



K9 Team and Chief's Assistant Honored

Key West Police Chief Donie Lee each quarter acknowledges an outstanding officer by naming the Officer of the Quarter. This month, though, he honored a team: an officer and his canine partner.

Officer Tommy Anglin and K-9 Ferro were honored for their bravery in apprehending a suspect who was wanted for battering a law enforcement officer.



“Officer Anglin and K-9 Ferro performed their duty with the valor expected of law enforcement officers,” said Chief Lee as he presented the certificate.

Brittany McGaughan-Shirley was honored during October as Civilian of the Quarter. McGaughan-Shirley has served as Chief Lee's executive assistant since 2007. In addition to performing her

duties in a professional manner, McGaughan-Shirley dedicates much of her own time to volunteer causes.

She has provided vital support to the annual Relay for Life effort. In 2009 she served as captain of the Key West Police Department's team, spearheading an effort that raised \$6,200 for the fight against cancer. She also works hard to help with the preparations for the Police Officers Ball each year, a vital fundraiser that raises thousands of dollars for the Love Fund.

Dave Taylor, general manager of the Cypress House, sponsors the award program.



Fire Guts Hotel Suite But Fast Response Limits Damage to One Unit

A midnight fire in October completely destroyed one hotel room, but was quelled by firefighters before further damage was sustained. The fire, in a third-floor suite at the Travelodge on North Roosevelt Blvd., burned just one room, thanks to the quick response.

Two Key West Police officers were on the scene almost immediately, evacuating the floors above and below the blaze. Both officers were later treated for smoke inhalation. No visitors or firefighters were injured during the fire.

Key West Fire Marshall Marcus Del Valle said the damages were estimated around \$100,000, but says that figure could be substantially higher once the costs of rebuilding parts of the structure are factored in.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.



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Employee Service Awards

The City of Key West has a hard-working and dedicated group of people whose service ensures city residents and visitors a clean, safe community. The following City staff hit some important milestones in the month of October:



Lt. Kathleen Ream
Key West Police Department
15 years
start date: 10/9/95



Joseph Regis, Lead Certified
Mechanic, KWDOT
10 years
start date: 10/2/2000



Samuel Demming, Shuttle Driver
KWDOT
5 years
start date: 10/17/2005



Barbara Meizis, Code Officer
Code Compliance
5 years
start date: 10/27/2005



Angie Yanes, Community Service
Aide, KWPD
5 years
start date: 10/11/2005



Richard Thomas, Officer
KWPD
5 years
start date: 10/24/2005

Key West High School Students Honored

Six Key West High School students received commendations from Mayor Craig Cates Tuesday during the regular City Commission meeting at Old City Hall. Erick Lowe, Thomas O'Connell, Kevin Florez Bernal, Shelby Stansel, Alison McLellan and Alexis Marie Monticello were each recognized for their outstanding achievements.

Erick Lowe and Thomas O'Connell both received the Key West High School Academic Excellence Award. Lowe manages to retain a 4.6 weighted grade point average while serving as captain of the soccer team and a member of the swim team. The commendation noted that he was an articulate and skilled fundraiser, and Lower proved it by using his time at the microphone to encourage community support for a school travel program. He told the City Commission that the program provides once-in-a-lifetime learning opportunities for children whose families would not otherwise be able to afford it. Last summer, Lowe organized another effort that allowed low income members of his soccer team to travel to Puerto Rico.

O'Connell also maintains a stellar grade point average - a weighted 4.7 - while pursuing his passion for music. He has garnered recognition at the district and state level for his solo and ensemble performances on the saxophone. He is the first chair alto sax player as well as the section leader for the Key West High School Marching Band.

Kevin Florez Bernal and Shelby Stansel were each honored with the school's Arts, Visual, Performing and Vocational Award. Florez Bernal successfully balances strong academics, sports and his art. Though still just in high school, his artwork is already



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recognized in the community. His Conch Pride mural graces a wall at the school, his design for a T-shirt raises funds for the athletic department, and his original design is being used commercially by the local Hard Rock Café.

Stansel, too, earns outstanding grades while following her heart. She has been involved in several mural projects, donated her paintings to silent auction fundraisers, and is a member of the Key West High School Art Club. She is looking toward a career that blends her interests in psychology and in art with an interest in art therapy.

Alison McLellan and Alexis Marie Monticello each received the Outstanding Achievement/Unsung Hero Award. McLellan gives new meaning to the word achievement as she maintains a 4.3 weighted grade point average while working part time and participating in several extracurricular activities. She has already earned her state license as a

nail technician and will, by the end of this school year, earn a state cosmetology license. She is also vice president of the National Honor Society and has been a member of the track team for four years.

Monticello is a member of the Conchettes dance team. Her mother, whom she considers her heroine and guardian angel, recently passed away. As an organ donor, however, her mother saved the lives of four people. In the face of personal challenges, this remarkable young lady continues to persevere with a smile on her face. This native Key Wester intends to become a criminal law attorney and raise a family in her hometown.

Each of the commendations for these outstanding stewards of our future concluded with the following statement: "The City of Key West is honored to have a student of such caliber and dedication as part of our community."

Fighting Childhood Obesity



Key West Mayor Craig Cates and Commissioner Clayton Lopez proclaimed support for the Florida Department of Health's "Let's Move" campaign to fight child obesity. Statewide studies have shown that 10 percent of Florida high school seniors are obese, that only 22 percent of them eat the recommended five servings a day of fruits and vegetables and 19 percent don't exercise like they should. This translates into obesity in as much as 32 percent of the adult population in Monroe County.

The Let's Move campaign is aimed at helping kids reach adulthood while maintaining a healthy weight. It was initiated by First Lady Michelle Obama in February, and encouraged collaboration among community leaders to fight childhood obesity.

Joan Higgs, clinical nursing director for the Monroe County Health Department, accepted the proclamation. The Health Department runs a wellness program that addresses the challenge of childhood obesity through projects that educate and engage the community.

Upcoming City Meetings Broadcast Live on Channel 77

City Commission: Nov 3
Bahama Village Redevelopment
Advisory Committee: Nov 4
HARC: Nov 9
City Commission: Nov 16
Planning Board: Nov 18
HARC: Nov 23



Key West Police Chief Donie Lee enjoyed property technician Jean Zeman's Halloween costume at the get-together at the station.

Boy Scouts Lead City Commission Pledge



Members of Boy Scout Troops 578 and 903 came to the Key West City Commission meeting on Oct. 19th, working towards their Citizenship in the Community merit badge. They started with a presentation by the Key West Fire Department, learning about the capabilities of Engine #4, which fire-fighters parked in front of the historic Old City Hall.

When the meeting began, the scouts led the City Commission in the pledge of allegiance, then learned about local government by watching the commissioners as they considered a number of items.

At left, Joey Hughes, a driver/engineer with the Key West Fire Department, gave an overview to the scouts.

