

EDITORIAL

Philip Davis shifting to new PLP outlook



PHILIP "BRAVE" DAVIS



GLENYS HANNA-MARTIN

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YOUR WEATHER

86°F
Periods of sun and clouds with a shower or thunderstorm

SUNRISE: 6:53 a.m.
SUNSET: 7:38 p.m.
HIGH TIDE: 12:31 a.m. - 1:11 p.m.
LOW TIDE: 6:40 a.m. - 7:35 p.m.
WINDS: NE at 14 mph

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

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Ferry service returns

Thompson says FRS Caribbean to begin temporary ferry service between Freeport and Miami

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In the absence of the *Grand Celebration's* ferry service from West Palm Beach to Freeport, until the end of the year, the Minister of State for Grand Bahama in the Office of the Prime Minister, Kwasi Thompson announced that *FRS Caribbean* will fill in for the vessel until its return.

In a press statement yesterday morning, Thompson noted that *FRS Caribbean* is scheduled to begin service October 23.

Following is the statement in its entirety.

"The Office of the Prime Minister for Grand Bahama is pleased to announce plans for a temporary service for the period October 23 through to the end of December 2017, which will be provided by *FRS Caribbean*.

FRS Caribbean presently pro-

vides ferry service from Miami to Bimini. The vessel will provide temporary service between Miami and Freeport for the residents and visitors alike particularly stop over visitors. The Government of The Bahamas, through the Ministry of Tourism has reached an understanding that this temporary ferry service will be provided by *FRS*, while the *Grand Celebration* is on assignment assisting the U.S. Government with hurricane relief.

In addition, the Government of The Bahamas will be providing the necessary marketing support to ensure Grand Bahama can maximize this opportunity and encourage as many stopover visitors as possible to come to Grand Bahama.

Additionally, discussions are ongoing between *FRS* and the Government of The Bahamas towards the full time establishment of ferry services between the Port of Miami and the Free-

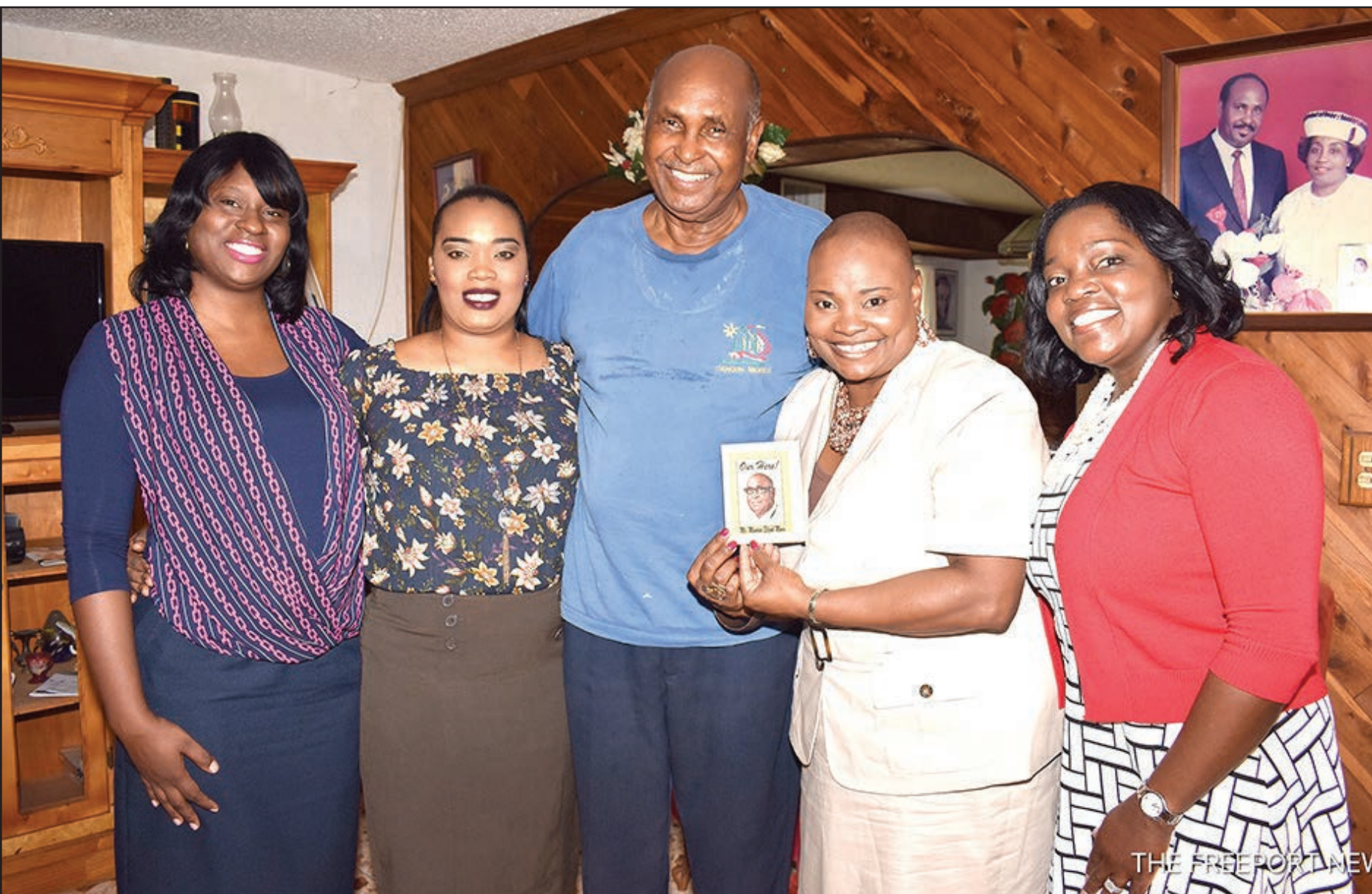


port Harbor.

The Minister of State for Grand Bahama in the Office of the Prime Minister, wishes to convey appreciation to all tourism industry stakeholders for assisting the community of Grand Bahama as we continue to promote Grand Bahama as a place to vacation, relax, and do business."

SEN. KWASI THOMPSON

National Hero Honored



In honor of Maurice E. Moore at his home, the principal and administrative staff of Maurice Moore Primary School paid a surprise visit to the school's patron, Former Ambassador Maurice E. Moore on Tuesday, October 10. During the visit, Moore was serenaded by the staff and presented with a token of appreciation by principal Tammy Elliot, who thanked him for all his support to the institution that bears his name and for the many contributions that he made to help build this nation, during his time in politics. Maurice Moore Primary School was officially opened on May 25, 2001 by former Prime Minister the Right Honorable Hubert A. Ingraham. The school continues to operate by its mission statement and provide opportunities for all students to receive an education that will equip them with the necessary beliefs, attitudes, knowledge and skills required for work, and life in a democratic, Christian society. Pictured from left is Sandra Clarke-Bullard, Vice Principal; Shenique Mackey-Paul, Senior Mistress; Former Ambassador Moore; Tammy Elliot, Principal and Dedre Martin-Ewing, Senior Mistress. (Photo by Jenneva Russell)

Young Strachan donates personal savings

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Eleven-year-old Cordae Strachan, a seventh grader at Sunland Baptist Academy, exemplified the gift of giving, when he made a monetary donation to the Cancer Society, Grand Bahama Branch in an effort to assist he organization and its cause.

This is not the first time that Strachan has demonstrated such acts of kindness, as he continuously donates his personal monetary rewards he receives for excelling in academics to non-profit organizations throughout the island.

Principal of Sunland Baptist Academy, Myrton King, said that with Strachan being a new student at the learning institution, she was indeed pleased and welcomed the idea of him making the presenting to the Cancer Society of Grand Bahama on the school grounds.

"Cordae is very new to the school and we want to compliment him on his donation to the Cancer Society. His mother called the school and told us that this is something that he does every year, and asked if it would be alright for him to incorporate his gift giving during this time.

"We said of course and that his efforts are to be encouraged. We truly appreciate a young man, at his age, taking this bold step, to help people that are in need; we encourage that."

Strachan shared why it was important for him to make the donation to the society.

"I feel that once you have something to give, if you have a lot and access to something, you should give to others. There are some people in the world that really need it ... there may be times that you are not as in need as they are."

"I am thankful that I am standing and healthy, but there are others that are not healthy and are in need. I feel that this was a good opportunity for me to give.

I encourage other students that, if they have money they have received from a good report card or anything else, you can save that

Work, life balance focus of World Health Day Seminar



FEATURED SPEAKER - Darlene D. Rolle-Cargill, Assistant Professor/Social Services Coordinator of the University of The Bahamas Northern Campus was the featured speaker at the Annual World Mental Health Day Seminar, where she encouraged the audience to find a work/life balance. (Photo: Shayne Stubbs)

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The Grand Bahama Health Services (GBHS) Mental Health Team hosted its annual workshop Under the theme, 'Mental Health in the Workplace,' Tuesday (October 10) morning in observance on World Mental Health Day 25th Anniversary.

The event held at the Foster B. Pestaina Auditorium of Pro-Cathedral Christ the King, attracted a cross sector of employers and employees throughout Grand Bahama.

Poor mental health in the workplace can lead to absenteeism, poor job performance, high em-

ployee turnovers among other things - a statement shared by the presenters during the informative one-day session.

Featured speaker, Darlene D. Rolle-Cargill, Assistant Professor/Social Services Coordinator of the University of The Bahamas Northern Campus told the audience that there must be work/life balance.

She said that in order to achieve the right balance between life and work, each person must customize that balance to their lives because every person is different.

Dr. Rolle-Cargill noted that it is difficult to keep work and personal life separate.

"Things change and so every-

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