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SUNRISE: 6:45 a.m.
SUNSET: 5:22 p.m.
HIGH TIDE: 3:34 a.m. - 3:54 p.m.
LOW TIDE: 9:46 a.m. - 10:07 p.m.
WINDS: WSW at 8 mph

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Fishing Hole Road Bridge close to completion



MAJOR CONNECTION---The Fishing Hole Road Bridge is now a reality, with just some finishing touches left to be addressed. In the inset above left, All Bahamas Construction President Wolfgang Geiger, right and Project Manager Tadd Martin, center, are interviewed by *Freeport News* reporter Jaimie Smith.

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Late Govt. decisions could slow down process

Just asphalt surfacing remains and then, the much-talked about Fishing Hole Road Bridge should be finished.

So said Wolfgang Geiger, President, All Bahamas Construction (ABC) Co. Ltd. in an exclusive interview with *this daily* on Sunday December 2, as he shared the current details of the Fishing Hole Road Causeway Bridge.

The Freeport News met with both Geiger and Project Man-

ager Tadd Martin, and was informed that "the bridge is on schedule for completion" from their end, however relevant works and decisions outside of their control must be met in order for the project to be completed in its entirety.

"We are on schedule so far, as the Government allows us to be on schedule. We are always working but we must wait on decisions.

"The bridge is completed. It is just the asphalt that is missing, because the asphalt will be completed in one shot and then we will pave the road. The machine will just go over the bridge.

"We have already started to install a new main waterline, which is already in the ground. Streetlights are already up. Just under the bridge we have to clean up and take away the material that we had placed there.

So, there is some clean-up that we have to do, but we are on schedule for what we have to do, once everyone allows us to be," stated Geiger.

With other entities intricately involved in the various works relating to utilities, he added that there were a few issues with the power company and Cable Bahamas to carry out their work, in terms of their infrastructure, which he added caused "a bit

of a setback in terms of having work completed, as it was necessary for those particulars to be completed prior to the bridge work arriving at the stage that exists today."

"We had to wait to relocate the power supply over the new road. That took some time, and so we had to always wait on something and until a decision was made."

Now that most of the important aspects of the job have since

been completed, the ABC President was questioned as to when exactly, he anticipated the asphalt work being completed on the project.

"Hopefully within two weeks (Continued on Page 3)

More migrants from Cuba apprehended by officials

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Six Cuban migrants were taken into custody by local officials of the Bahamas Department of Immigration (BDI) last week Thursday, November 29.

The United States Coast Guard Cutter (USCG) *Robert Yared* called into the Lucayan Harbour and handed over the migrants to

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APPREHENDED: Six Cuban nationals were apprehended and handed over to Bahamas Department of Immigration (BDI) officials on Thursday November 29. On Friday November 30, the men were flown to the capital to be detained at the Detention Centre until being repatriated to Cuba.

(PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION)

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Scout movement back in West GB

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The Scouts Association of The Bahamas held an investiture ceremony at the St. Magdalene Anglican Church on Sunday December 2, where nearly 30 young persons pledged their commitment to the long-standing organization and its ideals.

Carla Brown-Roker, Youth Coordinator, Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture was on hand for the milestone event as a scout troop was re-established in West Grand Bahama.

"I am here on behalf of the Ministry of Youth, the Hon. Lanisha Rolle (Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture), K. Daren Turnquest, (Deputy Permanent Secretary and Director of Youth, MYSC) and (Continued on Page 2)

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