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2022 Hurricane Season Summary



► National Weather Service Director General John Tibbetts

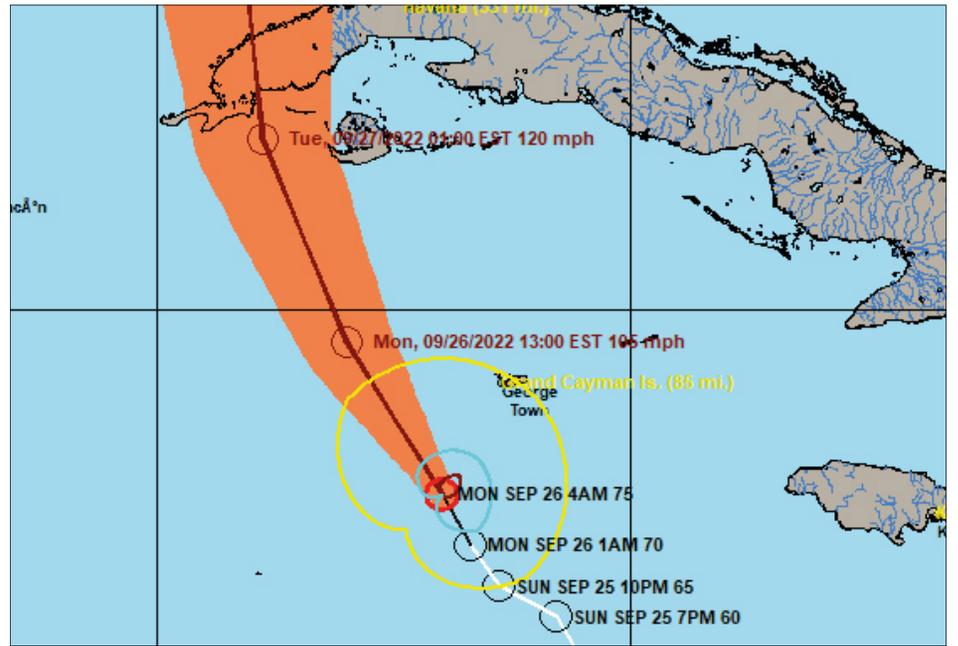
The season officially started on June 1 and officially ended on November 30; however, the formation of tropical cyclones is possible at any time.

Seasonal Predictions

Seasonal predictions for the Atlantic Hurricane Season now comes from numerous sources but the predictions that the Cayman Islands National Weather Service relies on are those from Colorado State University and NOAA. Analysis and predictions from these agencies indicated that there was a weak La Niña

conditions look fairly likely to transition to neutral ENSO by this summer/fall, but the odds of a significant El Niño seem unlikely. Sea surface temperatures averaged across the eastern and central tropical Atlantic are currently near average, while Caribbean and subtropical Atlantic sea surface temperatures are warmer than normal.

Based on this analysis and predictions both agencies predicted above average season. The Colorado State team April 2020 forecast for the Atlantic Basin Hurricane Season calls for



► Map showing all the tropical cyclones in the 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season

19 named storms, 9 hurricanes and 4 major hurricanes. The NOAA May 24 2022 prediction calls for 14-21 named storms, 6-10 hurricanes and 3-6 major hurricanes.

An average Atlantic Hurricane season includes 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes and 3 major hurricanes.

Hurricane season

The 2022 Atlantic hurricane season was an average season with 14 named storms, 8 hurricanes, and 2 major hurricanes have formed during the season. For the Caribbean both major hurricanes impacted the area and four tropical systems passed across the southern Caribbean area.

Cayman Islands impact

The 2022 Hurricane Season impact on the Cayman Islands was limited to Hurricane Ian, although a Tropical Storm Watch was issued for Potential Tropical Cyclone 15, which later became Hurricane Lisa. The Watch was issued due to its forecast proximity to Grand Cayman. This system passed south of Grand Cayman with no impact.

Hurricane Ian

The Government of the Cayman Islands issued a Hurricane Watch for the Cayman Islands based upon its forecast track and intensity 4 p.m. September 23 2022, while the system was Tropical Depression 9. The Government of the Cayman Islands upgraded the Watch to a Hurricane Warning for Grand Cayman and downgraded the Hurricane Watch to a Tropical Storm Watch for the



Sister Islands based upon its forecast track and intensity 1 p.m. September 24 2022. Hurricane Ian passed within 75 miles southwest of Grand Cayman 4 a.m. September 26 2022.

The Government of the Cayman Islands discontinued the Hurricane Warning for Grand Cayman and the Tropical Storm Watch for the Sister Islands based upon its forecast track and intensity 4 p.m. September 26 2022.

Hurricane Ian produced maximum sustained winds of 50 mph, wave heights of 11 to 14 feet, storm surge of 2-4 feet and 2-4 inches of rainfall over Grand Cayman. While there was some coastal inundation occurred along the south coast main road there were no reported injuries or fatalities recorded.

Conclusion

In what turned out to be a near average season, the Cayman Islands received only minimal impact from the 2022 Hurricane Season in the form of the impacts associated with the passage of Hurricane Ian. The public and disaster managers are reminded that the seasonal predictions are to be used only for guidance.

A note to our clients

Interest Rates Changes

Effective 16 December, 2022, CIBC FirstCaribbean will adjust its KYD and USD Prime Rates from 7.00% to 7.50%.

This adjustment is in response to the change in the US Federal Funds rate announced by the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee in the United States on December 14, 2022.

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Rotary Sunrise Gift Book Chairs

Grand Cayman, Precious Gems preschool

Faye Lippitt contributor

Precious Gems Preschool got a surprise last month when the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Sunrise delivered a library chair/couch filled with books for the little readers. It is the third time that Rotary Sunrise has built and delivered a library chair to a Cayman preschool.

With funds from their popular Buy A Kid A Book program that Rotary Sunrise held this year in September, the club was able to donate the couch filled with books along with a \$575 gift certificate to The Book Nook for future book purchases.

Complete Services KY built the couch and Rotary Sunrise purchased the books and special padding to create a comfy corner for little readers. The couch contains spaces for several books on both sides and two storage spaces at the base. This year the larger couch concept allows for more children to be involved. Having a pal at your side

when you snuggle in to read makes reading a fun event, and achieving a culture of reading in our youth is exactly what Rotary Sunrise hopes to achieve.

Rotary Sunrise President Karelle DaCosta has this to say about Rotary's library chair donation: "Learning to read from such a young age helps children in their development and their love of life in general. Providing these books and a space just for them to grow and explore with a variety of books is what this is all about.

"Thank you to the public for your generous donations throughout the year and to all our members, and to LIFE (Literacy Is For Everyone) for their assistance in selecting a preschool."

The donation reflects Rotary Sunrise's continued commitment to supporting literacy in our islands. One of the main focuses of the Sunrise Rotary club is to ensure that children of all ages are given access and opportunity to read.





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Seven New Businesses Pitch to Cayman Islands Angel Investor Group

Ten Entrepreneurs Have Graduated from the Enterprise Cayman Lunch Labs Incubator Programme and are Pitch Ready for Investors



► Launch Labs Angel Investor Night - Group Photo

The first cohort of entrepreneurs successfully completed the 2022 Launch Labs incubator programme by Enterprise Cayman, a non-profit workforce development initiative by Cayman Enterprise City (CEC) in partnership with Cayman Islands' special economic zone companies (SEZCs). Ten individuals completed the 12-week intensive programme which included 24 strategically designed seminars, mentorship and networking opportunities, as well as training sessions designed to ensure each project was prepared for pitching to, and taking on, initial investors.

"The demand for entrepreneurial support in Cayman is significant and the CEC project, which is now the largest innovation ecosystem in the region, together with a very robust and enthusiastic local network of subject matter experts, is in an excellent position to help start-ups progress to investment-ready status," said Charlie Kirkconnell, Launch Labs Programme Advisor, CEO of CEC, and a director of Enterprise Cayman. "Through this first iteration of Launch Labs, which is an extension of the Business Design Competition programme, we were able to provide a springboard for seven seed and pre-seed start-ups to further develop their projects and prepare them for the opportunity to pitch for funding at the recent Angel Investor Pitch Night, which took place 1 December 2022."

The 2022 Launch Labs projects included:

- **BizHub** by Danner Taylor, Valery Davis and Kirk Douglas digitizes companies in the service industry. Their first product, BizBot, is a platform where customers can book services and mitigate the pain of having to manually search for companies.

- **Open Canvas** by Douglas Cameron bridges the gap between physical and digital art through an online marketplace offering trendy NFT collectables and offering Cayman Islands traditional physical art with NFT certificates.

- **Mary Jane's Flo** by Diana Christian helps women have painless periods and enjoy pleasurable sex through a supporting community and a cannabidiol (CBD) infused product line.

- **My Motion** by Michael Garrett and Patt Evans provides an alternative solution for helping people reduce back pain and future incapacities with the use of a sensor that integrates an algorithm and process (patent pending) created by the founder.

- **Presto** by Dhalia Dames is an on-demand laundry service designed to meet the needs of the busy professionals.

- **Signal Research** by Kevin Miller solves the human error in trading financial markets by using a software that properly trades the markets and provides first bar entry and last bar exit for the financial markets.

- **VISXA** by Mohamed Aboshanab is a platform that helps global citizens gain residency and citizenships worldwide using state of the art technologies and helping them pay less taxes or no taxes at all.

Participants took part in a series of seminars led by industry experts, which included:

- 'Evaluating Start-up Ideas' by Bart Mozyrko of GoDaddy

- 'How to Pitch your Start-up' by Jason Butcher of Parallel Payments Ltd.

- 'Founder Expectations' by Polly Pickering of eShore Ltd.

- 'How to Plan a Minimum Viable Product (MVP) and Lean Product Design' by Rudolph Johnson of Meta Scrum SEZC

- 'How to Get Started on your Launch Plan' by Caine Smith of AirVu Media

- 'Traffic from Social' by Amy Hayward of AirVu Media

- 'Legal Basics' by Buck Grizzel and Jon McLean of Stuarts Law

- 'Intellectual Property Protection' by Candace Westby of the Cayman Islands Intellectual Property Office (CIPO)

- 'Finding the Right Co-founder' by Angelica Sirotin of Sirotin Ventures

- 'Partnerships' by Mark Minevich Digital Artificial Intelligence Strategist

- 'Building a Team' by Kimberly Vallerie of GoDaddy

- 'Pitch Decks' by Michael Jenkins of First Ascent Ventures

- 'Sources of Funding' by Aaron de Coteau of Med On Spot Global Technologies SEZC

- 'Simple Agreements for Future Equity (SAFEs)' by Trevor McCabe of Carey Olsen

- 'Storytelling & Presentation Skills' by Mike Ferrier retired advertising executive

- 'Steps for a Successful US Entry' by John Wensveen of Nova Southeastern University and Alan B. Levan | NSU Broward Center of Innovation

Throughout the programme entrepreneurs were mentored by Rodney Alison of Nurturely SEZC; Aaron de Coteau of Med On Spot Global Technologies SEZC; Vlad Logvinov of Privork Limited; Dave Stone, Product and Platform Consultant; Ramona Tudorancea of JB Advisory Services SEZC; and Ryan Watson of Brave Software International SEZC.

Programming and curriculum was developed and produced by a group of advisors led by Rodney Alison founder of Nurturely SEZC, David Strucke CEO and Founder of Datastreamer SEZC, Polly Pickering Managing Director at eShore Ltd., Charlie Kirkconnell CEO at CEC, and Araceli Garcia Special Projects Coordinator at CEC.



► Launch Labs Angel Investor Night Kevin Miller

Seven New Businesses Pitch

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“There is such an incredible resource of entrepreneurial talent on the island,” explained Programme Advisor and Mentor Rodney Alison. “Professionals from all around the world that have moved their business to Cayman or retired here. It was fantastic to see so many of these profes-

sionals volunteer their time to support our local initiatives and grow our entrepreneurial ecosystem. I’m excited for what the future holds for the seven projects and for future applicants.”

Kevin Miller, owner of Signal Research relocated from the United States to participate in the incubator programme said, “taking part in the Launch Labs programme and being a part of the Cayman Enterprise City community exponentially accelerated the project I’m working on. The Cayman community was so welcoming, and I was able to make professional

connections that are going to last a lifetime.”

Winners of the 2021 Business Design Competition, Danner Taylor, Valery Davis and Kirk Douglas of BizHub took part in Launch Labs incubator to further develop their project. “We’ve been able to take an initial idea and grow it into a substantial business venture which is now ready to take on funding,” said BizHub CEO Danner Taylor. “Having direct access to industry professionals and entrepreneurs who are willing to share their experiences has been invaluable. We’re so thankful to be a

part of this vibrant innovation ecosystem.”

The Enterprise Cayman Launch Labs incubator programme is fully funded by CEC and is free for all participants. Applications for the 2023 Launch Labs incubator will be accepted in May 2023.

Enterprise Cayman is now accepting applicants for the 2023 Cayman Islands Business Design Competition. The deadline to apply is 31 January 2023 and application details can be found online at www.enterprisecayman.ky.

For more information, please email innovate@enterprisecayman.ky.

POLICE NEWS

Police Investigate Two Robberies that Occurred Overnight

The RCIPS responded to two reports of armed robberies on Tuesday December 1, 2022. One incident of Robbery took place in the Savannah area of Bodden Town and the other took place on Eastern Avenue in George Town. Both incidents occurred at business establishments that provide a 24 hours service to the public.

The first incident took place just after 9:15PM yesterday, 13 December, at a take away restaurant located at Country Side, Savannah. It was reported that a single male with this head and face covered, entered the establishment brandishing a handgun and demanded cash. The male made off from the location with a quantity of cash, heading in the direction of Newlands on foot. Police responded to the incident and carried out an area search but was unable to locate the suspect.

The second incident took place just after 3:20AM today, 14 December, at a

grocery store, located on Eastern Avenue in George Town. Three men entered the establishment, one armed with a handgun and the other two had knives. All three had their faces and head covered and demanded cash. They then made off with a quantity of cash towards the rear of the store.

No firearms were discharged and no injuries were reported during these incidents.

“Detectives are working diligently to solve these robbery incidents that have been occurring, while our uniform operations have been increasing patrols and making themselves visible during key times and locations,” says Detective Superintendent Peter Lansdown “We are encouraging business owners to take precautions like ensuring that they make regular and staggered bank deposits to limit loss and to employ additional security



measures where possible, to reduce your chances of being victims of crimes.”

Anyone with information is asked to contact George Town CID at 949-4222.

Anonymous tips can be provided directly to the RCIPS via our Confidential Tip Line at 949-7777, or via our website <<http://www.rcips.ky/submit-a-tip>>.

Groundbreaking for new Theoline L. McCoy School Hall



► H.E. the Governor Martyn Roper



► Hon Dwayne 'John John' Seymour



► Minister of Education Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly



► What the new school hall will look like



► The Theoline L. McCoy School Choir



► Golden shovels for a wonderful new school hall. Photo includes Lyneth Monteith, Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, Hon. Premier Wayne Panton, H.E. the Governor, Martyn Roper, Hon Heather Bodden, Deputy Premier Hon. Chris Saunders, Mark Ray, Hon. Dwayne 'John John' Seymour MP, and Hon Kenneth Bryan MP

Tuesday 13 December. Present were His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper, Premier Hon. Wayne Panton, Deputy Premier, and Minister for Education, Hon Juliana O'Connor-Connolly.

But it was Hon. Dwayne Seymour MP for Bodden Town East who was especially happy, because, he said, he has always pushed for the hall to be built, and also because he attended the school himself: "I am so proud to be standing here today, not only as a Bodden Towner, and a Member of Parliament, but because this is a school I attended as a boy some 47 years ago," he said. "I can remember this school, with one classroom block and dirt track for running, and a high jump and a long-jump area," he said, "And right in the middle was a flagpole that allowed us to climb on the roof. It was this same dirt track that produced some of the fastest runners in the Cayman Islands, including my sister 'The Bullet,' Anita.

"I have been a defender of this primary school for many years, even before politics. When this school didn't have a photocopier, once I approached my friend at the time, even before he was elected, the one named deputy premier Chris Saunders who worked at HSBC at the time, and got sponsorship for them to purchase a very good photocopier. Before that, teachers had to travel to George Town to photocopy papers for the students." Mr. Seymour shared his intention of having the school named after one of his former teachers and former school principal, Mrs. Francine Gardner for her dedicated service to all of the students and her long-serving commitment to education.

Governor Roper said, "This is a time to reflect on the Government's commitment to both the future of our community but also to our young people, in delivering a truly quality education. Whilst the new hall isn't expected to be completed until 2024, I know that it will be well received across the community, as it presents much wider opportunities for those who reside in this area. This new school hall is being built to the required standards to act as a Class A emergency shelter for members of our community."

There was a delightful performance of "Lambeth Boat in the Sound," from the Theoline L. McCoy Primary School choir, two of whom, Genesis Bush and Sapphire Ebanks had earlier sang the National Song very beautifully.

Minister of Education, Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, praised Dwayne Seymour's tireless commitment to looking out for the school, through three terms of government, and pushing for the hall, using the words of the song as an illustration of Dwayne 'John-John,' Seymour's struggle to use his position to take care of the school: "He always reminds us the Bodden Town was the first capital, and I think that somewhere within his DNA he aspires for the Capital to turn back to Bodden Town... He never forgot from whence he came, nor did he forget the teacher who had his best interests," she said.

By Christopher Tobutt

It was a big day for Bodden Town's Theoline L. McCoy Primary School, because their recent groundbreaking ceremony means that in 2024 they will get a lovely new school hall. The multipurpose hall will serve as a canteen, an assembly-hall, and will accommodate indoor sports. It will also act as a hurricane-shelter for the people of Bodden Town. The official groundbreaking ceremony took place on

Minister Kenneth Bryan Delivers Tourism Performance Summary

Stayover arrivals for the first 11 months of this year have surpassed the target set by the Ministry of Tourism for 2022, which was to achieve 40% of 2019's arrivals or 200,000 stayover visitors by 31st December, 2022. Air arrivals to date stand at 53% or 36,000 visitors above target; with arrivals for December still to be added to the final year-end result.

Cruise passenger arrivals are also expected to surpass the target once December's passenger count has been included in the totals.

The results were announced earlier today in Parliament by Hon. Kenneth Bryan, Minister for Tourism, and confirm that the Cayman Islands tourism industry is rebounding ahead of expectations.

Minister Bryan delivered a positive statement to the House which recounted the tourism industry's path to recovery over the past 11 months. He noted that despite the scale and depth of the disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, "a sense of renewed hope is increasingly taking hold in our Islands, where tourism is concerned."

With respect to stayover arrivals, Minister Bryan announced that:

- Year-to-date arrivals from January to November stand at 236,348 stayover visitors, which is 53% of 2019's arrivals.
- November was the best performing month for stayover arrivals in 2022, registering 34,118 visitors. This was followed by July which peaked at 32,356 visitors and June which recorded 26,116 visitors.

Visitor arrivals in October and November 2022 were 91% and 89% of the same period in 2019 respectively, showing vast improvements when compared to January of 2022, when visitor arrivals registered just 14% of 2019's figures.

For the last quarter of this year, air arrivals have been running close to a 90% average.

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For the cruise sector, Minister Bryan advised Parliament that:

- Between March and November 2022, Grand Cayman received 206 cruise ship calls, carrying a total of 614,959 passengers.
- Cruise passenger arrivals peaked in November with 105,754 passengers. This was followed by the month of June which registered close to 90,000 passengers, equating to 86% of the cruise passenger arrivals recorded in June of 2019.
- Year-to-date cruise passenger arrivals represent 38% of 2019 arrivals, just 2% below target. However, passenger arrivals



► Minister Bryan Head Shot

for December are expected to raise the year-end total above the 40% threshold.

In terms of revenue derived from tourism taxes and fees, a similar 40% target was set for 2022, which equates to a contribution to the economy of CI\$15million. For the period January to October 2022, a total of CI\$14.5 million has been remitted to government, which is just shy of the target, with two more months of revenue remaining to be collected.

Among the other notable achievements recorded within the Ministry of Tourism's portfolios, Minister Bryan stated that:

- Airline seat capacity into the Cayman Islands has increased by 1,253 in the fourth quarter of 2022,
- A new airline – Sun Country – will begin weekly service from Minneapolis to the Cayman Islands starting from this Saturday, December 17th.
- October and November were record breaking months for Cayman Airways. In October, the airline exceeded pre-pandemic numbers for both total passenger count and passenger revenue; setting new records in both categories. In November, a similar achievement was recorded. For the first time in November, Cayman Airways exceeded US\$5 million in passenger revenue and transported 31,600 passengers, which is the

2nd highest passenger number for any November in the airline's history.

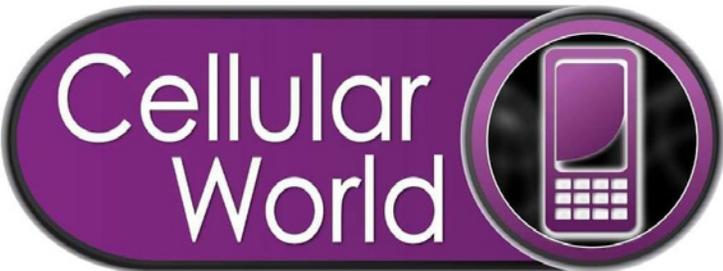
With respect to the training of Caymanians, Minister Bryan reaffirmed his commitment to encouraging more Caymanian participation in the Tourism Industry and outlined that one million dollars had been budgeted this fiscal year to train Caymanians in tourism and hospitality related courses. To date, the Ministry and Department of tourism have offered a range of opportunities including:

- o Aquila Customer Service Training for frontline and customer facing staff;
- o Bartending courses in collaboration with Wineschool3;
- o 12 scholarships with Inspire Cayman for Caymanians seeking certification in boat operations and or as Emergency First Responders (EFR's)
- o 39 PRIDE Training workshop and 5 webinars;
- o The annual MOT scholarship Programme.

The year-in-review summary outlined by Minister Bryan also included an update on the Public Transportation Strategy which is currently in development by Deloitte's, and is expected to provide Government with recommendations for transitioning to a National Government-run Public Bus System. The report is expected to be completed early in the New Year.

In closing, Minister Bryan expressed his confidence in the tourism industry's continued recovery through 2023 saying "For decades, tourism has been a significant part of our nation's identity. Tourism is our past, our present and definitely our future. As we head into 2023 it's time for us to once again dream big where tourism is concerned. We have the will, we have the way, and we must have the passion to make it bigger, brighter and bolder than it's ever been before. I have the confidence that 2023 will not just be a good year for tourism, it will be a great year, and I am committed to doing everything possible to make that prediction a reality."

The Minister thanked and commended his staff at the Ministry and Department of Tourism and his colleagues in Caucus and Cabinet, along with private sector partners, Board Members, Civil Servants and all of the business owners and workers in the tourism industry for their hard work and support in restoring the Cayman Islands tourism industry to a position of strength.



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► Brent McLean receives his first place National Song competition award from Minister for Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage during the 2022 Pirates Fest 2022



► (1st) Kadie McFarlane receives her first place award in the District Heritage Costume competition from Minister for Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage, Hon. Bernie Bush at the 2022 Pirates Fest Awards Ceremony.

Pirates Fest 2022 Wrap-up and Awards Ceremony



► Wayne Hannum of Cayman Mechanical Company receives the firm's first place award in the Cayman Airways Cardboard Boat Regatta from Minister for Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage, Hon. Bernie Bush at the 2022 Pirates Fest Awards Ceremony.



► Winner of both the Cassava and the Conch Fritter competitions Lisa Gager accepts her awards from Minister for Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage, Hon. Bernie Bush at the 2022 Pirates Fest Awards Ceremony.



► Pirates Fest attendees enjoyed the Teen Up and Grand Finale Street Dances on Saturday, 19 November 2022.

Pirates Fest (14 October – 27 November, 2022) formally closed with an awards ceremony hosted by the Ministry of Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage (MYSCH) at Cayman Cabana on Monday, 5 December.

The Cayman Islands' national festival, featuring more than 40 events across all three islands returned after two years. This year's festivities saw a significant number of events in an effort to build on previous years' successes, increase cultural awareness and community involvement.

In remarks at Cayman Cabana for the closing events and Awards Ceremony, Minister for Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage, Hon. Bernie Bush thanked MYSCH staff, Pirates Fest Committee volunteers, sponsors and participants for making the six-week festival memo-

Pirates Fest

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rable and well-attended. Highlighting Pirates Fest's newer events, including the Harbour ½ Mile Sea Swim hosted by the Flowers Group and the CI Aquatics Association (CIASA), Minister Bush, a former Pirates Week Director, said the invaluable insights gained while organising this year's event, would be built upon, to ensure the success of future Pirates Fest events.

Minister Bush said: "Pirates Fest reintroduced some of the best elements of its forerunner Pirates Week over a longer period of time, allowing more residents and overseas visitors to take part, while showcasing our local culture through many avenues. We are certainly looking forward to next year's events."

"We are pleased that this year's Pirates Fest events were all executed safely and without any major crime incident," Commissioner of Police Mr. Derek Bryne said.

We can all take pride in the fact that our various agencies are able to consistently work together to provide national events for residents and visitors of all ages to enjoy safely. We expect that next year's Pirates Fest will build on this year's successes, while any necessary adjustments and improvements are made in acknowledgment of lessons learned from the event debrief," he added.

Pirates Fest wrapped up with an awards presentation for a number of competitions held over the weeks.

Awards were given in the following categories:

National Song Competition: (1st) Brent McLean, (2nd) Michael Williams, and (3rd) Nicholas Blake; **District Heritage Costume Competition:** (1st) Kadie McFarlane, (2nd) Trevina Williams, and (3rd) Shantina Barnes; **Cayman Airways Cardboard Boat Regatta:** (1st) Cayman Mechanical Company (Mechanical Division), (2nd) Alba Services Ltd., and (3rd) Cayman Mechanical Company (Plumbing Division); **Cassava Cake Competition:** (1st) Lisa Gager, (2nd) Sarah Larsen, and (3rd tie) Jasmine Williams and Renda Cornwall; **Conch Fritter Competition:** (1st) Lisa Gager, (2nd) Dane White, and (3rd) Marie Rivers; **Harbour ½ Mile Sea Swim:** (1st) Team Obese Cats, (2nd) Team Numbers (3rd) Team Rum & Coak, Male - (1st) Lev Fahy (2nd) Paolo Burns, and (3rd) Wayne Han-num, Female - (1st) Veronica Fankina, (2nd) Sarah Trott, and (3rd) Amanda Goodwin; Corporate - Team Flowers.

A two thousand dollar cheque from funds raised by the Harbour ½ Mile Sea Swim was donated by MYSCH, Flowers Group, and CIASA to the newly-formed John Gray Swim Team. The team reciprocated with tokens of appreciation for Minister Bush and Flowers Group's Chief Executive Frank Flowers Sr.

CIASA President Stephen Broadbelt congratulated the 107 swimmers who had taken part in the 800m sea swim which he said had been a challenging and exhilarating course.

District Heritage Day: (Winner) East End, (1st runner up) North Side and (2nd runner up) Bodden Town. **District Float Competition:** (Winner) Bodden Town, (1st runner up) East End, and (2nd Runner up) North Side.



► Harbour ½ Mile Sea Swim Corporate winners Flowers Team: Adrienn Sergios (far left), Marius Acker (second from right) and Eric Cronier (far right) with Flowers Group Chief Executive Officer Frank Flowers Sr. and, Minister for Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage, Hon. Bernie Bush at the 2022 Pirates Fest Awards Ceremony.



► Chief Executive of Flowers Group Mr. Frank Flowers Sr and Cayman Islands Aquatics Association Secretary Chillian Wong-Ellison in a photo op. with members and supporters of the John Gray High School Swim Club. The new club received a cheque to support their work at the Pirates Fest Awards Ceremony recently.



SEVEN MILE SWIMMERS GO THE EXTRA MILE!

SMS recently arranged for their Community Outreach Group to collect and donate much needed items to One Dog at a Time (“ODAAT”) in Grand Cayman.

It is important for our not-for-profit to be involved in the Cayman community and as such, we reached out to our club members so that we could provide ODAAT with the items they currently need. We want to instill in our swimmers the importance of responsibility when caring for animals and solidify the values of working together to assist those in need.

The donations were delivered to collection points and we also had contributions made via cash and online payments. Our swimmers were keen to present the items to ODAAT before Christmas 2022 to help with the animals over what is usually a very busy time of year for them. Many of our swim families have also adopted rescue dogs and welcomed them home as

part of the family.

SMS Swimmers pictured left to right from back row Danny, Will, Dominic, James, Andrew, Lola, Andrea, Kathryn, Nayeli, Sienna, Elena, India with foster fail Nugget. Included in photo are Caroline and Paula from ODAAT accepting the donations.

If you would like to know more about Seven Mile Swimmers please view our facebook / website / instagram

If you'd like to meet some of the One Dog at a Time puppies, then pop along to Rackhams from 18:00 on Thursday 15th December for Scoobylluminations!

Watch Santa be steered into Grand Cayman by his underwater reindeer, visit the ODAAT pop up shop, have photos with Santa, cuddle puppies and buy your One Dog Christmas raffle tickets for the chance to win some amazing prizes! For more information visit onedogatatime13 on Fb!



► (1st) Kadie McFarlane receives her first place award in the District Heritage Costume competition from Minister for Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage, Hon. Bernie Bush at the 2022 Pirates Fest Awards Ceremony.

STEPPINGSTONES ANNOUNCES CHARITABLE PARTNER 2023

SteppingStones announces Meals on Wheels (MOW) as their charitable partner for 2023 providing funding, volunteer support and pro bono work to help the charity meet their goal of building a new Meals on Wheels Centre.

SteppingStones has a long-standing commitment to supporting the Cayman Islands community and are dedicated to helping build a better future for Caymanians and Residents through charitable donations, volunteerism and pro bono work.

This is the first year SteppingStones has announced a charitable partnership whereby a lump sum of revenue is set aside to assist a local charity achieve their goals and objectives throughout the year. A campaign was launched in September inviting all local charities to apply. Over 12 applications were received, and short-listed nonprofits invited to present to the SteppingStones team.

“SteppingStones are delighted to confirm our charitable partner for 2023 is Meals on Wheels. Having volunteered with Meals on Wheels for many years, it is a not-for-profit extremely close to our hearts, and we are beyond excited to work alongside Jennifer West, the Board and all volunteers, to help enhance and promote the incredible work that goes on behind the scenes in the ongoing effort to ensure the seniors of the Cayman Islands are fed and cared for.” said Rosie Scott, SteppingStones, Recruitment Manager.

“Meals on Wheels is extremely grateful to have been selected as the 2023 SteppingStones Charitable Partner. The funds will be a key cornerstone in the growth of our essential and growing service to the community as we aim to build a brand



new Meals on Wheels Centre. The partnership goes beyond funds, SteppingStones will provide volunteer support that will enable us to better share with the community the work we do to serve

hundreds of seniors in need across our community and with the additional opportunities and events, we hope that by the end of 2023 we will be able to eliminate our current waiting list and be closer

to reaching our mission of ending senior hunger in the Cayman Islands by serving all seniors in need of a hot meal and warm smile.” said Jennifer West, Meals on Wheels General Manager.



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Disney Dream | Brilliance of the Seas | Carnival Vista | Carnival Glory | Carnival Princess | Aiddiva |
| Norwegian Pearl | | Carnival Sunrise | Carnival Paradise | Carnival Pride | |
| | | Celebrity Constellation | Celebrity Apex | | |
| | | | Celebrity Summit | | |
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December 2022

HFC Gala Guests Raise Funds and Rock Out at Woodstock



► Guests danced the night away to the sounds of The Lionfish.



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raised an astounding US\$300,000 as part of the non-profit organisation's commitment to prevent, treat and end child abuse in the Cayman Islands.

Over 250 professionals and industry leaders from the financial services and business community attended the Woodstock themed event with 1960s throwback décor and an array of hippy-style clothing complete with flowers, headbands and sequins. The Lionfish band provided fantastic music including hits from Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin to complete the evening.

Guests enjoyed a three-course beach dinner while enjoying the hilarious commentary of Vicki Wheaton who presided over a lively auction of generously donated items including a staycation at Le Soleil d'Or in Cayman Brac, a Breitling Superocean watch and an Audi Q5. For attendees that were a little shy, a well-stocked virtual silent auction was also available.

During the gala, Minister of Financial Services and Social Development, Andre Ebanks, addressed the crowd. He explained that this event displayed how his two ministries, Financial Services and Social Development, could work together to protect the most vulnerable children and families in the community. Following his speech, there was a poignant video of harrowing child abuse statistics in the Cayman Islands and testimonials from last year's grantees highlighting their use of funds and the impact made.

Co-chair of the event, Monette Windsor, thanked all of the guests for opening their hearts and their wallets to support this important cause, as well as the volunteers who worked hard planning the gala and auction. Following the Woodstock event, the focus turns to distributing the monies raised to not-for-profit organisations in the community that are on the frontlines helping the children.

Help for Children is an international charity supported largely by the financial services industry. Since its inception in 2005, the Cayman Islands chapter, HFC Cayman, has raised more than US\$4.5 million to help prevent and treat child abuse in the Cayman Islands. All funds available for distribution stay in the Cayman Islands and benefit a variety of important local initiatives.

For further information or questions, contact Monette Windsor at 925-0399.



► Vickie Wheaton expertly managed a lively auction.

Help for Children Cayman (formerly Hedge Funds Care Cayman) held their annual Open Your Hearts to the Children gala at the Kimpton Seafire on Saturday, 19 November 2022. The flagship event

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| NorthSide | Jack's Esso (Jack's II) | 5,98 | 6,9 | 6,9 |
| Bodden Town | Lorna's Rubis | 5,89 | 6,11 | 6,61 |
| Bodden Town | Mostyns Esso | 5,9 | 6,11 | 6,59 |
| Savannah | Savannah Rubis | 5,97 | 6,26 | 6,61 |
| Red Bay | Barcam | 5,96 | 6,15 | 6,99 |
| Red Bay | On The Run (Brown's Red Bay) | 5,96 | 6,15 | 6,96 |
| George Town | Peanuts | 5,89 | 6,18 | 6,66 |
| George Town | Jose's Escape | 5,89 | 5,99 | 6,59 |
| George Town | Refuel | 5,57 | 5,95 | 6,29 |
| George Town | Esso Tigermart 4 Way Stop (JS)H&B 11 | 5,96 | 6,15 | 6,38 |
| George Town | Eastern Avenue Rubis | 5,89 | 6,11 | 6,61 |
| George Town | Walkers Rd. Rubis | 5,92 | 6,26 | 6,61 |
| George Town | On The Run (Mike's Walkers Rd.) | 5,96 | 6,15 | 6,86 |
| George Town | On The Run (Brown's Industrial Park) | 5,96 | 6,15 | 6,97 |
| George Town | On The Run (Mike's 7 Mile) | 5,96 | 6,15 | 6,86 |
| West Bay Rd. | H & B Esso (H&B 1 Seven Mile) | 5,96 | 6,15 | 6,33 |
| West Bay Rd. | 7 Mile Rubis (AA 7 Mile) | 5,89 | 6,11 | 6,61 |
| West Bay | Hell Esso | 5,94 | 6,13 | 6,95 |
| West Bay | Esso 4 Way Stop (Four Winds) | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| George Town | Scotts Landing | 6,13 | n/a | 6,19 |
| Cayman Brac | West End | n/a | 5,58 | 6,65 |
| Cayman Brac | Tib Mart | n/a | 5,58 | n/a |
| Little Cayman | Village Square | n/a | 7,29 | 8,18 |

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| Newspaper Advertisement 1/2 page (Vertical) | 550 | 4.9 x 13.5 | 700 |
| Newspaper Advertisement 1/3 page | 450 | 4.9 x 8.37 | 400 |
| Newspaper Advertisement 1/4 page | 350 | 4.9 x 6.67 | 350 |
| Newspaper Advertisement 1/5 page | 250 | 4.9 x 3.25 or 3.22 x 4.96 | 200 |
| Newspaper Advertisement 1/8 page | 150 | 4.9 x 3.25 or 3.22 x 4.96 | 200 |
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SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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| 9 | 2 | | | 5 | | 3 | 1 | |
| | 9 | 6 | | 3 | 8 | 1 | | |
| | | | 9 | 7 | | | | |
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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 2 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 6 |
| 7 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 3 |
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| 4 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 7 |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 5 |
| 3 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 1 |
| 6 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| 9 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| 5 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 9 |

Difficulty Level ★★

Difficulty Level ★★★

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 God of war
- 5 West Point student
- 10 Alamo setting
- 12 Battery end
- 13 Dissing
- 15 Dry — bone
- 16 Bartender on "The Simpsons"
- 17 China chairman
- 18 "The Bathers" painter
- 20 Forest plant
- 21 Sipping aid
- 22 Totals
- 23 Like neon
- 25 Possum of the comics
- 28 Bike parts
- 31 Shortly, in poetry
- 32 Keys
- 34 Olympics jersey initials
- 35 Month after avril
- 36 Neckline shape
- 37 Job for cops and TSA screeners
- 40 Inventor Howe

DOWN

- 41 Bare
- 42 Fashionably dated
- 43 Sleep sites
- 1 How some stocks are sold
- 2 Finds another purpose for
- 3 Still existing
- 4 Used a couch
- 5 Canary's home
- 6 What's more
- 7 Sure to fail
- 8 Composer Elgar
- 9 Mortises' partners
- 11 Monkey
- 14 From Oslo, say
- 19 Hunter in the sky
- 20 Deadly
- 24 Quit
- 25 Poor person

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Yesterday's answer

- 26 Marked down
- 27 Fight
- 29 Take back
- 30 Worried
- 33 Transmits
- 35 Japanese bean paste
- 38 Goopy stuff
- 39 Bit of ointment

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Word Search

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- HTTP
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, back, up, down and diagonally.



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By Stan Lee

Panel 1: "STUPID LIZARD HIT HULK WITH TAIL! MAKES HULK Madder THAN EVER! HULK WILL—"

Panel 2: "NO! COOL IT WITH THE 'HULK SMASH' BIT! I'M GONNA KEEP YOU TWO APART— OR DIE TRYING!"

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By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

Panel 1: "SATURDAY MORNING AT RANDY'S HOUSE... LISTEN, RANDY. YOU AND I ARE NOT A THING. WE CAN'T BE."

Panel 2: "YOU'VE BROUGHT CLOTHES HERE. YOU HAVE A WASHING MACHINE. MY BUILDING HAS A LAUNDRY ROOM WHERE AN OLD LADY CURSES ME OUT. OR YELL'S COMPLIMENTS. I'M NOT UP ON CONVERSATIONAL PORTUGUESE."