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NEW DATE SET FOR JR. JUNKANOO

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NEW DATE SET – Grand Bahama Junkanoo Committee officials and stakeholders, yesterday announced the new date set for the 2018 Junior Junkanoo Parade, which was postponed from its original date, January 27, due to unstable weather conditions. The new date is Saturday, February 10. (PHOTO: JENNEVA RUSSELL)

The 19th Annual Junior Junkanoo will now be held on Saturday, February 10, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Kevin Russell, Co-Chair of the Grand Bahama Junkanoo Committee, during a press conference yesterday (Thursday, February 1), said that the new date was set in conjunction with various stakeholders on the island.

"We would like to take the time to thank all of the support groups and staff, especially the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture for helping us reach this decision," he said.

Monique Leary, speaking on behalf of the Minister of Youth Sports and Culture Michael Pinard, thanked the community of Grand Bahama and the Royal Bahamas Police Force for supporting the Junior Junkanoo Program.

The parade's original date was Saturday, January 27, but due to the weather conditions, the event was postponed.

To date it is forecasted that (Continued on Page 3)



GAME FACE – This young beller from Freeport Primary School pictured in the 2017 Jr. Junkanoo Parade had his game face on. This year fans expect no less. (PHOTO: TFN FILES)

Abaco man arraigned on 10 counts of arson

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A suspect arraigned on arson charges in Abaco on Wednesday, January 31, 2018. Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPFF) Assistant Superintendent of Police and Public Affairs and Communication Officer (PACO) Terecita Pinder provided information on the matter on Wednesday (January 31).

Albury Alfred, 42, of The Mudd, was hauled to court on Wednesday (January 31), where he had several arson charges levied against him.

Alfred appeared before Magistrate Ancella Evans at the Magistrate Court in Marsh Harbor, Abaco, on 10 counts of Arson.

His court appearance is in connection with the massive fire in The Mudd, that destroyed some 55 homes.

According to police reports, on Sunday, January 29 shortly after 6:00 a.m. police were called to the eastern area of The Mudd in Marsh Harbor, where they met a large fire that had engulfed a number of single-story wooden homes.

Abaco Volunteer Fire Services were called to the scene and officers from the Police Fire Services in Freeport were flown in

to assist.

Fortunately, no lives were lost. Alfred was not required to enter a plea and the matter was adjourned to March 15, 2018 for trial.

Meanwhile, Grand Bahama police have taken another illegal firearm off the street.

Police report revealed that officers from the Rapid Response Unit took three males into custody after they were found in possession of an illegal firearm and ammunition.

Information is that on Wednesday (January 31) shortly before 5:00 p.m. officers of Rapid Response, while in the area of East Sunrise Highway, near a

business establishment, took three males into custody after they were found in possession of a black 9mm pistol with two rounds of ammunition.

They are expected to be arraigned before the Magistrate Court this week.

The RBPFF officers took the opportunity to remind the public on the importance of proper conflict resolution, while sharing tips they believe will help – look for ways to settle arguments and disagreements without violence.

Remember: if you resort to violence to settle disputes, a child may well follow your example, therefore, adults should be a (Continued on Page 3)



NOTED RECTOR PASSES

The Grand Bahama community is mourning the passing of noted and well loved preacher, Fr. Michael Gittens. Fr. Gittens passed away Thursday (February 1) morning and condolences poured in from throughout the country as word of his sudden passing spread. Fr. Gittens was serving as the rector of Church of the Ascension at the time of his death.

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WHOLE CHICKEN	\$1.69 lb	CHICKEN LEG QUARTERS	89¢ lb	CHICKEN DRUMSTICKS	99¢ lb



SECME SUCCESS – Grand Bahama SECME Coordinator, Nonito Viajar, served as the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Lucaya (RCL) weekly meeting at Ruby Swiss Restaurant. Discussing the success of the SECME Program that is supported by the organization, Viajar was commended for his efforts in taking the program to heights once unimagined and ensuring the growth and development of the program at all levels is not only maintained, but improved upon wherever possible. Pictured from left to right are Don Martin, RCL President-Elect; Tammy Mitchell, RCL Secretary; Nonito Viajar, RCL president Kyle Smith and Dennis Knowles, RCL Past President. (PHOTO COURTESY OF CLIFFORD BOWE Sr.)