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OBAN ENERGIES on go-slow with project?



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YOUR WEATHER



86°F

Mostly cloudy with a couple of showers

SUNRISE: 6:21 a.m.
SUNSET: 8:08 p.m.
HIGH TIDE:
7:08 a.m. - 7:45 p.m.
LOW TIDE:
1:13 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
WINDS: ESE at 7 mph

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Whatever you're looking for, these local businesses ask you to consider them first.

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JOB FAIR—Quality Services Ltd. announced plans for a job fair that is set for this weekend. The announcement was made Monday morning at the Office of the Prime Minister by Barry Malcolm, Quality Services representative and Minister of State for Grand Bahama Kwasi Thompson. (PHOTO: JENNEVA RUSSELL)

Pharmachem provides new job opportunities

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There will be new employment opportunities as the Pharmachem project impacts Grand Bahama's economy and continues to make progressive steps. This was revealed during a press conference at the Office of the Prime Minister on Monday (June 11). Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister in Grand

Bahama Senator Kwasi Thompson explained that Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, the Honourable Hubert Minnis recently toured the 180 million expansion project at Pharmachem. This project will now proceed into its next phase. He noted that Pharmachem is the only Pharmaceutical Company in The Bahamas offering special kinds of services. The continuation of this investment shows the confidence this company has in the future of Grand Bahama and in the local talent

that are already employed, said Thompson. "We are very pleased that in this very specialized field, Bahamian general contractors are receiving a significant portion of work in this expansion project and will be spending this money in Grand Bahama and hiring Grand Bahamians," he said. Thompson revealed that Quality Services Limited (QSL) has advised that they will be hiring approximately 60 persons in the following industrial positions, electricians, instrumentation

workers, pipefitters, welders, safety officers, and helpers. "We believe that QSL will have no difficulties in filling these positions with Grand Bahamians. In addition, we are also pleased that Quality Services Ltd. has agreed to host a job fair on the June 16 in Grand Bahama to allow for the widest participation as possible," he said. Minister Thompson invited all Grand Bahamians to take advantage of this opportunity along with other job situations (Continued on Page 3)

"In Tourism we have seen the addition of the second Bahamas Paradise Cruise vessel, the Grand Classica and the additional airlift from the Vacation Express. We have already seen improvement for taxi drivers at the Harbour and the airport."

J. KWASI THOMPSON
Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office

GB male resident commits suicide

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Tragedy hit the settlement of Eight Mile Rock on Monday (June 11). The Freeport News was informed that Adrian Francis, a carpenter and handyman was found dead by his daughter when she came home from school. The daughter, Adrianna, is an eleventh grade student at Eight Mile Rock High School. Information given to this daily by sources, indicated that the death occurred from earlier in the day. Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPF) Assistant Superintendent of Police Public Affairs and Communication Officer

(PACO) Terecita Pinder initially informed The Freeport News of the development and classified it as a suicide. The incident is the latest of tragedies to shock the Eight Mile Rock area. One man became the island's latest traffic fatality on June 1, 2018 in the area. Margaret Smith, a 49-year-old resident of Sea Grape, Eight Mile Rock was stabbed in her home in February 2017 and later succumbed to her injuries. In September 2015 Barry and Sheena Johnson were murdered at their residence and robbed of a truck and set of keys. The trial for that matter recently ended. It is expected that the police will release more details regarding the death of Huyler.

WORLD BLOOD DONOR DAY TO HIGHLIGHT PARTICIPANTS

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Blood donors are to be highlighted this week! In recognition of World Blood Donor Day which will be celebrated this coming Thursday June 14, The Blood Donors Society of Grand Bahama (BDSGB) is encouraging the Grand Bahama community to celebrate with the countless number of persons who have been participants. According to Lededra Marche, President, BDSGB, World Blood Donor Day will be recognized in grand style at the Rand Memorial Hospital Foyer on Thursday, beginning at 11:00 a.m.. She is encouraging (Continued on Page 3)



EVENT UPDATE—Members of the Blood Donors Society held a press conference at the Rand Memorial Hospital where they outlined plans for the World Blood Donor Day ceremony to be held for Thursday. Pictured from left to right are: Anna Tancawan, Clinical Pathologist, GBHS; Claudia Glinton, Treasurer, BDSGB and Laboratory Manager, RMH; Lededra Ferguson, President, BDSGB, Dr. Paul Ward, Medical Chief of Staff, GBHS, and Valeria Burrows, Assistant Director, Communications Department, GBHS. (PHOTO: JENNEVA RUSSELL)