While Psalmist Jonathan Nelson led the audience in the singing of some of his gospel hits, Pastor McKinstry founded his message – "It's the Champion in Me" on 1 Samuel 17.

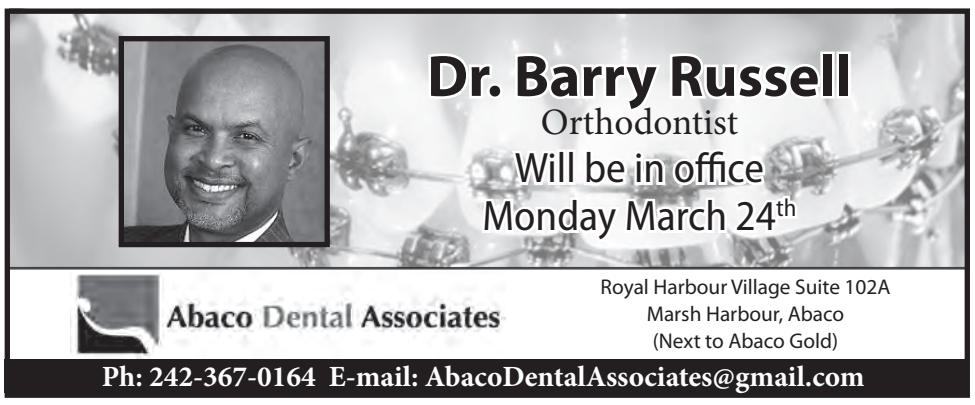
He proclaimed that 2014 will be a year with a lot of falling away of leaders under the New Age Revolution. However, he reassured church members that God is getting ready to visit them and bless them like never before.

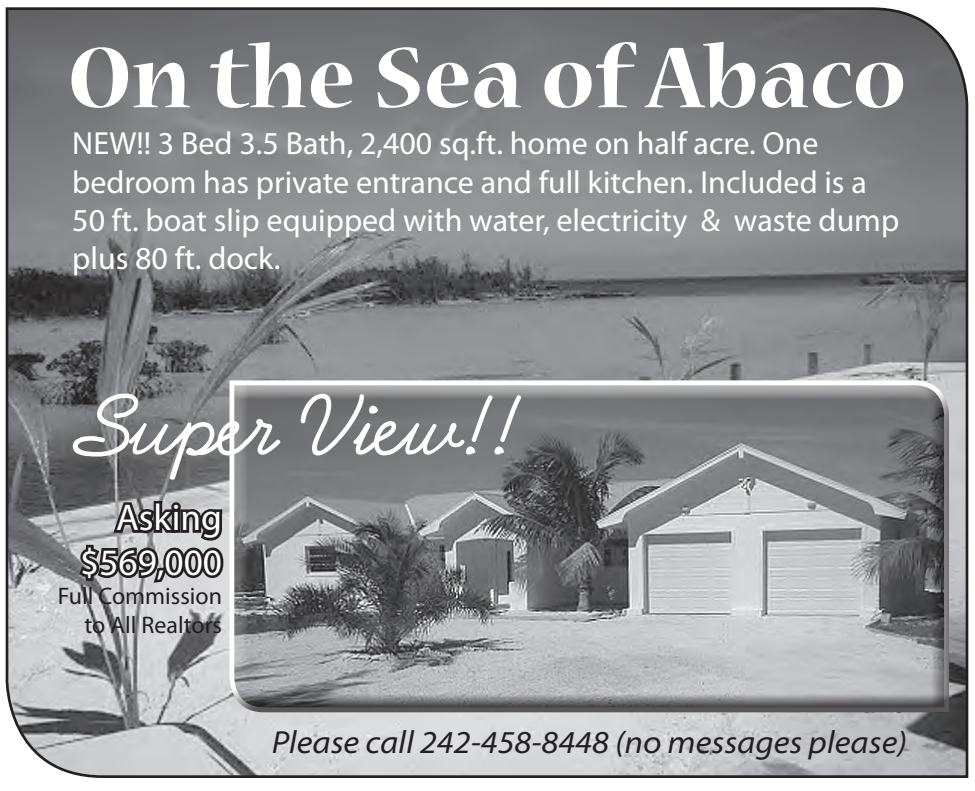
"The enemy's assignment is cancelled," Pastor McKinstry decreed. "I don't care how big the enemy comes in front of me, I have the victory. My name is Victory."

He added that we are more than conquerors and we must let the enemy know that we come in the name of the Lord.

"Let the enemy know you come in the name of the Lord, and he has to back up," Pastor McKinstry said. "When he covers his ears, he has to let go of your stuff."

The final two March Madness services will take place on March 16 and March 23 beginning at 7 p.m. No service is scheduled for March 30.





Business

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ed Tax legislation was brought up. The Chamber explained that it felt that it will cause problems for businesses to comply properly and will result in an increase in the cost-of-living for everyone. Increased business expenses and the increased tax will ultimately be paid by the consumer.

Dennis Lightbourn, President of the Abaco Chamber and delegate to the Coalition for Responsible Taxation, explained aspects of the proposed Value Added Tax (VAT) legislation that government wants in place on July 1 of this year. Local government persons have not had any information on this tax scheme from government since a White Paper issued a year ago introducing the concept. It was not until last November after much pressure did the government release the draft legislation of The Act and The Regulations. However, these documents are constantly being revised as government decides the governing rules.

The Coalition was formed in Nassau to study the proposed tax legislation, examine alternatives and work with government to find a satisfactory solution to government's need for increased revenue. Coalition leaders did meet with mid-level government employees who were focused on implementing the VAT system. Eventually, the Coalition was able to meet with the Ministers of State who showed little interest in listening to the Coalition. The Coalition then spent between $50 and $60 million in going to the public through radio talk shows and television to get government's attention. Finally, the Coalition met with the Prime Minister on February 10.

The Abaco Chamber is working with the Coalition to petitions signed asking for more time, more facts and information about alternative tax methods. The Chamber is holding public meetings in several Abaco communities to discuss it directly with residents.

Lifestyles

Bahamas National Symphony to play in Abaco in support of Pathfinders

It is with great pleasure that the Bahamas National Symphony Orchestra will be performing on the island of Abaco in aid of the Pathfinders Scholarship Fund. The concerts will be held on March 15 at 7.30 p.m. under the stars at the Abaco Inn on Elbow Cay and on March 16 at 2.30 p.m. in the Pavilion of the Abaco Beach Resort, Marsh Harbour.

Now in its 24th season, the orchestra was founded in 1991 by Nassau resident Jennifer Hudson who now resides on Abaco but remains an integral part and plays with the orchestra as concert master. It was created to fill a void in the classical music field. It is the orchestra's goal to fulfill that need in the community by presenting light classical and contemporary music for the enrichment of the cultural life of The Bahamas.

Originally established as The Bahamas Concert Orchestra, members were honoured when in 2008 the Bahamas Government bestowed upon designation of The Bahamas National Symphony Orchestra. It is truly a national entity since the orchestra is composed not only of players from New Providence but is also joined for concerts by instrumentalists from Grand Bahama and Abaco.

In addition to its many concerts in Nassau, the orchestra has performed on the island of Abaco on three previous occasions; in 1997, 1998 and 2001. On each occasion at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge and also consecutively at the Anglican Parish Hall, Forest Heights Academy and Abaco Beach Hotel. However, this year the visit will make history as it will be the first time the orchestra has travelled as The Bahamas National Symphony Orchestra.

All of the visits to Abaco left members with memories to be treasured and they will always remember balancing a large number of orchestra members dressed right down in formals and tuxedos tucked into a little dinghy putt-putting across the Hope Town Harbour from Club Soleil to perform in concert at the Lodge.

The 2001 concert was especially memorable. During the playing of the 'Thunder and Lightening Polka' by Johann Strauss, under the stars at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge the sky did amazingly begin to rumble, adding its own percussion effects to those of the orchestra but, fortunately, the rain held off. During the concert the following day at the Abaco Beach Resort, whilst playing the stealthy theme from 'The Pink Panther', everyone was amazed when a streaker dashed across in front of the stage. Whilst the audience roared, the orchestra never missed a beat.

The programme this year will be a potpourri of 'Music You Know and Love' The first half will begin with the rousing 'Grand March from Tannhauser' by Richard Wagner and include other light classics such as the well-known first movement from Antonin Dvorak's 'New World Symphony' and beautiful themes from Rimsky Korsakov's 'Scheherazade' (The Young Prince and Princess).

The second section will consist of a lively miscellany of contemporary favourites such as 'The Impossible Dream', 'Music Box Dancer', 'Goombay Fantasia' and the ever popular 'Themes from 007'.

While encompassing a wide age range of instrumentalists from all walks of life, the orchestra places a strong emphasis on the nurturing of young musicians and supports programs to this end. They are proud to have recently launched the Denis W. Donaldson Music Scholarship in memory of one of the founding members who was not only a very talented double bass player and musician in general but was a backbone of the orchestra in many other ways. He was also a strong advocate for the training of young musicians and this scholarship will be awarded to a talented musician wishing to pursue tertiary education in the musical field.

We hope to see you there to enjoy the 'Music You Know and Love' and in so doing support the very worthy Pathfinders organization in sending deserving students off to college.

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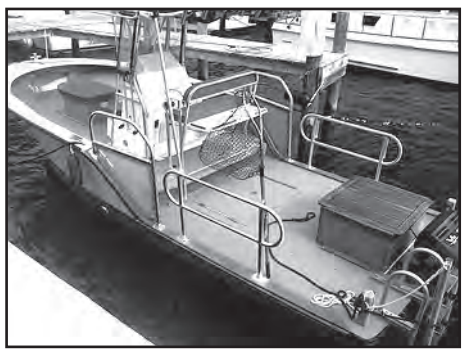

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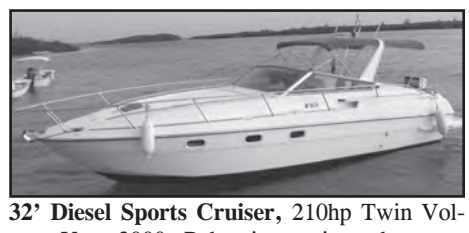

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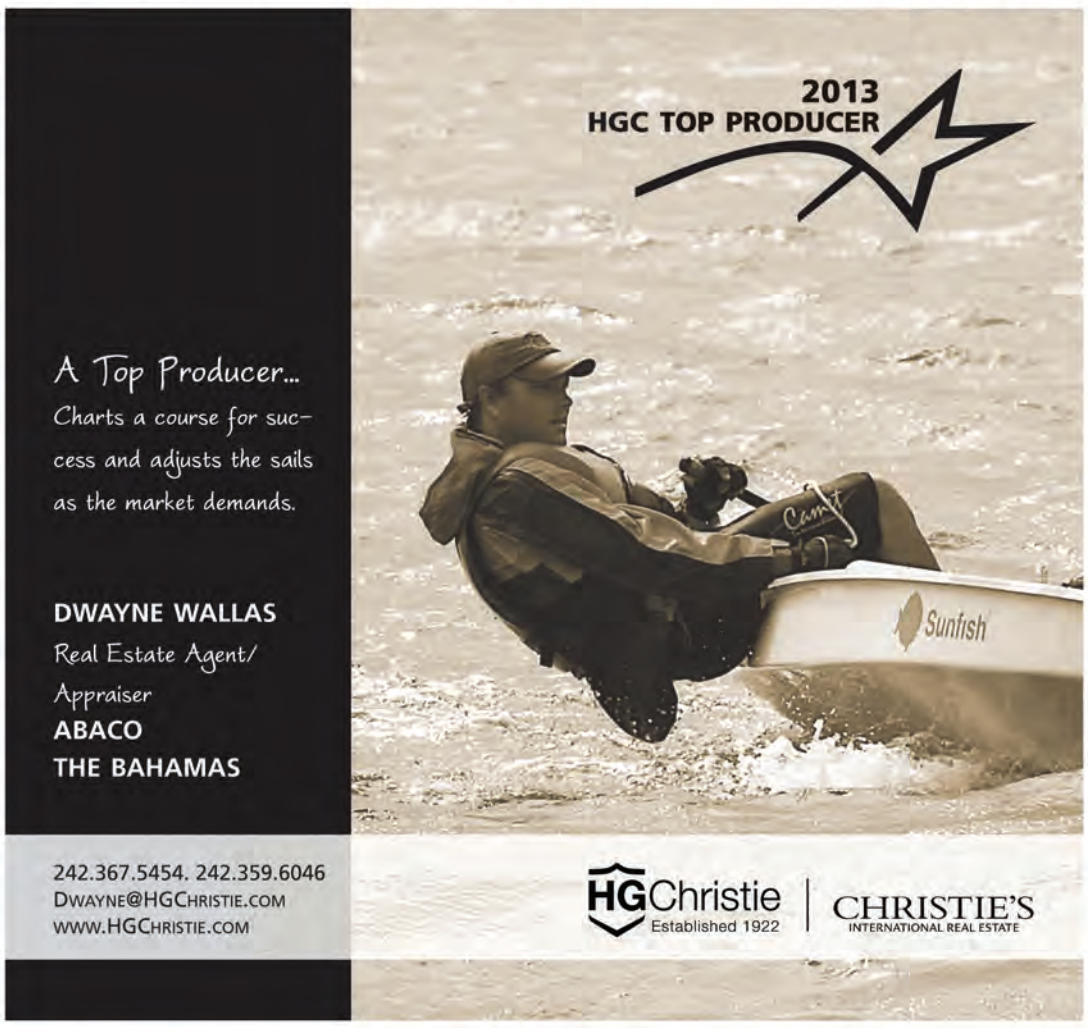

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