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## Optimistic start to crawfish season



Many crawfishermen, professional and amateur, are reporting a strong start to this year's crawfish season. See page 15.

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### Hurricane Preparedness meeting called for Heads of Departments



Senior Island Administrator Preston Cunningham (Center) got an update from the Heads of Departments regarding hurricane preparation on Abaco. See Page 5.

### Sluggish first quarter for Abaco's tourism

By Timothy Roberts

While countrywide The Bahamas saw a slight improvement of 1.1 percent in visitor arrivals by air and seas during the first four months of 2014, Abaco has not fared as well, seeing a decline of 3.9 percent in the same period.

Statistical data from the Ministry of Tourism showed arrivals moving up to 2.32 million from 2.29 million for the same period and in the key high-value stopover segment, visitor arrivals, overall, were up 3.1 percent, to 476,367, in the period.

However, Abaco's stop over visits fell to 25,790 from 26,835 in the same period last year with March seeing the largest decrease in arrivals as only 8,611 visitors arrived to the island as opposed to 10,427 in the same month last year, reflecting a fall of 17.4 percent. The Easter Holiday falling in March last year and in April this year is partly to blame for the significant decline, as April's numbers were up by 13.1 percent over last year's arrivals.

The official statistics reveal that Grand Bahama saw the largest increase with a 33.2 percent rise in air arrivals during the first four months. They are followed by San Salvador who saw a 21 per-

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# Central & All Abaco Town Committee at work



Above: The MHVFR joined members of the Marsh Harbour Town Committee and Ministry of Works to clear drains along Stratton Drive on August 9.

*By Timothy Roberts*

The Marsh Harbour Spring City Town Committee continues to work, in conjunction with government agencies and volunteers, maintaining drains and putting in speed bumps in their township.

On August 9, with the help of Marsh

Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue, members of the Town Committee and Area Engineer from the Ministry of Works William Krezel, drains on Stratton Drive were cleared and blown out in order to bring relief to businesses on that street.

Meanwhile in Spring City another

Committee member, assisted by residents and Ministry of Works built several speed bumps on the main road. The hot mix was provided free of charge by Simmon's Construction and Heavy Equipment Company.

The Committee Chairman, Carl Archer said they are committed to getting



Above: Masanetie Joseph (Marsh Harbour Spring City Town Committee member) working along with a Simmons Construction worker installing speed bumps in Spring City.

things done in Marsh Harbour and Spring City and will do what needs to be done to make it happen.



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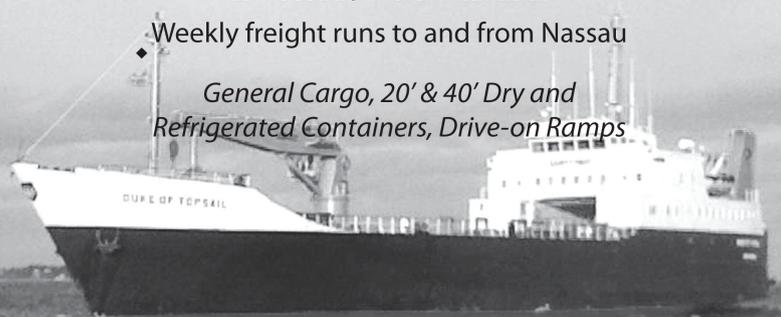
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**HOPE TOWN** **New Listing** **Suzanne's** **Harbor North End** - Very comfortable, well built, 2 1/2 w/c, water views. Across the street from North's Bay. **WEB: 828721 US\$695,000.** Kerry Sullivan@SothebyRealty.com

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**HOPE TOWN** **New Price** **Morgan's** **Mansion** 4b 3b beachfront villa on the Atlantic w/ views of White Sand Harbour. Many recent upgrades. **WEB: 4000090785 US\$749,000.** Kerry Sullivan@SothebyRealty.com

**HOPE TOWN** **City's** **Corner** 3b 2b midrise between Hope Town & Dorcas Cove - just a few minutes walk from the Atlantic ocean or the Sea of Abaco. **WEB: 20833 US\$550,000.** Jane Patterson@SothebyRealty.com



**A** #400001740 **NORTH END** 3 lots one block off the beach. \$8125,000. **J** #8145,000. **K** Sullivan **H** #400000571 **NEW SETTLEMENT** Lots w/ underground utilities & concrete roads from US\$65,000. **K** Sullivan **B** #400000991 **LOT 56** Northern lot, 10' wide undeveloped lot, build up to concrete. \$138,000. **J** Patterson **I** #400000500 **OCEAN VIEW LOTS** - Four 1/4 acre each ocean view near beach. From \$144,500. **J** Patterson **C** #400004408 **ATLANTIC VIEW** Amazing Ocean Views from this 18,000 sq ft lot. \$450,000. **J** Patterson **J** #2172727 **BEACH BON** Best beachfront building site. Close to the village. \$445,000. **K** Sullivan **D** #2010314 **PIECE OF QUIET** Beachfront with views of the Lighthouse. \$595,000. **J** Patterson **K** #400000089 **SURF'S** UP 1/2 acre beachfront building site. \$400,000. **K** Sullivan **E** #2153175 **BY THE BANK** Village lot with great location and ocean view. \$125,000. **K** Sullivan **L** #400001172 **BIG ROCK HILL** One acre oceanfront, 140' on the Atlantic. US\$665,000. **K** Sullivan **F** Under Contract **OOBELS LOT** 2,290 sq ft, built a two story & have a view of the harbor. \$150,000. **J** Patterson **N** #400007027 **REEL TREASURE** Dock slip & ocean view in Manna's Landing. \$245,000. **K** Sullivan **G** #2153182 **LIGHTHOUSE VIEW** View of ocean & harbor and private dock. \$485K. **J** Patterson



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**LUBBERS QUARTERS** **Sandra's** **Harborfront** turnkey custom beachfront 2b 2 1/2 bath home, dock w/ beach lift & 23k Catalina. **WEB: 4000045138 US\$749,000.** Laura Schreiner@SothebyRealty.com

**LUBBERS QUARTERS** **SeaView** 2b 2b home with stunning Sea of Abaco view, gourmet kitchen & dock slip. **WEB: 21515186 US\$675,000.** Laura Schreiner@SothebyRealty.com

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# Central & All Abaco

Tourism From Page 1

cent rise, Long Island with a 20 percent increase, Exuma saw a 14 percent increase, Bimini saw a 13.8 percent rise; and Andros experienced a 7.1 percent rise.

Aside from Abaco, other destinations seeing a decline include Cat Island, down 10 percent, the Berry Islands, down 7.5 percent, and Eleuthera, which took a 1.7 percent hit.

The Family Islands overall recorded a four percent hike in air arrivals during the period leading up to the end of April 2014. However, Grand Bahama's growth in air arrivals was offset by a 30.7 percent fall in its sea arrivals, for a net loss of -22.9 percent.

The figures were provided by the Ministry of Tourism's Research and Statistics Department and are the latest available. They are based on manual counts of immigration cards and include all foreign visitor arrivals, excluding returning residents and ship crew.

The overall increase comes after The Bahamas experienced overall growth in tourist arrivals of 3.54 percent for 2013 overall, with one percent growth in stopover visitors and the remainder made up of sea and cruise arrivals.

The country continues to rely heavily on the U.S. as the major source of visitors with 78 percent of stopover visitors coming from the U.S., nine percent from Canada and six percent from Europe. The

Bahamas also gets one percent came from the Caribbean, two percent from Latin America and three percent from the rest of the world.

Visitor surveys revealed that 94 percent of stopover visitors said they were likely to recommend the destination to friends and family, including 94 percent of those visiting Nassau/Paradise Island, 92 percent of those who went to Grand Bahama, and 97 percent who visited the Out Islands.

Customer satisfaction surveys revealed that approximately nine out of 10 visitors (89 percent) to The Bahamas in 2013 said they were likely to return, including 88 percent of those visiting Nassau/Paradise Island, 87 percent visiting Grand Bahama and 91 percent who went to the Out Islands.

Two in every three visitors to the Out Islands had been before, while more than half of those who came to Nassau/Paradise Island and Grand Bahama had.

Stopovers were influenced to visit The Bahamas because of the beaches (64 percent), climate (55 percent) and rest and relaxation (40 percent). For Grand Bahama, good package deals and the perception that they would receive the best value for money were also major influences. For the Out Islands sports, friendly people and safety of the islands were also major influences. Some also mentioned the desire to go to a casino or on an island tour.

## Four American citizens arraigned in the Magistrate Court for Breach of the Fisheries Act

Press Release

Reports are that on Monday, August 11, 47 year old George Fitzgerald, 20 year old Tyler Fitzgerald, 39 year old Cammy Fitzgerald and 39 year old Jennifer Taylor, all United States citizens were arraigned before Deputy Chief Magistrate Helen Jones in Court #2.

George Fitzgerald pleaded guilty to assisting in illegal landing; he was given a conditional discharge and was ordered to donate \$1,000.00 to the Immigration Department and \$1,000.00 to the Grand Cay All Age School. The others pleaded guilty to illegal landing and were given an absolute discharge.

George Fitzgerald was also charged with possession of undersized crawfish, possession of undersized conch and possession of stone crab and filet fish. He was arraigned before Magistrate Ferguson in Magistrate Court #1. He pleaded guilty to all charges and was fined \$3,000.00 on each count or six months at Her Majesty's Prison.

This is in connection with a matter that was reported on Saturday 9th August 2014 in Grand Cay, Abaco.

## Hurricane Preparedness meeting called for Heads of Departments

By Mirella Santillo

Because Tropical Storm Bertha was looming in the Caribbean and possibly posing a threat to Abaco on August Monday, Administrator Preston Cunningham called a meeting of the Hurricane Committee on August 1 to make sure everything was in place. The meeting also served as a preparedness reminder to the interested parties to be ready for the hurricane season.

Thirteen representatives of Government Agencies and other organizations attended the meeting which took place at the Prime Minister's Office, to give the Administrator updates on the state of the shelters and of the readiness of the various agencies, such as the Red Cross, BEC, BTC, Social Services, Defense Force, Urban Renewal, the Department of Education and the Government Clinic. Pastor Silbert Mills, representing Friendship Tabernacle as well as a local meteorological channel, was also present. Mr. Murphy, Manager of the local office of the Water & Sewerage

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# Central & All Abaco

Meeting From Page 5

Corporation sent his apologies for not being able to attend.

The same facilities as last year- Central Abaco Primary School, Abaco Central High School, Friendship Tabernacle, Man O War Public School, Hope Town and Great Guana Cay Primary Schools- will be on stand-by again in case of a hurricane.

Sarone Kennedy, Manager of the Central Abaco Primary School (CAPS) Shelter gave an update on the condition of the facility. It seems that the generator needed attention.

"Since the storm is not expected to become a hurricane, how many shelters should be prepared"? Asked Mrs. Barbara Johnson.

"Hopefully none" was the answer from the Administrator.

But he made sure that the representative of Social Services had contacted all the managers of the shelters and that the facilities had been checked and were in good condition. Apparently, two of the shelters in the Marsh Harbour area needed attention.

Beatrice Moxey, with CAPS mentioned that many windows were leaking. It was agreed that they would be boarded up. However, she said that there was not

enough plywood available on site to board all of them, so material will have to be supplied

Mr. Cunningham requested that the generators for the shelters be in working order and have fuel and oil to run lights and pumps for the toilets.

Concerns for the low lying areas around Marsh Harbour and adjacent communities were expressed, so Mr. Cunningham addressed Officer Bain with the Defense Force as well as George Martin with BEC to make sure vehicles were available in case people had to be rescued. He wanted the Water & Sewerage Corp. to be notified that wells should be added in those areas and the existing wells checked for blockage.

"Board members, make sure your satellite phones are working and that every members has the number of the others. We have to work as a good family and should be able to reach anyone for assistance. Call the administrator right away, at any time, if there is a problem."

Pastor Mills informed the group that the airport closes for winds 40 miles per hour and over.

The Administrator's office can be reached for more information regarding hurricane shelters and preparedness: 699-2227

## Four arraigned in Abaco stabbing incident Treasure Cay residents take a stand against community violence



Above: Onassis McIntosh, Gregory Lockhart, Nathan Saunders and John Saunders were charged with grievous harm for the stabbing about Treasure Car Resident - Justin Kemp.

By Canishka Alexander

Four men were arraigned on August 7 regarding a stabbing incident that took place on August 4 around 10:30 p.m. at Treasure Cay Public Beach. According to reports, a group of males allegedly attacked 25-year-old Justin Kemp of Treasure Cay while at the beach.

Kemp was reportedly stabbed in the upper body with wounds to his neck and

back. The victim was seen by a local doctor, and he was airlifted to New Providence for further medical attention after being listed in serious condition.

Appearing before Administrator Preston Cunningham in the absence of Magistrate Ancella Evans-Williams at Magistrate's Court #1 were Defendants

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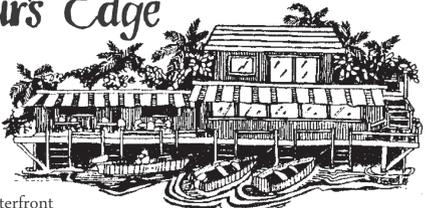


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# Central & All Abaco

## Stabbing From Page 6

Onassis McIntosh, Gregory Lockhart, Nathan Saunders and John Saunders, who were charged with grievous harm.

Represented by legal counsel, all four men's attorneys argued for bail on their behalf. Prosecutor W/Sgt. Bain objected to bail and gave a report on the victim's condition noting that he was still in stable but serious condition. Defendant Nathan Bain also faced a warrant of arrest for house-breaking.

Before making a decision for bail, Administrator Cunningham shared that he continually tells young men that their community depends on them to keep it together, and to create peace and make a better life for themselves.

"You can cause your world to become small in a split second based on what you do," Administrator Cunningham warned. "The glow of what was once a bright future becomes completely dark because of what you do. Be mindful of these things."

Bail was granted in the sum of \$7,000 to each of the four accused, and the matter is adjourned until August 18.

This most recent incident has spurred a heated battle among Treasure Cay and residents island-wide after a post was made in a Facebook group on August 6 by a Treasure Cay resident.

The resident wrote that the incident was "a prime example of what we the Community of Treasure Cay was talking about when we said we would like to have all events ceased from the Treasure Cay Public beach involving the sale of alcohol beverages and the loud music that seems to send our young people into a different atmosphere.

"We would like send out a speedy recovery to one of our very own Justin Kemp, there is nothing our God cannot do if we believe. We the Community of Treasure Cay will from this day forward take a stand that nothing like this would happen again. This is our Community, we live here, and would not allow outsiders to come here and allow us to have a bad name, the neighbors some of which are our second homeowners that contribute to the community of Treasure Cay unable to sleep because of their loud music and are now trying to sale their homes because of this while their families enjoy their night sleep in their communities where ever they came from."

Police and news reports will reflect that there have been numerous altercations that have taken place at the Treasure Cay Public Beach. It is hoped that this decision will restore peace to the Treasure Cay Public Beach for the enjoyment of families, visitors and residents.

## Abaco offers six parks for entertainment and education

### Press Release

Abaco's six national parks offer those looking for late summer vacation ideas before preparing for back-to-school the chance to get a close-up view of nature by island hopping from the mainland to the various cays.

The adventure can begin at the Abaco National Park in southern Abaco and easily accessible by car from Marsh Harbour towards Sandy Point. With over 20,500 acres of pine forest the park is rich in biodiversity and offers a number of trails for hiking and bird watching.

Children can see and learn about the many species of birds, including the endangered Bahama Parrot, indigenous to Abaco. Visitors must contact the Bahamas National Trust's (BNT) Abaco office in advance to organise a guided tour with the park warden.

Known for its outstanding beauty with its wild and pristine natural environment, Tilloo Cay Reserve is seven miles southeast of Marsh Harbour. The park, though small, is an important nesting site and breeding ground for White-tailed Tropicbirds and other sea birds. The bird life is best viewed by boat.

Eight miles north of Cherokee Sound, and five miles from Little Harbour, Great Abaco, is the Pelican Cays Land and Sea Park (PCLSP), a 2,100 acre park accessible by boat only. It contains beautiful undersea caves, extensive coral reefs and abounds with fish and other marine life.

Swim, snorkel or dive in the park at Sandy Cay Reef or explore the rocky seashores, sandy beaches and coastal habitats. Moorings are provided at no charge but the BNT does accept donations.

Two other marine treasures in Abaco are the Walker's Cay National Park and the Fowl Cays National Park. Reef structures and diversity of marine life have attracted divers to these areas for years. Walker's Cay can be discovered by boat in the northernmost part of the Abaco chain and its barometer reef is home to schools of Pompano, Amberjack, colourful tropical fish, turtles, eagle rays and large marine predators such as sharks and barracudas - all in their natural habitat. As there are no moorings in the park, extreme care should be taken when anchoring.

Unlike Walker's Cay, where a boat is required for exploring, Fowl Cays National Park is conveniently located by Marsh Harbour and has a variety of tunnels and towers to a natural whirlpool inside the park at the right tide.

Lastly, Black Sound Cay National Reserve off Green Turtle Cay and a short bike or golf cart ride from the small settlement of New Plymouth is a miniature park comprising thick stands of mangrove vegetation, important habitats for terrestrial plant and animal life.

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From the Editor's Desk // Great & Small



They did it in great ways – in the moment with their hands and their will. They also did so in the small ways – by continuing to shape it through us, through the lessons they taught us.

One example of a great man, and a small man, was Mr. Floyd Lowe. He was great as one of Green Turtle’s patriarchs. He started the Cays’ ferry and was known throughout The Bahamas. He impacted many lives through his actions and voice. He was also a small man. A man who touched hearts – those of his family and many others.

We are our history. Society preserves the actions of our forefathers and fosters their legacy. The institutions of today were the entrepreneurial sparks of our grandfathers. The church bodies working throughout our communities were the callings of those who saw the need. The families that break bread together have done so throughout the generations.

Another example is my grandmother, Sylvia Albury. She was a great woman: an entrepreneur and a powerful force for good in her community of Man-O-War and wherever else she went. She was also a small woman: tender to her grandchildren, strong for her children and the love of my grandfather’s life for 61 years.

Great men and women built this country. But great men and women are, at the same time, small men and women.

It’s easy to confuse great and small. In fact, the measure of a man or woman is arbitrary when stacking up their deeds, acts and property. In the end what matters is how they affected you. That cannot be measured as great OR small. That is intimate and profound. A gift.

They are great for their noted actions: starting a business, volunteering for causes, building, creating, raising.

We carry that gift. And we should continue to build on their legacy.

But they were also great because of the small moments: teaching a son to crawfish, walking their daughter to their first day of school, cleaning a grandson’s scrapes, cuddling their great-grandchildren.

Our country, and our communities, face many challenges ahead. But if we hold on to the memory of those who came before us who were great, then we can affect change in small ways.

The people who shaped our community did so in two ways.



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# Community Calendar

See TheAbaconian.com for More Events

• **August 16: MHVFR Souse-Out @ Marsh Harbour**

## Fire Station

• **August 29: Treasure Cay Resort Back 2 School**

## Jam

• **Sept 1: Start of Marine Navigation Courses**

• **Sept 4: “Us Too” Prostate Cancer Education & Support Group Meeting (7pm Cherokee)**

• **Sept 5: “Us Too” Prostate Cancer Education & Support Group Meeting (7pm Sandy Point)**

• **Sept 5: Rotary Club First Fridays at Snapps**

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# Letters to the Editor

## Women are too Dumb to be Given Equality

Dear Editor,  
Here is what this referendum is boiling down to....

Question 1: Women, you married a foreigner, you move out the country, how dare you want to even think that your child can be a Bahamian. Mind you, me as a male, when I do the same, my child is Bahamian.

Question 2: Women are too dumb to choose a marriage partner. If we allow this to happen then all these foreigners are going to come to The Bahamas and fool these dumb Bahamian women. We men are voting "no" to protect you, and women are too dumb to rise up and vote against this themselves, because really you don't need us, since there are more of you.

Question 3: Bahamian men are big whores. We (men and women) are afraid that we will have a huge influx in our population numbers when all these foreign women from throughout

the world bring home their Bahamian children.

Question 4: We are sooooo afraid of Gay Marriage, that the word "Gender" scares us. Guess what? Bahamians being Gay isn't a contagious disease that you will catch. Or are you just afraid at how many Bahamians will actually come out the closet and stop living the lie?

-Michael Pateman

## Haitian Boats not here to Trade

Dear Editor,

I have a question about the regular Haitian boats that come into Marsh Harbour; sometimes three to four at a time.

For what purpose do they come? Not for the freight they take back to Haiti. This is not enough to pay for fuel.

I wonder if the main reason isn't what they bring rater then what they take back. People? Guns? Drugs?

Surely the Police, Customs and Immigration could do a better job and at least reduce the traffic, if not eliminate it.

-Marvin Lightbourn

## Employees want Clarification

Dear Editor,

The employees of the Abaco Club on Winding Bay have concerns on the selling of the company. Many

have been working here for numerous years and have seen different companies take over. And with these takeovers, we have witnessed employment practices we do not agree with.

We are not fools.

The employees want to know why is it that the company is being sold but none of our managers can explain or say what's going on. The employees will like to know their rights as it pertains to this new company. Can an employee choose to take there

package and go or stay?

Rumors are circulating that we are not going to be paid by the new company just as Ritz Carlton or Marriott did when they took over from the previous owner. The employees would like for The Government to get involved in this matter because the employees are tired of these investor coming in and thinking that Bahamians are fools.

We want clarification on what's going on. How will we be paid and what are the plans of this company that's taking over?

Many staff have worked for other companies in The Bahamas and when they were sold they were compensated for their years of service. So why is it so different here? Are we not under the same labour laws of The Bahamas?

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# Lifestyles

## Toastmasters' induction ceremony a time of reflection

By *Canishka Alexander*

Toastmasters International's Abaco Lighthouse Beavers Club held their Installation and Induction Ceremony under the theme – "Destined for Success" – on August 9 at Great Abaco Beach's Below Decks.

Following the mix and mingle and singing of the national anthem, Toastmasters Syrena Hollingsworth and Tamar Roberts welcomed their colleagues along with invited guests. The evening kicked off with an awesome Table Topics Segment complimented by a raffle with a fully stocked gift basket as the coveted prize.

In her remarks, Immediate Past President Charmaine Bonaby gave the Year in Review Report for 2013-2014. She gave insight to the club's progress as well as each individual's growth. Although the year had been a challenging one, Bonaby was impressed by the members' ability to overcome conflicts with teamwork.

"All Toastmasters committed to their roles, and it was a supreme honour to lead you," she conveyed. "There were fluctua-



Above: the Toastmasters 2014-2015 Executive Team Members.

tions in our attendance and meeting district goals, but Beavers faced the challenges, withstood the tests and we became an example to clubs throughout our district by completing five out of 10 goals."

She went on to pay tribute to past executive members as well as those involved in the Youth Leadership Program (YLP), Toastmasters' youth arm. The YLP program was attended by 40 students from

Abaco Central High School in grades 9 to 12 for a period of eight weeks, and she thanked Julieth Stuart-McCafferty and Please see Toastmasters Page 11



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# Lifestyles

**Toastmasters** From Page 10  
 Glen Fernander for their passion and drive for the youth.

TM Adrian Carey, Area 47 Governor, was introduced as the keynote speaker. He shared his thoughts on leadership based on the three concepts of: guidance, faith and restoration.

"Nobody asks how you become a leader, but we must first go back to knowing where we came from and knowing where we are going."

As Lighthouse Beamers, Carey reminded Toastmasters that they are all endowed with a beam. The significance of a lighthouse's beam is that it gives guidance or direction to ships at sea.

Sharing a powerful testimony, he told the audience how he had contracted meningitis at the age of six months. Of the five babies that contracted meningitis, two died, one is paralyzed and the other is deaf. Carey was sent to Abaco to be cared for by his grandmother for six months, and in the end, he was the only one to walk away unscathed.

"So have an unrelenting faith as you look within," he urged.

Finally, he shared the story of a man who pretended to be John Rockefeller, and he wrote a cheque for \$500,000 to a businessman one day in a park. The businessman put the cheque in a safety deposit box. Over the course of 12 months, the businessman's whole outlook on life began to change and he started to make positive in-

vestments because of the cheque. He eventually went back to the park to return the cheque only to overhear a lady asking the gentleman who had given him the cheque why he was still pretending to be John Rockefeller.

The cheque had been fake! But the faith it had developed in the businessman was very real.

Carey also gave an example of an eagle told by Myles Munroe. There is a slick sheen of oil on the bird's feathers that gives protection each time he dives in the water to grab a meal. However, over time, he loses his sheen so the eagle goes into a cave to pluck out each feather. In doing so, the eagle knows that each new feather that grows back will come back with the full protection of the oil sheen.

"As leaders everyone does not need to know when we are down or when our oil is running low," he said. "When things get tough, think of the cheque and the eagle."

The ceremony began to wind down with the induction of new members by President TM Felicia Russell. For Toastmasters 2014-2015, TM Russell will be assisted by TM Travis McDonald, Vice President of Education; TM Ray-Don K. Poitier, Vice President of Membership; TM Julieth Stuart-McCafferty, Vice President of Public Relations; TM Glenn Fernander, Secretary; TM Kettlyne Durosca, Treasurer, and TM Desmond Brown, Ser-



Above: Felicia Russell, President for 2014-2015 Toastmasters Year.

geant at Arms. They were presented with their executive pins by Area 47 Governor TM Adrian Carey.

In her address, TM Russell congratulated her team members and predicted another successful year for the Beamers. Her vision as president will be placing more of an emphasis on mentoring and evaluating. She reassured Toastmasters that they are members of the right club, which will lead to their enhancement as more effective communicators and leaders because it is a proven program.

Newly installed members were TM Desmond Brown, TM Kettlyne Durosca, TM Latoya Conyers, TM Analdo Dawkins and TM Natasha Gray.

Abaco Lighthouse Beamers meet every Thursday at the Conch Inn at 6:30 p.m.

## Rotary continues First Fridays



Above: Rotarians welcome everyone at the restaurant to try their hand at winning prizes during First Fridays.

The Rotary Club of Abaco recently restarted a local tradition. The first Friday of every month, club members meet at Snappas Bar & Grill after work to socialize with each other and with other friends who might be around.

A game is set up (usually hoopla with wine, beer and liquor as prizes) and raffle tickets are sold to raise money for the club. The raffle prize is drawn that afternoon.

Besides fellowshipping with each other, Rotarians hope their First Fridays act as a good starting point for potential members.

The next First Friday is 5:30 pm, September 5 at Snappas Bar & Grill in Marsh Harbour.

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# Crawfish!

## Early crawfish reports optimistic

*By Timothy Roberts*

Though it is still early into the 2014 crawfish season initial reports from various persons in the industry indicate that this season will be better than the last season.

Now two years removed from back-to-back hurricanes in 2011 and 2012 early reports are indicating that fishermen are in many cases finding more and slightly larger crawfish; a good sign for the season

ahead.

As we look to bring you a full report in the next issue *The Abaconian* is asking for readers to send their crawfishing pictures in for use in the next news edition on September 1.

*Clockwise from left:*

*More than a handful - By David Rees*

*To the surface - By Mitzi Lowe-Pearce*

*Size Matters! Stealing from our future- By Brigitte Bowyer Carey*



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# SPORTS

## Abaco wins four medals at Jr US Open Judo Championships

By Timothy Roberts

The Abaco Judo Club took a team of nine fighters to Fort Lauderdale the weekend of July 27 to compete in the 2014 Jr US Judo Open achieving outstanding results as they brought home four Bronze medals and four fourth place awards.

The tournament is the premier under-21 event for judo fighters in the Western Hemisphere and attracts top teams from Canada to Brazil as well as from Europe, Ukraine and Russia.

"Our medalists — Dre Hall, Desmondo Boodle and Sebastian Parr — distinguished themselves by solidly defeating many fighters including national champions from the US, Canada, Brazil and others to stand on the podium" stated Coach Regina Parotti. "This is especially true of Desmondo Boodle and Dre Hall who were both fighting with injuries. Most fighters would have withdrawn but they toughed it out for victories".

"Perhaps the finest performance came from Jonathan Strachan who defeated four international fighters in a row with brilliant, vicious attack sequences, finally losing to the Brazilian national champ in a tough match for a fourth place finish" said Sensei Albert Lill.

Coach Parotti said that Rebecca Strachan was winning against the German national champion in the semi-finals with two seconds to go when her black belt opponent managed a minor point to win the Bronze.

Desmondo and Desmond Boodle,



Above: Abaco Judo Club's team members and coaches that made up the National Team representing The Bahamas at the 2014 US Jr Judo Open.

twin brothers, were in the same division and finally had to fight each other for the Bronze. "From a coach's perspective that was the Definition of mixed emotions!" said Coach Parotti.

Two new fighters on the Abaco elite team — Colin-Ray Albury and Brad Cooper Jr — scored victories and gained the respect of their peers with excellent matches.

Ozeke Swain became the first Abaco Judo Club fighter to be promoted from

brown belt to black belt by defeating two USA black belts in a row with full throws, finally finishing fourth.

"Abaco Judo Club is now at the point where our domination of The Bahamas and the entire Caribbean Region is simply expected by Coach Parotti and me from the elite members of the team" said Sensei Lill. "Winning medals against high level international champion teams outside the Caribbean has become our new norm. While

any international team would be happy and proud of these results we won't stop until we win Gold at this level".

Coach Parotti said a special thank you to BAF Financial "for their wonderful support of these worthy athletes."

New classes for students ages 5 - 30 are now forming for the September start. Please contact Coach Parotti at 475-1632 or email reginaparotti@live.com for further information.

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# South Abaco

## Schooner Bay hosts community fish fry



Above: people enjoying the Schooner Bay Fish Fry on August 4.

By Jennifer Hudson

Emancipation Day, August 4, was celebrated at Schooner Bay in South Abaco with a Cabana Fish Fry and top-spinning competition. Locals joined with visitors and second homeowners from Nassau and

abroad to enjoy a day of fun and feasting.

At 1 PM a group of interested on-lookers and excited participants gathered in a specially prepared area where two boards had been set up for competition. Stephen Knowles, well-known wood turner of Ba-

hama Palm Shores, started things off with a top spinning demonstration. Steve has been making tops on Abaco for the past 20 years and is a master not only at the craft but also at the spinning of the tops he makes.

He brought 20 tops with him that day, 10 of which he had made for Schooner Bay and 10 to sell to anyone interested in owning one of his special tops. He explained that he makes most of his tops out of white ironwood and spice wood but whenever he can get hold of some lignum vitae that is what he likes to use best.

"It is my number one top and people's favourite," he said.

About eight people started off in the competition and they had to show their skill by spinning their top to hit the top in the centre of the board. The number of competitors left in the game soon narrowed down to three. These were Stephen Knowles, master spinner himself, Bruce Smith of Bahama Palm Shores and Dr. Jerome Lightbourne, a Schooner Bay second homeowner from Nassau.

Since Steve Knowles had crafted the first prize which was a wood turned piece, he bowed out of the competition. Glenn Kelly, town manager at Schooner Bay then stated that they would: "Up the ante in the competition" and he painted a small red dot in the centre of the board which the com-



Above: Shenique Peart kept a steady stream of fresh conch salad coming to feed the visitors.

petitors then had to aim their tops at. When both competitors managed to achieve this goal a leaf was then placed in the centre of the board to be pegged which made it even more difficult.

The final winner was Bruce Smith.

Then it was the turn of the young people to compete. Joshua and Daniel, sons of Glenn Kelly, were the only two youngsters to take on the challenge but when Mr. Kelly invited anybody who was young at heart to join in they were joined by Luke Lavalle, who also works at Schooner Bay.

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# South Abaco

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Irene Lowe said that she had been spinning tops with her left hand since she was a child and she was proud to announce that she had just also learnt to spin with her right hand. She was throwing out the challenge for people to try and compete with her using both hands but was disappointed that nobody took her up on it.

Spinning tops have been around so long that no one knows who started this but it is thought to be likely that the first top was a nut or an acorn spun by a curious child. Different types of tops have been spun for centuries in China, Japan and Europe. It is believed that the pegged top which is spun in the Bahamas has been around since about the 1700s or 1800s. The pegged top is spun by winding a string or cord around the top and throwing the top up to unwind the string and make the top spin on its metal peg. The spinner then uses the cord to pull the top onto the designated mark or to flick it up to be caught in the hand.

Following the top spinning competition, onlookers and contestants moved to the Cabana Bar and Restaurant close by to enjoy the Fish Fry. Tables outside offered views over the pristine beach and beautiful blue water while tables inside offered relaxation of a little cooler nature. In addition to all the beverages of choice the menu offered a good variety ranging from conch chowder and fritters to chicken wings, sandwiches and pizza and for the more hearty appetites deep fried yellow tail snapper and lobster tail plates.

During the afternoon Schooner Bay chef, Shenique Peart, provided a continuous conch salad making demonstration with delicious, fresh ingredients. Her mouthwatering salads were then on the menu for all to enjoy.

## Cherokee Singsperation lifts spirits

By Lee Pinder

Nothing is quite so up-lifting as hearing the old hymns sung and Cherokee folks got together on Sunday evening the 27th of July at Epworth Chapel along with members of the Assemblies of God to listen to some good old-fashioned Gospel music.

Glenn Newbold on the piano and Roger Pinder on his electric guitar played the accompaniment. Laurel Pinder sang a duet with her husband, Roger. Laurel's father is Pastor Bateman Sands who was recently honoured for 39 yrs. of service to the Assemblies of God in Cherokee. In years gone by Mr. Bateman and his wife, Mavis sang, as a husband and wife team at public gatherings and in their church. So this is a second generation carrying on a tradition, and maybe even a third generation, as Mr. Bateman's father Mr. Walter Sands served for many years in the Cherokee Methodist Church.

The evening started off with a few choruses with the all congregation singing along. Then several different groups, duets and individuals performed some of their favourite songs, all very talented local people.

Although the church wasn't full to capacity it was definitely a larger crowd than the usual Sunday evening services in either church with persons coming from Marsh Harbour, Casuarina and Yellow Wood and everyone stayed till the end.

# Local Gov't

## GTC District Council sworn in



L to R: Christopher Roberts, Kenvin Jones, Matthew Lowe - chief councillor, Raymond Lowe - deputy chief, William G. Curry, Neil Campbell - Administrator North Abaco

By Timothy Roberts

On June 26, 2014 the newly elected councilmen for the Green Turtle Cay District Council were sworn in by the administrator for the North Abaco district, Mr Neil Campbell. Voted in as chief councillor was Matthew Lowe, and Raymond Lowe was voted as the deputy chief councillor.

Chief Councillor Matthew Lowe said "I appreciate the confidence of those who elected me as a member of the council first

of all, but I am also humbled by the position of chief councillor."

He said, "I will seek to do my best along with the board as we will work together to do what is truly the best for our community. It is a wonderful opportunity to do something great. I would also like to thank God for allowing me to be in this position as well."

He added that the council is there for the residents of the community and will strive to do what is right and fair.

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

**"Peace & Plenty"** #1927 - Ocean Blvd. 4 bed, 3.5 bath 1,930 s/f furnished beach home, plus 1485 s/f covered balcony. 183' beach frontage on 1.453 landscaped acres. Separate guest cottage. Recently renovated. **\$2,495,000.**

**"Sea House"**, Windward Beach - #2594 - 2 level furnished executive beach home, plus 2,600 s/f under air, 4 bed, 4 bath, pool, 100' s/f on canal lot. **\$2,295,000.**

**"The White House"** - #2313 - Awesome 4 bed, 4.5 bath, 2 level tastefully furnished 60' canal, beach home, 3,312 s/f under air, plus garage, 990 s/f landscaped parcel - 150' beach frontage, panoramic sea & beach views. **\$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.**

**"Tribute 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. **\$1,795,000.**

**"Rising Sun"** #1790 - 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. Super sea views! **\$1,310,000.**

**"Green Gecko"** #2283 - 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 2 level furnished canal home, 2,870 s/f under air, plus 1,945 s/f covered verandahs. Immaculate condition. Many upgrades. Garage, dock, gazebo, dolphin plings. **\$1,295,000.**

**"Helen's Place"** - #1791 - 4 bed, 2 bath, 1,800 sq. ft. furnished home on 27,900 s/f of Abaco waterfront parcel with 153' of bulkhead, forvial & dock. **\$975,000.**

**"Windward Palms"** #1454 - Splendid 3 bed, 2 bath furnished beach home, 2,600 s/f under roof, 1,600 s/f patios & walks, 16,080 s/f parcel, 100' sandy beach. **\$895,000.**

**"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. **\$869,000.**

**Gulfstream Bay Beach House** #2573 - New, furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,720 s/f under roof, 100' + double garage, 158' beach & dock frontage, boat lift, 24,732 s/f parcel. **\$825,000.**

**"Hill's Landing"** - #2294 - 3 bed, 3 bath plus loft, turn-key furnished Gulfstream Bay canal home, 1,000 s/f under air, 1 garage & covered boat slip & dock. Many extras, 10,000 s/f parcel w/80' canal frontage. **\$785,000.**

**"Treasured Times"** #2365 - 3 bedroom, 3 bath turnkey furnished canal front home, 4,390 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 & 20,060 boat lift, golf cart, many extras. **\$749,000.**

**"Harbour View House"** #1389 - A Bonefish Paradise! Furnished 3 bed, 3 bath, 2 level, 3,314 s/f under roof, 18,800 s/f lot, 150' beach frontage. Elevated sea views. **\$699,000.**

**"Golfiana"** 4 bed, 3.5 bath, 2,740 s/f under air, 2 level multi-family sea view furnished home, plus 3,280 s/f patios, verandahs, gazebo & garage. Newly built, well maintained. Close to beach. Great rental income potential. **\$649,000.**

**"Golfiana"** & adjoining lot package available at **\$979,000.**

**"Delectables"** #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' serwalked frontage. **\$599,000.**

**"Sea Cay"** #2179 - Luxury 3 bed, 3 bath, 2 level sea view home, 2,550 s/f tastefully furnished, 12,589 s/f elevated landscaped lot. Excellent rental potential. **\$549,000.**

**"Laguna"** - #1875 - Charming 50 s/f 3 bed, 2 bath furnished Gulfstream Bay home, 102' canal frontage with "T" dock & 16,000 s/f boat lift. **\$595,000.**

**"Sunny Side"** #2013 - Luminous 3 bed, 2 bath, 2,704 s/f furnished sea view home on 15,750 s/f landscaped lot. Well maintained, close to 2 beaches. Many upgrades. **\$499,000.**

**"Elysium"** #1460 - 4 bed, 2 bath, 2,840 s/f under roof furnished home on 21st (22,000 s/f) on Ocean Blvd. Includes double garage. Close to beach. **\$497,000.**

**"Coral's End"** #2573 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 level furnished home at end of Galleon Bay canal, 1,680 s/f 2nd level living, 1,280 s/f garage, 89' canal frontage, 11,538 s/f lot. Superior canal views. **\$395,000.**

**Beach Villa 678** - #2488 - Large 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,250 sq. ft. furnished villa near beach. Owner occupied, but with excellent vacation rental income potential. **\$349,000.**

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

**Ocean Villa 925** - #2587 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 900 s/f furnished ocean view villa. Near beach, swimming & marina. Excellent rental income potential. **\$299,000.**

**"Blue Treasure"** #2555 - Fully renovated & upgraded 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,240 s/f furnished home, 700 s/f open deck on 13,500 s/f parcel. Move-In Ready. Enclosed Yard. Auxiliary generator. **Exceptional Value: \$279,000.**

**Beach Villa #655** - #2241 - 2 bed, 2 bath exceptionally large 1,813 s/f attractively furnished 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.**

**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.**

**#1899 - "Starfish Cottage"** **Beach Villa 503A & B** - 2 adjoining, self contained 1 bed, 1 bath furnished villas near beach. Great Rental Income Potential. **\$279,000.**

**Brigantine Bay Drive House** #2615 - 2 bed, 2 bath furnished bungalow home, 1,128 s/f under air, plus carpet on 12,168 s/f parcel. Near Beach & marina. **\$265,000.**

**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 elegantly furnished "turn-key" villa with washer/dryer, new A/C & asphalt architectural finishes. Close to beach. **\$229,000.**

**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.**

**Beach Villa #691** - #2240 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 865 s/f "turn-key" furnished villa. Recently upgraded, well maintained, near beach. **Price 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 2028** - #1139 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f 2nd level beach condo, elegantly decorated. Superior beach & ocean views. **\$872,000.**

**Bahama Beach Club 2047** - #1468 - 3 bed, 3 bath, ground level Phase 5 unit, 1,750 s/f living space condo, close to beach, tastefully furnished, numerous upgrades & enhancements. Superb sea views. **\$745,000.**

**Palms Bay Harbourfront Townhouse** #2 - #1071 - Newly constructed, furnished 3 bed, 2 bath, 2,077 s/f. Great water views. Owner Selling Available. **\$695,000.**

**Bahama Beach Club 2039** - #2364 - 3 bed, 2 bath elegantly furnished 1,650 s/f 2nd level luxury beach condo. Well maintained, owner occupied. Many upgrades. **\$679,000.**

**Pineapple Point Resort, Unit 3** - #1706 - Newly built, furnished 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,100 s/f ground level luxury waterfront condo. Private deep water dock. Community pool. **\$675,000.**

**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.**

**Carlton Landing - Carriage House #1** - #1621 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,755 s/f ground level furnished condo on Brigantine Bay. New construction. Community pool, finger dock/private slip, 2 garages. **FURNISHED - \$499,000.**

**Carlton Landing - Carriage House #2, 3 & 4** - #1621 - 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 \$499,000.**

**Palms Bay #9** - #2108 - 4 Bed, 3.5 bath, 2,077 s/f turn-key furnished harbourfront townhouse. Golf cart included. Private boat slip, Excellent vacation rental income potential. **\$579,000.**

**Sand Dollar Condo** # - #2575, 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,500 s/f 2nd level plus loft tastefully furnished beach condo. Well maintained. Sea & beach views, community pool. **\$495,000.**

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

**Bahama Beach Club #2055** - #1 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f furnished ground level condo. Overlooks pool & beach. Best Priced Condo in Bahama Beach Club. **\$429,950.**

**Royal Palm 2481** - #2607, 3 bed, 3 bath, (including loft) 2nd level unfurnished harbourfront, well maintained, fully refurbished in 2008, boat dock/slip, storage garage. **\$425,000.**

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

**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. **\$389,000.**

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

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

**Royal Palm 2400** - #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. **\$363,000.**

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

**Royal Palmsview #2512** - #2000 - 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 2300** - #2311 - Well maintained 2 bed, 2 bath ground level 1,900 s/f furnished harbourfront condo. Desirable "end" unit. Private finger dock & slip. Golf cart. **\$299,000.**

**Atlantis 2281** - #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.**

**Atlantis 2287** - #2581 - 2 bed, 2 bath, upper level 1000 s/f fully furnished condo on Brigantine Bay. Immaculate condition. Includes boat dock/slip. **\$289,000.**

**Atlantis 2187** - #2392 - Close to beach 2 bed, 2 bath, 875 s/f ground level furnished waterfront condo. Includes private dock slip. **\$279,000.**

**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. **\$275,000.**

**Atlantis 2109** - #1900 - Well maintained 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f ground level furnished waterfront Brigantine Bay canal with 14' wide private boat slip w/dock power. Excellent rental income potential. **\$275,000.**

**Mariner's Cove Condominiums**

**#2480 - Mariner's Cove 1511** - 1 bed, 1.5 bath, 2 level 845 s/f furnished condo overlooking Treasure Cay marina. Well maintained, near beach, close to shops. **\$219,000.**

**#2390 - Condo #1412** - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 level, 732 s/f turn-key furnished waterfront condo, garage. **\$199,000.**

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

**#655** - 2 bed, 1 bath, 1000 s/f waterfront marina view. **\$179,000.**

**#1942 - Condo #1311** - 2 bed, 2 bath, 450 s/f 2nd level furnished unit overlooking community pool. **\$179,000.**

**#2391** - 2 bed, 1 bath, 2 level, 732 s/f furnished harbourfront condo, includes garage. **\$175,000.**

**#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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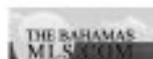
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**TREASURE CAY**

Vacant Land  
Treasure Cay Beach Parcels

**Thornton 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. **\$53,900,000.**

**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 Gallean Bay lot of 17,955 s/f with approx. 70' 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** #2051 - 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 8, 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.**

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

**Gallean Bay** - #1441 - 28,072 s/f cleared parcel, 66' of bulkhead with dock & dock house. **\$348,500.**

**Harbour Canal Lot 4, Block 200** - #2500 - 20,000 s/f parcel with 131' sea-walled frontage. All utilities available. **\$329,000.**

**Brigantine Bay Harbour Lot 55, Block 199** - #2549 - 15,187 s/f parcel with 90' sea-walled harbour frontage, includes 65' dock w/dolphin pilings, power & water installed. Fantastic harbour views. **\$289,000.**

**Gallean Bay Canal Lot 10, Bk. 202** - #1905 - large 18,330 s/f parcel, 91' bulkheaded canal frontage, 480 s/f garage & dock. All utilities available. **\$275,000.**

**Gallean Bay Canal Lot 182** - #1280 - 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.**

**Gallean Bay Canal Lot 24, Bk. 202** - #2320 - Cleared 15,945 s/f parcel with 126' sea-walled canal frontage, dock with power & water, dolphin pilings. **\$249,000.**

**Gallean Bay Canal Parcels** #19,152B, 1801 - Your choice of 3 lots, each 11,111 s/f - sea-walled canal frontage, from **NEW LISTING** \$111,111 s/f per lot, utilities available. **EACH \$249,000.**

**#1174 - Brigantine Bay Lot 7, Block 191** - 11,200 s/f parcel with 80' sea-walled canal frontage. **\$199,000.**

**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**  
**Sea View Lot 11, Bk. 183** - #1353 - 11,000 s/f parcel close to two beaches. All utilities available. **\$99,000.**

**St Andrew Estates Golf Course Lots 8 & 9** - #2467 - 2 adjoining lots, total 28,713 s/f w/313' of golf course frontage. 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 to Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. 10,000 s/f **\$77,850.**

**#2217 - Lot 78, Block 200** - 10,000 sq. ft. parcel on Flamingo Dr. 80' frontage. Near to beach & golf course. All utilities available. **\$41,500.**

**Multi-Family Lot 45, Block 2036** - 15,000 s/f parcel, near shopping & marina. **\$39,950.**

**#2636 - Inland Lot 44, Bk. 3** Treasure Cay Drive, 10,000 s/f, near beach. **NEW LISTING \$30,000.**

**Treasure Cay Development Parcels**  
**Multi-Family Zoned Harbour Basin Parcel** - #2591 - cleared 31,800 s/f, 265' waterfront development parcel ideal for condos, townhouses, villas etc. Utilities available. **\$905,000.**

**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.**

**8.49 Acres - S.C. Route Hwy (Near Treasure Cay)** - #1718 - Open zoned acreage, 438' on highway, 770' depth, wooded parcel, 1/4 mile north of Treasure Cay. **\$199,000.**

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

**"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.**

**Cottage Lot C-10, Orchid Bay** - #1184 - Sea of Abaco building lot, 14,574 s/f, 82' hardrock shoreline, majestic sea views. Orchid Bay amenities. **\$199,000.**

**Sea View Lot K-82** - #2298 - 10,000 s/f lot located less than 200' from Sea of Abaco. Access to Atlantic Ocean beaches. **\$193,000.**

**Atlantic Oceanfront Parcel** #746 - Approx. 1 acre residential parcel, 154' elevated shoreline near Orchid Bay community, great ocean views. **\$149,000.**

**BAHAMA PALM SHORES**

**Beachfront Lot 5-B** - #714 - elevated parcel with 100' sandy beach from Sea of Abaco. Utilities available. **\$149,000.**

**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 - 21,450 s/f level lot on main street, Power & telephone available. **\$35,000.**

**Inland Lots 17 & 18, Bk. 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. Route Hwy. to Sea of Abaco, 148' hard rock shoreline. Good elevations, great sea views. **\$299,000.**

**CASUARINA POINT**

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

**NORTH ABACO**

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

**Sugar Plantation 36** #2238 - Lovely 4 bed, 3 bath, 3 level 3,400 s/f tastefully furnished Sea of Abaco waterfront home, plus 1,000 s/f garage & guest house. Pool, private dock, boat lift, 21,926 s/f lot with 100' shoreline. **\$895,000.**

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

**Blackwood Waterfront Parcel** - #1521-38,514 s/f parcel, 167' deep water Sea of Abaco frontage & highway frontage. Ideal for a marina site. Utilities available. **\$75,000.**

**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**

**#2188 - 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**

Regatta of Abaco #27 - #1855 2 bed, 2 bath, 825 s/f 2nd level "turn-key" furnished home near to beach, shops, marina, etc. **REDUCED \$159,000.**

**JOE'S CREEK**

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

**LEISURE LEE**

**"Tranquil Palms"** - #2366 - Well maintained & inviting 3 bed, 2 bath, 2,790 s/f turn-key furnished split level canal front home, good elevations. 110' sea-walled canal frontage, deep water dock, tropically landscaped grounds. **\$749,000.**

**A Brewer's Delight Bayfront Home** - #2589 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath newly constructed, unfurnished, 2,240 s/f under roof, private boat slip, 108' water frontage, 18,690 s/f parcel. **\$499,000.**

Canalfront Home #1865 - 2 bed, 2 bath furnished home, recently built in 2005. 11,578 s/f parcel, 120' bulk-headed canal frontage, 78' lay-along dock. **\$420,000.**

**Residential Parcels**

#1993 - 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 & Common 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. **\$99,950.**

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# Business

## Green Turtle Club closing tourism season on high note

By Timothy Roberts

Despite below average room sales, the Green Turtle Club's prospects for the year gives cautious optimism as marina business has seen an increase through July yet Sales Manager Molly McIntosh notes that there are foreseeable challenges ahead.

Mrs. McIntosh said that while Green Turtle Club is down about 10% in the rooms, the marina business is up year to year through July. She said this is likely due to the dredging of the channel into White Sound and the addition of hosting a leg of the Bahamas Billfish Championship this year.

She said they have also noticed that there are people travelling later than usual this year. "The season used to go right through until Labor Day and had been getting shorter and shorter with schools going back so early in August (in Florida) and this year, instead of ending around August 7th, we are seeing a full island still so far and still taking reservations for August."

Despite the positives she has been seeing, there are also several challenges

she expressed concern about including cost of doing business.

"The cost of doing business is up and we are struggling to keep up," she said. She said that the Club had to cut staffing some this year and faced several service issues as they tried to balance guests with extra staff when needed.

She added that they are very worried about VAT and increasing pricing at this point, noting that is a hard sell to send government more money when they don't feel they are getting value for it.

Mrs. McIntosh also noted that the roads on Green Turtle Cay "are the worst they have ever been." She said that tourists are saying they would not come back or are no longer interested in purchasing homes due to the roads. It is unbearable and tears vehicles to pieces.

She said a second home owner that lives in Green Turtle Cay full time is head of a group trying to raise money privately to get them at least graded and some fill put in.

"Of course the recurring theme of not

being able to get people here at a reasonable rate is the biggest deterrent," she said.

She said it is great to have the airport on Marsh Harbour open, but it doesn't help Green Turtle Cay much in the North because it costs \$85 for two people to get to the ferry dock each way, which adds up to at least \$170 per couple to get to the Cay.

## George Martin Jr. adds personalized messages to his apparel

By Canishka Alexander

Many know him as George Martin Jr. - the 24-year-old son of George Martin Sr. and Sheila Smith.

But there's more to George Jr. than meets the eye.

After graduating from Tabernacle Baptist Christian Academy in Grand Bahama in 2009, George Jr. attended Beulah Heights University in Atlanta. Once he completes his internship, he will earn a bachelor's degree in Leadership and Administration with a minor in Biblical Studies. George Jr. also wants to go on to the master's degree level in the near future.

"The degree taught me how to carry myself as well as the dos and don'ts of



George Martin Jr displaying some of his apparel.

business and ministry," he explained. "It developed me as an individual and gave me a foundation."

Please see Apparel

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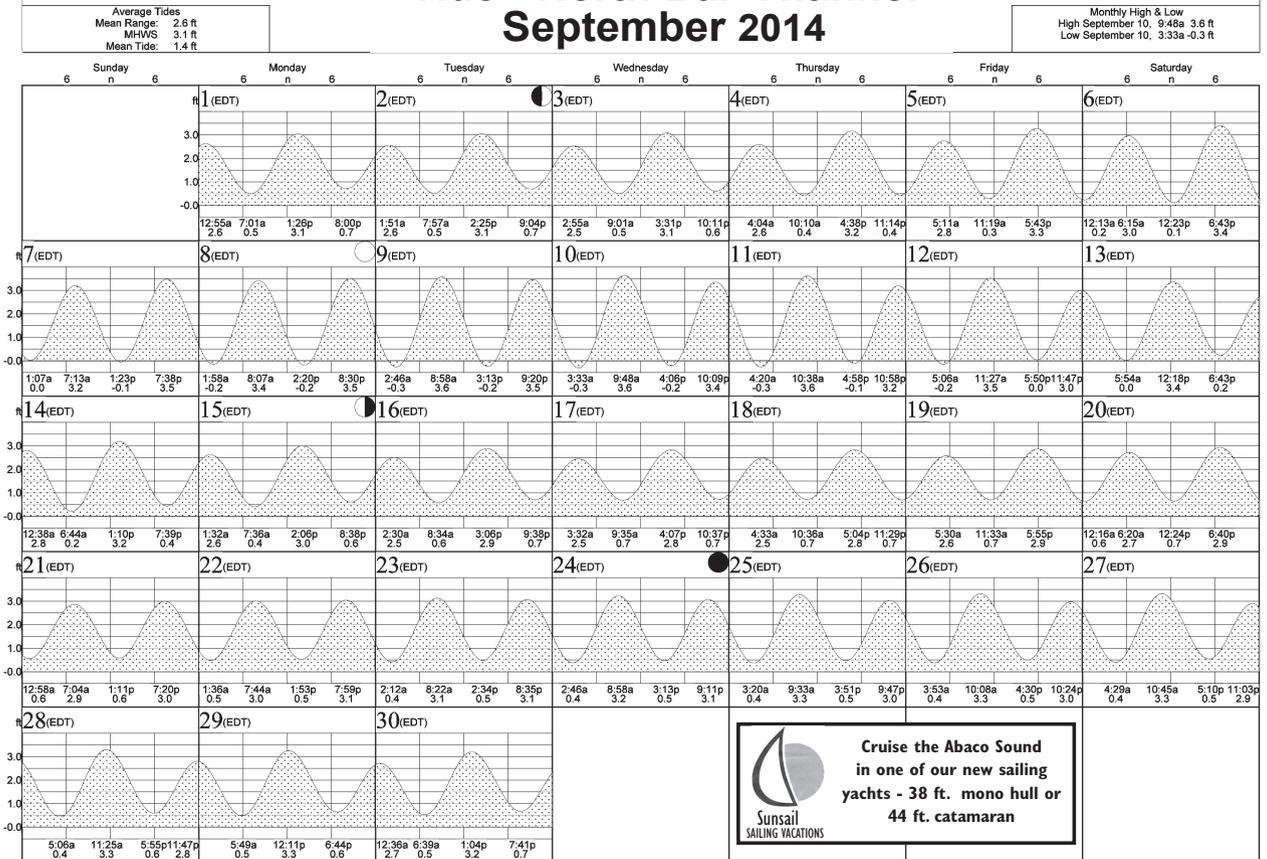
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# Business

## Apparel From Page 20

While in college, George Jr. held down three jobs in addition to owning his own clothing apparel line called Out Of This World Apparel.

While in Atlanta, he met a young lady and her brother who designed clothing, so he began to assist them, but unfortunately the brother died. Once she relocated, he took on the business completely in 2012, and came up with an innovative idea to pay tribute to those who had lost loved ones by applying memorial designs on shoes (referred to as kicks) using acrylic paint.

George Jr. began Out Of This World Apparel with shoes and slowly expanded the business to include T-shirts and hats. He eventually wants to add jeans and socks. His apparel line offers a wide range of shoes like the ones that pay tribute to the Bahamian flag or those with breast cancer ribbons. That idea came about from a lady who he lived with who had breast cancer and as a way to inspire others affected by the disease.

For basic designs, creations come to life in 15-20 minutes. He offers his own original designs, so most of what he charges is for labour costs. People can request personalized items or suggest their own designs. The apparel are sold online and are affordably priced. He has had people from Africa, India and Jamaica buy his products while in Atlanta.

According to George Jr., "Out Of This World Apparel is all about encouraging, motivating, expressing and advertising Godly principles while being unique, original and fly."

Indeed, George Jr. knows full well of the calling God has placed on his life.

George recalled his first encounter with God at the age of five, but it wasn't until he approached his adolescent years, that he fully committed himself to becoming a Christian and was baptized at the age of 13.

Although there have been challenges along the way, George Jr. has never looked back.

"It has not been easy and I always stood out, but I always listened to Him," George Jr. reflected. "But now I am more mature and I have a better understanding of God and Christianity."

George Jr. is an outgoing, charismatic individual who loves to give back to the less fortunate. As a student, he joined Beau-



Shoes designed by Martin Jr and Out Of This World Apparel.

lah Heights' economic development program called Club Give. A student by the name of Derrick Holton led the program, who approached George Jr. one day, and told him that God had told him to pass on the leadership to George.

This was 2012.

Through Club Give, the students would feed the less fortunate for Thanksgiving, and their goal was to feed 100 people. In 2012, they only fed 65 people. However, when 2013 rolled around with George Jr. at the helm, they were able to feed almost 400 families.

"Normally, they came to the school, but that year we went to them and ministered to them," George said.

He ended up meeting two women who would change his life.

"There was a lady who had asked God to send someone to bring her food. I gave her food but I also prayed for her," he shared. "I always remember that."

He also met an elderly woman, and the two developed a friendship and a routine of calling each other from time to time to give encouragement.

"It was life-changing; it was more than giving food. They needed to know that someone cares for them."

Over the course of his life, George Jr.'s outlook is that wherever God takes you, He will provide for you. George Jr. recently became a proud homeowner of a three bedroom, two bath home.

Still, George misses home because of his tight-knit family, but he also recognizes that in life some sacrifices have to be made although he plans to return home.

"Live for the Lord and be the best that you can be. Be something worth living or dying for. Christ did it. Don't care about fitting in - stand out. Appear and dare to be different.

"Be who you were created to be."

## Safety training a priority for gas business



Participants of a Liquefied Propane Gas course are shown at the beginning of a five-day course on the volatile substance. The initial assessment is a written exam. It will be followed by oral and practical exams to be administered by the Ministry of Works, before certification.

By Hadassah Hall

With 90% of people in the propane business not having adequate formal training, according to leading natural and propane gas trainer, Stephen C. Nook, The Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute (BTVI) has joined forces with the Ministry of Public Works to conduct intense training.

Ten persons are participating in a five-day course on the island of Abaco, representing Man-O-War Gas, Guana Lumber and Supplies, and Abaco Gas Company. The training of Abaconians in the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) business comes at a time when LPG plants are "popping up" throughout several islands, according to BTVI's Dean of Construction Trades, Alexander Darville.

"We, at BTVI, want to help enforce

the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Act. On a lot of the cays in Abaco, they are using LPG gas for their propane generators and commercial appliances due to the cost of fuel. Because it's so widely used, more training is needed," said Mr. Darville.

Furthermore, Ministry of Public Works, Volatile Inspector, Freeman Hanna, stressed the importance of always visually examining a propane gas tank for leaks because safety is paramount. He added that many accidents could be avoided if the proper safeguards are taken.

"One of the reasons the government decided mail boats shouldn't transport propane tanks is because of the accidents. People aren't taking the precautionary measures. Propane is nothing to play with.

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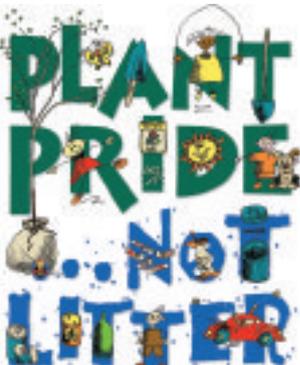
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# Business

Gas From Page 21

You must know the regulations. They're like our daily Bible in the field," he said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Nook has previously conducted training in Inagua, Abaco and New Providence and has been a gas trainer for the past 53 years. The owner of Gas Training Services in the United States (US), Mr. Nook has educated persons in LPG throughout Bermuda, Jamaica, Haiti and across the Southeast US.

He stated how important such training is. "Most guys in the business have no formal training. They must be familiar with the codes," he stressed, adding that the whole purpose is to promote safety in the industry.

Mr. Nook mentioned that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations that are applicable to The Bahamas must be adhered to. It is the US' main federal agency charged with the enforcement of safety and health legislation.

This safety is the focus of participant, Nita Albury, who has worked in the field for three years. She is a salesperson at Abaco Gas and wants to further her education of the volatile substance.

"I want to be more educated about the gas and the safety so I can inform customers of the precautions they should take," said Ms. Albury.

After being in the field for 12 years, another Abaco Gas employee, Cedric Davis, said he also hopes to gain further theoretical knowledge, but intends to eventually attain his license following certification.

The climax of the training will be a written exam, which must be passed before participants can sit the oral and practical exams to be conducted by Ministry of Public Works officials. Those who pass will receive their LPG certifications. However, Mr. Hanna underscored that the certificate of competency does not equate to having a LPG license, but rather qualifies them to apply.

# Crime Report

## Shop Breaking

At 7:07am on 5th August, 2014, a resident of Marsh Harbour, reported that sometime between 1:30pm on 4th August, 2014 and 7:00am on 5th August, 2014, some unknown person/s entered his work place and stole an undetermined amount of cash and cheques. Police action requested. Investigation continues.

## Drug Arrest (Arrest and charged.)

At 12:30pm on 7th August, 2014, Officers of the D.E.U Abaco Outpost came in at M.H.P.S. with a resident of Man-O-War Cay, under arrest for Possession of Dangerous Drugs, suspected of being marijuana. The suspect was charged reference to the offence. She was released on bail to attend court on 11/8/14.

## Illegal Immigrant (Arrested)

At about 8.05 pm. on Thursday 7th, August 2014, Officers of the Grand Cay Police Station contacted the Marsh Harbour Police Station and reported that at 6.15 pm. same date, while on patrol in the area, they observed a male acting in a suspicious manner.

As a result, officers made a check of this individual age 42 years of age of Marsh Harbour Abaco. A further check with Immigration Officials revealed that this individual has no status in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. He was then arrested and transported to the Detention Center New Providence, for further processing.

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### REGULAR FERRY SCHEDULE

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4:00pm / 5:45pm

#### Hope Town to Marsh Harbour

8:00am / 9:45am / 11:30am / 1:30pm 3:00pm  
4:00pm / 5:00pm / 6:30pm

#### Marsh Harbour to Man-O-War

20 minute ride  
7:15 / 10:30am / 12:15pm / 2:30pm\*  
4:00pm / 5:45pm  
\*Except Sundays and Holidays

#### Man-O-War to Marsh Harbour

8:00am / 11:30am / 1:30pm / 3:15pm\* / 5:00pm  
\*Except Sundays and Holidays

#### Marsh Harbour to Scotland/Guana Cay

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

#### Scotland/Guana Cay to Marsh Harbour

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

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

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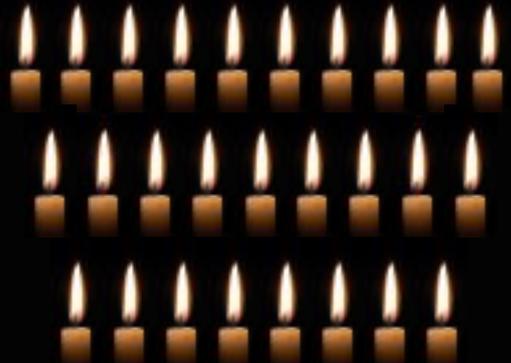
### REGULAR FERRY FARES

One Way: \$17.00  
Round Trip - Open Return: \$27.00  
Children 6-11: Half Price  
Children 5 and under: Free

Hope Town and Man-O-War ferries depart from the Ferry Dock at Crossing Beach.  
Guana /Scotland Cay depart from the Conch Inn.  
Prices subject to change without notice.

# Summer Blackout Count

27 Central Abaco Blackouts Since June 12



4 Since Last Issue (July 31)



## Quotes of the week:

"What are we paying for?"

"I didn't want AC today, anyway."

We keep track of only the Central Abaco blackouts. This is not a comprehensive count since keeping track of all the outages in the Cays and far North and South would be near impossible in the current state of power supply.

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Area Code 242 unless listed otherwise

### Island-wide Abaco Listings

Abaco Cottage 114 hse 366-0576  
Abaco Vacation Planner + 25 hse 367-3529

### Casuarina Point

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### Grand Cay

Rosie's Place 352-5458

### Green Turtle Cay

Abaco Breeze 13 hse 577-4570  
Bluff House Club 12 units 365-4200  
Cocobay Cottages 6 cott 800-752-0166  
Green Turtle Club 35 rm 365-4271  
Island Properties 34 hse 365-4047  
Leeward Yacht Club 5 hse 365-4191  
Ocean Blue Properties 34 hse 365-4636  
Other Shore Club 365-4226  
Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105

### Guana Cay

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Dolphin Bch Resort 4 rm 10 cott. 365-5137  
Guana Sunset Beach 13 units 365-5133  
Ocean Frontier 6 cott 519-389-4846  
Ward's Landing 4 units 904-982-2762  
Ruth Sands 9 hse 365-5140

### Hope Town

Abaco Inn 22 rm 366-0133  
Crystal Villas 5 villas 321-452-0164  
Elbow Cay Prop 53 hse 366-0035  
Firefly Resort 7 villas 366-0145  
Hope T Harb Lodge 25 rm 366 0095  
Hope T Hideaways 63 hse 366-0224  
Hope Town Inn 6 rm 4 Villas 3 Suites 366-0003  
Hope T Villas 3 hse 366-0266

### Hope Town..cont

Lighthouse Rentals 4 cott 366-0154  
Sea Gull Cottages 4 hse 366-0266  
Sea Spray Resort 6 villas 366-0065  
Tanny Key 43 hse 366-0053  
Turtle Hill 4 villas 366-0557

### Lubbers' Quarters Cay

Lubbers' Landing 4 villas 577-2000

### Man-O-War

Island Home Rentals 2 hse 365-6048  
Waterway Rentals 14 hse 365-6143

### Marsh Harbour area

Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158  
Abaco Real Estate 6 hse 367-2719  
Abaco Towns 16 apts 367-0148  
Ambassador Inn 6 rms 367-2022  
Conch Inn 9 rms 367-4000  
Living Easy 16 hse 367-2202  
Island Breezes Motel 8 rms 367-3776  
Lofty Fig Villas 6 eff 367-2681  
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**Albury's Ferry Service** - Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 - VHF Ch. 16 - Hope Town & Man-O-War from Crossing Bch  
Marsh Harbour>Hope Town 7:15am 9:00am 10:30am 12:15pm 2:00pm 4:00pm 5:45pm  
Return: 8:00 am 9:45am 11:30am 1:30pm 3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 6:30pm  
Marsh Harbour>Man-O-War 7:15am 9am 11am 12:15pm 4pm 5:45pm  
Return: 8:00am 10:30am 1:30pm 3:30pm 5:00pm

Marsh H.>Guana Cay/Scotland cay. From Conch Inn:  
(6:45am - Union Jack Dock) 10:30am 1:30pm 3:30pm 5:45pm  
Return: 8 am 11:30am 2:30pm 4:45pm 6:30pm  
Fare - Adult prepaid one way \$17 / open return \$27, - Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free (Phone after hours 359-6861)  
Note: During the month of August through December there are some adjustments made to the schedule. You are advised to contact the office for the changes.

**Green Turtle Ferry** - Phone 365-4166, 4128 - VHF Ch 16 - Ten minute ride  
T Cay Airport>Green T Cay 8:30am 10:30am 11:30am 1:30pm 2:30pm 3:30pm 4:30pm\*  
5:00pm  
Return: 8am 9am 11am 12:15pm 1:30pm 3:00pm 4:30pm\*\*

\* Note: 4:30 pm trip to GTC not on Sundays \*\* Note: 4:30 pm trip will be made from New Plymouth only  
New Plymouth :One way adult \$12 (Children \$7) - Round trip \$17 (Children \$10) - Extra to some G T Cay docks

**Abaco Adventures** - Ph 365-8749 or 375-8123 VHF Ch 16 Charters Available  
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### Attractions

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

### Beaches

**Pocket**  
Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour  
Witches Point - 3 miles S. of Marsh Harbour  
Little Harbour - 20 miles S. of Marsh Harbour  
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**Miles of beach (most exposed to ocean)**  
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Black Sound Marina.....15.....365-4531  
Other Shore Club.....15.....F.....365-4226  
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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

### Wi-Fi Hotspots

**Marsh Harbour:**  
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Curlytails  
Mangoes Restaurant  
**Hope Town:**  
Abaco Inn  
Cap'n Jacks  
H.T. Harbour Lodge  
Sea Spray  
**Green Turtle Cay:**  
Sundowners  
McIntosh Restaurant  
Jolly Roger Bar & Bistro  
Leeward Yacht Club  
Bluff House  
**Guana Cay:**  
Guana Grabbers  
Nipper's Bar & Grill  
**Man-O-War 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

### Golf Carts • Bikes & Scooters • Boats

**Marsh Harbour**  
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Bargain Car Rentals.....367-0500  
Blue Wave Boat Rentals.....367-3910  
Cruise Abaco Sailboat Rentals.....577-0148  
Quality Star Car Rentals.....367-2979  
Rainbow Boat Rentals.....367-4602  
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Rich's Boat Rentals.....367-2742  
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Sea Star Car Rentals.....367-4887  
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- Marsh Harbour Airport to: Effective Dec 08  
Clinic, Downtown, Stop Light.....\$10  
Ab Bch Resort, Eastern Shore close, Ferry.....\$15  
Spring City.....\$15  
Dundas Town, Nat Ins bldg, C Abaco Primary Sch.....\$15  
Murphy Town & Great. Cistern.....\$20  
Snake Cay.....\$35  
Casuarina Point.....\$60  
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Sandy Point.....\$150  
Leisure Lee.....\$50  
Treasure Cay Airport, G Turtle ferry.....\$80  
Treasure Cay Resort.....\$85  
Fox Town.....\$165

- Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:  
Clinic, downtown, Ab Beach Hotel.....\$ 10  
Nat. Ins. Bldg, Murphy Town, Gr. Cistern.....\$10

Wait time \$0.40 per minute, Hourly rate \$40 per hour  
Children under three - free - Caged pets - as people  
Luggage \$0.75 each over two, large bags \$1 ea.

- Treasure Cay Airport to: Effective Dec 08  
Green Turtle Cay ferry dock.....\$10  
Madeira Park.....\$20  
Sand Banks.....\$25  
Treasure Cay Resort.....\$30  
Leisure Lee.....\$45  
Black Wood.....\$20  
Fire Road & Cooper's Town.....\$40  
Cedar Harbour.....\$60  
Wood Cay.....\$70  
Mount Hope.....\$80  
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## Hope Town Camp sails through 22 years



Above: children learned to sail, paddleboard and windsurf all while having fun at the 22nd Hope Town Sailing Camp in July. See page 7.

## Winding Bay Golf Camp reveals many talented youth



Above: some junior golfers who enjoyed the Abaco Club Golf Camp. Joining the children are Ishmael Morley (Ministry of Youth), Eugene Martin (Club General Manager) and Marley Hield (Golf Pro and Instructor.)

*By Mirella Santillo*

A record twenty six boys and girls registered to participate in the seventh Abaco Club at Winding Bay Golf Camp. Golf Pro, Marley Hield, instructed the young golfers and recognized some very talented children among the group.

The week-long camp started in the morning of July 28 with a welcome address from the Club General Manager, Eugene Martin.

It was followed by Mr. Hield explaining the rule of the game as well as the rules of behavior.

The first day was dedicated to postures practice and club handling as well as chipping trials. During the second day, the group was taught putting techniques on a different practice green. On Wednesday, they applied the previous days' teaching to try and hit holes.

The Thursday session was a rehearsal for the final day's competition which was to determine the trophies' recipients.

On that last day, August 1, the children were divided into two age groups, eleven-and-under and twelve-and-over. On the putting green, a target had been drawn around the hole with three zones. A hole-in-one was worth 10 points; the first

# School & Youth News

## St. Francis' graduates reminded about importance of character



Above: St. Francis' proud graduates. Abidemi Simon topped the class and Marlique Hield was the salutatorian.

By Samantha Evans-Knowles

Six male and ten female students of St. Francis de Sales School (SFDS) graduated on June 12 at 10 am at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church.

This class served as the 12th batch of graduates to walk across the stage with diplomas since the school first began. Abidemi Simon topped the class and graduated as the valedictorian, while Marlique Hield came next as the salutatorian.

Claudette A. Rolle, Director of Catholic Education, proclaimed the graduates. Rev. Willish Johnson, pastor of the Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour, served as

the guest speaker. Dr. Lenora Black, superintendent of the Ministry of Education in Abaco, also came to witness and support the graduates.

Rev. Willish Johnson encouraged the graduates to pursue their dreams and to never back down from any challenges ahead. Mrs. Rolle expressed her happiness seeing another set of graduates at SFDS. To express her support, she also proclaimed one of the students as a "Lifer" - a distinction given to a student who started as Pre-K and stayed in the school for the rest of the primary and secondary education.

"Wherever you go, never forget the Christian values that shaped your life in this school, because those characters will surely shape your future," added Mrs. Rolle.

Josephine Giraud-Kumar, principal of SFDS, thanked all the stakeholders, the parents and the students for being part of the academic and spiritual formation of the newest graduates. She also emphasized the importance of learning for every person.

## Thirteen Graduate from the Scholastic Institute with G.E.D.

By Samantha Evans-Knowles

The Sixth Annual Commencement Exercise for the Central Abaco Campus of The Scholastic Institute was held on June 28 at the Dundas Town Church of God.

After the processional of the graduates and the formalities, President Kendris Hield addressed the school's newest graduates. He commended them for overcoming the many challenges they faced to get to where they were.

The Central Abaco Campus of The Scholastic Institute first began in 2010 and is Bahamian owned. The institution was started to help people accomplish dreams. They provide people with a second chance to receive their high school diploma.

Now that the National Diploma Program is starting in September 2014, their graduates will now have to take four BGCSE exams to receive their GED in order to meet the National Diploma requirements. They are raising the standards for their stu-

dents to do more when they graduate.

President Hield told the students that obtaining this diploma will open doors for them that would have otherwise remained closed. He praised the seven young men who graduated from this program for a job well done.

The Valedictorian for the program, Jamal Johnson, gave a very heartfelt speech about his hard work, motivation, and determination to succeed. He told his fellow graduates not to limit themselves and to embrace opportunities as if they were their last. Johnson stated that his goal is to open his own mechanic shop. Pastor Tinker told Johnson that he will sponsor his first seminar of the mechanic program.

Renardo Curry, Member of Parliament for North Abaco, made an appearance as the speaker for the graduation. Curry began by telling the graduates that with all of the changes going on in society they need to be qualified. According to Curry, the government is investing heavily in education and doubling its efforts from preschool to high school. He noted that crime and ignorance are linked to a lack of education, so he encouraged them to continue their education and to not let it end at the high school diploma level.

Curry congratulated them for a job well done. He stated that he is a big supporter and sponsor of sporting events, music and educational seminars. Curry is hoping to have the Total Educational Center technical school opened in September 2014. The courses to be offered will include Carpentry, Plumbing, Arts and Crafts, Customer Service, Mechanics and

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THE CAYS

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#18689 - USD\$2.65M

Guana Cay

NEW

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#21319 - \$219K

Great Guana Cay

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**LUBBERS QUARTERS \$499,000**  
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11,582 sq. ft. corner lot near boat basin, dockage and beach. Ref. AS12358

**ABACO OCEAN CLUB \$62,900**  
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**GUIANA CAY**

**SHIPWRECK SLUD. \$70,000**  
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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. AS12973

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**TREASURE CAY \$399,000**  
A-6 acre development tract. Ref. AS11838

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10,000 sq. ft. coral front lot. Ref. AS12283

**TREASURE CAY \$78,000**  
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Electrical Installation. These courses were chosen because they complement the businesses available on the island.

He told the students that he remains committed to the advancement of Abaco.

Once Mr. Curry completed his message, the students were presented with their diploma, then awards by Local Coordinator, Vincent Coakley.

The graduates and the awards they received are: Jeff Celestine-most improved in Job Skills Readiness and top student in History, Victoria Forbes-most improved in Biology and top student in English, Elmita Jeune-most improved in Computer Information Systems, Kiptanui Johnson-outstanding in English and Computer Information Systems and most improved in Math, Jawara Newbold-outstanding in Job Skills Readiness, Math, Biology and Job Readiness Skills, Iyantie Rolle-outstanding in Computer Information Systems, most outstanding in history, and the most outstanding in Job Readiness Skills, Jamal Johnson-outstanding in Job Readiness Skills and History, Top Student in Math and Computer Information Systems, Hanequia Russell-outstanding in English and Top Student in Biology, Bobby Sawyer-Most Outstanding in Math, Kenneth Stuart-Most Outstanding in Computer Information Systems, Bernadine Thompson-Outstanding in Job Readiness Skills, Alex Ulys-Most Improved in Biology, and Nagee Williams-Most Improved in Job Readiness Skills.

MP Curry was then presented with a plaque from the school and Vincent Coak-

ley with a plaque from the President. Iyantie Rolle received the Instructor's Award and was named the Collegitorian, Jawara Newbold received the Salutatorian Award and Jamal Johnson received the Valedictorian Award.

Finally, President Hield was presented with a painting drawn by Anton Edmond.

## North Abaco Youth Convention was well received

By Bishop Ken Carroll

July 21 was a day of celebration as youth from the North Abaco District once again joined forces at the opening of the Annual Youth Convention. This, the 22nd year, was held under the banner "Destined For Greatness ... Jeremiah 29:11." It was held at Revival Time Church of God in Coopers Town.

Each night, the youth heard from powerful speakers who not just encouraged them, but empowered them. Authorizing these enthusiastic youth were Sister Denise Parker, the National Youth Director and Odena Ferguson of the Assembly of God - Marsh Harbour. They jointly indicated that this young generation must know that there is great potential within.

On Wednesday and Thursday night Apostle Julian Johnson, of Orlando Florida, taught that we as adults must help motivate them in their quest to become the people they ought to be.



Above: Praise Dancers at the North Abaco Youth Convention.

At the closing of the five days, the youth were able to display their many gifts, ranging from praise dance, musical recitation and poetic harmony. That evening opened with Sister Eric Cox, Assistant Youth Director, made sure that the youth enjoyed themselves. She also set up gospel trivia including all in attendance. She rewarded the winners with phone cards, apple cider and a bag of goodies.

Performers from St. Chad's Anglican Church, Lifegate Ministries, and Revival Time Praise Dancers led a wonderful exhibit of praise that evening as well.

The "show stopper" that evening was

young Jarvin Burrows of Church of God. He danced to the song, "Taking Territory."

Bethany Gospel Psalms' Sister Simms displayed her gift by singing "Sweeter Than I"

CJ Burrows from Spring City entertained the audience with his trumpet, performing "An Awesome God."

The poetic voices of Ebenezer Baptist Church, of Cedar Harbour, quoted the poem written by the great Ezekiel Azoo - "Almost Saved." The poem was well-

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received by the youth.

Prevailing through the praise and the worship songs were two youthful speakers – Brother Terry Russell of New Life Ministries and the Voice of Deliverance Youth Minister, both gave a dramatic message highlighting their testimonies.

In attendance was Deputy Local Government District Chief Council, Diana Rolle, who disclosed that this is what community development is all about, positively feeding the young people with spiritual food that will take them to the next level of growth.

The Revival Time Praise Dancers dressed in African tropical print to close out this year's convention with the song "Greater in the Spirit."

Many who attended were blessed and thankful for the convention. In a brief interview, Sister Cox said that this year they wanted to do something different, and she felt they accomplished this. Many participated in the trivia and she was happy how each performance was received.

## Recruitment begins for Bahamas Agricultural and Maritime Institute

By Canishka Alexander

Paving the way toward food security and the transformation of the country's agricultural sector are major focuses for the Bahamas Government. As it stands, The Bahamas spends millions of dollars annually on food imports.

But, hope is on the horizon.

On July 16, Gary Russell of the Bahamas Agricultural and Marine Science Research Institute (BAMSI) held a recruitment drive in the Office of the Prime Minister's Conference Room on July 16 for those on Abaco interested in attending the institute in North Andros.

Russell explained that they are just on the threshold of starting their campaign, and the purpose of his visit was to raise more awareness regarding the institute. In

preparation for BAMSI's opening in September, they have compiled a database of applications in the range of 75-80 people but plan to have approximately 55 people in their initial enrollment.

BAMSI will offer Associate of Science degrees in Agriculture, Marine Science and Aquaculture as well as diplomas and skills certifications in Agriculture, Marine Science and Aquaculture.

"BAMSI is new, it's exciting and it is something that promises a whole lot for the country particularly in the agriculture sector," Russell boasted.

Additionally, BAMSI will offer research-based activities; hands-on training in fields such as crop and livestock production, farm management, environmental conservation and marine resources; and

it will house an arboretum and a tutorial farm.

He added: "We are expecting to open a school under the umbrella of The College of The Bahamas. While we are independent, we are using them because they exist, and they are assisting us with the curricula."

Total cost will be underwritten by the Government of The Bahamas, so applicants attend the institute free of charge. Applicants are required to have a minimum of five BGCSEs – three of which should include Math, English and one of the Sciences (Biology, Physics, Agriculture, Science or Chemistry).

For those already accepted into The College of The Bahamas (COB) under any of the science programs, there is an automatic acceptance, and special considerations will be evaluated by the selection committee.

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## Friends of the Environment Summer Camp reaches wide age group



Above: some of the younger campers.

*By Mirella Santillo*

The Friends of the Environment Summer Camp started the first week of July and provided a wide array of activities for primary school children as well as for high school students.

Activities included fishing in Sandy Point and Marsh Harbour, swimming in Blue Holes, exploring mangroves, snor-

keling reefs and wading through sea grass ecosystems. The children were exposed to the many natural habitats of our island.

The camp started on July 3 with line fishing in Sandy Point for youth nine to eleven years old. They caught Grey Snappers, Grunts and Sargent Majors that they released after identifying them. The goal was to teach the kids good fishing practice.

The Abaco Lodge hosted the Marsh Harbour camp for the same age group from July 7 to July 9.

The owner of the Lodge provided three fishing boats. Each boat held three children, a chaperon and a fishing guide. One of the guides, guest speaker Paul Pinder, taught the campers about fly fishing.

The International Fishing Game Association sponsored the fishing camps by providing fishing lines and small gifts for the campers.

A Junior Camp which took place during the third week of July focused on learning about mangroves, coral reefs, pine forest, sea grasses and sandy beaches.

There were arts-and-crafts and information about the scheduled topic in the morning and field trips in the afternoon to such places as Camp Abaco, Mermaid Reef, Saw Mill Sink Blue Hole and Cross-

ing Beach. Eighteen campers in the seven to nine age group participated in that program, supervised by a minimum of nine adults during the field trips; there was even more supervisors on the trip to Mermaid Reef because of possible encounters with sea creatures that the youth might not have been familiar with.

A more detailed variation of the Junior Camp was provided for older students- twelve and over- during the fourth week of camp. Besides swimming and examining their surroundings, they also did water testing for PH and salinity in the blue hole and on the sea grass beds.

Five Grade 7 students and one adult participated in the Junior Scientist Camp held the week of July 25 to the 31. They had two full days of predators-reef courses and two full days of a course on sea turtles. Fisherman, Jody Albury, took the campers on his boat to the Snake Cay area. A scientist, Elizabeth Whitman accompanied the campers, giving them information on the turtles and helping them tag two of the animals that were subsequently released. The participants were able to observe a multitude of the sea reptiles.

The last day of camp was dedicated to the dissection of a turtle that had been caught in a fishing line and was dying. Local turtle expert, Nancy Albury, oversaw the procedure performed by the camp coordinator and instructor, Cassandra Williams. They were helped by camp assistant, Alcindor McIntosh.

The coordinators thought that the Summer Camp was a great success. The organization's Director, Kristin Williams, commented saying "This group of kids reassured us that Abaco is in good hands."



Above: campers taking notes.

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# SPORTS

## Eustace Penn inducted as a softball "Hall of Famer"



Above: Eustace Penn received his Hall of Fame certificate last week.

By Canishka Alexander

Eustace Penn, 62, was inducted into the Bahamas Softball Federation's (BSF) Hall of Fame on Nov. 2, 2013.

As part of The Bahamas' 40th Independence Celebrations last year, Penn was acknowledged for his contributions to softball over the years, and he received his certificate last week. An official ceremony will be held for all inductees at the BSF Round Robin Championship in October.

"It is a pleasure and something I have been looking forward to and anticipating, and it has finally come," Penn expressed.

"After 43 years, it's a pleasure to receive it."

His certificate reads: The Bahamas Softball Federation hereby inducts Eustace Penn, umpire, into the Bahamas Softball Federation Hall of Fame with the title and distinction Hall of Famer now and forever for Commitment, Dedication, Unselfish and Distinguished Service in the development of Softball in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas."

In an earlier interview, Penn shared that he has been playing softball since he was 15 years old. As a young boy, Penn relocated from the Turks and Caicos Islands with his family and eventually came to Abaco in 1959. However, before moving to Abaco, he lived in New Providence, and it was there that he was introduced to softball at Lincoln Boulevard Park.

"Softball was the game at the time when I was going to school in Nassau," he recalled. "Softball, baseball, cricket, basketball and volleyball – we played them all."

Penn spent time in the company of softball legends like David Thompson, Everette Daley, Wellington Dean and several other players who eventually made it to the minor leagues.

In addition to being an umpire which spans approximately 40 years of his service, Penn was team manager of several teams and has also represented the Abaco Softball Association (ASA) as its president

– a post he occupied for five years.

Highlights of his career also include catching for the Cherokee Softball team and playing against teams from Man-O-War Cay and Marsh Harbour.

"Like my cousin Simpson Penn, who is the founder of the Boys Brigade, said if you've been involved with something when it starts don't stop until you have to stop," he advised. "So you know, I don't know when it will be, but [softball is] something I enjoy and look forward to. So like I said, until God decides what's going to be my destination."

## Sailing Camp held in Hope Town

By Kate Laughlin

The Hope Town Sailing and Sports Camp, led by Jim and Marjie Laughlin, came to a close on July 31. This is the camp's 22nd year.

Throughout the month of July, local kids, averaging 50 a day, came out to the Sailing Club in Hope Town to join in the

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Above: children playing and learning at the 22nd Hope Town Sailing and Sports Camp.

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Above: Deandra Wilkinson chipped a hole-in-one. She was the only camper to achieve such a feat during the competition. Left to right: Ishmael Morley, Eugene Martin, Deandra Wilkinson and Marley Hield.

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circle counted for five points; whoever hit the next circle gained three points and the outer circle gave the golfer two points. The campers each had three attempts at chipping and putting.

A girl in the younger age category, Deandra Wilkinson, chipped a hole-in-one. She was the only camper to achieve such a feat during the competition. She also did well in the putting contest, winning the

overall competition with 19 points, well ahead of her runner-up who totaled nine points. Three contestants ended up in a tie with eight points. Branae Bain, Lynwood Scott and Judah Newbold were all given an extra try to determine the third and fourth place.

The final results for this age group was: Deandra Wilkinson, first with 19 points; Azaria Thompson, second with nine points; Judah Newbold, third and Lynwood Scott, fourth.

Tate Stuart placed first in the twelve and over age category with fifteen points; he was followed by Ivan Curry who totaled fourteen points. Duane Johnson came third with ten points. Carlos Spencer placed fourth with seven points.

Each participant was given a certificate and the first four of each age group received trophies that were handed out by the General Manager.

The kids were treated to soft drinks, water and cookies at the end of each daily session.

As a good-bye address, Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Hield for sharing his knowledge with the kids and Camille McDonald

for organizing the camp and printing the certificates. He pointed out how lucky the children were and hoped they had enjoyed themselves and learned something.

Mr. Martin said he would stay in touch with Mr. Ishmael "Stretch" Morley, the Youth Coordinator for Abaco who promoted the camp, to work a way to expand the program.

They were considering perhaps having the bests in the group come back at weekends for more practice.

Mr. Morley said he would get in touch with the parents to inform them of the possibility and ensure their participation.



Above: Marley Hield instructing the young golfers at Winding Bay.

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# Remembering Family and Friends



Funeral Service for **Evelyn Maudlean Russell** age 78 of Fox Town, Abaco was

held on Saturday August 9, 2014 at 11:00 a.m at Zion Baptist Church, Fox Town, Abaco. Officiating was Pastor Tyrone Mills assisted by Pastor Daniel Curry. Interment will be in the Fox Town Public Cemetery, Fox Town, Abaco.

Precious memories will linger in the hearts of: Daughters: Carnetta Russell and Florina Russell

Son-in-law: Hamilton Russell, Grandchildren: Alvin and Covan Saunders, Alfonzo and Charmaine Parker, Faylean McIntosh, Hensel, Shavenia, Hampton, Carrington and Addington Russell, Great-grandchildren: Devin, Neko and Alvinna Saunders, Joetano McDormet, Courtney McIntosh, Te-Shawn and Tray Curry, Meguel, Azriel and Mikeal Parker, Great great-grandchildren: Devon Saunders and Taneisha McDormet, Step Children:

Clint, Clyde, Shavandi, Shamyell and Shaquinta Russell, Repunzel Pinder and Bridgette Bowleg, Adopted Children: Ivan and Jamado Curry, Renae McDonald, Frankly Johnson, Charlotte McIntosh and Billy Saunders, Sisters: Julia Wells, Millie McIntosh, Brothers-in-law: James Wells and Elijah Mills, Sisters-in-law: Florence and Doris Thompson and Pearl Clay and many other family and friends.



The funeral service for the late **Floyd Orazia Lowe**, who died on

July 29th, 2014 was held at the New Plymouth Gospel Chapel on Sunday, August 10th, 2014 at 1pm. Brother Gurth Roberts and Brother Tom Roberts officiated. Burial was in the Public Cemetery.

He was predeceased by his wife: Zeddith; two daughters: Sandra & Deborah and one daughter-in-law; Jenetta & all his siblings and their spouses. He is survived by his children: Fearnley,

Judith, Nigal, Larry & Eugene; their daughter-in-laws: Ann, Una & Deborah; one son-in-law: Percival Roberts Jr.; fifteen grandchildren: Troy, Julie, Jason, Adrian, Jennie, Lisa, Matthew, Lynn, Joshua, Cordell, Michelle, Breanna, Kelly, Diana & Steven; four granddaughters-in-law: Nicole, Stacy, Kristina & Sabrina; five grandsons-in-law: Nehemiah, Jason, Antonio, Winston & Joshua; twenty-two great-grandchildren: Christopher, Leia, Kady, Alyssa, Shea, Benjamin, Hannah, Connor, Tianna, Zoey, Reagan, Christian, Skylar, Jude, Brady, Angel, Elye, Logan, Hailey, Izac, Lucas & Aiva; Along with many more family and friends.

Fabian Johnson and Frank Saunders Daughters: Edwina 'Mitch' Johnson, Yvonne Bowleg, Brenda Seymour, Nadine Johnson-Penn, Sandra Sears and Gail Wilson-Sands Daughters in Law: Andrea, Patrice and Lloydria, Sons in Law: Vandyke Seymour, Lloyd Bowleg II and Julian Penn; Grand-children: Travis, Lloyd III, Oryan, Kameron, Celena, Ryelle, Lavette, Fabian Jr, Kadisha, Delano, Dellarece, Gabriel, Sulton, Larry Jr, Marino, Nevon, Shernee, Racine, Rashid, Raju Sr & Jr. Durwan, Sharla & Enrique Sears Mother-in-law: Viola Johnson, Step-mother: Rowena "Mamie" Levarity; Sister: Bridgette, Maryann, Barbara, & Janet Levarity; Brother: Leland, Kenneth and Edward Levarity, In-laws: Barbara Moxey; Olan & Enez Johnson; Iris Lundy, Lillian McPhee, Geraldine Smith, Oswald & Dorothy Darville, Francisca & Rev. Dr. C.B. Moss, Rawson & Audrey Minnis, Kenneth Johnson, Henry Sears, Lunch & Esther, Terrance, Coley, Willie, & Irvin and numerous other family and friends.



Funeral Service for the Late **Oralee V. Johnson**, age 68 years of Baillou Hill Estates and formally of Sandy Point, Abaco was held on Saturday August 9th, 2014, 10:00 a.m. at St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Baillou Hill & Wulff Roads. The Rt. Rev'd. Gilbert A. Thompson assisted by Rev'd. Fr. Donald Kerr officiated. Interment followed in Woodlawn Gardens, Soldier Road.

Left to mourn her passing: Sons: Barrington, Colyn, Anthony 'Hector',



Death Notice for **Vivian Sharlyne Albury-Thompson**, age 66 years, of

Please see Vivian

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# Remembering Family and Friends

Vivian From Page 10

Marsh Harbour, Abaco, formerly of Grand Bahama, died in Marsh Harbour, Abaco on Thursday July 10th, 2014.

Vivian was preceded in death by her daughter: Melissa Thompson-Sands.

She is survived by her husband of forty two (42) years: Charles Dan Thompson; her son: Charles Stacey Thompson; adopted daughter: Arielle Cash; her grandchildren: Brandon Pinder, Dayna and Kelsey Hill and Jenna Sands; sister: Clarissa Albury; brother: Peter Albury; sisters-in-law: Clio Sands, Betty Bethel, Ivy Russell, Eleanor and Levon Albury, Joyce, Renee and Nancy Thompson; brothers-in-law: Willie, Lowell and Steve Albury, Curtis Sands, Steve Bethel, Frank Russell, Mike, Tommy and Scott Thompson; other relatives and friends including: Joan Moss and Angelique Cash.

A Home Going Service was held for **Sylvia Clara Albury** of Man-O-War Cay, Abaco, who died on August



2, 2014, was held at the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel on August 3, 2014. Officiating was

Brother David Cartwright & Brother Robin Weatherford, interment followed at the Man-O-War Public Cemetery.

Sylvia was predeceased by her brother Vernon, sister Lovina and Lovina's husband Buddy.

Left to cherish her memories are her Loving Husband of 61 years: Richie, Brothers: Robert and Sister in Laws: Sheila and Alice, Children Barbara and her husband Ben, Michael and his wife Nancy, Ruth and Jody, Grandchildren: Mamie & her husband Lee, Laurie and her husband Gary, Robbie, Brian and his wife Jaci, Meredith, Bradley and his wife Jessica and James, Great Grandchildren: Ariel & Hunter and numerous other family and friends.

# SPORTS

Sail From Page 7

day's activities. There were two kinds of camp days: land and sea.

When the camp was on land the day consisted of arts and crafts, bingo, four-square, field-sports games and trips to the beach. When the campers ventured to Nathan's Bay (by boat, bike, or by foot) the youth enjoyed sand castle contests, dock jumping, sailing, and windsurfing.

Along with these two different types of days, the camp also had two trips on Froggies to Mermaid's Reef and a trip to Tahiti Beach where the kids enjoyed paddle boarding, kayaking, and playing in the sand and water. That day all the counselors and children had lunch generously donated by Cracker P's.

No matter the day, a smile could be seen on each camper's face. None of this would be possible without being sponsored by the Hope Town Sailing Club. Along with the Club, the Hope Town Sailing and Sports Camp receives donations from numerous people and businesses.

Camp is an event each year that children of all ages look forward to. The organizers would all like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed their time and energy.

The Hope Town Sailing and Sports camp looks forward to year 23.

The Bahamas' final count thanks to Breydon Rosson from Nassau who also took the second place in the Cup of the Americas. He made it to the final in seven rounds, to face Arek Archibold from the Cayman Islands for the championship title.

The Bahamas Darts National Team comprised of players from New Providence, Grand Bahama, Abaco and Eleuthera, traveled to Tampa to participate in the twentieth Caribbean Dart Cup and in the Cup of the Americas, held July 14-20 at the Mainsail Convention Center.

Four Abaconians, Robin Albury, Angela Russell and Shane Sawyer were among the seventeen Bahamian players who represented the country (including two youngsters, Dreydon Rosson and Indira Sweeting).

According to Mr. Spicer, it was a very successful event during which the camaraderie of the previous years was renewed, as most of the same people usually attend all the competitive events. He said that the National Team was very good but played against a very strong Florida team.

The Bahamas took the 4th place in the Cup of the Americas.

Mr. Spicer was re-elected President of the Dart Federation for the Americas' Region and Secretary General for the Caribbean Dart Organization.

The 2016 Caribbean Cup and the Cup of the Americas will be held in Barbados in 2016.

## The Bahamas places second in Darts Caribbean Cup

By Mirella Santillo

According to Malcom Spicer, president of the Bahamas Darts Federation and World Darts Federation's Americas Region, this year's competition was a tough one with the largest number of players ever to enter the Caribbean Cup and the Cup of the Americas. This year, people who had lived at least six months in Florida were allowed to enter the tournament, even if they were not United States Citizens, a fact that added to an already stiff competition.

None-the-less, The Bahamas placed second overall as runner-up to Florida that won the Caribbean Cup with 151 points. The Bahamas accumulated 86 points to place in front of Trinidad and Barbados, tied at 75 points in third position. Altogether nine countries participated. Two countries, Guyana and St Lucia, were unable to obtain their visas on time.

A second place in the Team Event and a second place in the Youth Championship, a new category this year, contributed to

## Marlique Hield selected for National Amateur Junior Golf Team

By Samantha Evans-Knowles

17-year-old Marlique Hield was one of the 12 team members selected by the Bahamas Golf Federation to represent the Bahamas at the 27th Caribbean Amateur Junior Golf Championships in Puerto Rico July 27 to August 1.

The juniors were selected based on their performance at the Junior National Championships held May 17-18 at the Reef Golf Club in Freeport, Grand Bahamas.

Hield began playing golf at age 5 and has had notable achievements in this sport over the years. In 2014, she was the Bahamas Girls ages 16-17 Junior Champion and was a past member of the Bahamas National Team in 2008 and 2013.

Hield graduated as salutatorian of St. Francis de Sales and enjoys listening to music and playing the clarinet.

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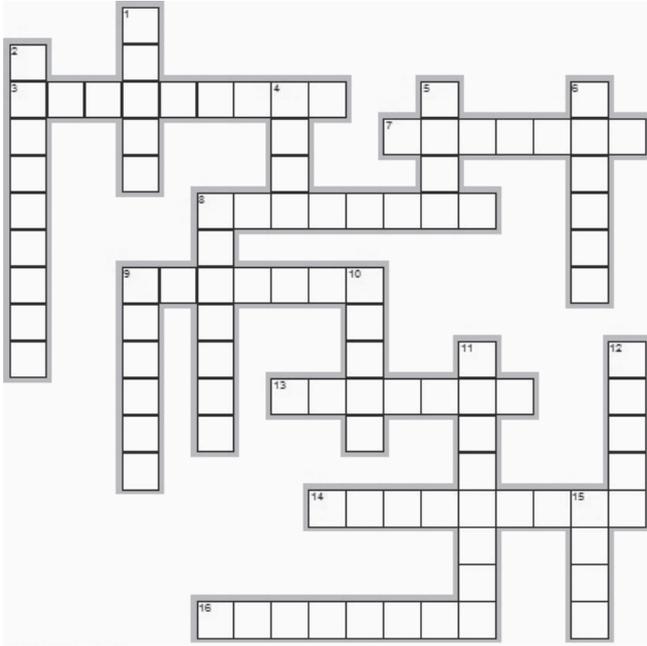
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- 11. Recently passed comedian.
- 12. Large aquatic mammal.
- 15. Sport involving putting.

**August 1 Answers**

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- 5. FORECAST—Educated guess about changes in weather
- 8. IRENE—2011 Hurricane
- 11. SURGE—A rise in the ocean as the result of strong winds from a hurricane
- 13. SATELLITE—Provide images of earth's surface
- 14. CATEGORIES—These describe a hurricane's strength
- 16. HARBOUR—Shelter boats in a storm
- 17. FLOYD—Major 1999 Hurricane

- etc.
- 2. SANDY—Last major hurricane to make landfall in The Bahamas
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- 6. DEPRESSION—A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 38 mph
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- 9. EYE—Center of a Hurricane
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# Opinion

## What is an Abaconian?

By Lee Pinder

Boaters come and go and when you ask them why they keep coming back to Abaco, they'll say it's because of the beautiful blue waters, the many small islands and the lovely private beaches. But ask those who have established homes here and they will say it's all the Bahamian friends they have made over the years.

Even though many of them are extremely shy, Abaco people are also very accommodating. You can just tell they want to help you solve a problem, whatever it may be and although they may not have much themselves, they will share it with those around them.

You know they mean it when they say they hate to see you go and will probably be waiting at the dock or outside of Customs when you return. Our "Second-Home-Owners" are truly invested in The Bahamas because they are willing to work right alongside us to maintain or improve our surroundings and we Abaconians are lucky to have them.

Things in Abaco have changed over the years, but not the people - the Abaconians. We are losing our old-timers and modern technologies have taken over our teenagers, but there are still a few true Abaconians surviving somewhere in the middle. Of those who went away for schooling, some fell in love with the "Big City" and decided not to come back home, and more and more are going away every year in search of a better life. They will probably come to the conclusion one day, that there's no place like home and it doesn't

get any better than this.

However, those who stayed behind, those who have never known any other lifestyle and love it here will always be real Abaconians, just like their fathers and mothers before them.

I have come to the realization that they grew up in a charmed environment.

While watching a home-movie recently that was shot in the late 1940's you couldn't help but notice that those folks were happy. They were a lot thinner than their counterparts of today. The women all wore dresses (no jeans or shorts) and the men all wore long-sleeved white shirts and straw hats, not even a tattoo in sight. The film was the property of a visiting preacher who had come to Abaco as a part of his Missionary work.

Ministers back then travelled from Island to Island, staying for sometimes two or three weeks, sometimes even months at a time, to train the local preachers in the different churches to bring in the lost sheep. Thank God, The Bahamas is still a Christian Nation.

Everyday life was not so stressful. Years ago the main objective everyday was to just put a meal of food on the table. There was a familiar routine to their lives. There was a season for passing jacks and goggle-eyes and Mom put them right in the frying pan and served them up with good ol' sweetnum beans.

This island is unique in so many different ways and our food is something I always hear the visitors rave about and we have foods served here in Abaco that aren't served anywhere else. Actually, our foods in Abaco is different from those prepared

in New Providence or Exuma, Andros or Long Island or any of the other islands.

Often the restaurant's menu is made up especially for the tourists, and that is definitely different from what we eat at home. And many of the cookbooks on sale in the local gift shops do not represent all Bahamian recipes, but offer something concocted by visiting yachtsmen or maybe a foreign-born Chef. They try to pass our wheelks off as escargot or offer a fancy dish they may have found in a magazine. We do have some very good cooks who were born and raised right here and they still fix the foods the way their mothers taught them.

It was only a few years back that the Smack Fisherman didn't bother to get the stone crabs or spiny lobster as there was no demand for them, now they can prove to be a very lucrative catch... if someone hasn't raided their traps.

There were always the wild hogs to hunt, the land crabs to chase down after a rain and migrating ducks and white-head pigeons to shoot, if you had a shotgun, and most of the men still do. Many of our men kept a nearby field with sweet potatoes, pumpkins, onions, tomatoes or watermelon, and a few of our men still farm, but on a much larger scale since the Government has been providing parcels of land for Farmers to produce more of our own food,

like families did years ago. I am a firm believer anything will grow here if properly cared for.

I have watched Abaco evolve with its many unique attractions over the years. Our Blue Holes have been discovered by National Geographic and The Bahamas National Trust and Friends of the Environment are working overtime to protect our eco-system and natural fisheries, conch and wildlife. Tourism has increased a hundredfold, but somehow Abaco is struggling to stay the same but still keep up.

Many of our isolated cays house celebrity homes and huge developments are bringing more and more people to our shores, as well as more flights into our newly finished airport and more European visitors to our shores. Will our way of life, as we have known it disappear, I hope not. I often lament "What is this world coming to?", but my husband insists that, no, "What has it come too!"

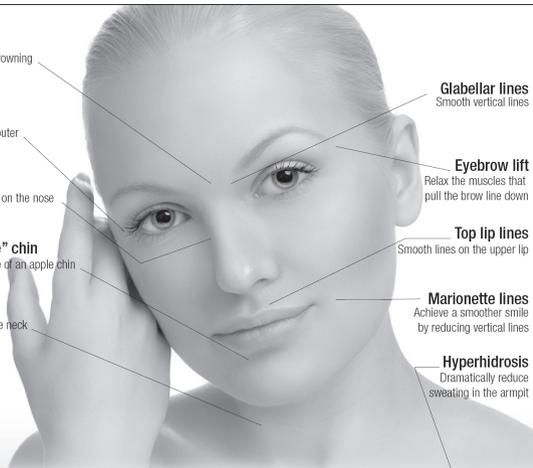
So, if you know a "real" Abaconian, and I'm sure most of you reading this article do, encourage them not to change with the times. Life is good in Abaco and we want to keep it that way. There are always fond memories of how things used to be, but in point of fact, to keep up, we have to change, but you can't help thinking our yesterdays were somehow magical.

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# Heritage

## One wild horse remains



Above: Nunki, the last wild Abaco horse. Abaco's horses were of rare, Spanish descent. The plan is to breed her with a genetically similar breed of horse to preserve the legacy. Photo - W.H.O.A.

By Milanne Rehor  
Project Director: W.H.O.A.

We were at a critical point in our efforts to preserve the few remaining wild horses on Abaco. Plans were well on the way to restoring reproduction. Sadly, we now are down to only one horse.

Upon reviewing all options for us to achieve this goal it is clear that the only safe, sure way to assist our last horse is by harvesting her eggs and fertilizing them with sperm from a genetically approved stallion, already located. This process is to take place in the US. A detailed timeline of events in the process is available.

There appears to be considerable misinformation circulating about the origins, genetics and value of the Abaco Spanish Colonial Horse. Results of genetic analyses, done at three institutions, show that these horses are Spanish. They are rare. The analyses are readily available.

- IMD, Institut für molekularbiologische Diagnostik GmbH, Bonn, Germany
- University of California, Davis, Veterinary Genetics Laboratory
- University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Equine blood typing research laboratory

Two of the many people behind this project give their credentials and reasons for involvement:

Dr. G. Cothran did our initial work at UK. He now maintains our materials at Texas A&M University: "I have a genotyping laboratory that does typing of horses, donkeys, cattle, and cats.

The Colonial Spanish horses are important because they represent a component of equine genetic diversity that no longer exists in its place of origin: Spain and Portugal. All CS population are small in the number of horses and are thus threatened with extinction. The Abaco horse clearly shows evidence of Spanish ancestry and

thus represents a CS breed. Loss of any CS gene pool is a loss of the total gene pool of the horse and to CS horses in particular.

Each of the CS populations has a unique set of the total gene diversity of the CS horses. Abaco horses represent a distinct part of that set so that makes them valuable. Even if only a fraction of the gene pool can be saved it maintains some part of that diversity."

Brad Ray, M.S., of Premier Breeding Services, LLC, holds a Master's degree in Equine Reproductive Physiology (Colorado State University) and a Bachelor's degree in Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology (University of Colorado). Experienced in the management of large breeding facilities -- including Colorado State University's renowned Equine Reproduction Laboratory and, currently, Premier Breeding Services :

"There is an enormous vortex of energy whirling around one small horse. Beyond the rich historical legacy and genetic significance Nunki carries in her body and spirit, she is the sole survivor of the forces of modernization which have taken the herd which adapted and thrived for so many years on Abaco Island. Ironically, the regeneration of the herd and its survival rely upon technical advancements which evolved due to, and would have been impossible without, the same drive toward technology which has nearly destroyed her herd."

While the bulk of the reproductive work is being provided pro bono by outstanding professionals from Colorado and at Texas A&M University, there are ongoing local costs for supporting the remaining mare in good health, providing support for local personnel involved in the project, providing support for the incoming professionals and upgrading the preserve for Nunki's support, the eventual arrival of foals and visitors.

Please find more information on Facebook: Abaco Horses; or our website: <http://www.arkwild.org/blog/>

A 25 page Management Plan is available as well.

The horses were brought to Abaco from Cuba in the late 1800's to haul logs from Abaco's pine forests. Columbus had

established two horse farms in Cuba. By the 1940's when the forests were to be cut again, tractors were introduced and the horses were abandoned. Cuba brought in a variety of horse breeds to 'improve' their stock. The only possible remnants of the original horses there may be the street horses, which the government does not permit to be sold.

The horses thrived despite being hunted for meat and killed for 'sport.' But 150-200 were killed when a tragic accident brought about the death of a disobedient child. The herd came back after three were rescued, up to 35 by 1992. Hurricane Floyd in 1999 did not kill any horses, but damage in the forest drove them onto the nearby farm that was flooded with herbicides, pesticides and synthetic fertilizers. This started the downhill slide through disruption of the reproductive cycles. Moving the horses to a clean nearby preservation area did not stop that slide which we now are facing with the last viable horse.



Above: Bellatrix II. When she passed away recently it left Nunki alone. W.H.O.A.'s hope is to now breed Nunki with a similar breed and bring Abaco's wild horses back. Photo - W.H.O.A.

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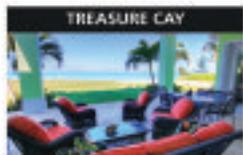
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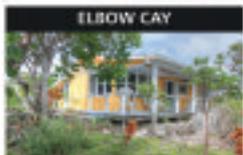
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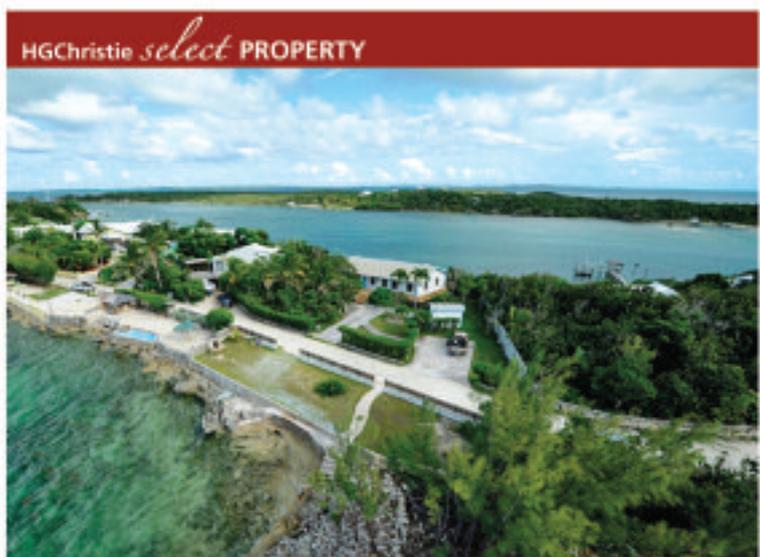
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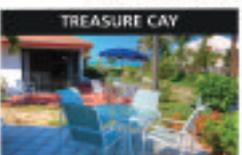
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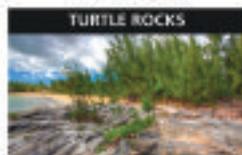
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