



Business Outlook Talks Include Investment, Taxes and Port Project



Speakers, including the Hon. Michael Halkitis - Minister of State for Finance, Dennis Lightbourn - Abaco Chamber of Commerce, Hon. Khaalis Rolle - Minister of State for Investments in the Office of the Prime Minister and Robert Myers - Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation's Chairman shared their views on multiple issues during the 2014 Abaco Business Outlook. Stories can be found: A5, A6, A7, A15, A17 and B13.

CAPS Teachers Protest



Above: Teachers at the largest elementary school on Abaco protested throughout the week of Sept 22-26. Their chief complaint being that teachers are now required to be to work at 8:30 am as opposed to 8:45 am. The Hon. Jerome Fitzgerald, Min. of Education, visited Abaco during the protest. Also of note is an alleged mold problem making teachers sick at CAPS. See Section B Page 5.

Immigration Dept. Stages Sick-Out

By Timothy Roberts

There was a sick-out at the Immigration Department in Marsh Harbour on September 17 as employees in the department were upset over air-conditioning in the area having not been repaired for about a year.

According to one source, the air-conditioning in the Immigration Department has been a problem since the facility opened, always being too warm or too cold. Just over a year ago the problem worsened and fans were bought by the department to make it bearable.

After numerous requests to their head of department and various Ministers of Parliament, Immigration officers felt their demands were falling on deaf ears as nothing has yet taken place to correct the problem.

Receiving no response, the officers decided to stage a sick-out and not show up for work for one day. A source said they received word that someone would be there by the following week, however, to date no one has been there to repair the air-conditioning.

The ABAconian reached out to the National Insurance Board (NIB), who is responsible for the building and its maintenance; however, they have not answered any questions regarding the air-conditioning.

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What's Happening

• Oct 3-4: Softball Championship Series

• October 10-13: Cherokee Day

• October 11: Open Water Swim

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Mini-Hospital Construction at Stand-Still



Above: the Abaco Mini-Hospital. Work has currently stopped while the contractor waits for payment from the government. They last received payment in February 2014. The facility is roughly 90% complete.

By Timothy Roberts

The \$12 million Central Abaco Mini-Hospital has drawn close to being finished, but presently work has stopped due to a lack of payment to the contractor.

Construction began in April 2012 and was slated to be completed in 60 weeks (by

June 2013); however, that and other deadlines have come and gone without a word from the government up to press time on when it will now be completed.

Meanwhile the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic building's condition continues to deteriorate bringing with it concerns

of its ability to continue serving the needs of the growing community.

Sources indicate that the contractor, Coastline Construction, has not been paid since February of this year. Despite lack of payment, Coastline worked on the hospital until early July.

It was also said that the facility is about 90 percent finished and that the majority of work left to complete entails interior work as adjustments may be required to suit the medical equipment when it arrives.

Former Minister of Health, Dr. Hubert Minnis, said in 2012 that the construction of the community hospital will replace the existing clinic in Marsh Harbour.

"Through the Public Hospitals Authority, the facility will provide improvements and advancements in tele-medicine and tele-radiology for this area; it will allow for the rotation of specialists in New Providence to Marsh Harbour, while also allowing for the bridging and expansion of electronic medical records, numerous outpatient surgical procedures and expanded ante-natal care delivery.

"All residents of Abaco, including those who presently access private health services will benefit from the new and expanded services this facility will provide," Dr. Minnis added.

Meanwhile an identical facility was built in Exuma, which started construction around the same time, and is closer to opening. Minister of State for Finance, Michael Halkitis conducted a tour on September 20 to inspect the facility which has medical equipment installed.



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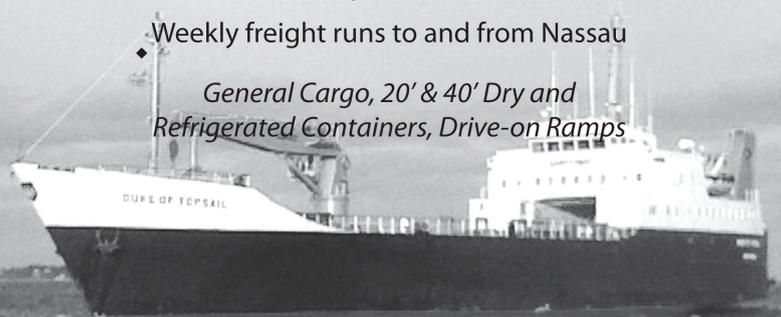
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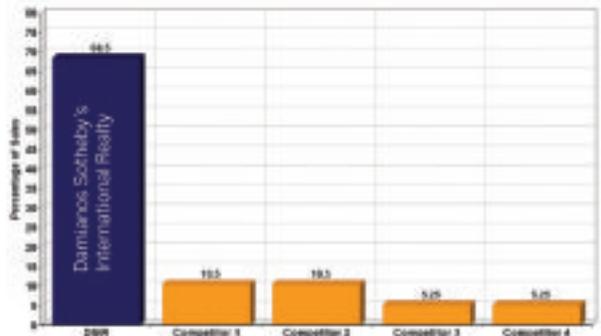
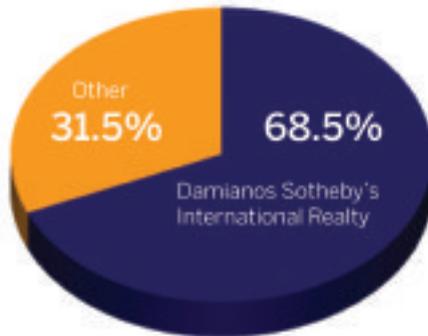
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Minister Michael Halkitis Addresses Government's Plan for Value Added Tax



Above: Min. Halkitis spoke at the Abaco Business Outlook on Sept 24. He was the keynote speaker and shared the government's position on VAT.

By Canishka Alexander

The Abaco Business Outlook 2014 was held at Abaco Beach Resort on Sept. 24 under the theme: "Charting the Course for Growth in Abaco." Before speakers were called on to deliver their presentations, the Abaco Men's Choral opened the event with an impressive vocal performance featuring a duet with Gentry Morris and Basil Been that included a remarkable

rendition of the National Anthem.

As the keynote speaker, the Hon. Michael Halkitis, Minister of State for Finance, addressed the audience on the topic of "Value Added Tax for a Modern Bahamas." Minister Halkitis said that the Bahamas Government has embarked on a major structural reform of the Bahamian tax system through the modernization of existing taxes as well as the introduction of a major new source of revenue.

"Tax reform will be an important feature of the business environment over both the near term and going forward beyond," he shared. "The introduction of a new Value Added Tax (VAT) in The Bahamas indeed represents a landmark moment in the history of our nation."

The heart of Minister Halkitis' presentation was summed up under six key points: 1) the Government's National Development Plan; 2) reform and modernization of major existing taxes; 3) enhancement containment and control of public expenditure; 4) key policy and administrative elements of the VAT Bill; 5) tariff and excise rate reductions; and 6) preparations for VAT implementation.

Once introduced in January 2014 at the rate of 7.5 percent across the board, Minister Halkitis said that VAT will add to enhanced economic efficiency, stronger economic growth and job creation over time and will lead to the gradual elimination of the Government deficit and reduction in the burden of Government debt.

Included under the list of VAT exemptions are financial services (credit and deposit/savings products); the sale or rental of a dwelling; education services including those rendered by a daycare business; the

sale of vacant land; any services by a Government ministry, council, department, etc.; health care; religious services by an institution of religious worship; games of chance, gambling and lotteries.

Businesses that make \$100,000 or more a year must be registered, and are subject to three filing periods. For businesses whose annual taxable sales exceed \$5 million, they will file monthly; businesses exceeding \$400,000, quarterly; and all other registrants on a semi-annual basis.

Because of the lowered VAT rate, the Government determined that across-the-board reductions in tariffs and excises were not feasible at this time, however, there will be selective reductions in certain areas particularly building and medical supplies, articles of apparel, clothing and footwear, and various food items. Public service announcements (PSAs) will also be aired frequently as part of their public awareness campaign.

Overall, Minister Halkitis said that the objective is to strengthen the tourism industry, promote additional foreign direct investment across the country, diversify the economy particularly in the agricultural sector as well as the financial services sector, develop and expand The Bahamas' yachting and shipping registries, expand investments in education and strengthen our national training through the National Training Agency.

Toward the end of his speech, Minister Halkitis acknowledged that the finances of the Government have to be returned to a position of sustainability in order to strengthen the confidence in The Bahamas as an attractive and secure place for investment.

Water and Sewerage Corporation Explains System Upgrades

By Jennifer Hudson

The Water and Sewerage Corporation, Abaco, is continuing the process of its upgrades to the system. Barrington Murphy, Area Manager for Abaco and the Cays, explained what these upgrades are going to mean to the people of Abaco. Mr. Murphy began by stating the fact that every summer the corporation is challenged in its production capabilities owing to greater demand for water due to the hotter weather and children being home from school. Despite these challenges, he stated that the Corporation is already providing a high standard of service and is working to improve even more. It is presently running at an 80% efficiency rating and that rating should soon be up to 95%.

The Central Abaco Area:

Whereas the corporation was previously under-producing, the installation of two additional pumps will allow it to now keep pace and keep storage levels replenished. The water demand in Marsh Harbour is 1.2 million gallons a day and the corporation is now producing between 1.4 and 1.5 million gallons a day so the surplus is kept in storage. There is a 700,000 gallon storage capacity and the storage levels are steadily increasing.

There have been problems over the years when the Bahamas Electricity Corporation goes down since water production capabilities are then halted. The water flow

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is dependent on BEC so when power outages occur emergency generators are utilised both for the well fields and distribution. There was a challenge with the starting circuit on the distribution generator, but that has been solved and the generator is now functioning on full automatic.

The water demand in Marsh Harbour is 1.2 million gallons a day.

The generator previously had to be turned on manually but an auto-transfer switch was ordered and with the installation of this the generator will come on automatically and so there will be less effect from the BEC outages which had previously plagued the corporation. "The shoring up of our emergency generating systems will enable us to do an even better job." Said Mr. Murphy.

"We are constantly working to be on the cutting edge and in Marsh Harbour we are installing a high efficiency variable frequency pump which will maintain pressures above the norm reducing the likelihood of low water pressure. This pump, which cost the corporation a substantial amount of money, has already been installed and we are now in the process of programming it.

Leaks are now being kept to a minimum in Marsh Harbour due to aggressive leakage controls. Our leakage control team is on the ground eight hours a day."

Outlying Areas:

The Treasure Cay plant is currently functioning at capacity. The plant also serves Green Turtle Cay and is, according to Water and Sewerage, providing acceptable levels of performance. There is, however, a major problem at Treasure Cay with a storage tank leak.

"We have had several major companies trying to repair it but so far without success. However, a company from Tampa is coming in which will be able to take care of the problem. We are installing six additional zone control bars to limit the incidence of communitywide outages. This will enable us to shut off certain areas so when work is necessary in one area we can isolate the area where the leaks are so that the entire community will not be without water," Explained Mr. Murphy.

In the smaller areas of Blackwood, Fire Road and Coopers Town there are negligible challenges. There is, however, a problem in the area from Cedar Harbour to Fox Town and on down to Crown Haven where water quality is an issue. The water resources management unit has done surveys and assessment of the well systems and is waiting on their recommendations to find fresher water sources.

In Sandy Point and surrounding areas direct distribution techniques are being utilised. The corporation is in the process of constructing a pumping station for that area and all the equipment is in place so that it is now ready for activation. Activation has been delayed, however, because Water and Sewerage is waiting for a shipment of transformers from BEC. This is a state-of-the-art facility and will be a more efficient system.

Pumping stations are in place at strategic locations between Sandy Point and Marsh Harbour and the corporation has approximately 10 separate production and distribution schemes running at the same time

Mr. Murphy is proud of his cadre of dedicated and committed persons within the corporation. His staff of 24 is responsible for production, flows and pressures and ensuring that the quality is up to par.

Abaco is the only island in The Bahamas responsible for 90% of the production of its water.

There are RO (Reverse Osmosis) plants in Grand Cay, Sweeting's Cay and Moore's Island but all other areas are fed by the corporation itself. Abaco is growing and is now at a critical point. Everything has its design threshold and Central Abaco is at that point. Even in the outlying areas there is increased demand and we are working to keep pace with this demand. We are constantly battling to keep pace and are constantly working to be on the cutting edge assured Mr. Murphy.

Min. Rolle Praises Bakers, Updates on Winding Bay



Above: Hon. Khaalis Rolle speaking at the Abaco Business Outlook. He said increased real estate sales mark a positive trend in Abaco.

By Canishka Alexander

The Hon. Khaalis Rolle, Minister of State for Investments in the Office of the Prime Minister, gave a presentation entitled – "Developing the Family Islands: A Focus on the Abacos" – at the Abaco Business Outlook 2014 on Sept. 24.

Minister Halkitis' main question for the audience was: "Why is The Bahamas or Abaco attractive to investors?" His answer was that the leading incentive is the

Hotel Encouragement Act, which allows certain items to have duty-free concessions for foreign and Bahamian investors. In the area of real estate sales, he said things look promising.

"The year 2013 saw an increase in real estate sales when more than 78 percent with the total figure exceeded \$714 million – once again New Providence and Abaco led the way with 49 percent and 18 percent, respectively," Minister Rolle revealed. "This positive change has continued in the new year, and 2014 looks promising with sales today exceeding \$693 million."

He said Baker's Bay is leading the way for Abaco, and that it has been a success story in the Caribbean. During the global recession, he added that Baker's Bay along with Albany in Nassau were heralded as two of the most successful developments, which were able to ride out the storm with very little impact to employment and pace of investment.

"Investments in that [Baker's Bay] project totals \$440 million, they currently employ 700 individuals, the contribution to the Treasury today is \$46 million, and it is projected that Baker's Bay will create up to \$2 billion of investments over the life of this project."

He continued with an update on the Abaco Club at Winding Bay where homeowners, development partners, government and Ritz Carlton representatives held a recent meeting to discuss how the development could live up to its full potential as they await final approvals. Minister Rolle said that the total projected expenditure costs are estimated at \$348 million with \$123 million for the development budget and \$225 million in residential construction.

He expressed his optimism in Abaco's economic future that is closely aligned with a statement made by Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie.

"The prime minister usually says that he believes that there is one decision that separates Abaco from being the leading economy in The Bahamas, and I think that decision will begin with the approval of the Abaco Club on Winding Bay given the partners that are involved and given some of the plans that they have not only for the Abaco Club on Winding Bay, but other opportunities that we discussed with them we believe that Abaco will be on its way," Minister Rolle said.

"The business outlook for Abaco looks extremely good."

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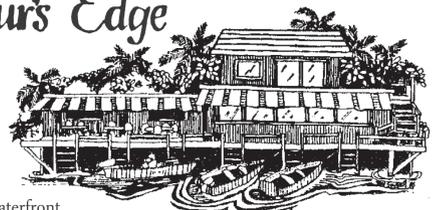
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Local Government Updates

Central Abaco Council

By David Ralph

The Central Abaco District Council held its monthly meeting on September 17.

Much time was spent working to resolve a business located on Crown Land slated to be residential. It was subsequently determined that the area was no longer slated for residential use, and therefore the business was not in violation of any law.

Chief Councillor George Cornish brought up the educational seminar sponsored by government for chief councillors, deputy chief councillors, Town Committee Chairmen and deputy chairmen, to be held in Nassau on September 29, 2014. He asked for topics of concern that he should inquire about while there.

A residential plan for Pelican Shores was approved that had previously been deferred by Town Planning pending more information.

Town Planning, Central Abaco

By David Ralph

The Town Planning Board of the Central Abaco District held its monthly meeting on September 25. Ten plans, all of a residential nature with an estimated construction value slightly over \$1 million, were approved for building permits.

Hope Town District Council

By David Ralph

The Hope Town District Council held its monthly meeting on September 25.

The Council passed a resolution effective November 1, 2014 banning the delivery of freight on the lower public dock in Hope Town. This consolidates all freight coming into the harbour to a single location at Sunshine Park, excepting any freight delivered to a private dock. This decision will improve passenger safety, allow easier

small boat access, reduce damage to this dock by trucks and improve traffic conditions on nearby roads.

The Council is considering restricting water deliveries by truck within Hope Town's historic section daily between 12 noon and 2 p.m. This is to improve mid-day traffic since no vehicles can pass when the delivery truck is in the road pumping water.

Recent actions by Council included replacement of channel markers to Hope Town's harbour, repairing range lights for night boaters and had all street lights fixed.

In Town Planning matters, a two-story 34 unit employee housing building was approved for the Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club on Guana Cay.

Hope Town's two improvement associations were complimented. The Elbow Cay Association and the Hope Town Association have made significant contributions. Outstanding examples include a gazebo on each of the two public docks.

An application is expected for a web shop adjacent to the Methodist Manse in Hope Town. The Council members and the elders of the Methodist Church are watching carefully. Options for dealing with this were discussed.

The Council has allowed the police to use its small office in the Guana Cay settlement. However, the police appear to have taken this space for their exclusive use and removed some of the furniture. The police will be advised that this is a local government office that may be shared by them and other government agencies.

Gov't Reveals Plans to Stimulate Growth in Tourism Sector



Above: David Johnson, CEO Bahamas Tourism Development Corporation speaking at the Abaco Business Outlook.

By Canishka Alexander

At the Abaco Business Outlook 2014, David Johnson, CEO Bahamas Tourism Development Corporation tackled the theme of: "The Role of Tourism Development Corporation to Stimulate Growth, Diversity, and Greater Bahamian Ownership in the Tourism Sector." Paraphrasing the late Jackson Burnside, Johnson emphasized that it is of great importance for us to understand what we are seeing and looking at.

Please see Tourism Page 13

Town Committee Enhances Crossing Beach



Above: Marsh Harbour/Spring City Town Committee members left to right: Masanette Joseph, Henry Williams (Dept. Chairman), Carl Archer (Chairman) and Timothy Roberts.

The Marsh Harbour/Spring City Town Committee has completed a project to restore and enhance the Crossing Beach area providing a nicer environment for locals and visitors.

The Crossing Beach Restoration Project began with a clean-up of the under brush and included tree trimming, and removal of weeds and any debris.

The Committee is also adding parking lot striping and signage, as well as the construction of six gazebos and a swing set for children to enjoy.

The Crossing is the only public beach in the Marsh Harbour area and Chairman Carl Archer said he wanted to enhance it and make it a place all locals could not only enjoy but be proud of.

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From the Editor's Desk // Senses



What will our country look like once we've given away all our land to fly-by-night "developers?" When we've dredged every reef? When we've filled in every blue hole? When just as fast as we build new, multi-million dollar buildings we let "old" ones crumble into disrepair? What will our country look like?

What will our country sound like when only politicians with bullhorns have a voice? When Bahamians are a minority in our schools? When only money talks? When shanty towns are the largest sources of votes? What will our country sound like?

What will our country feel like when we've let every piece of our culture be warped and sold to the lowest bidder? When families can't feel safe

in their homes? When activists feel powerless? When we have no real representatives in Parliament? What will our country feel like?

What will our country smell like when we let the landfills overflow - because there is no proper management? When hastily-laid, pungent paint masks the seedy problems underneath? When the rot of corruption is left unchecked? What will our country smell like?

What will our country taste like when the only thing left untaxed is the sickly sweet vice of gambling? When groceries are charged extra duty so our leaders can make trips to Las Vegas? What will our country taste like?

When politicians worry more about which one of their members isn't towing the party line, versus caring about the real problems in our country, then we the people have to rely on our own senses.

We must not be colour-blind or deaf to the cries of the less fortunate. We must not be numb to the realities or turn our nose from what stinks in our country. If we speak to each other, open a dialogue and demand better - then the results can be sweet.

Community Calendar

See TheAbaconian.com for More Events

- Oct 3-4: Abaco Softball Assoc. Championship Games
- Oct 10-13: Cherokee Days
- **Oct 11: Open Water Swim**
- Oct 11: Christian Counselling Centre Mental Health Workshop
- **Oct 16: VAT Training Workshop. New Vision - 9am-4pm**
- **Oct 18: Ardyss: A Bra Out**
- Oct 18: Angels Academy School Fair
- Oct 18: Christian Counselling Centre Walk-A-Thon
- Oct 18: Monica Adderley Fun Run, Walk & Pink Rose Relay
- **Oct 22: Port Dept. Visits Guana Cay**
- Oct 24-26: Abaco Shelter Spay & Neuter Clinics
- **Oct 25: Pink Rose Ball**
- Nov 14-15: Agape Art Explosion



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Write to the editor: BradleyAlbury@gmail.com

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Dear Editor,
Again I ask for a little space in your much read paper.

In response to the 'Flawed Systems' letter to the editor in the September 15th issue, I do not write to criticize Ms. C. Alexander, on the contrary, her letter, from what I read, is to the point and is of concern to many who share her views.

She mentioned rude attitudes. How true that is. Even here in Marsh Harbour. I have

been there and done that.

As a young man when I worked for Government, post office training school, Nassau, October 1967, a small plaque on the side read, 'The Aim of a Good Counter Clerk is Courtesy and Good Efficiency'. Good work is fine but better with good attitude!

Smile, for Lord's sake. We pay for the smiles. It makes a difference! God bless.

-Lee Lowe



Instagram of the Week



This photo, by Instagram user @dilly_mon2, edged out the competition by one point. Taken off Green Turtle Cay. For more photos from around Abaco be sure to follow *The Abaconian* on Instagram or Twitter!

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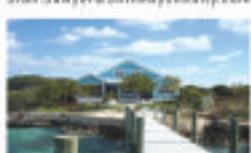
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South Abaco

Abaco Club Sale to be Determined Soon



Above: the Abaco Club at Winding Bay. Southworth Development LLC is poised to purchase the property and pump in \$128 million worth of investment into the Club. The proposal is currently before the government and a decision will be made within 30 days according to Minister of State for Investments Khaalis Rolle.

In under a month the Government of The Bahamas will make its final decision regarding the sale of The Abaco Club on Winding Bay. This was according to Minister of State for Investments Khaalis Rolle who spoke at the 2014 Abaco Business Outlook.

The Abaco Club is currently owned by Marriott Vacations Worldwide Corporation (MVWC). Southworth Development LLC is the company in talks to purchase the multi-million dollar property.

Min. Rolle was optimistic about the sale, saying "The government is very optimistic about this partnership. The deal will completely jumpstart...and capture the

original vision of the resort."

The Club has, for several years, faced challenges. A legal dispute with the Abaco Club Homeowners Association revolved around the Club not meeting contractual obligations and neglect of the property. A proposed sale to the Homeowners Association, for \$28 million, fell through before Southworth Development negotiations began.

Speaking of the Abaco Club's future, Min. Rolle said the Club was looking at a development budget of \$128 million. He continued saying that an additional budget of \$225 million was in place for anticipated residential construction.

Cherokee Day to Raise Funds for Community Clinic



Above: Cherokee residents working on the Community Clinic. "Cherokee Day" will be a weekend-long event starting Friday evening, October 10, to raise money for the project.

By Lee Pinder

Gearing up for another "Cherokee Day," the folks in that South Abaco settlement are hard at work looking for that outstanding item to bring out the big spenders.

Beginning with the opening ceremonies on Friday evening, October 10, they will have a Souse Out, complete with hot coffee and banana bread. They have storytellers who will share some of Cherokee's

history with their audience and reminisce about our first Cherokee Day in 1986.

Then Saturday starting at 11:00 am there will be events all day to keep everyone enjoying themselves.

Hopefully, in the White Elephant Stall you will be able to grab some really great bargains.

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South Abaco

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And something new that all can participate in, a boat-building contest, is scheduled. Organizers are tight-lipped about the details, you will just have to come on Saturday, October 11, and sign up to enjoy the fun.

They will have a unique Scavenger Hunt and a competition to finally discover the Best Fudge maker in all Abaco and lots of games for the children.

There will be full chicken dinners, hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill, but new this year will be the "Everything Conch" stall. It will have conch fritters, conch chowder, conch salad, conch n'rice and maybe even some cracked conch. This promises to be the "hit" of the day. And, no real Abaco fund raiser would be complete without lots of homemade ice cream.

Sunday morning church will close off the weekend, even though Monday the 13th is the actual National Holiday, a familiar guest speaker will undoubtedly deliver a show-stopping sermon to all who make the effort to attend.

All proceeds from the three day event will go towards the new Cherokee Community Clinic that is already up to the roof with more help coming in every day. When Cherokee people take on a project, everyone knows it will get done. The major effort and thanks goes to the good folks of Cherokee, but they also realize it could never get done without the help of Cherokee Roots family and friends, for which residents are extremely thankful.

Of course, "Hero's Day" and the

October 12 weekend is a very busy time, but the committee members for Cherokee Day hope they will entice you to come and spend it with them. There is lots of shallow water for the kiddies to play in, no traffic to worry about and lots of good friends to pass the time with.

They hope to see you there.

Tourism From Page 7

He directed the audience's attention to the history of Tourism performance on stopover visitors compared to that of Jamaica, Mexico and the Dominican Republic. The graph indicated that despite The Bahamas' position as leading tourism player in the region between the mid 1960s into the early 1970s, our country soon began to lag far behind its competitors.

Despite the bleak statistics, he hastened to point out that Abaco is unlike any other island in The Bahamas because it has an industry that is anchored by vacation home ownership.

"The cheerleaders of Abaco's tourism are hundreds of thousands of persons who own a piece of the rock on Abaco who live in North America, South America and parts of Europe, and they drive most of the promotion of Abaco themselves, and they do it because they have a vested personal interest and love the destination," he opined.

"So the numbers for Abaco if you look over the last 20 years reflects this stability and this balance and there's no secret behind it. We all take credit for it, but it is those who've invested, who've done the

Central & All Abaco

Immigration From Page 1

problem at the Immigration Department.

While NIB would not identify the company responsible for the maintenance of the facility, we have learned that it is maintained by a company out of Freeport, Grand Bahama.

UPDATE:

At Press Time we were contacted by a representative of the government who said the AC unit is fixed.

The Abaconian was unable to confirm before going to press.

Skeleton Found Near Wilson City

By Timothy Roberts

While bird hunting with her husband on the morning of September 30, Cindy Pinder came across an unexpected find as she stumbled upon the skeletal remains of what she believed to be a male in the bushes near Wilson City.

She said her husband had just shot a bird and she was following their dog into the bushes to find it when they found the remains. She said there appeared to be an area that was burned by fire next to the remains and that it was wearing a blue plaid shirt which she believed indicated that the body was that of a male.

She said the police responded quickly and collected the remains and evidence from the scene.

The Police have not released a statement on the find; however, did acknowledge that they are investigating the matter and doing DNA sampling on the remains.



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North Abaco

Min. Gray addresses North Abaco Township Meeting

By Ken Carroll

The North Abaco Local Government District Council held a township meeting on September 19 at the Fox Town Primary School. The council outlined several aspects of the community's development.

Little Abaco District Council Chairperson, Sandree Parker, welcomed those in attendance. The welcome was followed by the opening prayer done by Pastor Elton McIntosh of St. Thomas Baptist Church - Wood Cay. Ms. Parker then proceeded to introduce the Council members who were in attendance: Steve Pedican - District Council Treasure Cay, Diana Role - Deputy District Council - Mt Hope, Julian Cooper - Elected Cabinet Member - Cedar Harbour and Wilton Saunders - Deputy Chairman Little Abaco - Wood Cay.

Ms. Parker apologized for those unable to attend, and also apologized for the Island Administrator - Mr. Neil Campbell who was attending another engagement in Nassau.

Ms. Parker discussed the North Abaco Fire Committee, which held a meeting at Ronnie's Restaurant. Repairing the fire engine was discussed and plans were made for a Steak Out that is set to take place at the end of October. Another is due to be held in Cooper's Town Park to assist in repairing the fire engine.

Steve Pedican (District Council) then took the floor. He shared that the local government budget of \$50,000 had been cut down to \$44,800.00. Out of those funds the District Council has to pay salaries leaving about \$700, which is not enough to pay utilities. He asked the community to be patient and understanding since there is

no extra funding to do anything that may come up.

Mr. Pedican suggested that workers employed by local government cut back on the days that they work. This will free up some of the funding in the amount of \$3,200.

Mr. Pedican said a request has been sent to the Civil Aviation Department to assist with some of the essential needs around the Treasure Cay Airport. Local Gov't faces challenges and shortages including fuel for the machines, keeping the yard clean and lacking tissues in the rest rooms.

The floor was then opened for questions.

One business proprietor brought forth her concerns about the garbage collections, enquiring about the standards set and the loose garbage that is left in the bins. Other persons asked questions about the equipment that is used to transport garbage.

In his response, Mr. Pedican concluded that all bids are put in, and the one that is chosen must make sure he has the right tools to do the work and all garbage must be properly secured by the collectors in transporting them. He will look into the matter, he said.

The mosquitoes in the area are becoming a health hazard. A young gentleman from Mt. Hope wanted to know what can be done.

Ms. Parker noted the concerns. She said that local government has a fog machine, currently in-operational, so she will contact the necessary government authority to address the issue.

Guest speaker, Barrington Murphy - Area Manager of Water and Sewerage Corporation, was on hand to discuss matters pertaining to his corporation. A question was put forward by a resident of Cedar Harbour about the chlorine in the water which caused her clothes to change color



Above: the local government panel including MP Renardo Curry and Min. V. Alfred Gray.

when she washed. Mr. Murphy disclosed that one of the company workers tests the water daily making sure that the chlorine level in the water is balanced.

Several questions were placed asked pertaining to the water being cut off when the electrical power is off.

Mr. Murphy said that this should not happen. He said it could be due to the company's back-up generator not kicking in. He will look into these issues and seek a solution.

The Hon. V. Alfred Gray, Minister of Agriculture, Marine Resources and Local Government and Renardo Curry, North Abaco Member of Parliament and Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister who arrived late due to a flight delay. Mr. Curry was pleased with the great turn out and unveiled the policies pertaining to the North Abaco Port Development. The government has hired an Employment Representative out of Nassau, ensuring that Bahamians will get equal opportunity to be employed at the project.

The North Abaco Port Development project will be looking for: security officers, machine operators, builders, and other areas. An announcement will be broadcast when the hiring process starts. Any questions could be directed to Island Administrator Neil Campbell.

In reference to National Security, he explained the Government is working tirelessly to remove all negativity that has overshadowed these small settlements for the past few weeks due to a large number of boat thefts. He commended Superintendent Noel Curry and his officers for their tireless work.

Speaking to the country's budget woes, The Hon. V. Alfred Gray urged Bahamians to be more self-sufficient instead of being dependent on the government. He noted that the North Abaco Port is a one of the many developments that will provide equal opportunity for all. He emphasized that Mr. Curry is doing his best to establish programs that will benefit all Bahamians. He said it is time persons get to know his work instead of speaking of him negatively.

Min. Gray confirmed that those employed at the school, clinic and the airport previously under the local government banner are now the responsibility of central government. 550 persons have been redeployed. He continued that all persons over the age of 65 will be compensated with a one year pension.

Minister Gray said that no one is allowed to enter the public sector at 65 years or older, but regarding those who are employed already by Local Government - it is up to the board to decide whether they remain or are to be retired.

Minister Gray, in response to concerns regarding compressor regulations and fishing, said that the laws have been changed. 30 feet is no longer the limit, it is now 15 feet that the compressor can be used. The dates of enforcement will not change because it is to preserve the marine resources for the future.

He clarified that the amount of crawfish tourists are allowed to take is 10 lbs NOT ten craw fish. However the amount that will be allowed has changed to 20lbs per boat, not per person.

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North Abaco

Bahamians to be Majority of Port Work Force

By Timothy Roberts

According to China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC), they have spent an estimated \$1.6 million to-date on the North Abaco port facility and they expect Bahamians to make up more than 70 percent of the workforce during peak activity.

While speaking at the Abaco Business Outlook Felix Chang, CHEC (Bahamas) country manager, said the company intended to cap its Chinese labour component at 12, adding that the company broke ground on the \$39 million port development back in June, and was looking to grow its team and move "full steam ahead" with construction.

Mr. Chang said CHEC has received nearly 200 applications for the various positions available on the project.

"Starting as early as October 1, significant site clearance will begin. This means that over the next several weeks, as we finalize our requirements, we will

be conducting final interviews with those candidates who have been shortlisted for positions," he said.

"However, just to start the project, we are going to need a dozen operators working full time with the team we already have on-site."

Mr. Chang said the company's work schedule will require them to hire additional workers in the 2015 first quarter, with more than one dozen added at the end of the second quarter.

"For the Chinese labour component, we are going to cap it to around one dozen workers," he said. "So by the end of September, the Chinese labor versus the local labor component will be 1:1.

"At the end of December it will be 1:2; by the end of March the ratio will be 1:3, and going into summer of 2015 the staff ratio will be one Chinese worker for every four Bahamian employees."

Mr. Chang added: "Over the course of the next two years, we will also have

great need for construction equipment rentals. From this point on, we will not be bringing in any new heavy construction equipment from anywhere else in the world. We are committed to using the local resources available to complete this project on time and on budget."

He said that CHEC will "sub-contract the asphalt paving, the landscaping as well as the interior finishing to local companies. And this won't be all."

Mr. Chang said that they can "assure you that the necessary environment impact assessment and environmental management plan will be followed as we begin work on the port." He said they would also hold regular town meetings to keep the community updated on the project.

"CHEC is dedicated to proper corporate social responsibility and we have a list of community related initiatives we hope to execute over the next two years in coopers town," he said.

The 45.4-acre port facility is being jointly funded by the Bahamian and Chinese governments. The port is to be an inland port with a 20-slip marina to handle international and domestic operations.

It will have bulk material storage,



Above: Felix Chang - Bahamas Country Manager for Bahamas. Mr. Chang spoke about the North Abaco Port investment and workforce ratio.

roll-on/roll-off ramps, a warehouse facility, a landing craft warehouse and an administration building containing government offices.

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Beach Villa # 678 - #1847, 2 bed, 2 bath furnished 1,000 s/f. Near pool/beach, refurbished, well maintained. **\$225,000.**

Beach Villa # 685 - # 1635 - 2 bed, 2 bath elegantly furnished "turn-key" villa. A/C, washer/dryer, new A/C & asphalt architectural shingles. Close to beach. **\$219,000.**

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

Beach Villa # 648 - # 2420 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,050 s/f furnished villa near beach. Recently renovated and expanded. Excellent vacation rental income potential. **\$189,000.**

Condos

Bahama Beach Club 2820 - # 1139 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f 2nd level beach condo, elegantly decorated. Superior beach & ocean views. **\$872,000.**

Bahama Beach Club 2847 - # 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, 3.5 bath, 2,077 s/f. Great water views. Owner Financing Available. **\$695,000.**

Bahama Beach Club 2810 - # 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 - #1700 - 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.**

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

Caribbean Landing - Carriage House # 2, 3 & 4 - # 1620 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,755 s/f unfurnished condos on Brigantine Bay. New construction. Community pool, finger dock/private slip, 2 garages. **NOW EACH \$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 2827 - #2456 - BEST PRICED! 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,645 s/f ground level fully furnished, owner occupied beachfront condo. Includes golf cart garage. Excellent vacation rental income potential. **\$449,000.**

Bahama Beach Club # 2035 - # 1981 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f furnished ground level condo. Overlooks pool & beach. Best Priced Condo at Bahama Beach Club. **\$429,950.**

Royal Palm 2401 - # 2607, 3 bed, 2 bath, (including loft) 2nd level unfurnished harbourfront condo, well maintained, fully refurbished in 2009, 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 # 2425 - # 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 Pointe # 2511 - # 1418 - Deluxe 2 bed, 2 bath ground level furnished harbourfront condo. Well maintained. Excellent rental income potential. **\$319,000.**

Royal Palm 2408 - # 2310 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level, 1,264 s/f tastefully furnished harbourfront condo on Brigantine Bay. Deep water dock, artwork, includes near beach. **\$299,000.**

Royal Pointe # 2512 - #2000 - 2 bed, 2 bath, ground level furnished beachfront condo, pool & tennis court. Great sea views, excellent rental income potential. **\$299,000.**

Royal Palm 2404 - #2311 - Well maintained 2 bed, 2 bath ground level 1,800 s/f furnished harbourfront condo. Desirable "end" unit. Private finger dock & slip. Golf cart. **\$299,000.**

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

Atlantis 2207 - # 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 - Choice 2 bed, 2 bath, 875 s/f ground level furnished harbourfront condo. Includes private dock slip. **\$279,000.**

Royal Palm 2525 - #2285 - Well maintained 2 bed, 2 bath ground level 1,800 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 harbourfront condo on Brigantine Bay canal with 14' wide private boat slip w/dock window. Excellent rental income potential. **\$275,000.**

Mariner's Cove Condominiums

#2480 - Mariner's Cove 1311 - 2 bed, 1.5 bath, 2 level 845 s/f furnished condo overlooking Treasure Cay marina. Well maintained, near beach, close to shops. **\$219,000.**

#2398 - Condo # 1412 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 level, 752 s/f turn-key furnished harbourfront 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 condo with marina view. **\$179,000.**

#1942 - Condo # 1312 - 1 bed, 1 bath, 450 s/f 2nd level furnished unit overlooking marina. Community pool. **\$179,000.**

#2191 - 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.**

#2559 - Condo # 1108 - 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 2nd level, 540 s/f furnished condo overlooks harbour. **\$159,000.**

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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North Abaco

Administrator Campbell Foresees Good Business Outlook for North Abaco



Above: Neil Campbell speaking at the 2014 Business Outlook. Mr. Campbell is the Island Administrator for North Abaco including Green Turtle and Grand Cay.

By Canishka Alexander

In his presentation to the audience at the Abaco Business Outlook 2014, North Abaco Administrator Neil Campbell reiterated that the business outlook for North Abaco, Green Turtle Cay and Grand Cay "is good."

He illustrated the main sources of income that keeps the North Abaco communities afloat with a great deal of residents employed in the Public Service sector closely followed by fishing, the hotel industry, construction, water and land taxi services, China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC), and Abaco Foods aka "The Farm".

He was proud to announce that with 150 individuals employed in Public Service, an estimated 14 employees were made permanent in the past two years therefore

receiving job security and access to employment benefits. Additionally, the first Agriculture Office was recently opened in Cooper's Town this year.

Still, the fishing industry has stood the test of time for North Abaco residents.

"Fishing touches almost every household whether recreational or professional," Campbell confirmed. "One hundred and thirty persons applied for permits this season."

In the Tourism sector, 10 hotels properties are accounted for, and this number is separate from rental properties available on North Abaco, Green Turtle Cay and Grand Cay. Administrator Campbell shared that there has been an increase in cruising permits, and activity at the Treasure Cay International Airport has increased to 27 percent this year.

Within the construction industry, the China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC) was praised for the amount of jobs and economic boost to the area through its North Abaco Port Project. The \$30 billion project has a two-year completion date, and so far Administrator Campbell noted that \$1.3 million has been spent in local communities. He added that for every Chinese worker there are three Bahamians employed.

Finally, Administrator Campbell revealed that there are other proposed investment opportunities for North Abaco with town meetings being held to garner public consensus.

"Ladies and gentlemen, North Abaco's business outlook is a positive one, and it will take the talents, creativity, hard work and dedication of our people to attract, maintain and expand the economic growth to North Abaco, Green Turtle Cay and Grand Cay," he concluded.

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North Abaco

Treasure Cay Plans still a Mystery to Local Community



Above: members of the Abaco Defenders group kayak through the recently dredged creek in Treasure Cay.

Press Release

With no concrete plans announced but work continuing, the Abaco Defenders group remains concerned about the expansion of the Treasure Sands resort in Treasure Cay.

According to the newly formed NGO, after the initial unpermitted dredging was stopped with a cease and desist order from the BEST Commission, Treasure Sands received permission for three temporary structures on their property across the road from the resort. They believe none of these should be on the reclaimed property that resulted from the dredging, property whose ownership is still in question according to Abaco Defenders.

The NGO appealed this approval at local government level as they were concerned that the decisions were made without knowledge of what the larger plans for the development are. "There are also serious concerns about the fate of historical

artifacts," said Fiona Bootle, President of Abaco Defenders. "These have been that were found on the property this summer."

Recently the Director of the Bahamas Antiquities Monuments and Museum, Dr. Keith Tinker, toured the site with members of the NGO and the manager of Treasure Sands, Tim Blakely. "There is sufficient evidence for the area to be considered a significant Heritage site," said Dr. Tinker who also called for construction to cease pending further investigation.

Despite not receiving any response from North Abaco Administrator, Neil Campbell, on their appeal - the Abaco De-

fenders spent an afternoon kayaking in the sand banks creeks with members of Save The Bays to assess the damage done by the dredging.

"It was amazing how many turtles we saw in such a short time," said CEO of Save The Bays - Lindsey McCoy, "There is a great deal of vibrant life within the creeks that could be damaged by additional dredging."

Part of the purpose of the kayak trip was also to determine whether or not dredging would be required to get bonefish skiffs in and out of the area, one of the plans that have been mentioned in connection with the expansion of Treasure Sands. The resulting video is available on the Abaco Defenders Facebook page.

"We are disappointed that Treasure Sands has still not communicated to the public the full extent of their plans for the property across the road from their restaurant" said Bootle, "It's possible we might support their expansion plans, but the reality is we don't know what they are planning, what the impact will be on the creeks and the only road in and out of Treasure Cay."

According to Bootle, legal precedents dictates that the community has a right to know what developers are doing in their community and that they have a legal right to comment on those plans.

"That's all we are asking from Treasure Sands," said Bootle. "Respect the locals and let us know what your plans are, like in any other country in the world!"

Post Office and BAIC Relocate



Above: the Post Office's new location at the Bahamas Government Complex in Marsh Harbour.

By Canishka Alexander

BAIC relocated to the Bahamas Government Complex on Sept. 24 from its location near the traffic light in Marsh Harbour. The BAIC office is located upstairs in west wing of the complex in between the Department of Education and the Abaco Tourism Office. BAIC was scheduled to be issued a new telephone number by Cable Bahamas on Tuesday; however, it was not available to us up to press time.

The Post Office opened its doors on Oct. 1 at the Bahamas Government Complex. It is located on the ground level of the complex's west wing next to the Passport Office and across the hall from the Office of the Auditor General.

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4:00pm / 5:00pm / 6:30pm

Marsh Harbour to Man-O-War

20 minute ride
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Man-O-War to Marsh Harbour

8:00am / 10:30am / 1:30pm / 3:30pm / 5:00pm

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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.

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

REGULAR FERRY FARES

One Way: \$17.00
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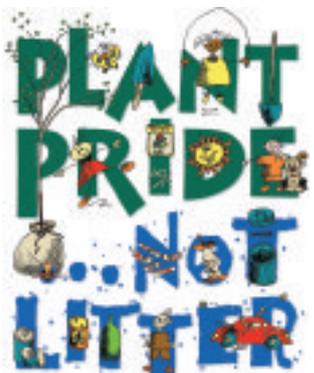
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Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted

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

Albury's Ferry Service - Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16 • Hope Town & Man-O-War from Crossing Bch
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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)
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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 GT not on Sundays ** Note: 4:30 pm trip will be made from New Plymouth only
New Plymouth: One way adult \$12 (Children \$7) - Round trip \$17 (Children \$10) - Extra to some GT Cay docks

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Fare \$45 OW / \$90 RT - Children half fare - Call Abaco 365-2356 for information
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Memorial Sculpture Garden.....Green Turtle Cay
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Drive to & swim in Blue Hole.....Treasure Cay farm road
Art studio & working foundry.....Little Harbour
Man-O-War Heritage Museum.....Man-O-War Cay
Man-O-War Boatyards.....Man-O-War Cay
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Restaurant Guide

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Marsh Harbour/Murphy/Dundas

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

Hope Town

Abaco Inn.....\$\$	366-0133
Cap'n Jacks.....\$	366-0247
Firefly.....\$	366-0145
Harbour's Edge.....\$	366-0087
H T Coffee House (B & L).....\$	366-0760
HT Inn & Marina.....\$	366-0003
H T Harbour Lodge.....\$	366-0095
Munchies.....\$	366-0423
OnDa Beach.....\$	366-0558
PapanastyBBQ.....\$	366-0654
Sea Spray +.....\$	366-0065
Sugar Shack +.....\$	366-0788
Wine Down Sip Sip.....\$	366-0399

Little Harbour

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

Cracker P's.....\$	366-3139
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Man-O-War

Islander's Seaside Rest.....\$	365-6380
Dock'n Dine.....\$	365-6139
Island Treats Snack Bar.....\$	365-6501

Guana Cay

Grabbers.....\$	365-5133
Nippers.....\$	365-5143
Orchid Bay.....\$	365-5175

Treasure Cay

Bahama Beach Club.....\$\$	365-8500
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Coco Beach Bar & Grill.....\$	365-8470
Creative Hands Bakery.....\$	365-8153
Florence's Cafe.....\$	365-8185
Spinnaker Restaurant.....\$	365-8469
Touch of Class.....\$	365-8195
Treasure Sands Club.....\$	365-9385

Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House.....\$	365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro.....\$	365-4247
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Harvey's Island Grill.....\$	365-4389
Lizard Bar & Grill.....\$	365-4191
Micton's Restaurant.....\$	365-4625
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New Plymouth Inn.....\$	365-4161
Pineapple Restaurant Bar & Grill.....\$	365-4039
Plymouth Rock Cfe.....\$	365-4234
Shorties Take-a-Way.....\$	365-4342
Sundowners.....\$	365-4060
The Wrecking Tree.....\$	365-5263

Sandy Point

Nancy's.....\$	366-4120
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Schooner Bay

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

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Police - Hope Town.....366-0667
Police - Man-O-War.....365-6911
Police - Treasure Cay.....365-8048
Police - Green Turtle Cay.....365-4550
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Hope Town.....366-0549 Marsh Harbour.....367-3752
Guana Cay.....365-5178 Treasure Cay.....365-8749

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Government Clinic, Cooper's Town.....365-0030
Government Clinic, Green Turtle Cay.....365-4028
Government Clinic, Hope Town.....366-0108
Government Clinic, Sandy Point.....366-4010
Kidney Center, Marsh Harbour.....367-3310
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Dental Services

Agape Family Dental, Marsh Harbour.....367-4355
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Abaco Island Pharmacy, Marsh Harbour.....367-2544
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Dive Guana.....365-5178

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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 Cistem.....\$20
Snake Cay.....\$35
Casuarina Point.....\$60
Bahama Palm Shore.....\$90
Crossing Rocks.....\$105
Sandy Point.....\$150
Leisure Lee.....\$80
Treasure Cay Airport, G Turtle ferry.....\$50
Treasure Cay Resort.....\$85
Fox Town.....\$165
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Clinic, downtown, Ab Beach Hotel.....\$ 10
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Madeira Park.....\$20
Sand Banks.....\$25
Treasure Cay Resort.....\$30
Leisure Lee.....\$45
Black Wood.....\$20
Fire Road & Cooper's Town.....\$60
Cedar Harbour.....\$40
Wood Cay.....\$70
Mount Hope.....\$80
Fox Town.....\$85
Crown Haven.....\$90
Marsh Harbour airport.....\$80
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Albury's Ferry Makes Large Donation to Abaco Pathfinders Scholarship



Above: Leazona Bethell (Abaco Pathfinders) receives a \$10,400 cheque from Albury's Ferry manager Denis Knowles.

Press Release

Abaco Pathfinders was formed in 2001 and has generously awarded many Bahamian youths with a college education. Abaco Pathfinders' goal is to provide funds to enable deserving students from Abaco to continue their education after high school.

Albury's Ferry Service is donating \$10,400 to Abaco Pathfinders.

"The young adults represent the future of our island; they are our most valuable asset", states Denis Knowles, manager of Albury's Ferry Service "we are proud to be part of a community which recognizes the heartbeat of our talented young people."

Jim Blumberg founded Abaco Pathfinders in 2001 and his legacy is evident today— over 149 students have fulfilled their dream for higher education. With the support of sponsors, community and businesses, Pathfinders has been able to facilitate a path for those in need.

"Our sponsors and donors are our best resource. We thank Albury's Ferry, and deeply appreciate their support. They go over and above to help us and we are grateful" said Leazona Bethell, Abaco Pathfinders Organization

Youth Ambassadors Address Needs of the Disabled in Bahamian Society

On September 24, representatives of the Youth Ambassadors Program held a meeting with various community stakeholders regarding disabled persons in Abaco and The Bahamas.

Four Abaco students were selected for the Youth Ambassadors Program in The Bahamas, which is sponsored by the US Embassy. Those students are Berthony McDermott from SC Bootle, Catalina Albury from Forest Heights, Kandise Kelly from Forest Heights and Conrad Cornish from Abaco Central High.

Kimberly Rahming is the group's mentor.

The group of three students (Berthony, Catalina and Kandise) introduced themselves and their intentions to those who attended the meeting. They explained how they felt the need to address the needs of the disabled in their community and how being a part of the Ambassadors Program gave them the tools to start a dialogue with the community. Their fourth member, Conrad Cornish, could not attend as he was in Nassau.

Neda Brown, US Embassy Representative, gave brief remarks as well. She explained how the group of students decided to help the disabled in their community, and that they made the decision without pressure from Program leaders. Ms. Brown shared her belief that, "Full inclusion of those with disabilities enhances



Above left to right Catalina Albury(FHA), Berthony McDermott (SC Bootle) and Kandise Kelly (FHA). They, along with fellow Abaco student Conrad Cornish, are members of the US Embassy's Youth Ambassadors Program.

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the community.”

After Ms. Brown's remarks, the group shared a video they are producing. The video was an emotional and candid interview with students and teachers in different schools regarding the treatment of those with disabilities and the challenges with including them in different aspects of the community. The video was a work in progress, but already is a powerful piece of media.

After the video presentation the group opened the floor to discussion. They led the discussion with questions about the integration of disabled children in the education system and elsewhere.

Catalina Albury remarked about how much we take for granted and how difficult it is to help those with disabilities when there is such a stigma attached to “special schools.” She said parents making decisions may also feel sending their child to a special school as a form of surrender, or giving up – thereby making special needs education even more challenging.

Ms. Albury concluded that what fits one person is not suitable for everyone.

Jim Richard, Principal of Forest Heights Academy, spoke on the challenges inherent in the educational system regarding special needs and disabled children in The Bahamas. He gave an example of a former FHA student, Anna Albury, who was born blind but excelled in her academics and was at the top of her class. Mr. Richard said that without the efforts to incorporate students like Anna into a regular classroom, they may be never have that chance to excel.



Above: on September 24 the Youth Ambassadors held a meeting with the community. It prompted a lot of discussion and highlighted the need to recognize the needs of disabled Bahamians.

Mr. Richard and Lynn Major (Principal/Founder of Every Child Counts) also briefly explained a pilot program between Forest Heights and Every Child Counts to help students who bridge the gap between needing special education and functioning in a “normal” classroom.

Charlmae Fernander, Assistant Director of the Dept. of Social Services – Abaco, spoke about how helping the disabled must be a community-wide issue and a continuous process. “Never be finished,” she said, “Make adjustments. Keep making progress.”

Ms. Fernander spoke about establish-

ing a registry of disabled persons on Abaco. With a registry it will be easier to help those who would otherwise fall through society's cracks. She is seeking the community's assistance in this manner.

Pastor Deion Gibson (First Assembly of God Church) said the religious community needs to step up to the plate. He explained how many Christians expect prayers to immediately result in healing, and when that is not experienced there is “a disconnect” in what they believe and what they are confronted with. This leads many in the church to shun the disabled and in doing so have done a great disser-

vice to many.

Pastor Gibson said that, in his church, they have started to actively involve those with disabilities and he has found it to be a great outreach and ministry.

All agreed that the key is to simply start a community dialogue. The more interaction there is the more sensitivity there will be on the subject and in interactions.

The Youth Ambassadors Program is a three-week exchange that is held in the United States for high school students and adult mentors. The primary program themes are civic education, community service, and youth leadership development.



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THE CAYS (Oven Turtle Cay - GTC, Great Guana Cay - GGC Scotland Cay - SC)
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NEW #21313 Guana Cay Waterfront 1+ acre Lot 152 \$365K
NEW S.C. #20945 130' Sea of Abaco Waterfront Lot 9 Blk Q \$395K
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 Sunrise Bay #18068 Lot 12 13,226 s.f. lot. \$199K
 Bahama Coral Island Sub. 3 Block 5 Good area with elec. \$20K each
 Lot 3 # 20580, Lot 4 # 20581, Lot 5# 20579, Lot 38 # 20588

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 Long Beach # 19491 Lot 217 Interior "great buy" \$38,500K
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 Yellow Wood # 19532 11.4 acres Oceanfront next to Winding Bay \$499K
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UNDER CONTRACT Gilpin Point #13669 10 acres 435' beachfront \$275K
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 Joe's Creek #19601 Beachfront Lot 4 1 1/2+ acre 100' beach \$189K
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This triplex investment is an ideal opportunity. Ref. AS12243

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Triplex investment. Ref. AS12259

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Oceanfront living on an acre awaits at this renovated 3 bdrm home with guest cottage. Ref. AS12235

HOPE TOWN/ELBOW CAY

BUTTERNWOOD SURF. \$270,000
Income producing property includes 3 apartment units. Ref. PS00678

WARMER'S CREEK \$499,000
20,000 sq. ft. hilltop lot with partially completed house. Ref. PS10644



LITTLE HARBOUR \$225,000
Picture perfect 1.5 Acre lot with 100 feet of waterfront on the harbour. Ref. AS12358

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3 bdrm home equipped with gym, office, jacuzzi and additional space for an extra income unit. Ref. AS12394

ABACO OCEAN CLUB \$48,000
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GREEN TURTLE CAY



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This 1,800 sq. ft. home is something you don't encounter often. Boasting 3 bdrm and 3 baths, and is located minutes away from both Coco Bay and Ocean Beach. Ref. AS12038



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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. AS11979

DOLPHIN BEACH ESTS. \$149,000
25,703 sq. ft. lot offers panoramic sea views. Ref. AS11638

GUAMA SETTLEMENT HOME \$80,000
Quaint five-upper has commercial potential. Ref. AS12292



GUAMA SEASIDE VILA. \$249,000
Classic cottage restored to almost brand new is just steps from miles of white-sand beach and features a breezy floorplan complemented by 2 bedrooms with beautiful ocean and bay views, plus a relaxing and well shaded porch. Ref. AS12138

TREASURE CAY



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St. Francis de Sales Tops National Arts Festival Winners; Other Abaco Talent Awarded

By Jennifer Hudson

Final results are now out for the nationwide E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival with the Abaco's own St. Francis de Sales School topping the slate of national winners. Judging in this prestigious competition began in January and continued throughout the islands of The Bahamas until June.

Adjudications were held on Abaco from April 1-4 by the same highly qualified panel of judges in music, drama and dance who adjudicated throughout all of the islands. Participants were judged against others throughout the entire country so to win is indeed an extreme honour.

The judges praised the amount of talent on Abaco and awarded some extremely high marks. Sandy Edwards, Education Officer at the Ministry of Education, Abaco, was pleased at the increase in number of entries this year and following some exceptional performances had high hopes that there would be several national winners.

Her hopes have certainly come to fruition.

St. Francis de Sales came out tops with 5 national first place winners and one second place winner. Mr. Sarmiento, music teacher at the school, was overjoyed at the result. This is his fifth year as music teacher at the school.

"During my first year we had one national winner and the number has increased each year. This year is the highest number ever and I am overwhelmed," he stated.

"The children at St. Francis are given rigorous training in music which gives them self-esteem and assists in character development and it is pure joy for me to teach them. Before the competition they give up their time before school, after school and during their lunch hour to practice."

Four male teachers on the staff, including the music teacher, formed their own quartet a few years ago and since entering the festival three years ago they have been national winners each year. They also joined with a group of senior students to sing in the Pop Group category and won with the highest honour mark of 94%.

St. Francis de Sales National First Place Winners:

Allaire Johnson and Savion Bethel - Gospel Duet 13-15 years

Ashanti Duncanson - Pop Solo 13-15 years

Senior Students and staff - Pop Group

Senior Students - Gospel Choir

Male staff quartet - Male gospel group.

The James A. Pinder Primary School also did very well producing two National Winners with their 'Shining Stars' dance groups. Antonia Rolle and Breanna Pinder received extremely high praise from dance judge, Lawrence Carrol, for their modern dance and the under-12 Junkanoo group also came out tops.

J.A. Pinder Primary School's Cultural Co-ordinator, Valeria Hepburn, was awarded the Hubert Farrington Choreog-

raphy Award of Excellence for her work in dance.

The Crossing Rocks Primary School took first place nationally in the choral verse speaking class.

Fifteen year old Ronell Escarment, a student at the Every Child Counts School, was a national winner for the second year in a row in the Tenor Solo Class with a 91% honour win. Lyn Major, Principal of the school, says that Ronell has exceptional talent and it is felt that he could go a long way in a musical career. Many people try to help him develop his talents including Bill Gallo, music professor from Rollins College who is a second home owner volunteer at the school, Kenneth Gayle, a professional opera tenor who is a member of the 'Music Doing Good' group which performs a benefit concert once a year for the school and Mr. Sarmiento, music teacher at St. Francis de Sales School.

Other national first place winners:

The Been Sister's Glow Garden School in the Family Group category and Basil Been in the Solo singing for Bass, community class. Mr. Been's amazingly rich bass voice makes him an annual winner in this category.

All of these national first place prize-winners will be invited into Nassau later this year to perform in the National Prize-winners' concert.

Abaco Central PTA Meeting has Good Turnout

By Mirella Santillo

The Principal of Abaco Central High School, Ricardo Ferguson, was pleased with the turnout (approximately one hundred people) of the first PTA meeting of the year. The meeting was held on September 8.

The Principal, armed with a microphone, addressed a room full of mostly parents as well as a crowd of more parents and teachers assembled outside the classroom. The assembly was meant to reiterate the rules of the school and to elect a new PTA committee.

The Principal went over several areas of concern, outlining them in detail. He addressed the new regulation concerning the National High School Diploma, spoke about the mandatory examination fees and the deadline for the courses to be submitted. He expressed his refusal to allow students carry cell phones to school and reminded parents of the school dress code as well as attendance and punctuality issues.

Before allowing the PTA elections to take place, he also broached the topics of books and school insurance.

The first item of concern was the National High School Diploma (a country-wide standard diploma) that will be implemented this year.

He explained that tenth graders will be mostly affected by the new regulation as the program spreads over three years, starting with grade ten. Students taking the

BJC examination must take four subjects with a minimum of D passing grades. The students must maintain 90% attendance over the three years leading to graduation and maintain 90% punctuality as well as attending ten hours of job readiness.

Applied sciences, art, cosmetology, mechanics, and performing arts, to mention a few, would be possible career subjects. He urged the parents to recognize the abilities of their children. Not everyone can be a doctor or a lawyer, he said, so get the students on a path that will benefit them in life. The school is seeking volunteers to teach barbering, plumbing or electrical, among others, to teach job readiness in those fields.

He made a strong point regarding the mandatory examinations fees for ninth and twelfth graders. BJC subjects are \$5.00 each and BGCSE are \$15.00 each plus a \$5.00 registration fee.

"Make sure your child gives you a receipt showing that the monies have been paid and keep it in case of dispute," he said, citing cases of children spending the money elsewhere.

Still speaking about the examinations, he reminded parents that the course work was due in April. He urged parents to know what course work their child signed up for and how much it is going to cost.

"Last year I had to beg for extension, if you cannot meet me half way, something is wrong," he complained. Register your child for examination at the beginning of December. Students with a D or a C can retake the examinations if they want to improve their grades. He added that teachers are offering after-school courses for an opportunity to better prepare.

Cell phones are a sore subject for the Principal who is adamantly opposed to the students bringing them to school, mentioning discipline incidents related to students having their phones with them during school hours. "If a cell phone is confiscated on the school premises," he declared, "come and see me in June after graduation to recuperate them."

His next point was the issue of uniforms not conforming to the school requirements. The girls should wear a skirt at least two inches below the knee.

Boys on the other hand should not have pants that are too long. Ties have not been provided yet because of a delay from the supplier; belts should be worn.

"We are trying to develop a sense of pride in the school," he explained. Students should follow rules.

Lateness was a problem last year. "Wherever you live, parents, no student should arrive at 10:00 or later." Classes start at 9:10am.

I will be making my rounds in the morning to make sure students are on time even if I have to give them a ride.

Another attendance problem was children being taken out of school and brought back some weeks or months later.

"It makes a mess for the school. If transferring a child is what you have to do, fine; but this year any returning student

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will be charged the full registration fee.”

He reminded parents that children must have books, at least for English and Mathematics, as teachers cannot copy them continuously to supply students who do not have them. A couple of parents mentioned having bought books that were never used, so Mr. Ferguson suggested that the list be revisited and that those parents bring the books back for resale to other students.

After urging them to buy school insurance, which for \$20.00 covers a student wherever he/she is, he passed on the microphone to the Senior Assistant, Mr. Coakley, who was to orchestrate the elections.

Odelle Stevens agreed to become President, Andrea Joseph as Vice-President, Philippa McIntosh will be the Secretary, the Assistant-Secretary is Shenelle Smith. Bernadette Murray will take over the duties of Treasurer with Cornelius Reckley as Assistant.

Last year's President Pastor Jason Quashie will remain on the committee as Chaplin.

Thirty seven teachers have resumed their duties since September 1. Most of them attended the event. They introduced themselves individually at the end of the meeting. Returning Vice-Principal, Shirley Krezel and Senior-Assistant, Ethelene McIntosh, both attended.

Local Girl Achieves Highest Grades Ever



Above: FHA graduate Victoria Bethel. She is the only person in the history of the country to receive 10 A's in the BGCSE exams.

By Lee Pinder

A recent graduate of Forest Heights, Victoria Bethel of Cherokee received a perfect score in ten separate subjects she took in the Ministry of Education's BGCSE tests.

This is something that has never been done before.

It was not only the highest score in

Abaco, but the first time ten straight "A's" have been recorded for any student from any of the many graduating classes from all over The Bahamas.

Her parents, Neville and Lorena Bethel, are very proud of their daughter.

Even though they are not a Cherokee roots family, Victoria says her father found the perfect spot to build their home on Watching Bay, and the view from their veranda is breathtaking. She says her father's family hales from Hope Town, while her mother is from Guatemala in Central America. But she grew up in Nassau and attended Westminster College until they moved here a few years back when she enrolled at Forest Heights Academy in Marsh Harbour.

Victoria says she has no immediate plans, but is hoping to go on to University next year, possibly at the University of the West Indies where she hopes to major in the field of medical research, as she has always been fascinated by chemistry and science.

In the meantime, she loves to read and is quite the budding artist.

She is a lovely young lady, very poised and mannerly with a beautiful smile and a winning personality and whatever road she decides to take, she will definitely reach her goal. We want to congratulate her and give her our best wishes in whatever future she chooses for herself.

CAPS Teachers Embark on Weeklong Protest Union Joins Strike Over of 15 Minute Adjustment



Above: Hon. Jerome Fitzgerald, Minister of Education, Science and Technology during his visit tour of Abaco schools in September.

By Canishka Alexander

Central Abaco Primary School (CAPS) has been in the limelight in recent days to the point of making national headlines. The first of several incidents began when the work hours for teachers were changed.

Beginning Sept. 22 through Sept. 26, Chantal Cox, The Bahamas Union of Teachers (BUT) Area Vice President

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ASA Softball Championship Games to Begin this Weekend



Above: Game between Creter's Bulldogs and DNR Sluggers on Sept. 26. The Bulldogs beat the Sluggers 11 to 1: In the seven-series ASA Playoff Games, the Bulldogs were up 4-0 in the series and advanced to the Championships games that will begin on Friday.

By *Canishka Alexander*

The Abaco Softball Association (ASA) Playoff Games began on the weekend of Sept. 12 at the Murphy Town Ball Field to the excitement of fans. The first showdown was between the Hope Town Wreckers and Simple Solution Sharks in the best-of-seven series.

The Sharks beat the Wreckers: 12 to 7. The featured game between the Creter's Bulldogs and DNR Sluggers caused a major upset for the Sluggers. The Bulldogs were merciless and defeated the Sluggers with a score of 11 to 0.

The following night, the Sharks delivered a repeat performance for the Wreck-

ers, scoring 12 runs while the Wreckers scored six runs. History would repeat itself in the Bulldogs and Sluggers' game when the Bulldogs scored 11 runs again leaving no opportunity for the Sluggers to score any runs.

On Sept. 19, the Bulldogs upped the ante to score 15 runs, and still no runs for the Sluggers. However, the Wreckers proved they had enough in their game against the Sharks. The Wreckers captured the game this time with 11 runs to the Sharks' four runs.

Although their next game only allowed them to get away "by the skin of their teeth," it was worth the chance for the Wreckers. They narrowly won by a one-point lead to score seven runs, while the Sharks scored six runs.

Sept. 26 gave the DNR Sluggers one more opportunity to stay in the running for championships, but fate was not on their side. The Bulldogs won their final playoff game against the DNR Sluggers beating

them 11 to 1, and advanced to the Abaco Championships. In the last game of the night, the Wreckers won 6 to 5 over the Sharks in Game 5, so the Wreckers were up 3-2 in the series with Game 6 Saturday night. To the disappointment of the Wreckers, the Sharks edged them out in extra innings to tie the series 3-3.

A deciding game was held on Tuesday night between the Wreckers and the Sharks to determine who would advance to the championships to play against the Bulldogs. Those details will appear in the next edition of The Abaconian.

Nevertheless, Abaco Softball Championships will begin on Friday continuing onto Saturday. The women and men's softball team winners from Abaco will then travel to Nassau for the Bahamas National Softball Championships, which takes place from Oct. 30 to Nov. 2.

This weekend, the winners of the ASA raffle drawing will also be announced.



Above: Game between Hope Town Wreckers and Simple Solution Sharks on Sept. 26. The two teams were tied in the series 3-3 on Sept. 27, and a deciding game was held on Tuesday night to break the tie. The team that won will advance to the Championships to compete against Creter's Bulldogs on Friday.

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Summer Church Basketball League Holds Championship Games



Above: Open Category Champions - Change Ministries

By Mirella Santillo

The Summer Church Basketball League ended with three days of play-offs and championship games culminating in the victory of Change Ministries' team in two age categories. They won 28 to 20 over ACH in the under 15 category and 47 to 46 over Church of God of Prophecy.

The play-offs started in the evening of Thursday, September 4 with three games, the first one having been forfeited by the no-show of Church of God of Prophecy's team, in the under thirteen category.

Youth in Action's team of under-fifteen won over the Zion Knights, 24 to 23,

in a very close game.

Next, Abaco Central High School Marlins defeated the Church of God of Prophecy's team in the under nineteen category. It was an easy victory, with the Marlins leading most of the game which ended with a score of 20 to 13.

Zion Knights won over the Youth in Action's team which they defeated 30 to 19.

On Friday evening, the Knights beat the Marlins 15 to 14 in a very close game played by the young, under thirteen kids.

Change Ministries' team defeated the Youth in Action's team 22 to 18 in the un-



Above: Under 15 Champion - Change Ministries, With Randy Davis and Referee Ishmael Morley.

der fifteen age group.

The Marlins put on a sustained fight in the following game for the under nineteen, beating the Knights 31 to 22.

Abaco Youth Ministries' team and Church of God of Prophecy were playing against each other in the open category. The game ended with a score of 33 -23 for COGP.

Four championship games took place on Saturday.

The Knights defeated the Change Ministries' team in the under thirteen category 14 to 10. In the second game, the

Marlins lost to Change Ministries in the under fifteen age group 20 to 28, but they took their revenge in the third game against the same team, in the under nineteen category, beating Change Ministries' team 34 to 31 in a very tight game.

The final game in the open category was even closer. Until the last minute it seemed that Church of God of Prophecy's players were going to pull off the victory as they were leading at half time by 27 to 16.

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Above: the Under-19 champions - ACH Marlins with coach Ms Shantell Penn

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The Change Ministries' team pulled themselves together in the second half and a last basket gave them the victory by one point.

Most of the same players played for their teams all through the Summer, gathering at the Zion Church basketball court, often with a crowd of supporters from the same areas of Dundas Town and Murphy Town.

At the end of the season, one could notice a definite improvement in the way the youngsters played, which accounts for the close scores in the final championship games.

Pastor Everett Strachan, one of the League Coordinators, said that there was such an interest in basketball from the young crowd that he is thinking of organizing another tournament in the near future.



Above: Under 13 Champions - Zion Knights with Coach Nelson.

Local Man Wins Fourth North American Championship RC Laser Title in a Nail Biter



Above: RCLCNA Class Secretary, Dave Branning presents Jim Kaighin the RC Laser NA Bruce Kirby Trophy with Silver Fleet Winner, and Regatta Chairman, Rick Ferguson on the right

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Tied with Tom Rummage and Gerry Coblely going into the last race, with Bob

Szczepanski two points back (all Triangle MYC), Jim needed to hold them off and he did with a second in the last race to win the regatta by one point. It was a tough loss for Bob Szczepanski who won six of the first 8 races but he (and other contenders) had to count some mid fleet finishes in the regatta and that kept them out of the top spot.

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Lifestyles

Rare Species Spotted During South Abaco Birdwatching Expedition



Above: the South Abaco birdwatching group led by bird watching expert, Reginald Patterson.

By Mirella Santillo

A flock of Purple Martins and an Empidonax Flycatcher were only two of the exciting bird species observed during the first-of-the-season South Abaco birdwatching outing. They were among an impressive number of species sighted that day.

Some birds spotted in the Treasure Cay area and on the way to Marsh Harbour by veteran ornithologist, Dr. Elwood Bracey, were also included in the count. All together over seventy five species of birds were sighted by a team of eleven people who met at the office of the Bahamas National Trust in Marsh Harbour at 7:00 am in the morning of September 20.

It was a perfect weather for bird-watching: sunny and calm. Led by local bird watching expert, Reginald Patterson, they visited various areas of mixed habitats such as pine forest, coppice, mangrove swamp, ponds and dumps as well as sandy beaches, all the way to the Sandy Point docks and sand flats.

The first stop was at the Sunnyland Nursery on Cherokee Road. The overgrown nursery with tall grasses, palm trees and fruit trees was populated with many species. It was there that a large flock of Purple Martins was sighted while swooping over the group. There alone, over twenty species were encountered. Banana-

quits skipping in the Coconut Trees, House Sparrows perching on dead branches, Smooth-billed Anis calling each other and a variety of warblers fluttering in a fruit tree caught the attention of the birders for quite a long time.

The second-best surprise awaited the bird watchers at the next stop: Big Mangrove where an Empidonax Flycatcher was identified by Dr. Bracey. The little bird with a yellow belly and an eye ring was spotted in a dense coppice area.

Another interesting sight in the same area was that of the reclusive Bahama Mockingbird, spotted by the youngest, perhaps most enthusiastic, member of the group: twelve years old Simon. A Worm-Eating Warbler was also seen there, which is not a very common a sight.

Along the road leading to the mangrove area, the pine forest revealed the usually expected Pine and Olive-Capped Warblers.

Quite a few parrots let their presence be known as they flew with loud shrills over the Bahama Palm Shores Road, to the delight of new birders who were able to take photographs. On the beach a multitude of sea birds ran among the seaweeds, foraging for food. Among them were Sanderlings, Ruddy Turnstones, Least Sandpipers and Semi-Palmated Sandpipers.



Above: the Bahama Yellow Throated Warbler.

quite low tide, but Royal Terns, Sandwich Terns and Great Egrets among other shore birds could be observed through the telescope. A Belted Kingfisher flew by before hovering and diving for its meal.

After a second trip to observe the flats with the rest of the group, most people were ready to call it a day. A quick trip to the new ferry dock area where three Bobolinks were sighted, marked the end of the outing for everyone except two. By then, over sixty species had been noted.

Dr. Bracey and his neighbor, John Taylor, were still intent on discovering more species and so they did. A Tricolored Heron, a Cattle Egret and a Mangrove Cuckoo at the Sandy Point Lake as well as Green-winged Teals and White-cheeked Pintails at Gilpin's Point rewarded their tenacity.

According to Dr. Bracey, it was past 6:00 pm when the two men reached home. A tiring, but most satisfactory trip for the birdwatchers.

By noon, half of the group left for home. The others decided to go on to Sandy Point for a well-deserved rest and lunch at Nancy's Restaurant, with the intention to keep on birding after lunch. In the far distance from the eatery, Laughing Gulls and a couple of Brown Pelicans were seen through binoculars, hovering at sea, looking for fish.

While waiting for the food to arrive, three members of the group took a short drive to inspect the sand bars. It was not

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Lifestyles

Abaco Animal Shelter Pushes for Adoptions



Above: volunteers at the Abaco Shelter caring for dogs. The shelter currently houses and cares for 42 dogs including puppies.

By Jennifer Hudson

October is observed as 'Adopt a Shelter Dog' month' in the United States and so this is a very appropriate time to give thought to be animal shelter here on Abaco. Sadly, too many people abandon their dogs which are often not spayed or neutered. They reproduce in large numbers and live malnourished lives on the streets.

The Abaco Shelter, formerly Pop's Shelter, is a shelter located at the site of the old Abaco dump on the SC Bootle Highway. This shelter was established in 2010 by Willis Pops Weatherford as a sanctuary for stray and abandoned dogs. Here he established a home for dogs which he rescued from the streets.

At the time he owned a business in central Marsh Harbour and he was greatly saddened by the scrawny dogs he would see scavenging around for food every day, thus he made a home for them at the shelter. He retired in 2012 but the shelter continues to grow and flourish under the leadership of Leisa Plummer and a band of devoted volunteers.

The shelter is well maintained and includes covered areas for shade and protection, spaces in which to run and exercise and wooden kennels to house puppies and dogs in need of special care. The Abaco Shelter plays an extremely important role since it is the only shelter for stray dogs. It provides a place for needy animals to live

in safety and caters to their physical well-being.

The shelter is currently home to about 35 adult dogs and seven pups. While the animals are lovingly looked after here, having been saved from a miserable life on the streets, it is every dog's wish to live in a 'forever family'. Dogs are man's best friend and will provide a lifetime of devotion to their owners. This would be a good time to consider adopting one of these shelter dogs as a pet if you feel you could give it a good home.

Four adult dogs have been adopted out to local families within the last six months. Animals are always spayed and neutered before they are adopted out to families.

Visitors to The Bahamas love to adopt potcake puppies and in the past many puppies have been flown out to the United States with the help of Royal Potcake Rescue and other rescue groups and have had wonderful homes found for them over there. However, new restrictions prevent the travel into the US of puppies under 6 months of age. Foster homes are needed for puppies until they are old enough to travel and also for older dogs which need to be socialized (trained to walk on a leash, house trained and able to interact with children).

The shelter runs completely on voluntary aid. There are presently 12 volunteers who work at the shelter feeding, bathing

and catering to all of the dogs' needs plus four other volunteers who assist with website, fundraisers etc. The shelter is always looking for volunteers and would be very grateful to hear from anybody who is willing to assist either financially or by volunteering a few hours a week to help at the shelter.

The volunteers are hoping to improve the facility but much financial aid is needed towards this goal as well as for the items constantly in great demand at the shelter such as dog food (dry and canned), bleach, liquid laundry soap, medications and ointments.

The goal of the shelter is to not only care for abandoned animals but to create awareness within the community for responsible pet ownership. On behalf of all the animals cared for at the shelter and the volunteers, Leisa Plummer would like to express appreciation to the Abaco community for all the support they give through donations and fundraisers.

Anyone wishing to donate financially, volunteer or adopt can go to the shelter's website www.AbacoShelter.com or to their Facebook page or call 365 4648, 367-0737 or 242-559-8063. She would also like for people to report any neglected or abandoned animals so that they can be rescued.

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Horticulture Society Resumes Meetings

Spay and Neuter Clinics to Offer Free Service



Above: a young pup at the Abaco Shelter begging to be adopted.

By Jennifer Hudson

The Animal Shelter will be holding a Spay and Neuter Clinic on October 24, 25 and 26 at Dr. Derrick Bailey's Island Veterinary Clinic next to Abaco Hardware. This service is absolutely free to any persons with dogs who cannot otherwise afford to have these animals spayed or neutered. Persons are encouraged to bring in their own pets and inform the clinic or Abaco Shelter of any other dogs they know of that need bringing in.

Volunteers will be available on those days to trap any stray animals and bring them in to be spayed or neutered. During the previous spay and neuter clinic from April 25-27 200 animals were spayed or neutered.

It is very important to have animals spayed or neutered not only for their own well-being but to reduce the numbers of stray dogs on the streets. These dogs not only suffer but often bite and cause a very bad image for our visitors. In six years one female dog and her offspring can produce almost 70,000 pups. A female will come in heat every six months from the age of five months and have an average of 6-10 pups in each litter.

This cycle must be stopped to reduce the number of stray dogs throughout the island.

Financial donations are needed to assist with the operation of this spay and neuter clinic and may be made by check to Pop's Animal Shelter or online. Please make it clear if the donation is for the Spay and Neuter Clinic or Shelter Care. Donations of sheets, towels, Q tips, cotton balls, alcohol, garbage bags, bleach, dog food and newspapers are also needed and may be dropped off at the following locations: Island Properties in the Iggy Biggy Complex, Java Coffee shop and the Jib Room.



Above: the Abaco Branch of the Horticulture Society resumed meeting in September. The first meeting, with guest-speaker Michael Lightbourn of Lightbourn Family Farms, was well-attended.

By Mirella Santillo

After a three-month summer recess during which the board members met several times to plan the Society's activities for the up-coming year, the Horticultural Society of The Bahamas-Abaco Branch meetings resumed on September 13.

The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean and Mary Murry in Leisure Lee. Thirty five people attended the gathering, a very fair number for this time of the year when the second home owners have not yet returned. The assembly was comprised of quite a few new attendees.

After the customary welcome and updates by returning President, Barbara Foreman, the presenter, Michael Lightbourn, owner of the Lightbourn Family Farm located in Schooner Bay, was introduced.

Mr. Lightbourn immediately captured people's attention by delivering information on soil conditioning in a precise and confident manner. He talked about the best ways of growing vegetables and fruits and on controlling garden pests at the home gardener's level.

Mr. Lightbourn also had a surprise for the attendees as a Solar Energy presentation followed the one on gardening.

The Lightbourn Family Farm is mostly a hydroponic facility with only a few beds of in-ground vegetables. As such the soil acidity is controlled and the use of pesticides is greatly reduced.

"In ground, there is a lot of nature

interfering and the PH varies depending on the area," explained the presenter. He suggested that people take soil samples and send them to the University of Florida for results. The service is free. A nearly neutral PH is preferable at around 6.5 - 7.

He explained that soil can be reconditioned with the addition of compost and by adding peat moss to existing soil to drive the PH down. Growing vegetables in raised beds using a soil mixture of Miracle Grow potting soil, to which peat moss and composted sea weeds had been added, will produce a favorable growing medium.

For the organically conscious gardener, cow manure or chicken manure can be used instead of chemical fertilizers. The presence of Earth Worms in the soil is a very beneficial addition. He suggested that people look for ways of adding Earth Worms to their soil.

To control pests without the use of harsh pesticides, Mr. Lightbourn recommended management control which meant to examine the plants on a daily basis and immediately act on the problem by removing the attacked limbs and the actual pests.

He mentioned having success on certain plants with hot pepper spray - which unfortunately for those who do not like hot peppers- might leave a spicy taste in the produce sprayed. Hence the pepper spray is better used on ornamentals.

He also said that spraying with Neem could help control white flies on tomatoes and that making sure there is a good air flow between the crops minimizes the possibility of infestation.

Having beneficial insects such as Lady Bugs or Praying Mantis also helps in controlling the most common garden pests.

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School & Youth News

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for the Northern Bahamas, accompanied teachers at CAPS on their weeklong protest in front of the school. Clinton Laroda, BUT's Area Vice President for Grand Bahama joined the teachers on Sept. 26.

Cox explained that the teachers' work hours were changed from the standard 8:45 a.m. arrival time to a 3:15 p.m. departure to requesting the teachers be at the school from 8:30 a.m.

She said this change is in direct violation of the collective bargaining agreement put in place with the Government. In a show of solidarity, the teachers assembled at the front of the school at 8:30 a.m. throughout the week then proceeded onto the school grounds at 8:45 a.m.

The *Abaconian* also received reports of a demonstration at Abaco Central High School as well that did not end on a good note. Students were said to have become

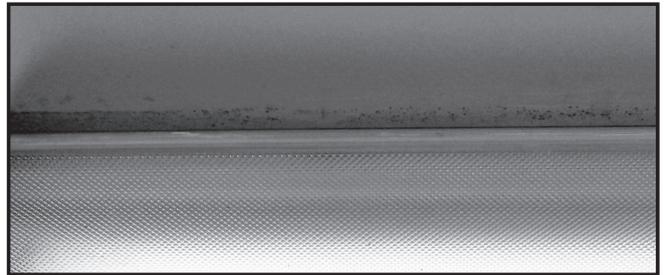
vocal and disrespectful toward Jerome Fitzgerald, Minister of Education, Science and Technology, as he did his tour of the school because their concerns were not being heard regarding a teacher shortage.

According to Cox's report, the Abaco District has approximately 116 teachers and a number of educators who have been impacted by this change in work hours. In her investigation, Cox claimed that educators in other districts are not being made to comply with this change.

In an effort to bring clarity to the situation, she spoke to Education Director Lionel Sands who allegedly confirmed that a circular was sent out to all school within The Bahamas.

Nevertheless, Cox said that educators in other districts do not report to work until 8:45 a.m. and are given a five-minute grace period up until 8:50 a.m. to report to work.

Reports of Mold at CAPS; Teachers Fall Ill



Above: a shot of the alleged mold in one of the classrooms. Some patches of ceiling were freshly painted, however, dark residue was still visible underneath it.

By Canishka Alexander

During a PTA Meeting at CAPS on Sept. 15, Principal Beatrice Moxey announced that the school is in need of additional classrooms – seven to be exact. When the school opened a few weeks ago, a total of 150 Grade One students were enrolled at the school.

This forced the staff to use the Mary E. Cartwright Library and a portion of the pre-school to accommodate the large number of students. Parents/guardians were asked to stay behind after the meeting to determine how they could assist.

Now according to sources, the pre-school was shut down mid-semester last year because of the presence of mold in the ceiling. These allegations have been denied by the official channels, so this reporter decided to visit the school and make her own observations.

There were indeed black spots resembling mold along several sections of the ceiling and around light fixtures of the classrooms I visited, but I was told that the ceiling was painted over to hide how bad the presence of mold is. Soon after I left the school on Sept. 25, I was notified that

someone reported that I had photographed the ceiling so a new coat of paint was added to conceal what I had seen.

To make matters worse, two teachers are believed to have developed respiratory illnesses as a result of being in the classrooms in question. We understand that a doctor ordered the classroom to be closed, and that the department responsible for such matters did an inspection which involved no collecting or testing of samples of what was seen on the ceiling.

Nevertheless, a report was handed into the school declaring that no mold was discovered.

Despite complaints to those in charge, an attempt has been made to discredit persons who make any mention of mold at the school. A meeting was called with all teachers and teachers' aides in an effort to prevent them from saying anything about the situation.

The only thing done to remedy the problem is to continue painting the ceiling and put pressure on the janitresses to do a better job of cleaning the classrooms.



Above: CAPS teachers protesting. When the teachers' were required this year to be to work at 8:30am instead of 8:45am, the Bahamas Union of Teachers joined a weeklong protest in a show of solidarity.

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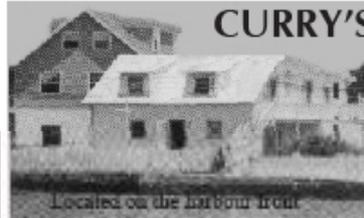
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Business

Chamber of Commerce Voices Concern for Fiscal Reform

By Timothy Roberts

During a presentation at the Abaco Business Outlook Robert Myers, the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation's (BCCEC) chairman, said that poor compliance caused by corruption, limited accountability and a lack of enforcement, has resulted in the Bahamian formal economy paying a disproportionate share of the country's taxes.

In Late 2013 it was reported that the government was successfully collecting a mere 30% of taxes owed. Mr. Myers said that had compliance with existing taxes been at 75-80 per cent, there would be no need for Value-Added Tax (VAT).

"Compliance is absolutely critical, not just VAT compliance but all taxes are just critical," he said.

"If we are not paying our fair share of taxes, then taxes have to go up. Frankly, the private sector is overpaying its share of taxes. The problem is that there is a lack of accountability and enforcement of the rule of law.

"Compliance is low and those that are paying taxes are overpaying because we have to make up for all of the ones that don't pay," Mr. Myers added.

He said that with the Government now set on moving forward with VAT at 7.5 per cent come January 1, more focus must be placed on fiscal and energy reform. "Now we must demand Fiscal and Energy Reform."

"GDP growth is only going to happen if we can become competitive," he added.

Mr. Myers said government stability was as important as the economy itself. "You have heard recent comments from the IMF and ratings agencies, as of late, talking about the threat of devaluation," he added.

"These are very scary and real concerns. If we don't address the Government's concerns and the private sector's concerns, those are the places we will end up."

He said that the country's fiscal health is in poor condition. "The fiscal status quo is unsustainable and mounting debt, continued deficits, unchecked capital & recurrent spending, inefficiencies, corruption, lack of accountability, adherence to the rule of law and poor policies are making the Bahamas regionally and globally uncompetitive."

"We will continue to see negative fiscal results and further downgrades by rating agencies until the leadership and government of The Bahamas implement fiscal reform and not just tax reform."

He said that the Bahamian dollar is pegged to the US dollar which means global competitiveness is key for the economy's

return to equilibrium. "The Bahamas must be globally and regionally competitive by creating an economic climate which attracts business and tourism," he said.

Mr. Myers said that existing tax compliance is well below international standards and the "Rule of Law is not enforced evenly or fairly."

Electricity costs are twice what they should be and thus cause a huge drain on foreign reserves and businesses to be uncompetitive. He added that the cost of debt from banks is too high and is choking growth.

"We must address the problems not the symptoms," he said. The Bahamas' debt to GDP ratio is too high - currently at 66 percent with a negative Baa1 rating.

"What happens if we do nothing? Our credit rating will continue to decline, our debt will cost us more to service (interest payments on debt alone are currently above \$210,000,000 per year), there will be greater pressure to maintain foreign reserves and we run the risk of dollar devaluation against the US dollar."

He said that as taxes rise to meet larger debt businesses will become less competitive regionally and globally.

Mr. Myers said we must demand enforcement of the rule of law and improve private sector legal enforcement - "The informal economy must be shut down immediately."

He added that the country needs to legislate a Government Watchdog or Office of the Ombudsman, enact the Freedom of Information Act and apply the rule of law evenly and fairly to all citizens including politicians and civil servants.

Mr. Myers said we need to demand accountability in revenue collection, making civil servants accountable, comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and stop government over-spending.

"According to the 2014 mid-year budget the Government is running a monthly deficit averaging almost \$40 million. That's \$1.3 million dollars per day!"

He added that in twenty years recurrent expenditures have nearly tripled but government services have not improved by the same amount.

He said that data shows that the government spends 34.4 percent of their budget on civil service wages while public ownership of utilities has led to high prices and inbuilt inefficiency.

He noted that Maurice McTigue (Cabinet Minister in New Zealand) said "We sold public companies and productivity went up and cost of services went down translating into major gains to the economy" (Maurice McTigue)

Mr. Myers said "Experience in countries such as New Zealand shows us that this process can be reversed dependent on the introduction of high levels of fiscal reform, transparency and effective enforcement of the rule of law."

Economic Benefits of North Abaco Port Touted at Outlook

By Timothy Roberts

At the Abaco Business Outlook Francis Clarke, Senior Project Engineer with Caribbean Civil Group, said that economic analysis of the North Abaco Port Project (NAPP) estimated that there would be a minimum of 18 percent Internal Rate of Return (IRR) on the project.

Based on a technical and economic feasibility study undertaken by the government of The Bahamas done in 2010 they took a range of inputs and combined them over a 20 year time frame to generate an IRR.

Mr. Clarke said that the analysis indicated that the port would result in a positive IRR for Greater Abaco, and if only the development in and around the Cooper's Town area is attributed to the Port, then the IRR will be at a minimum of 18 percent.

He also outlined the benefits of the NAPP for the North Abaco region indicating that it would benefit businesses with reduced travel time and transportation cost for goods shipped from other islands or the United States.

He said there would also be societal and environmental benefits and would bring an increase in employment and to the value of development projects that remain in Abaco. People would also likely see a reduction in the cost of retail goods.

Additionally there would be a reduction in logistical costs while possibly spurring population growth and business opportunities in conjunction with the proposed marina accommodation at the port.

Mr. Clarke spoke of the future opportunities that the NAPP would provide and indicated that it would facilitate the continued growth of Central and North Abaco.

He said the opportunities for North Abaco are potentially there in tourism, infrastructure, agriculture and fisheries.

With transient boaters making up a significant portion of Abaco's tourism activity along with local boaters he said that there are significant opportunities for marina facilities.

Mr. Clarke said that the analysis showed that the port development will make such low-key development projects look more attractive to investors, and visitors, because costs will be reduced and access enhanced.

With an anticipated increase in population in North Abaco there would be more opportunities for construction and infrastructure and civil works to meet demands he said. Other business opportunities will be created including retail, agriculture and fish, and fuel dispensing.

Mr. Clarke said there is also potential for a fast-ferry between Florida, Grand Bahama and Treasure Cay for passengers and freight.

He said that the NAPP was planned due to Abaco's development and growth, which is centered mostly in the Central Abaco and surrounding Cays area, but also due to a lack of activity in the Treasure Cay, North Abaco area.

He said that since the opening of the new port in Marsh Harbour in 2002 there was an unanticipated three-fold cargo volume increase over twelve years which has in turn caused berthing and cargo handling problems.

He indicated that despite the economic down-turn the Central Abaco economy continues to grow, presenting additional pressures on the Marsh Harbour Port, so in order to relieve the current overcrowding along with the need to stimulate the North Abaco economy, the government examined the need to place a port in North Abaco.



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Funeral Services was held at Calvary Bible Church, Nassau, September 13, 2014.
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The staff, Students and the P.T.A. of Amy Roberts Primary School would like to extend a tremendous and sincere 'THANK YOU' to Mr. Matthew Lowe, Mr. Christopher Roberts (both GTC District Council members) and Mr. Jason Bethel and the team they organized, for their hours of physical labor and hard work. This dedicated volunteer crew came to our rescue when an unfortunate chain of events threatened to delay the opening of the school.

Thank you to all of you!

School & Youth News

Interact Clubs Engage in Coastal Cleanups



The Interact Clubs of St Francis de Sales and Forest Heights Academy took part in Coastal Cleanup Month. The two clubs decided to tackle two areas on Abaco that they deemed needed a cleanup.

On September 27 the St Francis Interact Club went to Casuarina Point while the Forest Heights Club cleaned up Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour.

It was a successful outing for both Clubs.

The Interactors were joined by Rotarians Dwayne Wallas, Derrick Bailey, Reg Paterson, Steve Davis and Debbie Curry.

Above: The St Francis Club at Casuarina.

Below: the FHA Club at The Crossing.



Abaco Christian Council, Dept. of Education Hold Back to School Church Service



Above: Students attending the Back to School Church Service on Sept. 26 at Friendship Tabernacle Church.

By Canishka Alexander

The Abaco Christian Council partnered with the Department of Education to present a Back to School Church Service at Friendship Tabernacle Church on Sept. 26. Bishop Cedric Bullard, 1st Vice President of the Abaco Christian Council, was the moderator.

A number of schools were listed on the program for musical selections and included Little Darlings Academy, James A. Pinder Primary School, St. Francis de Sales School, Abaco Central High School, Cooper's Town Primary School. A Scripture Reading was given by Grace Albury of Man-O-War Primary School.

Following the welcome address by Rev. Marie Neilly, 2nd Vice President, remarks were welcomed from Renardo Curry, Parliamentary Secretary in the Of-

fice of the Prime Minister (Abaco), and the Hon. Jerome Fitzgerald, Minister of Education, Science and Technology. Both men gave encouragement to the students and teachers as they embark upon a new school year.

Rev. Christopher Dean of Zion Baptist Cathedral was invited to pray for the Education staff, students and parents. Meanwhile Pastor Stephen Knowles, president of the Abaco Christian Council, delivered remarks as the keynote speaker for the occasion.



Above: the Hon. Jerome Fitzgerald speaking at the Back to School Service.



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15 Acre Estate!
Secluded 6 bdrm hillside estate offers perfect views, a chef's kitchen, dock and additional cottages.
\$1,450,000. Ref. AS12311



MARSH HARBOUR
Immaculately Restored!
3 bdrm waterfront home on 10,813 sq. ft. of land is equipped with 2 docks and a pool.
\$1,375,000. Ref. AS12220

COCOA BAY: 12,205 sq. ft. lot with sea views and beach access.
\$96,000. Ref. AS12336

LITTLE HARBOUR: 1 acre oceanfront lot near Pate's Pub & Gallery.
\$189,000. Ref. AS12243

MARSH HARBOUR: 10,199 sq. ft. canal lot at gated Great Abaco Club.
\$206,000. Ref. AS11329

New Price! LUBBERS QUARTERS: 10,000 sq. ft. single family lot, a boaters dream.
\$505,000. Ref. AS12143

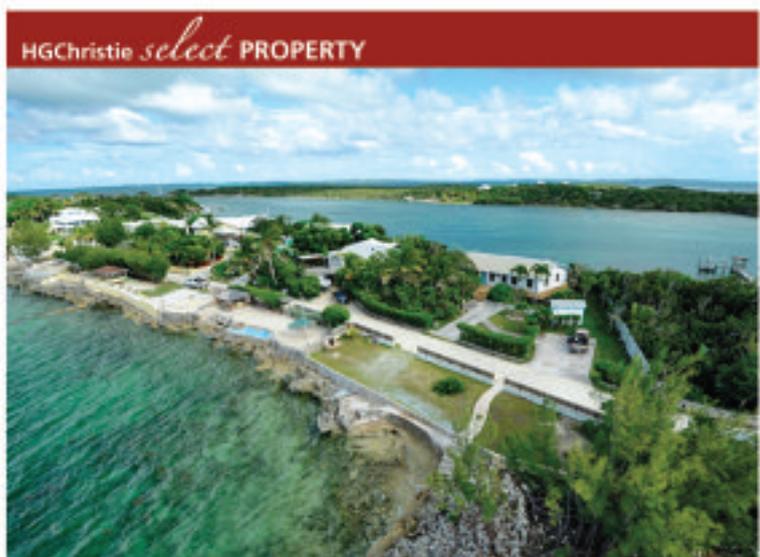
DUNDAS TOWN: 4 bdrm home on 14,475 sq. ft. lot perfect for large family.
\$149,000. Ref. AS12352

CENTRAL PINES: 13,000 sq. ft. home-site with utilities available.
\$47,500. Ref. AS12340

New Price! MURPHY TOWN: 10,000 sq. ft. multi-family lot.
\$28,000. Ref. AS12123



ELBOW CAY
Hidden Paradise!
Tucked away on a protected harbour is this 1.61 acre private waterfront estate featuring two cottages.
\$1,100,000. Ref. AS12076



HGChristie select PROPERTY
Sea-To Sea! • MARSH HARBOUR
This comfortable 3-bdrm 2-bath island home enjoys water views on both sides of the house as well as private and protected dockage, this home has wooden docking all the way around the house.
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\$799,000. Ref. AS12259



SUMMIT POINT: Flare 222 acre open zoned waterfront site.
\$22,000,000. Ref. AS11890

TURTLE ROCKS: 1.29 acre waterfront parcel between two spectacular bays.
\$280,000. Ref. AS12277

COOPERS TOWN: 18 acre investment opportunity with water views.
\$185,000. Ref. AS12303

MARSH HARBOUR: 10,120 sq. ft. lot is a great investment for future family home.
\$39,000. Ref. AS12312

LONG BEACH: 11,000 sq. ft. ocean view hilltop site.
\$69,000. Ref. AS11944

BAHAMA PALM SHORES: 15,067 sq. ft. corner lot, minutes away from boat ramp.
\$77,000. Ref. AS12038

LUBBERS QUARTERS: 10,200 sq. ft. lot is perfect suitable for an out-land getaway.
\$250,000. Ref. AS12332



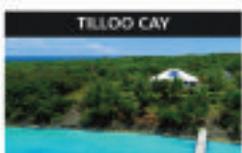
TREASURE CAY
Location, Price and Convenience!
This 2 bdrm condo is steps away from the beach offers lots of storage space and community pool.
\$535,500. Ref. AS12525



MARSH HARBOUR
Sea-to-Sea!
Comfortable 3-bdrm home enjoys spectacular views on both sides of the house and private and protected dockage.
\$799,000. Ref. AS12259



LUBBERS QUARTERS
Sea-to-Sea Estate!
3 bdrm home on 9.16 acre property has two docks, two beaches and is elevated offering ocean views.
\$995,000. Ref. AS12308



TILLOO CAY
Privacy, Pleasure, Paradise!
This sprawling 3 bdrm home offers outdoor shower, local shed, 1000w generator, water storage and private dockage.
\$997,500. Ref. AS12326



ELBOW CAY
All You Need!
Charming 2 bdrm hillside cottage at the end of a quiet lane offers fantastic views of the Atlantic.
\$487,500. Ref. AS12336



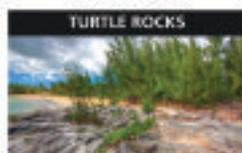
LONG BEACH
Well Built!
Newly constructed 3 bdrm hillside home enjoys tons of features and incredible beach and ocean views.
\$375,000. Ref. AS12208



TREASURE CAY
Motivated Seller!
Fully furnished 2 bdrm ground floor condo in the waterfront community of Royal Palms with dock.
\$270,000. Ref. AS11887



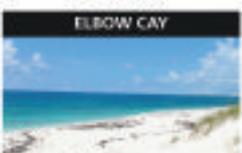
MARSH HARBOUR
New Listing!
This 2 bdrm condo located on the second level at Regatta is ready for immediate occupancy.
\$299,000. Ref. AS12334



TURTLE ROCKS
New Price! Beautiful Lot!
35,000 sq. ft. waterfront lot on the enchanting Sea of Abaco offers two beaches and 10 ft. elevations.
\$150,000. Ref. AS12280



MARSH HARBOUR
Unique Parcel!
1.2 acre waterfront parcel close to nature and the sea located right between two stunning beach coves.
\$269,000. Ref. AS12279



ELBOW CAY
Vacant Land!
6,650 sq. ft. lot currently has foundation, clearing, and septic in place as well as complete plans.
\$175,000. Ref. AS12394



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