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Prime Minister to Deny Use of Public Dock Over Ferry Furor



Farlier this year it was revealed that Bahamas Ferries had won the contract to shuttle the hundreds of Baker's Bay employees between the mainland to Guana Cay. This caused issue with many townsfolk who saw that, with the new contract, Bahamas Ferries would build a parking lot in the middle of the Marsh Harbour tourist district and use the public Union Jack dock (above, center with bulkhead) - causing heavy traffic congestion in town. PM Minnis announced that "under no circumstances will he approve the use of the Govt Dock" seemingly as a response to the outcry. Previously, the employees left from a terminal that was several miles out of town. Photo: Marinas.com. See Page 5.

Great Abaco Classic Is A Million-Dollar Swing



Left to right: Montez William - DPS in the office of Prime Minister; Wynsome Ferguson - Manager of the Abaco Tourist Office; Kendy Ferguson - Coordinator of The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic; Rafael Campos - Winner of Abaco Classic; Eldece Clarke-Lewis - Director of Sports Tourism; Fausteen Major-Smith: Assistant Director of Immigration; Donald Rolle - Administrator of South Abaco; Chief Superintendent Kevin Mortimer. Photo Credit: Kemuel Stubbs. See Page 4.

Seven Charged with **Illegal Landing**

By Timothy Roberts
Seven Haitian nationals pled guilty to illegal landing in Marsh Harbour Magistrates Court on January 24 and were ordered to pay a \$300 fine or serve onemonth in prison.

The Haitian migrants were picked up during a Bahamas Immigration Department and Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF) joint operation which took place on Elbow Cay in which 11 persons were reportedly detained and questioned.

Officers also searched through the bushes where they stumbled across multiple shacks in the area believed to be constructed and harbouring illegal immigrants.

One of the seven charged, Wilfred Mildor, was also convicted of attempting to mislead an Immigration Officer and was given an additional \$200 fine or a threemonth prison sentence.

It was noted during the court proceedings that, at the time of his arrest, he was questioned by officers and he present-ed himself as Ernie Petit of Port-de-Paix, Haiti. After further processing it was confirmed by Immigration Detention Management and Automated Fingerprint Systems that the subject had given false information and his name was in fact Wilfred Mildor of Bassin Bleu, Haiti. The system also noted that he was previously arrested in Hope Town, Abaco on 24th May, 2018.

Six of the defendants paid the fines and were subsequently turned over to the Department of Immigration for immediate deportation. However, Mildor was turned over to The Royal Bahamas Police Force for further detention until the court orders have been met.

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AL NEWS

Hope Town Volunteer Fire and Rescue Responds to Food Store Fire



Members of HTVFR move in to assess damage. Photo: Troy Pritchard.

By Timothy Roberts

In the early morning hours of January 29, the Marsh Harbour Police Station called Hope Town Volunteer Fire and Rescue (HTVFR) to respond to a store on fire.

Fire personnel arrived on the scene shortly after 6 am and extinguished the small blaze at The Food

Store on Elbow Cay.

HTVFR Chief Troy Pritchard said that nine firemen responded to the fire, assisted by two of the local water companies, and brought the small blaze under control in 20 minutes. He said that they were blessed at this and another recent fire to have no winds which could have aided in making the fire considerably worse.

He said aside from some damage on the concrete structure near where the fire originated the building was saved from destroying the structure; however, the contents appear to be a write-off at this time due to smoke and water damages.

The cause of the blaze is unknown at this time, but appears to have originated in the area of some battery operated electronic equipment on the eastern side of the store.

South Abaco Fire Contained

By Timothy Roberts

For South Abaco the New Year brought a familiar problem early as a bush fire, which had its genesis near the Cherokee Dump, spread eastward towards farmlands eventually posing a threat to some properties.

The Casuarina Volunteer Fire Department was fortunately on hand to keep a watchful eye on, and protect when needed, the farms and properties in their neighborhood, with the assistance as warranted from the High Banks Fire Department and Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire and Res-

According to Daphne de Gregory-Miaoulis of Abaco Neem, the fire began threatening their property by January 2 as the wind had shifted pushing the fire towards the back of the farm where the cottage is built.

She said there was "no real threat" to the farm as they have a fire break cleared around the property, however, the shift in the wind posed some danger as sparks were blowing over the property.

She said that Casuarina Fire Department Chief John Roberts along with Jimmy Key from Bahama Palm Shores were there throughout the night, wet down the rooftops and protected the area until the early morning hours.

Mrs. de Gregory-Miaoulis said she was quite concerned to see Mr. Roberts and Mr. Key fighting fire for about two days with no assistance or relief; they were

later assisted by High Banks and Marsh Harbour departments after this initial battle near the neem farm.

She said she was also concerned that Casuarina does not have a fire hydrant and she feels as though this is something that needs to be corrected. She says she and others are actively working with Mr. Roberts to get that corrected.

She said it is also needful for Casuarina to have more volunteers to assist - they currently have three members - so that during longer fire events there are enough people to relieve those who are putting their lives on the line to protect lives and property

While funds are important to keep the fire trucks running, manpower is even more important: there are a number of things people can do, not everyone needs to be on the end of a hose.

Aside from being thankful for the time and energy of the Casuarina Fire Department, she wanted to also thank Luc Lavelle of Bahama Palms' department for

She also encouraged farmers to be responsible by maintaining firebreaks around their property and making sure that fire equipment has ways to access their property in case of an emergency.

She said the community bears the responsibility to do what they can to protect themselves from fire through preventative measures and by assisting and/or volunteering to help when fires threaten.



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The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic Is A Million-Dollar Swing



A stunning backdrop makes even bunker plays enjoyable. Photo: Abaco Club.

By Dawn Demeritte

The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic was a million-dollar swing with golfers, visitors and organizers.

A total of 132 players from around the world competed for the \$600,000 purse at the Abaco Club on Winding Bay, January 20 - 23. This event was the second of two Web.com Tour events in The Bahamas. The first was The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic.

When the dust had settled, Rafael Campos, a native of Puerto Rico, was declared the winner. Campos is the first Puerto Rican to win on the Web.com Tour. This win is his first professional win.

Campos gushed about The Bahamas.

"I love The Bahamas, the people are so nice, that really is a fact. Last week and this week, you go into the entrance and the people are really happy and helpful and it sinks into you, as well. I really like The Bahamas. I did really well in Exuma and I couldn't have done much better in Abaco, this year. I'm grateful to play in these events and fortunate to come out on top, this week," he said.

Other golfers professed their love for

Andy Zhang, a native of Beijing, China but current resident of Orlando, Florida said the country is a beautiful place, regardless of the weather.

"I love it, it's an amazing place. It can get windy at times for sure but it's a beautiful place," he said.

Charlie Saxon from Tulsa, Oklahoma said visiting Abaco was great.

"It's been an amazing experience, so far. It's a gorgeous place, the beaches are



A golfer reads the greens before his putt. Photo: Abaco Club.

gorgeous, the people are spectacular so, all in all, it's been a great experience," he

While golfers were busy playing and enjoying the island, the community was thankful for the business in a particularly slow month.

Ellison "Tommy" Thompson, Deputy Director General of the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism and Aviation, said these

events are good to show that there is more to The Bahamas than Nassau and Freeport.

"These events put out that there are more islands than just Nassau and Freeport. Now that Abaco has its own golf tournament, it will bring in a new set of eyes, people who had never heard about Abaco," he said.

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Thompson was also happy to report that business had increased because of the

"These events in both Exuma and Abaco bring great economic benefit, this time of year. The hotels are full, the taxi drivers are not complaining, the rental cars and golf carts are doing great business, the restaurants are full - so it's a great economic injection, this time of year."

This year's tournament added a youth clinic sponsored by the Island Game (TIG) Foundation. The clinic is an addition that Director of Golf at Abaco Club Winding Bay, Brian Shaver, said was done to formally introduce golf to the community.

"Hosting the Abaco Classic enhances the game of golf and exposes golf to locals. The youth clinic hosted a dozen kids who were taught by the best golfers in the world. We also invited government officials so they can see what we're doing and how they can benefit from the game of golf in Abaco," he said.

The event was organized by BD Global and broadcast live on NBC's Golf Channel.

Treasure Cay Annual Yard Sale to be Held March 2

Press Release

The Treasure Cay Annual Yard Sale Saturday will be held March 2nd, 2019, 8:30am to 11:30am Benefiting the Rose Mary Roberts Library.

Come join us at our biggest fund-raiser of the year held at the Coco's Beach Bar Parking lot for all sorts of fun items to buy. There will be baked goods, jewelry, crafts and so much more.

Donations to the Library are most welcome. Free pick up on large items. Anyone wishing to sell items at the Yard Sale will be required to fill out an application and pay a \$15.00 booth fee prior to the event (No Refunds.)

Booth applications can be obtained from Ellen Kuhnle: 375-8815, Helga Sachno 559-8366.

For information, please contact: Library: 365-8338 Ellen Kuhnle: 365-8232 Flouise Lighthourn: 365-8011

Stop by The Island Marketplace 9am-2pm and the annual Book Sale at the Rose Mary Roberts Library.

Three great events - all on March 2nd, 2019.

Uncertainty Surrounds Baker's Bay Employee Transport

By Timothy Roberts

In response to public outcry, Local Government Objections and videos circulated on social media, the Prime Minister has informed local authorities that the Union Jack public dock in Marsh Harbour will not be allowed to be used for the proposed Bahamas Ferries service to Baker's Bay.

A source shared that Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis informed Baker's Bay and Bahamas Ferries "that under no circumstances will he approve the use of the Govt Dock."

It was further said that he instructed the Cabinet Secretary to inform the Port Controller of same. It was said that he indicated that money is not everything and that he will not support displacing a thriving local business offered by Albury's Ferry Service, that serves its community well and has done so for decades, in favour of big business.

He also said that he would address the matter in the House of Assembly on Wednesday (January 30).

The decision came on the heels of numerous complaints related to traffic congestion and the use of the public dock by the proposed 300 passenger ferry that would be used to transport workers and guests to Baker's Bay.

The recently engaged Bahamas Ferries, which was expected to begin services on February 1, also began work on clearing and building a formal parking lot adjacent to the Union Jack Dock which still needs to go through formal local government approval pro-

Marsh Harbour Town Committee Chairman Roscoe Thompson confirmed that they held a meeting with Bahamas Ferries and that process of permits for any construction related to Bahamas Ferries will proceed via the normal channels which includes public posting of any works.

Bahamas Ferries representatives reserved commenting on the situation until a later date.

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LOCAL NEWS

Town Hall Discusses Cannabis Decriminalization



Dr. Bridgette Rolle (center) moderated for the Bahamas National Commission on Marijuana. She was joined by co-chairs Quin McCartney (left) and Bishop Simeon Hall (right) along with other members of the Commission.

By Timothy Roberts

Members of a Commission expecting to report research and public opinion on the legalization or decriminalization of Cannabis in The Bahamas held a town meeting seeking suggestions from the public on what they feel the way forward is.

The Bahamas National Commission on Marijuana (BNCM), co-chaired by Quinn McCartney and Bishop Simeon Hall, outlined the commission's objective and scope, defining the group's

mandate as "codifying the view of Bahamians on all things related to marijuana, and to make recommendations to the government of The Bahamas on positions related to the legal, social, medicinal and ceremonial (religious) issues as they relate to marijuana."

The group is tasked by Health Minister Dr. Duane Sands to ensure consultation was widespread enough to allow for all views to be heard; and for the resulting policy position to be a "reflection of the truth, and not emo-

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tions".

Mr. Quinn said that the BNCM may put forward recommendations for an implementation timeline but stressed the government had the final say on how the matter would progress beyond its report.

With a timeline of completion by April the commission plans to break into six subcommittees to conduct research on medicinal, recreational, and ceremonial use; legal/regulatory issues, including potential impact on criminal justice system; industry/economic implications; and education/ public relations to help frame national dialogue.

The key stakeholders, who will participate in closed meetings with the commission, are identified as: members of the religious community, including Rastafarians; health care professionals and NGOs responsible for care like the Cancer Society; law enforcement; social services; judiciary and legal professionals; prisoners and youth held in juvenile detention; educators and sporting bodies.

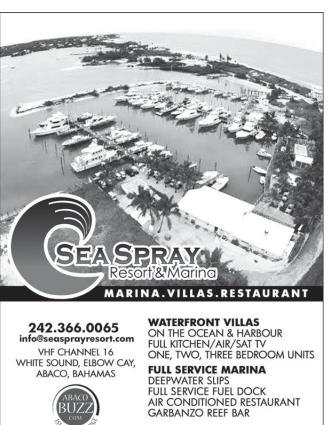
As for the wider public, the commission intends to launch a website, and maintain a presence on popular social media platforms with plans to conduct a "comprehensive and widespread" national survey.

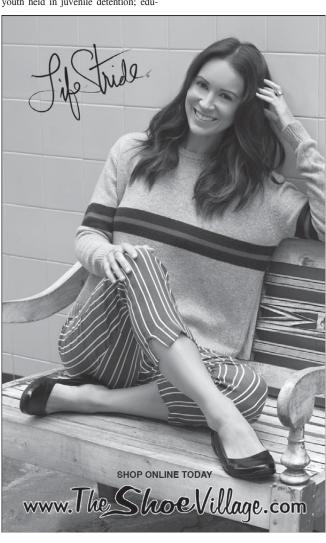
Persons in attendance at the town meetings expressed support for decriminalization and legalization of Marijuana for both medical and recreational uses. Almost everyone present supported freedom to grow and use, while some suggested that there be limits and regulation to who can produce for consumers.

Additionally, many were adamant that any commercial growing and production of cannabis be exclusive to Bahamians, with one person stating further not to let one or two of the rich persons of the country be granted exclusive rights to production, as is the case in several other sectors.

It was noted that there needs to be

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LOCAL NEW

Twelve Hour Power Outage Result of Component Failure

By Timothy Roberts

Consumers across Abaco experienced a 12-hour power outage on January 27 as Bahamas Power and Light (BPL) carried out repairs on a failed Air Compressor at the Wilson City Power Station

While there was silence on the outage from BPL throughout the day, residents were kept abreast of the repair progress via Central and South Abaco MP, James Albury who checked with

BPL Abaco Manager Donald Maclel- relations status updates infrequently

lan about the status.

After power was restored to most of the island by about 5pm that evening, certain areas remained off or experienced additional power outages, including some of the Cays, parts of Dundas Town and Treasure Cay.

Despite reaching out to BPL there has been no formal answers on the situation that lead to yet another extended power outage, save the vague public

posted on Facebook.

The last, and most comprehensive statement read: "On Sunday, January 27, 2019, BPL Abaco Operations suffered an electrical component failure at the Wilson City Power Station, due to challenges with the air supply. The air supply system has since been rectified and strengthened. There are now three units available, which puts the station in a better position than prior to the

outage."

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a proper education campaign to ensure the general public understands the differences between recreational marijuana and medical marijuana.

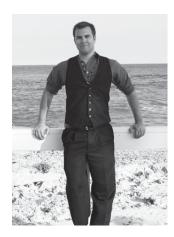
Mr. Quinn noted that the wish is to come to a position that is best suited for The Bahamas.

The Commission said that it is recognized that The Bahamas is a small country, and that any recommendations made will have significant impact on this and future generations.

It was assured that after all things are considered, the national interest of the Bahamas will supersede any personal positions or beliefs any of the board members may have.



From the Editor's Desk



The January 27 island-wide blackout reminded Abaconians that work still needs to be done to secure basic utility and infrastructure on our island. You would think we wouldn't need this reminder considering the fiasco that happened last February regarding the blown pump and weekend-long rolling outages.

As of publishing, the exact details of why this happened are not confirmed. I'm also not an engineer so my understanding of the running of Abaco's two power plants are surface level at best. But I do understand what happened on Sunday is no longer acceptable.

If Bahamians are required to buy power from BPL, and further subsidize it with our taxes, something needs to be figured out. The Treasury is empty - but not empty enough to ensure that Abaco has replacement parts ON ISLAND. Not having to be redistributed from Nassau or rush ordered from the USA.

These days we rival Grand Bahama in our contributions to the national coffers and that's been a

trend for decades now. It's incredible that 2nd/3rd largest economy in The Bahamas cannot offer businesses, tourists and patient residents consistent electricity.

We've suffered too many "Lost Summers" where tourists packed up and left in droves - because with the darkness comes the heat.

In my opinion BPL has built a lot of goodwill since the 2018 debacle. Power supply has been relatively steady with many recorded blackouts caused by direct damage to our outdated supply system via lightning strikes and vehicle accidents. The crew has done well to get things up and running quickly whenever that happened.

But what happened on Sunday, barring a natural catastrophe like a hurricane, should not happen. We have two power plants on the island (yes, the older one is no longer capable of producing all the necessary capacity, but it could load shared). We have four generators at Wilson City with, usually, only two being required at a time. The redundancies should be there.

The cost to the country of running dozens of power plants across an archipelago is challenging and always going to be more expensive compared to single-island nations, like Jamaica, where they only need three or four to supply a population ten times our own. I know each island of The Bahamas faces its challenges, but I'm advocating that Abaco should be getting a little more in return for how much it gives back. There's no excuse for us not having backup and replacement parts.

Community Calendar

Feb 2: Treasure Cay Island Market

•Feb 3: Treasure Cay Super Bowl Party (Tipsy Seagull)

Feb 6-9: Sea Spray Abaco Fishing Challenge

Feb 11: Potcake Pizza Night Shelter Fundraiser (Snappas)

•Feb 12-17: Songwriters in Paradise (Hope Town)

Feb 16: Man-O-War Primary Flea Market

• Feb 19: Cay Topics Luncheon: Protecting Wildlife (Abaco Inn)

•Feb 11: CTE Career Day (Grace Gy, Agape)

•Feb 13: Rotary Hugh Cottis Speech Competition

Feb 16: Marsh Harbour Reef Ball

Feb 17: High Banks Annual Bike-A-Thon

• Feb 20: People to People Winter Residents Reception (Treasure Cay)

•Feb 22-23: Abaco " Love Rush" Junkanoo Weekend

• Feb 26: Elbow Reef Lighthouse Society Luncheon (Abaco Inn)

•March 1: ECC Benefit Concert (Treasure Cay Community Centre)

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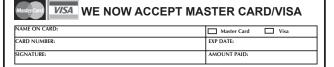
•March 3: ECC Benefit Concert (Hope Town Harbour Lodge)

March 9: Agape Fundraiser

•March 19: Cay Topics Luncheon: Romantic Hope Town (Abaco Inn)



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LETTERS

SCIENCE

Grand Mistake

Dear Editor.

I follow closely the behavior of my government and I have mixed views on their performance. I was very concerned when we purchased the Grand Lucayan Hotel. I think it was a BIG MISTAKE. Time will tell. Nevertheless, I tried to rationalize why and came to the conclusion it was a political move, not a financial one.

Now today I am ANGRY, very ANGRY. It is the story in The Morning Guardian that makes me ANGRY. It reads 'GB Hotel Managers want over \$4 million'. In addition, another story reads, 'Grand Lucayan Employees who are staying insist on back pay'. Attorneys want the PM to intervene in pay-out decision. It appears he will. I am not angry with Attorney Ferguson & Ms. Bridgewater. I am angry with the PM & his cabinet for capitulating to the unions and using my taxes for selfish employees.

I believe there are thousands of Bahamians who feel the way I do.

The government should be pleased that an election is three years away.

> For what it's worth. Patrick Bethel

Hope for the Conch

Dear Editor.

I read with interest and amusement the letter in the Tribune by Chris Minnis entitled 'Why we should listen to the conch.' I commend him for his humour and knowledge.

While reading I reflected back to my childhood days in Cherokee Sound and decided to share two memories with your readers:

1) Conchs were so plentiful it was said they sometimes crawled up to the church door. There were two churches, one less than 100 feet from the water, the other about 500 feet.

2) The conch was so plentiful one would walk, boat not necessary a few hundred vards, stand in the water, break them and sell 8 for a penny, I did

Just two memories from my childhood days.

The only conch available today in Cherokee are undersized ones, 5 or 6 to the pound, or the large ones obtained by the use of compressors.

But there is hope. For the first time I have some optimism. Since January 9th, there has been eight articles about conch conversation, and to top it off we have a no nonsense Minister of Fisheries.

Scientists Study Coral Reef Health



A diver makes notes about an Abaco reef. Photo: Perry Institute for Marine Science

By Meredith Albury

Whether you live here or are just visiting, you probably have seen first hand the beauty of Abaco's reefs and how they are teeming with life. But how healthy are these reefs? What can we do to ensure protection of these valuable ecosystem services, such as fishery support and shoreline

protection?

The Perry Institute for Marine Science is leading an effort to evaluate the health of Abaco's coral reefs to answer these questions, and develop strategies to ensure their survival. This effort is part of

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'The Reversing the Decline of Bahamian Coral Reefs' program, led by the Perry Institute with support for research on Abaco's reefs.

This is provided by the Devereaux Ocean Foundation, Atlantis Blue Project Foundation, and Disney Conservation Fund. Around Abaco, the project will be done in partnership with Friends of the Environment, and local dive shops as well as other Bahamian partners like the Bahamas National Trust, Cape Eleuthera Institute, Department of Marine Resources, and international partners such as Secore International, the Shedd Aquarium, The Nature Conservancy, Middlebury College and the University of Miami.

The first phase of the project involves a study of coral reefs throughout the Abacos. Last month, students and faculty from Middlebury College joined Dr. Craig Dahlgren, Executive Director of The Perry Institute for Marine Science, to kick off this year's coral reef assessments.

According to Dr. Dahlgren, "the coral reef assessments will let us compare the health of reefs here to other parts of The Bahamas and Caribbean, and provide a roadmap to determine how we can help build their resilience to various threats, protect them from further damage from local issues, and even jump-start the recovery process by restoring key coral species to reefs."

Preliminary data indicate that while Abaco's reefs have suffered declines in health, many are still in relatively good shape. Mermaid Reef has proven to be relatively healthy, even though temperatures there get below the threshold that most corals can tolerate in the winter, and often experience high temperatures that would kill most corals in the summer.

Reefs like this may be the key to figuring out coral survival in the face of climate change. Along with Dr. Dahlgren, coral biologists Dr. John Parkinson of Secore International, Dr. Ross Cunning of the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, Dr. Erin Eggleston, and Dr. Jeremy Ward of Middlebury College took small genetic samples from colonies on these reefs to examine how these corals may be uniquely adapted to thrive in these conditions. Tagged corals will be monitored over time and studied further in the second phase of the research program.

The second phase of the program includes reef restoration, where fragments of critically endangered elkhorn and staghorn coral will be grown and harvested periodically and attached to reefs to repopulate them. Coral spawn will also be collected and fertilized in the lab to increase reproductive output for specific coral colonies.

Larvae can then be grown in enclosures near the reef until they settle to specially designed structures and grown to the point where they can be used to "reseed" reefs. By selectively fertilizing eggs from resilient coral strains like those of Mermaid Reef, scientists hope to give corals a better chance to survive unusually high temperature that has killed so much of our corals over the past 20 years. Dr. John Parkinson explained "These corals are uniquely



Coral Reefs host a variety of colourful life. Photo: Perry Institute for Marine Science

hardy, withstanding chilling cold in winter and extreme heat in summer. But they're also isolated, so their genes aren't passed on very often. We want to help them breed with other corals in Abaco so future generations will be more tolerant of temperature stress."

Dr. Dahlgren also cautions that while it is an important strategy for corals, restoration can only go so far, saying "While corals are the foundation that build the habitat that so many species, including our own, rely on, coral reefs require a delicate balance of species – parrotfish and urchins that graze seaweed from reefs; grouper, snapper and crawfish that can control species of fish and other creatures that consume or kill coral; and even sponges and sea cucumbers that help cycle nutrients on reefs." Reef surveys conducted this year

will also be used to make recommendations for the management of parks and key fishery species on reefs around Abaco to maintain healthy coral reef ecosystems that continue to provide us with valuable ecosystem services and keep their incomparable beauty.

For more information on this program or coral reefs of The Bahamas, please visit www.perryinstitute.org or contact local partners such as the Bahamas National Trust, Friends of The Environment or the Department of Marine Resources. A full report on the condition of coral reefs of Abaco and other parts of The Bahamas will be completed later this year and made available through the Perry Institute for Marine Science.









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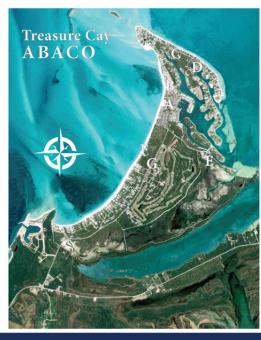
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LOCAL NEWS

Damianos Sotheby's International Realty Raises \$4,200 for Rotary Club of Abaco



Ringing In the Christmas Spirit. Damianos Sotheby's International Realty Estate Agents Mitzi Pearce (second from left) and Laurie Schreiner (right) spent Friday, Dec. 7, ringing the bell in front of the Damianos Sotheby's International Realty office in Marsh Harbour, Abaco, in order to raise money for the Rotary Club of Abaco.

The Damianos Sotheby's International Realty Abaco team spent a portion of their office holiday celebrations on Dec. 7 ringing the bell to raise money the Rotary Club of Abaco.

"This holiday season was such a special time for our company," said Lana Rademaker, Chief Brokerage Officer for Damianos Sotheby's International Realty. "Not only was it a time to celebrate and reflect on our team's successes in 2018, but it offered us the ideal opportunity to come together and raise money for those less fortunate."

The Rotary Club of Abaco kicked off the 2018 holiday season with the goal of raising \$10,000 to feed 500 families from Sandy point to Crown Haven. By the end of the day, the contributions from Damianos Sotheby's International Realty totaled \$4,200, or about 40% of that goal.

"The response from the Marsh Harbour community was excellent," Rademaker said, adding that about one-third of the money raised came from public donations while the other portion was a combination of donations from the estate agents and the company. "It was our first time participating in the rotary bell ringing, and it really set the tone, not only for our company's year-end celebrations, but for establishing a new tradition of holiday giving for all of us as a team."

Abaco Women of God Ministries Gives Back to the Community



Members of the Abaco Women of God Ministries.

By Mirella Santillo

In the afternoon of January 18, the Abaco Women of God Ministries organized a get-together as a way of giving back to the community. The event took place at St Andrews Baptist Church in Dundas Town.

The Church Hall was set with many round tables that by 3pm were already nearly all occupied.

The organizer, Deborah Basden, stood at the door welcoming the guests. She explained that clothing, meat vouchers, groceries and free food were to be donated before the end of the function.

In fact, inside the hall, was a long

table displaying several large aluminum dishes sitting on warming stands containing full meal items such as ham, turkey, peas and rice and more; Sherita Clark, Greta McKenzie and Paulette Arnett with Soul Saving Ministries sat close-by ready to distribute when the preliminary activities were over.

At the end of the room, in front of a stage, sat a hundred bags of groceries donated by local businesses.

Wendy Sands armed with a microphone orchestrated the activities which

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hard to obtain. Young first-year plants are available and will give you fruit from January through June.

When you get your strawberry plants home you should re-pot them as soon as possible into 3-gallon containers as individuals or fairly large bins for groups. Do not dig your strawberry plants into the ground but use good potting soil in a container. Our local soil is heavily alkaline and strawberry plants appreciate slightly acid conditions.

A week or two after re-potting is a good time to start feeding your plant. Just about all potted plants grow best with timerelease fertilizers such as Osmocote. In addition you can spray your plants and the soil they grow in with Miracle-Gro Miracid, a soluble fertilizer that helps acidify the soil and helps achieve the correct pH value for optimum growth and fruit productivity.

Strawberries develop a large root system and that is why you need a 3-gallon pot. The roots must be kept fairly moist and not allowed to dry out. A pint of water every day is about right. Container plants should be watered even after rain because showers that wet the soil in the yard do not add much water to the soil in small con-

With good fertilizer and ample water your strawberry fruits will be produced in clusters steadily for several months. The better the conditions the larger the strawberries. Plants will fruit now and then out of season giving an unexpected treat or

Now the bad news: Strawberry plants like to lay their fruits on the ground around them. This, of course, dirties the fruits and invites ground level insects. In Europe the fruits were held off the ground with straw, the same straw that was used to cover them in spring in case of frost. The straw was moved from the top of the plants to the bottom and served a dual purpose. Straw is hard to come by in The Bahamas but you can use crumpled paper towels to do the job.

If you have an earthenware strawberry jar do not use it to grow strawberries unless it is very large. Yes, they hold the fruits away from the soil but the regular jars are only suitable for small strawberry plants such as Alpine. The Ever Bearing strawberries plants used in the tropics have roots that are far too large to be accommodated by average size strawberry jars. Use them instead for marjoram and other small spreading herbs.

When the season is over your strawberry plants will send out runners called stolons that bear new baby plants. Pin the baby plants into cup-size pots filled with potting soil and allow them to become rooted while attached to the mother plant. Stolons produce 3 to 5 plants normally and each new baby plant should be potted separately - but still attached by the umbilical cord-like stolon to mummy. By the time the stolon dries and the individual new plants can be cut away the pots should be

nicely root bound and can be transferred to larger pots. At the beginning of winter -January - the final transplant to a 3-gallon pot can take place and fruiting begins.

During the summer months your strawberry plants will survive if kept watered. A little shade would be appreciated but I maintained quite a few mature plants in full sun last year. Strawberry plants will last for years but I recommend ditching the plants after 3 years of fruit production. Keep your first, second and third year plants in different areas or label them well.



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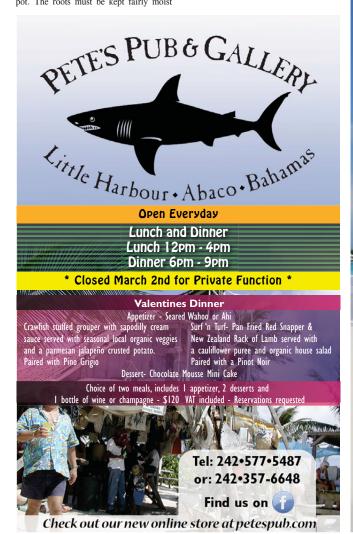
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By: Kristen

where we need to start making better choices. We need to eat better. We need to exercise more. We need to be more positive people... better parents... better friends... There is so much we feel we need to work on that eventually it's easier to just not change anything, whether that decision is conscious or not.

But we don't need to be so overwhelmed, especially in the area of health and fitness. Small changes really do add up in the long run.

So, if you are overwhelmed in the area of your health and fitness, rest assured that you don't need to make big, huge, drastic changes in order to start working on those things.

in some vegetables to go along with it. And a little trick that I use is that I eat those veggies first. It gets them out of the way. It starts to fill your stomach before you eat the heavier things. And it stops you from leaving those veggies on the plate when vou are done.

More Whole Grains

If you are cooking pasta, bread, or rice, use whole grain instead. This switch is much healthier for your body in the long run. I know some people don't like the taste or feel of whole grains at first, but you can always start by camouflaging it by using sauces, or mixing it into casseroles. If you stick with it long enough, soon you will not notice the difference.

Smaller Portions

Eating slightly smaller portions will make a big difference as well. Most of the time our stomachs are full long before we think they are.

full plate in front of you. After a few days you will be amazed at how much less you are filling your stomach with.

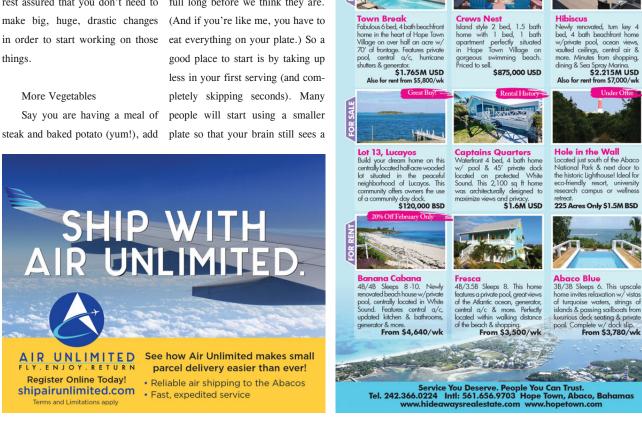
Eat In

Instead of eating from restaurants so often, try to eat at home as much as possible. We don't realize how many more calories we consume a day by eating out. When we cook at home we have more control over what we are eating, and in turn will usually end up making healthier choices. Doing this usually will require a little more planning on your part, but the benefits are worth it.

Move More

Burning more calories in your day is a must if you are trying to lose weight and be healthier. But it doesn't have to be as drastic as joining a gym, starting a 60-day program, or getting up at 5am to exercise. While those things are great if you have the time, energy, and willpower to do so, they are also things you can work your way up to. Starting out doesn't have to be so all or nothing. Start walking more. Park your car further away at the grocery store. Start counting your steps using a watch or an app on your phone. Take the stairs instead of an elevator. Enjoy a walk on the beach or in your neighborhood. All you have to do is find a way to move your body a little more every day.

Starting small can make a big difference in the long run, and then you can slowly work your way up to bigger changes.



Abaco Businesswoman Ordained as Minister of the Gospel



Minister Esther Wheeler was ordained at First Assembly of God on Jan. 12. Pictured to her left is Apostle Kenneth A. Miller, founder of Modern Day Exodus Global Church, and on her right, Prophet Lawrence Arnett of Soul Saving Ministries Inc. following her ordination.

By Canishka Alexander Photos: Min. Esther Wheeler

Led by God to enter into ministry, Minister Esther Wheeler was ordained as a minister of the Gospel on Jan. 12 at First Assembly of God.

"The Holy Spirit told me He wanted me to go into ministry and speak God's Word, and I knew this years ago, even before I wrote my first book," Min. Wheeler said. "That's when God was pulling me into ministry.'

After writing her book, "From the Diary of Esther - Blessed Against All Odds," Min. Wheeler founded the Hadassah Connection ministry allowing her to speak to young people.

Even with the Hadassah Connection, Min. Wheeler found that she wanted to go further in ministry.

"I'm excited about becoming a minister," she said of her ordination. "I started Bible College then started ministerial courses on becoming a minister because I wanted to be knowledgeable in ministering to our people. I realized that in ministering particularly to young people, I wanted to become a minister."

Of course, the ordination process varies by denomination or church with some requiring the minister elect to take courses, be trained or receive licensure.

In some cases, a bachelor's degree in divinity is the minimum requirement for a minister to become ordained, and sometimes a master's degree from a divinity school is preferred.

"Some pastors have the leader under their wings, and train them on becoming a minister, and in some churches you have to sit down in a classroom and get that type of training as well," Min. Wheeler noted. "I did the classroom approach to become a minister."

Through Modern Day Exodus Global Church's Manna Ministry Ministerial Training Course, Min. Wheeler embarked upon her journey to become a minister. She said they watched her for a year in ministry watching for signs that confirmed that she was an outstanding citizen and leader in the community, and that she knew how to conduct herself in her conversations and interactions with people.

"You have to have a humble spirit, and vou have to be for the people. You cannot just become a minister just like that. You have to have character, and be a loving and positive person.

"Being a minister means becoming a leader. In order to lead, you have to show how to lead, so it isn't easy to become a minister. You have to be under someone, under a church for at least a year, and they watch your work, and they watch what you do in ministry," she outlined. Now that she has her ministerial cer-

tificate in hand and her ordination has been completed. Min. Wheeler does not take her responsibilities as a minister lightly

"I am humbled by it, and I'm so grateful that the Holy Spirit gave me an opportunity to lead people to Him. I am answered the call," she said.

After sitting a two-hour exam last

year, her ministerial certificate dated Oct. 21, 2018 shows that she successfully completed the ministerial training course with competency in church servant hood, introduction to church administration, event coordination and protocol, and public speaking.

Calling it a "big position," Min. Wheeler said this great achievement authorizes her to perform important duties such as preaching the Gospel; officiating weddings, baptisms or funerals; counseling; or providing spiritual guidance to the community in general.

"I am very proud of myself. Coming from a broken home, coming from being a teen mom, coming from getting in problems with the law to where I'm at now, this is a great achievement," Min. Wheeler reflected. "I said in my speech at the ordination, 'If you had told me I would become a minister 15 years ago, I would say that's a lie.

Nevertheless, Min. Wheeler was pleased to say that those closest to her are very proud of her achievement.
"My husband supports me 100 per-

cent. When I told him God had the calling on my life to go into ministry, he didn't question me. He has my back," she expressed. "No one had any objections about me going into ministerial work. This is God's work, and this is God's calling. I didn't call myself to become a minister, God called me to preach the Word, teach the Word and just lead people to Him."

Ryan Forbes, senior pastor at First

Assembly, also congratulated Min. Wheeler for accomplishing such a great mile-stone: "It was an honor to be present to see this woman of God elevated. May the blessings of the Triune God continue to be with you always and your family Min. [Esther] Wheeler. Go forward and win the



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started with gospel singing. Everyone stood holding hands joining in the singing and praying.

Viola Johnson, the rake & scrape lady, performed a couple of pieces as well as the Hallelujah Singers.

The Christian Council was represented by its President, Pastor Tinker. Natalie Knowles the founder of the Ministries, formally welcomed the assembly

The Abaco Women Ministries comprises members of every churches on Abaco from Sandy Point to Crown Haven. It was recently founded and the January 18 function was the very first event they organized.

Mrs. Basden said that organizing the event was done within two weeks as everyone responded immediately with help and donations.

Some of the sponsors were Newbold Construction, Leyas Ice Cream Parlor, Marco Air Conditioning, Bliss, St J Event and Party Planners, Da Best Yet and Quality Meat.

6th Annual Combustion Music Hope Town Music Festival

Last month the 6th Annual Combustion Music Hope Town Music Festival was hosted on Elbow Cay. Over a dozen country music performers and songwriters based in Nashville, Tennessee flew down for this annual event, organized by Elbow Cay second home owner Chris Farren. Farren is also the owner and president of Combustion Music, not to mention a hit writer himself. He was inspired to find a way to give back to the community after his years of visiting, and started the festival to benefit local organizations including Hope Town Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Every Child Counts (ECC) and Friends of the Environment.

The first night of the festival kicked off with a full house at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge on Friday. Saturday night continued the festivities at Harbour's Edge, and it only got better on Sunday at the daytime session at the Abaco Inn, with Junkanoo performers from ECC and Forest Heights Academy. This wooed the excited crowd to participate in the silent and live auctions at the Abaco Inn, with signed guitars, exclusive trips and signed song lyrics auctioned off. The festival ended on Sunday night at Hope Town Inn and Marina, with an eager crowd, fun performances and fireworks, closing the weekend out with a "bang"!

With a combination of 100 #1 singles between the festival performers, they impressed the audience at each venue, singing top charted country songs. Participants this year included six-time ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) songwriter of the year and Perennial Festival favorite Ashley Gorley, and crowd favorite and actor Chip Esten, star of the hit show "Nashville", as well as many other great writers and performers.

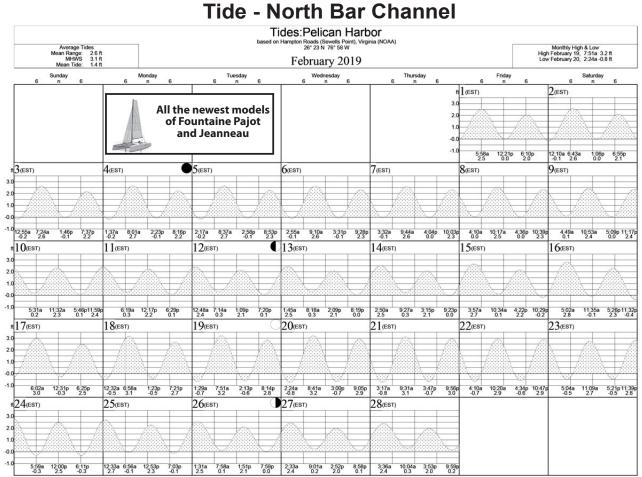
Songwriter Chris Destefano had nothing but good things to say about the festival. "Being able to be a part of helping the beautiful island of Hope Town, Every Child Counts, HT Fire and Rescue and

Friends of the Environment is a highlight of my year. It's one time throughout the year everyone can come together and focus on these incredible causes and, through songs and stories, raise money to make a difference. Huge thanks to Chris Farren and Combustion Music for spearheading this event.'

These country music performers and songwriters volunteer their time each year to support local charities in Hope Town and Marsh Harbour. Hope Town Volunteer Fire & Rescue focuses on the safety of residents and visitors of the Hope Town community, Every Child Counts focuses on maximizing every challenged childs' ability to become successful and independent through effective learning, and Friends of the Environment focuses on environmental education and awareness in Abaco. Thank you to everyone who makes this event possible every year. Save the date for the next Combustion Music Festival in Hope Town: December 6-8th 2019!



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NATIONAL NEWS

Government Committed to Fulfilling Mandate of Developing New Subdivisions

Surveying Work Being Carried Out in Abaco

By Eric Rose

"These subdivisions are developed with the sole purpose in mind: to address the unmet demand for affordable housing in this country," Minister Ferreira said during his Communication on the Resolution to Convey 1.267 acres of Land Situated at the Southwest Junction of Romer Street and Armbrister Street, to the Minister Responsible for Housing, for the Sale of Serviced Lots in the House of Assembly on January 23, 2019.

Minister Ferreira told the House that the "old way of doing business has ceased", and the Department of Housing no longer builds houses.

"Today, the Department focuses on installing the necessary infrastructure on undeveloped land to produce residential serviced lots," he said. "These lots are priced at a low cost making them affordable for first time homeowners in New Providence and the Family Islands."

"As announced before, property owners will be responsible for building their own homes," Minister Ferreira added. "They can utilize pre-existing housing plans offered by the Government, using their own architect or contractor."

Minister Ferreira noted that on July 12, 2018, the Serviced Lots initiative was launched when the first phase was rolled out at Sunset Close Subdivision.

"This Serviced Lots initiative gave Bahamians, who ordinarily would not be able to afford a home of their own, access to affordable housing," he pointed out. "The lots in Sunset Close have been sold for under \$20,000 to police officers, defence force officers, customs officers and teachers.

"In some cases mortgages have been approved for construction of homes."

Minister Ferreira said after the roll out of the Sunset Close serviced lots, the Government promised that lots would be available soon in the Lionel Davis Subdivision.

"Today, we are delivering," he said.

Minister Ferreira noted that the 1.267
acres of land was situated on the southern

side of Romer Street and on the western side of Armbrister Street (formerly known as Reeves Street) in New Providence. He added that his Ministry began preliminary work on that property in early 2014. Those works included the initial clearing of the property, surveying of the proposed site and a design for a small subdivision comprising of 10 lots, he said.

"On the 14th July, 2016, this 1.267 acres of this land became the property of the Government of The Bahamas by a declaration of vesting," Minister Ferreira said. "It was subsequently vested in the treasurer of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas for a public purpose, and to be held in trust for the Bahamian people. Upon of the approval of a subdivision design, the subdivision was then known as the Lionel Davis Subdivision.

Minister Ferreira stated that the subdivision pays tribute to the late Lionel Davis, who was a Member of Parliament for the Fox Hill constituency, from 1968 to 1977

"During his tenure the Fox Hill Festival got its start," he said. "Consequently, Mr. Davis is credited as one of the founding members of the modern-day Fox Hill Festival.

"We are certainly pleased to have this subdivision named after this 'Fox Hill Man'," he added. "First, because Mr. Davis is Bahamian and secondly, because of his fine contribution to the history of Fox Hill, an evolving community that retains its old-world charm, while adapting to the modern way of life."

Minister Ferreira said the serviced lots in the Lionel Davis Subdivision immediately become a part of the Government of The Bahamas' new access to affordable homes programme.

"Therefore, the lots are now ready for sale," he pointed out. "After purchasing one of these lots, the access to affordable homes act, 2018 gives the Bahamian land owner the right to apply to the Minister of Finance for exemption from customs duties and excise tax on all materials necessary to construct a single-family dwelling home."

Minister Ferreira stated that he wished to put the general public on notice that the Government expected those lots to be sold quickly. As a matter of fact, he added, the Government had a list of persons already waiting to purchase them.

Minister Ferreira said it was important that all see that the current Minnis administration fully understood the need for affordable housing in The Bahamas.

"The reality is that, today, many persons who wish to own their own homes cannot afford to purchase property," he said. "Such an initiative will now permit eligible persons to purchase serviced lots at reasonable costs."

Minister Ferreira added that it was also noteworthy that the general public understands that the affordable housing initiative at that time required homeowners to be energy efficient.

"As a result, each homeowner is expected to install a solar water heater or at a minimum, a 2 kilowatt photovoltaic solar system that are required to be registered with the renewable energy generation programme at Bahamas Power and Light," he said.

Minister Ferreira stated that the Government is serious about renewal energy and energy efficiency, and will continue to encourage Bahamians to solarize their homes to save on energy costs.

He added that, in addition to those energy saving measures, for the first time, homeowners will be able to construct a split level single-family residence in a government subdivision.

"Yes, property ownership in a government subdivision now gives homeowners the flexibility to build two storey houses, if they desire," he said.

Minister Ferreira said that, as his Ministry is striving further to reach its goals, the Department of Housing has identified properties for subdivision development in Abaco (Central Pines extension), Andros (Breezy Hill subdivision), San Salvador and New Providence (Carmichael Village

subdivision).

"It is anticipated that by July of this year, the Carmichael Village subdivision, would have completed the first phase of its 360-plus serviced lots," he said. "Infrastructure work for phase I of this subdivision is presently being carried out. It is expected that these lots will be sold for \$30,000 or less."

Minister Ferreira pointed out that, in Abaco, surveying works are being carried out for the extension of the Central Pines subdivision, where an additional 60 residential serviced lots are being prepared for sale later in 2019.

"An occupational survey is being carried out in Crossing Rocks, which is expected to be completed at the end of this month," he said. "This survey will help the Department to issue deeds to residents of Crossing Rocks, some of whom have been waiting years to receive documentation that they own their properties."

Affordable housing is important to Bahamian families, Minister Ferreira reiterated.

"It not only fulfils a basic human need for shelter, but it also contributes to the well-being of both parents and children," he noted. "For these reasons, it is important for the Government to give access to affordable housing to as many Bahamians as possible.

"Our vision is that these communities will eventually house a wide cross section of persons - straw vendors, taxi cab drivers, hotel workers, officers of the Royal Bahamas Police Force and Defence Force, nurses, teachers, and many other professional Bahamians who have contributed greatly to the development of this country," Minister Ferreira added. "It is the determination of this Minnis administration to ensure that opportunity exists for all who can afford to realize their dream of home ownership.





BUSINESS

New Business: McIntosh Global Consultants

By Canishka Alexander

Recently, Leticia McIntosh, CEO and founder of McIntosh Global Consultants, introduced a company that specializes in corporate event planning, training and development, recruitment and background checks and branding and promotional products for businesses.

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Certainly, McIntosh has always had a passion for training and development, so she is in her element as she offers such an essential service to the community.

As a John C. Maxwell International Certified Trainer and Coach, McIntosh added that she will be facilitating an Ultimate Success Leadership Training that will commence this month. Before the Mc-Intosh Global Consultants' official office opening, training services will be offered.

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New Business: Kreative Kaptures Bahamas

By Canishka Alexander
Guaranteeing "The Perfect Picture, Every Time," Kreative Kaptures Bahamas is Abaco's latest innovative business to provide photography services to the island.

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For more information, the telephone contacts for Kreative Kaptures Bahamas are: 1(242)449-4220 or 1(242)458-5748. Visit the Web site at: kreativekapturesabaco.com or send an e-mail to: kreativekaptures242@gmail.com.

Economy Adds Over 2,000 'Net' New Jobs in November 2018

Abaco's Unemployment Rate Improves

Press Release

Preliminary results from the most recent Labour Force Survey shows 2,305 net new jobs were added to the Bahamian between May and November 2018. While these gains are noteworthy, the rate of job growth is still not adequate to absorb the number of school leavers entering the labour market each year. This accounted for a small increase in the overall unemployment rate from 10.0% to 10.7% in May of 2018. Notable, however, is that in the 18-month period since May of 2017 the economy added 10,400 net new jobs, largely in the private sector.

"Overall, we welcome news that the unemployment rate improved in Grand Bahama and Abaco, two of the largest population centres outside of New Providence. The numbers of discouraged workers also decreased, pointing to greater confidence

in economic prospects among job seekers. But, our target is a level of growth that will reduce unemployment in a sustained way, and will be felt evenly across the country, so the work must continue and intensify," said K. Peter Turnquest, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

'Our focus is on strengthening and expanding efforts to boost job growth, directly and indirectly, by investing in entrepreneurship, particularly for young Bahamians, as well as human resource development and other ways to stimulate growth in the private sector," said Minister Turnquest.

Entrepreneurship

Shortly the government $\overline{\text{will}}$ announce a package of direct financing instruments to get capital into the hands of Bahamian entrepreneurs and small businesses. This will allow for the creation of jobs and for opportunities for self-employment. An element of this will be a grant program targeted specifically at young Bahamians from disadvantaged backgrounds. These plans will give life to the government's \$25 million commitment to Bahamian entrepreneurship announced by the Prime Minister last year.

Human Resource Development

Over the extended term, the renewed emphasis on human resource development and training, as provided for by expanded scholarships for students at BTVI and UB, should build skills and improve their ability to capitalize on job opportunities and also to function successfully as self-employed persons.

Private Sector Growth
The Government's ongoing initiatives to reinvigorate the Grand Bahama economy through the Commercial Enterprises Act should also serve to accelerate employment gains and bring these numbers down even further. The vision of Grand Bahama as the Tech Capital of The Bahamas has already started to take shape, based on the success of the Commercial Enterprises Act so far. Just last week, a new technology company, Dev Digital, software developers, launched in Grand Bahama looking to hire between 15 and 20 persons.

Additionally, a number of tourism re-

lated projects are geared to come on stream throughout The Bahamas in the medium in Abaco, Eleuthera, Long Island, New Providence and elsewhere - that will further generate new permanent high quality jobs and significant entrepreneurial opportunities over the medium term.

Labour Force Report Summary -November 2018

Employment statistics are one of the key economic indicators the Government relies upon for evaluating the health of the Bahamian economy.

- The economy added 10,400 net new jobs in the 18-month period between May 2017 and November 2018, largely in the private sector. This includes 2,305 net new jobs added between May 2018 and November 2018, the latest reporting cycle.
- 2. The unemployment rates in Grand Bahama and Abaco improved: Down from 12.4 to 11.9 percent in Grand Bahama; down from 10.7 to 7.7 percent in Abaco. 3. The numbers of discouraged work-
- ers also decreased, pointing to greater confidence in economic prospects among job seekers.
- 4. New Providence's unemployment rate increased from 10.1% to 11.0%
- 5. The preliminary estimates for November 2018 point to an uptick in the unemployment rate, to 10.7% from 10.0% in May of 2018,
- 6. Statistics indicate the rate of job growth is not adequate to absorb the growth of the labour force as school leavers join the labour market each year.
- More men (110,280) than women (100,280) were employed in the labour force
- 8. The unemployment rate for women was 11.3% in November compared to 10.0% for men.
- 9. Young women (aged 15-24) and core-aged women (aged 25 to 54) were more likely to be unemployed than their male counterparts.
- 10. By contrast, men aged 55 years and over were slightly more likely to be unemployed compared with women in their same age cohort.



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Celebration Honours Pastor's Birthday and Time in Ministry

By Ken Carroll

It was a gala affair as many came out to pay special tribute to a man of integrity – Pastor Alphonso B. Lewis Sr., pastor of Victory Tabernacle – on January 6 at 3 p.m. at the Murphy Town Community Center.

The two-fold event celebrated Pastor Lewis' 80th birthday and 29 years in pastoral ministry.

Dressed in blue, Pastor Lewis was accompanied by his wife, Tryphinia Russell-Lewis, of over 50 years of marriage. As the couple entered the community center, a hall packed full of people stood to their feet and applauded him. The audience elicited sounds of joy based on their appreciation of a man small in stature, but big at heart who has touched many lives over the years.

Pastor Lewis was characterized as a passionate Christian leader, who believes in the values of Bahamians. Accordingly, this description of him implied practical conceptions that the growth of any community starts with the moral principles of knowing who you are as a Christian.

Because of his principles, Pastor Lewis was able to become a great teacher to many who entered the doors of the Bahamas Customs Department, but most of all, he stood for the values and principles of family life being a father of seven projected moderators, inclusive of Ms. Maltez Lewis-Davis, his eldest daughter, and Pastor Daniel Curry, the senior pastor of Zion

Baptist Church in Fox Town.

Stressing with great enthusiasm his daughter, Perline Lewis-Baker, and his son, Paul Lewis, Pastor Lewis stated that he is a testament of standing on the principles of Christians values in the home, noting that his children can also recall that he made sure that they knew the Bible and what it stands for.

Most of all, he believes in administrating community love, and was also committed to his job as a Customs officer. Retired Customs Officer Gary Smith said with great respect that he entered the doors of the Bahamas Customs Department in 1968, and from that day on to now, he is an eyewitness of a man who believes in his God

Pastor Lewis, he added, stood firmly upon the true aspect of Christian values displaying the gift of humility that is often seen throughout the departments where ever he was stationed.

Smith stood and saluted Pastor Lewis with great honor as many others also defined his ethical behavior when it comes to his faith. Former Customs Officer Bishop Silbert Mills, senior pastor of Friendship Tabernacle and CEO of the Bahamas Christian Network (BCN), said that he, too, can attest to Pastor Lewis' humility.

Bishop Mills said that Pastor Lewis acknowledged him as a son despite the many challenges and pitfalls he experienced, while Brother Cleveland Dawkins and Minister Cubell Davis Jr. said Pastor Lewis took them in as his own sons and molded them to become great men of God today.

Senior Pastor of Strong Tower Community Church, Pastor Stephen Knowles, with tears in his eyes told those in attendance that when his life was falling apart, Pastor Lewis took him by his side, and told him "it's going to be alright; just trust in God"

Others paid special tribute in song and dance.

Bringing words of encouragement was Bishop Anthony Campbell, senior pastor of the Dundas Town Church of God. Bishop Campbell advocated that when Pastor Lewis left the Bahamas Customs Department in 1998 to go into full-time ministry. it was proof that Pastor Lewis walked by faith, and not by sight.

Indeed, Psalms 92 exemplifies that Pastor Lewis is a righteous man despite the many trials he has faced over the years; however, today he is a testimony of an overcomer. He is a benchmark in the lives of many, and committed to making a difference by projecting servitude as he takes on the responsibility of revitalizing the ambitious plans of true discipleship where ever he goes.

His youngest daughter, Prophetess Janet Lewis, in a brief interview described her father as a man who is loyal and devoted to his family and community, and one who made endless sacrifices to bring hope to those he came in contact with.

As a biblical scholar, he has written two books. The book that has been published is entitled "Supporting The Ministry," and the other is pending.

During her presentation, Elder Beryl Gibbs of Victory Tabernacle gave Pastor Lewis a plaque on behalf of his church, and said that he can be described as a biblical spiritual leader, who bears the absolute essentials of Christian values and qualities that can be characterized as a true disciple described in The Great Commission as written in Matthew 28:16-20

Soon it was time to cut the cake.

Pastor Lewis and his lovely wife of 59 years walked graciously over to the table where a beautifully decorated blue and white cake with a picture of Pastor A.B. Lewis was displayed. It was surrounded by cupcakes decorated with blue icing.

Lewis gave the first piece of cake to Mrs. Lewis along with a warm, passionate kiss as cameras flashed, capturing that precious moment that will enter the halls of history.

Pastor Lewis said that he was elated as he gave all glory to God. He thanked those persons who made the celebration possible, but indicated that we as believers must always place our trust in God, and hope in His promises, which will give us the strength to love others even our enemies.

"Let the life we live speak volumes of us as a true disciple of Christ," Pastor Lewis ended.

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Inlet Lighthouse Director to Speak at Abaco Inn Luncheon

By Annie Potts

The Elbow Reef Lighthouse Society (ERLS) is excited to invite members of the Abaco community and visitors to a luncheon at the Abaco Inn on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. The luncheon will feature a talk by Jamie Stuve of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum followed by presentations and round table discussions with ERLS team members showing past, present and future work of the Society and Restoration Team. Please contact the Abaco Inn for reservations.

Lighthouse preservation and restoration is both an art and a science. It is not for the faint at heart. Learning to care for machinery and materials which have been exposed to extreme weather conditions in many cases for hundreds of years is not everyone's cup of tea, but luckily there is a growing network of structural engineers, architects, historians and maritime oriented experts for whom keeping these buildings and their equipment and histories alive is not just a daily job; it is a compulsion.

Jamie Stuve, President & CEO of the Loxahatchee River Historical Society, which operates the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum in Jupiter, Florida is just such a person. She has been with the Historical Society for more than 17 years and although this will be her first visit to Hope Town, her work has already been instumental to the restoration of the lightstation on Elbow Cay.

Back in 2010 we noticed the Elbow Reef Lighthouse's exterior weatherglass was cracking and shattering at an alarmingly fast rate. Wind driven rain was dripping down the interior walls of the lighttower.

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Thus began Elbow Reef Lighthouse's near decade of structural restoration work which, supported by the Bahamian Government, has been spearheaded by the local community in Hope Town itself. Funding has been from donors and members of the newly formed Elbow Reef Lighthouse Society's "Diamonds are Forever " campaign as well as clientele of the (at the time) asyet-to-be-built lighthouse gift shoppe.

Over that time a restoration crew of Abaconians has been formed and has learned about rust jacking and its remedies, bent glass installation, and other skills and procedures necessary to have successfully restored our lighthouse's entire two story iron framed lantern and roof canopy. Many other lightstation features have been also been revitalized, again, often with the help of the invisible guiding hands of our friends across the Gulf Stream in Jupiter.

The construction of both the lighthouses in Jupiter and Hope Town were completed only 4 years apart (1860 and 1864 respectively). At that time there were so few people living in southern part of the State of Florida that it is said that there

when the Elbow Reef Lightstation was completed within the British colony of The Bahamas, the settlement of Hope Town was already a small and extremely industrious village. Each of these lighthouses continue to remain integral to the growth and prosperity of the communities that surround them.

Abaconians are well aware of the importance of the Elbow Reef Lightstation. Although in total there are twelve lightstations within the Bahama Islands only the lighthouse inshore of dangerous Elbow Reef has continued to be illuminated nightly by kerosene and keeper. It is the last lighthouse in The Bahamas and the entire world to be run this way.

As GPS has superseded other forms of navigation, lighthouses around the globe have met differing fates. Some have been neglected or even abandoned as their services have been considered less necessary. While these unique structures are usually owned or administered by federal government agencies most nations have found it difficult to design an effective system for their continued maintenance. As a result many lighthouses languish in an almost no-mans land of oversight, with federal governments not relinquishing their control and local organizations fearful to take them over. Both the Elbow Reef Lightstation and the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse are outstanding examples of how local tenacity and willpower can overcome the quagmire

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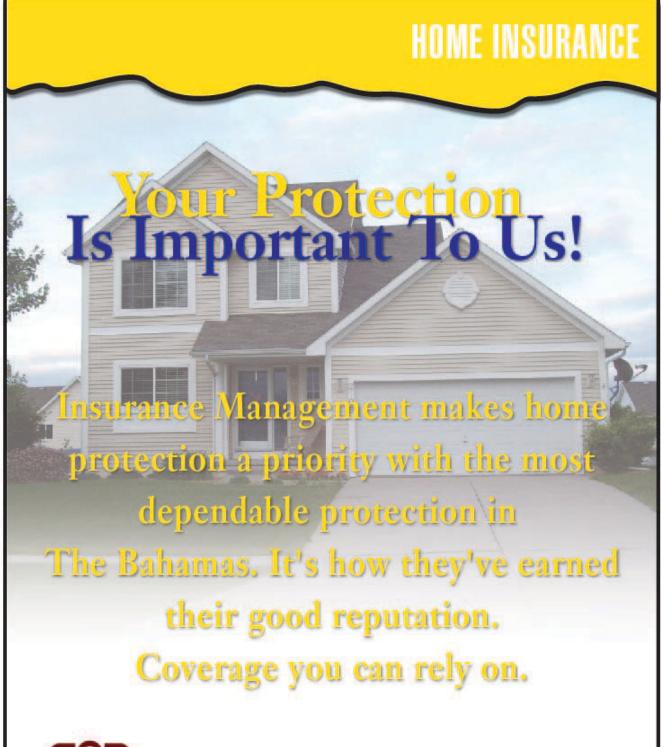
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New Facility for Head Start Academy



Head Start Academy in Treasure Cay has a newly refurbished facility.

Thanks to the foresight of Sir Alford and Lady Eva Houstoun-Boswall, Head Start Academy in Treasure Cay has a newly refurbished facility with spacious classrooms and bathrooms; an impressive foyer and front office; and a large kitchen with long dining table where the children eat together family-style enjoying the nutritious lunches provided by Treasure Sands res-

Head teacher, Claudia Williams, with 20 years of experience teaching preschool up to K-5, had this to say about her school's philosophy, "We meet each child where they are and take them where they need to be and we make it enjoyable."

A mixture of traditional and new teaching approaches characterizes Mrs. William's teaching style. Her flexibility in teaching reading methodology is a marked departure from the norm. She primarily employs the Abeka phonics method, but will also use the Bahamas' government school method should she feel the student would learn more effectively under that system

START

Angels Academy Student Develops School-Based Health Program



Above: Angels Academy administrative/ teaching staff.

Right: Javce Bonnell established an exercise program at Angels Academy last month.

By Canishka Alexander

Angels Academy student, Jayce Bonnell, is intelligent and innovative.

Not only is he a prefect, Jayce has a blue belt in judo and has been into fitness for years.

So, it was no surprise when he developed a health program at his school.

According to Jayce's homeroom teacher, Ms. Monique Curry, he wanted to do something to leave his mark on his school.

Through discussions with Ms. Curry and several parents, the program came to fruition

The health program entitled, "Has



Abaco to be Represented at 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi



LeTonya Moss, Nicole DeNardin and Bliss Ferguson.

By Timothy Roberts

Abaco's own LaTonya Moss will be representing her island and country at the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in the sport of Bocce.

She said she was pretty shocked and so excited "I couldn't breathe" when she was told she would be going to the event. She added she is so ex-

cited to be able to travel especially with her coach, Nicole DeNardin (Manager of the Special Olympics Team Bahamas, Abaco).

About the game of bocce, she said she likes 'knocking the balls out, and earning extra points; you gotta beat the other team before they beat you."

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YOUTH NEWS

Principals Suspended During School Fundraiser



Principals Cecile Albury (left) and Marsha Cruz (right) taped to the gymnasium wall as art of a day-long fundraiser for Agape Christian School.

By Mirella Santillo

Agape recently put the "Fun" in "Fundraising" by duct-taping the school principals to a wall.

Should you have come to the Grace Gymnasium of Agape Christian School at 2pm on Friday January 25, you would have been prompted as you entered the premises to buy a yard or more of duct tape for one dollar per yard.

Then as you proceeded into the gymnasium, you would have seen Principal Cecile Albury (primary division) and Principal Marsha Cruz (high school division) standing on stools, back against a wall, arms out-stretched while students, helped by teachers, applied lengths of duct tape to them.

As more people arrived and paid for their length of tape, students armed with scissors cut the strips that other students passed on to the ones taping.

Students were divided into four teams, red, blue, yellow and green. Each team would gather points as people bought tape for their group.

Soon the two principals were covered from toes to finger tips with multi-colored strips of tape. It was a frantic race to apply enough tape before the end of the school day so the stools could be removed with the ladies still stuck to the wall.

As parents came to pick up their children, more tape was purchased, so it was well after 3pm that two teachers-watched by all present- very carefully pulled the stools from under the ladies'

feet

The taping had been done well as Mrs. Albury and Mrs. Cruz still stuck to the wall, long enough for many to take photographs.

The school's Director Mr. Rutherford explained that the duct tape fund raiser was the first one of a series aimed at celebrating the school's twenty five year anniversary in September.

On January 30, another activity- not a fund raiser but a fun eventwas the wacky-tacky dress-day during which students could dress anyway they wanted.

The school fair on March 9 will be the next fund raiser

According to Mr. Rutherford, the funds raised will be used where most needed in the school, repairs, beautification, possibly students' travels for sports competition and more as the need arises.





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YOUTH NEWS

ANGELS

Your Teacher Done Her Time?" started on January 7 - the first day back to school after the Christmas break for students.

The program is designed for teachers and administrators of Angels Academy to participate in, and it runs from Monday to Friday allowing them to exercise before or after school.

Each teacher has a goal to exercise for 150 minutes per week.

"Jayce records the minutes daily on a poster. The poster is displayed publicly, so that students and parent can see and encourage their teacher," Ms. Curry explained. "At the end of each week, the teacher having the most exercise time is rewarded, and the monthly winner is also rewarded."

The week of Jan. 7-11 was designated as a warm-up week, so no winner was declared. However, during Jan. 14-18, the winner was Ms. Kenisha Tanulus, who accumulated a total of 445 minutes of exercise. The winner from Jan. 21-25 was Ms. Barbara Johnson with a time of 310 minutes.

The overall winner for the month of January will be announced on Feb.1.

Additionally, Jayce holds a 30-minute judo session on the last Friday of each month with the staff to help them complete their last 30 minutes for the month. Most participants have incorporated walking into their personal exercise routines as well, and exercise routines and healthy meal plans are posted along with the teachers' time roster.

Curry said that Jayce is assisted by his classmates in the daily collection of

teachers' times, and so far, teachers are excited and are enjoying the program.

"Some complain about their joints and muscles being sore, but their students encourage them. Sometimes at recess, you can see a teacher with her students walking around the playground exercising.

"The students want their teacher to win, so they prefer to walk with their teacher rather than play games with their friends. Teachers are enjoying the friendly competition, so whenever a teacher notices another teacher's time, it motivates her to do more the following day," she shared.

Jayce is inspired by his mother, who is also a former teacher. He said he would like to see the health program continue and hopes that the upcoming sixth graders will continue the program. When he graduates, he wants to continue the health program in high school because he "loves teachers and wants them to be healthy and around for a long time."

Ms. Curry also agrees that the program should continue.

"We all know that the job of an educator does not begin at 8:30 a.m. nor does it end at 3 p.m. Unfortunately, we as educators do not focus on our health like we should," she said. "Jayce has impressed me as an intelligent, young boy who has the potential to go far in life. I am grateful to Jayce because this program has made me personally stop, take stock, and prioritize my time and forced me to put in my exercise time each day."

She envisions Jayce's health program becoming a model – the start of something that can one day be implemented in all schools throughout the Abaco district and even our country.

Social Sciences Department at PJB to Reinstate the Students of the Month Program



By Mirella Santillo

Mrs. Raquel Cox, subjects co-ordinator for the Social Sciences Department at Patrick J Bethel High School, said that the Students of the Month Program in effect a couple of years ago has been reinstated.

Students excelling in any of the Social Science subjects, Religious Knowledge, History, Geography, Social Studies, Civics and Family Life, will receive certificates or prizes.

Mrs. Cox explained that he program started in October as a motivation tool to encourage students to do better.

Fifteen students were recognized for October; they were:

Grade 7: Rachel Brice, Vernique Charmant

Grade 8: Elton Pickstock, Lasty Beaubrun

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YOUTH NEWS

CAPS Nominates 2019 Student of the Year



Ashley Smith, a sixth grade student at Central Abaco Primary School, was nominated for the 2019 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Program last month.

By Canishka Alexander

Last year, Tianna Bootle was named Student of the Year at Central Abaco Primary School (CAPS).

This year, there's a new girl in town

Her name is Ashley Michelle Smith, and on Jan. 17, she was nominated for the 2019 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program by Central Abaco Primary School.

Since 1997, this premier national recognition ceremony recognizes more than 100 talented primary school students "saluted for their high scholastic and extra-curricular achievements" throughout The Bahamas.

In the lead up to the distinguished ranking, the Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head

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Girl were all nominated to determine who would qualify as Student of the Year.

"They had to submit a portfolio, which asked them to list their academic qualifications," explained Jesika Smith, Ashley's mother. "They listed the clubs and organizations that they were a part of, and they also had to write a 250-word essay."

During the nomination process, a committee of persons were selected to review and grade the portfolios that the students submitted then the administration at CAPS in turn used this information to select the Student of the Year.

As part of their responsibilities, students selected as Student of the Year are required to represent their school locally, and in New Providence when called to do so.

Mrs. Smith said that Ashley has been the top student in her grade level for Grades 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

"She has maintained a cumulative GPA of over 3.80 from Grade 1," she added.

Over the course of her primary school education, Ashley has participated in several speech competitions winning two of the Kiwanis Club of Abaco's K-Kids Speech competitions in Grade 3, and again in Grade 5.

Ashley went on to place third in the Department of Education's Abaco District Religious Knowledge Speech Competition in Grade 5, and she also secured second place in the same speech competition in Grade 6. Additionally, Ashley won math competitions in Grades 4 and 5.

She has participated in the E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival as a member of her school's Culture Club performing arts club, the CAPS school choir, and as a member of the Abaco Dance Repertoire.

Ashley also holds membership with Girl Guides, BLAST formerly known as AWANA, Girls Club, G.I.F.T.E.D Girls in Christ Ministries and the Spelling Bee Club.

In her extensive list of accomplishments, Ashley presently serves as K-Kids President, and is a student in Grade 6 Russell's class.

Ashley is proud of this latest achievement as she prepares to exit primary school in a few months.

"My advice to my peers is to put God first in everything they do, work hard, always do your best and believe in yourself!" Ashley admonished.

START

"Reading is really the heart of what I do," she voiced passionately.

Mentioning the hard work, dedication and skilled craftsmanship of contractor Freddie Jones and tiler Torpedo Davis, Lady Eva could not sing their praises too highly as well as recognizing Mrs. Williams who she says is an unsung hero having remained loyal to Headstart Academy's vision from the very start.

Meeting Mrs. Williams one is instantly struck by her caring, open manner and it is immediately evident that she loves each individual child and is eager to learn and understand their particular personalities and learning styles.

Hoping to expand to grade 1 next year, that classroom is ready with traditional wood desks & chairs and a whiteboard in place. The playground is one of the best in Abaco with a flat, smooth surface and fun toys such as the converted golf cart and airplane for two to spark the imagination.

While the lower level of the school houses the Academy, plans are underway to utilize the upstairs as a movement studio for students, parents and residents with yoga, barre classes, and meditation.





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PORT

ASSA Hosts Basketball Games

By Canishka Alexander

According to the Abaco Schools Sports Association (ASSA), a series of basketball games took place during the month of January at various venues on the island.

The basketball season commenced on January 7 with participating schools represented by St. Francis de Sales Catholic School, Patrick J. Bethel High School, Forest Heights Academy, S.C. Bootle High School and Agape Christian School.

aforementioned schools' players competed in both the Junior and Senior Boys Division. Meanwhile, the Primary Boys Division saw Central Abaco Primary School (CAPS), Cooper's Town Primary School, Treasure Cay Primary School, Agape Christian and St. Francis players, and the Primary Girls Division was characterized by players from Central Abaco Primary, Treasure Cay and Agape Christian.

On Jan. 18, Agape defeated Forest Heights, 28-25, in Junior Boys action. Uriel Delancy scored nine points, and James Delia, seven points, for Agape.

Although his team suffered a loss, Danardo McDonald outnumbered them with 12 points for Forest Heights.

Meantime, Patrick J. Bethel went on to defeat St. Francis, 69-49, in the Senior Boys Division. Senile Bien-Aime scored 16 points, while Macallan Decosta gained 11 points for Patrick J.

Marlon Simms attained 17 points for St. Francis.

As for ASSA Basketball action results released on Jan. 23, they reflected that S.C. Bootle defeated Patrick J. Bethel by a narrow margin beating them, 24-23, in overtime in the Junior Boys Division. S.C. Bootle basketball players, Todd Thompson and Ivansin Mills scored six points each, while Jamie Gil of Patrick J. Bethel scored seven points.

On Jan. 28, Agape's Eagles defeated St. Francis in the Primary Boys Division, 19-8. Timothy Bain racked up 10 points for Agape, while his teammate Tayshawn Clarke scored eight points. Durante Cash scored seven points for St. Francis.

In their game against Forest Heights, S.C. Bootle dominated the game winning the Junior Boys game: 62-34. Ivansin Mills accumulated a whopping 16 points, and Dajuan Bevan, 10 points, for S.C. Bootle. Brad Cooper added 15 points for Forest Heights.

But S.C. Bootle wasn't quite done with its winning streak.

They went on to defeat Forest Heights again, 65-54, in the Senior Boys Division. Frednel Joseph secured 23 points, joined by Akeem Moxey with 19 points for S.C. Bootle. Kaleb Albury trailed close behind his opponents with 22 points for Forest Heights.

Now, Monday's (Feb. 4) schedule has an exciting line-up of: Cooper's Town vs. St. Francis in the Primary Boys Division, then Agape vs. S.C. Bootle in the Junior Boys Division, and finally, Forest Heights vs. Agape in the Senior Boys Division. Games are scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. at Grace Gym.

OLYMPICS

Young LeTonya spends her time as a trainee at Starfish Enterprise, and can also be found time to time at Abaco Ceramics producing beautiful handmade creations.

Bliss Ferguson, student at Every Child Counts, may also travel as an alternate in track and field (if one of the members is unable to go). She runs 100 M, 200 M and possibly 400 M and relays. She is nervous and excited to potentially go.

Both LeTonya and Bliss were thankful for their parents, family and coach for being given this opportunity to attend the Special Olympics.

Coach Nicole said that the funds to attend Special Olympics are raised both locally and through the Special Olympics Committee in Nassau, so they are reliant on public donations to get the athletes to both national and international events.

She noted that there is an Italian Dinner fundraiser in May, which along with private donors who give a little bit here and there, are all a huge help in getting LeTonya to the World Games.

If you are able to assist in any way Coach Nicole can be found at ECC in Marsh Harbour.



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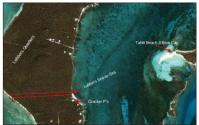
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YOUTH NEWS

Catholic School Communities Get Movin' In Preparation For Run/Walk

As a result of the passion and creativity of Catholic Board of Education (CBE) teachers and administrators, what began as simply generating excitement for the Catholic Schools Movin' & Groovin' Run/ Walk has resulted in "get moving" initiatives springing up in CBE schools throughout The Bahamas.

In addition to getting students in gear for the Run/Walk, these activities increase opportunities in the schools for students and their teachers to be physically active.

Certainly, it is common knowledge that reading, writing and arithmetic are important concepts that every student must grasp. A firm base of these subjects lays the foundation upon which the structure of a child's succeeding stages of learning are built. It is accepted that these important and fundamental life skills are learned skills. Understanding the importance of physical activity and healthy eating are also learned behaviors which must be instilled in children at a young age.

Therefore, the Catholic Schools Movin' & Groovin' Run/Walk and its supplementary initiatives are in line with the CBE mandate that every CBE graduate is a healthy person who practices good health habits. One of the important tenets of Catholic education is its emphasis on the education of the whole child and concern for his or her physical, cognitive, and socio-emotional development. Hence, every CBE school has an established physical education program.

Additionally, for the past five years, CBE primary schools have implemented a fruit, vegetable and water initiative. This initiative focuses on healthy food choices: every student at break time is encouraged to eat fruits and vegetables and drink wa-

Everyone needs physical activity to stay healthy. Research purports that kids and teens, ages six to 17, need 60 minutes of activity every day. Adults should engage in some form of moderate-intensity aerobic activity - anything that gets your heart beating faster counts - at least 150 minutes per week.

Additionally, persons over 40 should engage in activities that make your muscles work harder than usual at least twice a

week. New research also shows that physically active children literally have more dense white grey matter necessary for problem solving.

If you passed St. Francis de Sales Catholic School lately, you may have witnessed teachers and students engaged in friendly competition during the school's "Drop Everything and Move" initiative. If you were in Nassau in December, you may have seen a full, school fitness session inclusive of teachers and students at St. Thomas More Catholic School.

Other activities throughout the system included a full school Zumba session and a wheel-a-thon during which Sts. Francis & Joseph Catholic Primary School students were allowed to bring their bicycles and scooters to school to ride during break time and lunchtime

These initiatives will culminate in the Catholic Schools Movin' & Groovin' Run/ Walk. The goals of the Run/Walk event are to bring students, teachers, alumni and friends of Catholic schools together and to raise funds for Catholic education.

"I would like to invite all parents, alumni and friends of St. Francis de Sales School for a day of fitness, fun, and community," said Mrs. Leandra Kelly-Adderley, Principal of St. Francis de Sales. She added: "The Run/Walk (Abaco) begins at 8:30 a.m. on the first of February starting from St. Francis de Sales School. Immediately following the race, a Mini Health Fair and Family Sports Day will be held."

The Catholic Schools Movin' & Groovin' Run/Walk will take place on the islands of New Providence, Abaco, and Grand Bahama. The Run/Walk will take place on February 1 on the islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama On Feb 2 in New Providence, all feet will hit the payement.

Claudette A. Rolle, Director of Catholic Education, thanked sponsors and donors for their support of the Catholic Schools Movin' & Groovin' Run/Walk. The title sponsor of the Catholic Schools Movin' & Groovin' Run/Walk is Insurance Management. Supporting sponsors include Aliv, Bahamasair, Apex Awards, Bahama Health, Blue Lagoon Island, CJ's Abaco Dorado Boat Rentals, Dairy Queen, The d'Albenas Agency Ltd., Marcos Pizza, FOCOL Sun Oil Limited and DC Technol-

"The profile of a CBE Catholic school graduate states that students who exit our schools are expected to practice good health habits," Mrs. Rolle shared. "This may be difficult to achieve beyond the boundaries of the school environment,

but initiatives like Movin' and Groovin' and the health fair help us to 'practice what we preach'."

The CBE system is the second largest educational system in The Bahamas, with the largest private school system in the country.





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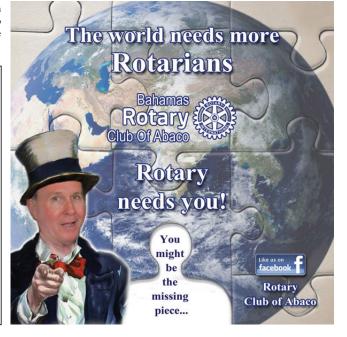
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Anonymous Donor Makes Donation to Crossing Rocks Primary School



Principal Brenell Higgs along with some of the teachers and students of Crossing Rocks Primary School pose for a photo with their donation of new backpacks.

By Canishka Alexander

Last week, the students of Crossing Rocks Primary School were the recipients of a generous donation of school supplies from an anonymous donor.

Needless to say, everyone at the school was grateful for the donation, which included new backpacks for the students as well.

"May God continue to bless them continuously," Principal Brenell Higgs said of the donation.

She was happy to see that all of the students at Crossing Rocks Primary benefitted from the donation, Moreover, Principal Higgs plans to keep and distribute the backpacks at the end of the school year as part of their back-to-school jamboree, so that parents will have backpacks for their children for the start of the new school

She expects to have enough for any new students who attend the school as well.

As a side note, Principal Higgs also announced the launch of Crossing Rocks Primary's computer coding course, which takes place with some of the students tomorrow (Friday, Feb.1)

Twelve Days of Numeracy Activities **Continue at CAPS**

By Canishka Alexander

Early last month, Principal Beatrice Moxey of Central Abaco Primary School (CAPS) announced the commencement of the school's Twelve Days of Math later referred to as Twelve Days of Numeracy.

Following a surprise visit by Santa Claus during its launch, students were not only treated to prizes and lunch experience that day, but they also enjoyed games that allowed them to use critical thinking, reasoning skills and analytical skills to solve the problem of the day, and play other mathematical games, according to Teacher Kayla Wallace.

Other posted highlights were on Jan. 18, Day 5 of the Twelve Days of Numeracy, where students watched a free, educational movie during the lunch break called. "Donald Duck In Math Magic Land."

Twelve Days of Numeracy continued with Day 7 highlights on Jan. 22 at CAPS. Fifth-grade students competed in a Math competition incorporating all of the fifthgrade homerooms.

"Each class was represented by a team of three students," Wallace explained. "There were three group rounds of questioning, and two individual rounds of questioning. The math questions, which

were grade level and curriculum-based, ranged from Concepts of Numbers, Application and Computation.

After a "fierce battle of the brains," Grade 5 Culmer's students were crowned the champions.

On Day 9 of the Twelve Days of Numeracy, which took place on Jan. 24, students of Grade 6 picked up where Grade 5 students had left off completing their Math competition segment.

Wallace noted that there are five Grade 6 classes at CAPS. Each class was represented by a team of three students. The students went through a similar round of questioning in their competition, with grade level and curriculum-based questions asked. At the end of the competition, Grade 6 Pinder's students emerged as the winners.

One of CAPS' former colleagues, Rochelle Russell, applauded "the creative committee members and the teachers for always implementing strategic ways to enhance learning at CAPS" as she encouraged them to continue doing what they are

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UTH NEWS

FHA Takes First and Second Place in Abaco District National Spelling Bee



Left to right: The top three Abaco District Spelling Bee winners were: Rihanna Saintill, third place; Gabe Claridge, second; and Olivia John, winner. Photo: Felamease Sawyer

By Canishka Alexander

On Jan. 24, the Department of Education held its Annual Abaco District National Spelling Bee Competition.

As the spelling bee concluded, it was Forest Heights Academy that dominated the competition, securing a first and second place win for the school to the joy of Principal James Richard.

In first place was Olivia John, district Spelling Bee winner, followed by Gabe Claridge in second place for Forest Heights.

Representing Central Abaco Primary School (CAPS), Rihanna Saintill placed third.

Olivia John will go on to represent Abaco in the Annual Bahamas National Spelling Bee in New Providence, which is scheduled for Sunday, March 10.

Traditionally, the winner of the Bahamas National Spelling Bee travels to Washington, D.C. to represent The Bahamas at the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee Competition.

Previously, Abaco has celebrated a National Spelling Bee winner before in the person of Sujith Swarna.

The Department of Education Abaco district congratulated all participants and coaches of the recent Spelling Bee.

Memorial Service Pays Tribute to North Abaco Educator



Mrs. Veronica Henderson, an educator at Treasure Cay Primary School, was always known by her smile. The educator passed away last month, and a memorial service was held on Jan. 25 in celebration of her

By Canishka Alexander

January 14 was a day that rocked the community of Abaco when residents learned of the passing of well-known, well-loved educator, Mrs. Veronica Henderson of Treasure Cay Primary School.

In a public online post, Treasure Cay Primary School wrote: "It is with great sadness that we inform the public of the passing of our very own Mrs. Veronica Henderson. A pioneer, legend, and educator at heart, [she] started her teaching profession in 1992, [and] she has paved the way for many students. Her passion and love for teaching showed. Everyone loved Mrs. Henderson. The teachers, staff and students of Treasure Cay will always

remember vou. Sleep on Mrs. Henderson You will always be in our hearts.

Heartfelt tributes of shock and sadness poured in from near and far as a testament of the unique person Mrs. Henderson was. Many of those who commented were students who either attended Treasure Cay Primary, or their children attended school

Indeed, she impacted many people, from many walks of life.

Condolences were extended to Mrs. Henderson's family, colleagues, friends and the entire Abaco community by the officers of Department of Education's Abaco district, acknowledging that this phenomenal woman and educator will be greatly missed.

In celebration of her life as a mother. educator and friend, a memorial service was held for Mrs. Veronica Henderson on Jan. 25 at Full Gospel Assembly.

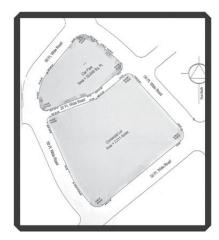
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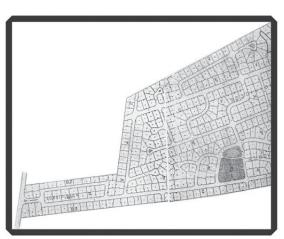
Finally, Jan. 28 was declared as Day 11 of CAPS' Twelve Days of Numeracy.

"It was phenomenal! The students were all excited to present their take-home math projects," Wallace observed. "A special thank you to the many parents that worked with their child/children on this fun-filled learning activity. Students played their math games, and easily explained the rules of the game to their peers and teacher."

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