



# Weekly Rap-Up

*Editor's Note: The Sheriff's Office Weekly Rap-Up comes out on Friday afternoon, and includes any announcements, important messages, or not so important messages that employees of the Sheriff's Office would like to communicate to the rest of the agency. If you have something you would like to communicate, please send it to me and I will be happy to include it. Send it to bekyherrin@keysso.net, or in the courier to Deputy Becky Herrin, Community Relations Division, Headquarters building on Stock Island.*

## Ask the Administration is no more

The decision has been made to discontinue the Ask the Administration column in this publication. Many of you emailed or called to comment on the negative tone of the feature each week and, after trying to make it work, I finally decided it was a failed experiment.

The column was started in the hopes it would help with the perceived communications issues in the agency. I thought it would open up the lines of communication and allow a constructive discussion about how and why decisions are made in our agency. Instead, I think it just gave an anonymous voice to people who are discontented and who, no matter what happens, cannot be satisfied.

Quite frankly, it depressed me to work on the column. The negativity it displayed on a weekly basis was, contrary to its original purpose, not constructive to anyone

and particularly, not helpful to the agency as a whole.

I will make you this promise, though: If you hear a rumor about something you want clarified, or if you have a question about something that is going on, you can send me an email and I will find an answer for you. If it turns out to be an issue that should be clarified to everyone in the agency, I'll print it in the Weekly Rap Up so everyone can benefit.

## Information about Raises:

The newspapers and radio stations have not accurately reported what Sheriff Peryam requested from the County Commission yesterday.

He requested an additional 2% raise for all certified officers - law enforcement and corrections - making under \$70,000.00 a year. This makes a total **proposed** raise for those employees of 6%.



***Friends and members of Sergeant Tom Walker's squad held a birthday golf outing August 31 honoring their former squad mate and current CAWACU Detective Deb Ryan at the Key West Golf Club. (Pictured are: seated L-R: Scott Ward and Deb Ryan, standing L-R: KWPD Officer Frank Betz; Jon Riggs; David Lariz; Evan Calhoun; Tom Walker and Yvonne Sprinkle.***



## Birthdays!

NAME	TITLE	DOB
Gonzalez, Nestor	Maintenance Assistant	9/14
Mahoney, Desiree	Detention Deputy	9/14
Chandler, Jeff	Detention Deputy	9/14
Jason, Robert	Reserve Deputy	9/15
Minor, David	Deputy Sheriff	9/15
Mellon, Phillipp	Project Supervisor Analyst	9/15
Hustad, Sever	Deputy Sheriff	9/16
Garcia, Pedro	Deputy Sheriff	9/16
Carey, Larry	Detention Deputy	9/16
Fitzgerald, James	Court Deputy I	9/17
Lagos, Carlos	Communications Officer-PT	9/18
Riggs, Jon	Deputy Sheriff	9/18
Miles, Charles	Detention Deputy	9/18
Martinez, Aimee	Detention Records Assistant	9/18
Powell, Bonnie	Court Deputy I	9/19
Bisbee, Donna	Finance Assistant-A/P HIDTA	9/19
Howard, Olatunde	Detention Deputy	9/19
Williams, Sharee	Programs Staff Assistant	9/19
Whitehouse, Sydney	Deputy Sheriff	9/19
Bartlett, Sandra	IMS Senior Technical Advisor	9/20
Winegarden, Brenda	Secretary	9/20

## FCAC Reaccreditation Assessment Inspection

It gives me great pleasure to say, THANKS to each and every one of you for your outstanding professional services before and during our recent FCAC Reaccreditation Inspection.

It is because of your dedication to duty and the mission of the Bureau of Corrections and the Sheriff's Office, that we are being recommended for Reaccreditation for three more years, which will move us forward to twelve years of being accredited.

Again THANK YOU SO MUCH! Stay forever Inspection Ready 24/7!

**Chief Tommy Taylor**

## Animal Farm receives donation of trees

**By Farmer Jeanne Selander**

This week, the Animal Farm received a generous donation of seven medium to large native trees from the Florida Keys Audubon Society.

Several members of the Audubon Society wanted to help provide shade and habitat for animals in the grazing area behind the aviary. The trees include gumbo limbo, mahogany, pigeon plum, seagrape, orange geiger, and silver buttonwood.

Given the size of the trees, I am estimating the value of the donation at approximately \$800.00.

The Audubon Society's master gardener was on hand to give advice on planting and to help determine the best location for each tree. The trees will be enjoyed for years to come. Feel free to stop by and see how beautiful they look!

Remember: the Farm is open to the public this Sunday from 1 - 3 p.m.

## 911 Ceremonies in Key West

Key West will be unified with the rest of the nation Friday in memory of the fallen heroes of September 11, 2001.

Key West Fire Chief David Fraga and the Key West Fire Department will hold a remembrance ceremony at 8:30 outside the main station at 1600 No. Roosevelt Blvd.

"The ceremony will be brief and simple," said Fraga. "We just want to take the time to stop and remember what happened on that day eight years ago."

Later in the day, a fundraiser to benefit the old Fire Station #3 will pay tribute to local public servants and honor the memory of those who were touched by the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

The historic firehouse is located at the corner of Grinnell and Virginia streets. For more information about the effort to restore this important piece of old Key West, call Alex Vega at (305) 797-8417.

## Health department schedules seasonal flu shot clinic in Key West

The Monroe County Health Department will run a seasonal flu shot clinic from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on September 12 in the Key West High School cafeteria.

"This is not for H1N1 swine flu," Bob Eadie, health department administrator, said. "This is for the strain of flu that routinely comes around about this time every year."

Seasonal flu is a contagious respiratory illness that typically brings fever, headache, fatigue, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches and upset stomach.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, up to 20 percent of the U.S. population contracts seasonal flu each year. The virus hospitalizes more than 200,000 people and results in about 36,000 deaths nationwide.

The CDC advises that the best way to prevent the flu is by getting a seasonal flu vaccination every year.

The seasonal flu vaccine is recommended for: children 6 months to 19 years in age; pregnant women; adults age 50 and older; people with chronic health conditions, such as asthma, diabetes or heart problems; people who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities; and people who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu.

The Monroe County Health Department will administer shots at the Saturday clinic free of charge. Candidates for the shot who have insurance are asked to bring proof of insurance. Children as young as 11 years old will be vaccinated when accompanied by an adult.

The department hopes to draw as many as

500 men, women and children to the one-day clinic, which Eadie described as a dress rehearsal for the H1N1 swine flu mass vaccination campaign planned for as early as mid-October.

"Once we have an H1N1 vaccine in hand our goal will be to make the vaccine available to any resident of the Florida Keys who wants it, either through health department clinics or our community partners," Eadie said. "The seasonal flu clinic planned at the high school should provide us with an idea of the kinds of staffing and logistics that are involved in vaccinating hundreds of people at a time."

**Send photos, articles, notes  
or whatever to  
beckyherrin@keysso.net.**

**This is your Weekly Rap  
Up....make it a good one!**



***The Sheriff's Office took part recently in the Tavernier Fire Department open house event. Representing the MCSO at the event was Capt. Lou Caputo, Lt. Nancy Alvarez, Sgt. Eric Mixon, Peggy Bryan and Mary Mullins.***

## **Marathon Bonefish Tourney September 17 - 20**

The Marathon International Bonefish Tournament celebrates its milestone 50th anniversary with the 2009 event, set for Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 17-20.

Believed to be the longest-running fishing tournament in the Keys, the MIBT was begun in 1959.

Fifty years after its inception, the no-kill tournament continues to be popular with anglers drawn by its fun, community camaraderie and affordability.

More than 20 locally donated trophies and prizes are awarded. Recipients include the individual and team champions scoring the largest bonefish and permit, and the top anglers in the new fly and grand slam divisions (for the top spin

or fly angler who releases the largest bonefish, permit and tarpon "slam"). Awards also include the cheeky wet-pants champion titles for anglers wading from shore.

The funds raised at the tournament each year benefit a Marathon-area charity. Recipients in past years have included domestic abuse and women's shelters, and even the family of a local guide whose child was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor.

Registration for the landmark 50th anniversary tournament is set for 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at Chappy's Steak & Seafood Restaurant, 7 Knight's Key Blvd. at the world-famous Seven Mile Bridge. All social events are to be held at Chappy's.

For more information, call tournament coordinator Lindsay Rabito-Leonard at (305) 481-4571 or e-mail [Indzylas@aol.com](mailto:Indzylas@aol.com).

## **Poker Run in the Florida Keys September 17 - 20**

Motorcyclists will raise money for charity during the 37th annual Key West Poker Run, Sept. 17-20.

Beginning Sept. 1 bikers can register at Phil Peterson's Harley-Davidson Miami, 19400 N.W. 2nd Ave. and 19825 S. Dixie Highway. Online registration is accepted before that date at [www.petersonsharley.com](http://www.petersonsharley.com). Drivers of cars and trucks also can participate in the run. Those who can't drive the entire course can purchase and play their poker hands in Key West at Conch Republic Seafood Co., 631 Greene St.

A bar stroll is planned on Upper Duval Street Thursday night, ending in a beach party at the Southernmost Beach Café, 1405 Duval St.

Starting at 8 a.m. Friday, Poker Run participants are to ride the Overseas Highway from Miami to Key West, stopping at designated points to draw cards. The fifth and final stop is Conch Republic Seafood Co.

Entrants who draw the 10 best poker hands are eligible to play in a winner-take-all round of Texas Hold 'Em, competing for a new Harley-Davidson 883 Sportster custom motorcycle. The action takes place at Guy Harvey's Island Grill, 511 Greene St., at 11 p.m. Saturday.

Lower Duval Street will be closed to car traffic from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday, so bikers with weekend parking passes can park on the street to display their bikes.

Bike aficionados can find merchandise including motorcycle accessories and apparel at the Poker Run Vendor Village on Greene Street just off Duval.

Saturday, Big Bike Riders Association representatives will judge the annual custom bike show with proceeds earmarked for charity. Events take place in front of Rick's/Durty Harry's, 208 Duval St., with trophies awarded in multiple classes. Cost is \$25 per bike.

Sloppy Joe's, 201 Duval St., hosts its annual "Biker Bash" from noon until 11 p.m., with contests including a wacky "Bikers on Tricycles" challenge.

Poker Run attendees can chill out from noon to 4 p.m. at a pool party at the Southernmost Hotel, 1319 Duval St. The annual Paradise Tattoo Contest and bikini show are planned Saturday at the Schooner Wharf Bar, 202 William St.

The Poker Run concludes with a Sunday morning blessing of the bikes and a Bloody Mary brunch at the Southernmost Beach Café.

For details including a full schedule, visit [www.petersonskeywestpokerrun.com](http://www.petersonskeywestpokerrun.com).

## **AirTran begins jet service to Key West**

Beginning Thursday, Dec. 17, travelers to and from Key West can take advantage of AirTran Airways' nonstop jet service between Orlando and the island city.

The AirTran flights, to be offered four times per week, will inaugurate the first scheduled service to Key West by a major low-cost carrier.

The airline plans to use 137-passenger Boeing 737-700 aircraft for the route.

As well as nonstop Orlando flights, AirTran is to offer direct same-plane service from Atlanta and convenient connections in Orlando and Atlanta to destinations around the AirTran Airways network.

"AirTran's extensive network will mean one-

stop service into Key West from almost every major city in the United States including Washington DC, New York and Charlotte, North Carolina," said Harold Wheeler, director of the Florida Keys & Key West tourism council.

Flights are scheduled Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Departures from Orlando International Airport are set for 11:30 a.m. with arrivals at Key West International Airport at 12:40 p.m.

Return flights to Orlando are scheduled to depart Key West at 1:30 p.m. and arrive in Orlando at 2:40 p.m.

One-way coach fares between Key West and Orlando are to begin at \$119 per person plus taxes and fees.

For more information and to book a flight, visit [www.airtran.com](http://www.airtran.com).

## **Florida Keys and Key West Event Highlights: September 2009 through December 2009**

A comprehensive schedule of events throughout the Keys can be found at [www.flakeys.com](http://www.flakeys.com).

Sept. 17-20: Phil Peterson's Key West Poker Run. Key West. Contact (800) 545-2561 or visit [www.petersonskeywestpokerrun.com](http://www.petersonskeywestpokerrun.com).

Sept. 23-27: Florida Keys Birding & Wildlife Festival. Marathon and Lower Keys. Call (305) 872-0774 or visit [www.keysbirdingfest.org](http://www.keysbirdingfest.org).

Oct. 17-19: Key Largo Pirates Festival. Key Largo. Call (305) 394-3736 or visit [www.keylargopiratesfest.com](http://www.keylargopiratesfest.com).

Oct. 23-24: Goombay Festival. Key West. Visit [www.goombay-keywest.org](http://www.goombay-keywest.org).

Oct. 23 - Nov 1: 30th Annual Fantasy Fest. Key West. "Villains, Vixens and Vampires" is the theme. Call (305) 296-1817 or visit [www.fantasyfest.net](http://www.fantasyfest.net).

Oct. 26: Underwater Pumpkin Carving. Key Largo. Call (305) 451-3595.

Nov. 8-15: Key West World Championship Superboat Races. Key West. Call (305) 296-6166 or visit [www.superboat.com](http://www.superboat.com).

Nov. 29 - Dec. 7: Pirates in Paradise 2009. Key West. Call (305) 296-9694 or visit [www.piratesinparadise.com](http://www.piratesinparadise.com).

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Dec. 4: Florida Keys Holiday Festival. Islamorada. Call (305) 664-4503.

Dec. 5: Key West Holiday Parade. Key West. Call (305) 809-3700.

Dec. (TBA): Holiday Boat Parade. Key Largo. Call (305) 451-4502.

Dec. 12: Key West Lighted Boat Parade. Key West. Call (305) 292-3302.

Dec. 13: Island Art Festival: Art & Music in a Natural Key. Big Pine Key. Call (305) 872-2411.

Dec. 13: Key Colony Beach Lighted Boat Parade. Middle Keys. Call (305) 743-7214

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Fireworks on Blackwater Sound. Key Largo. Call (305) 451-4502.

Dec. 31: Key West New Year's Eve Celebrations. Key West. The Southernmost City celebrates with a "conch shell drop" at Sloppy Joe's Bar, 201 Duval St.; the descent of a 6-foot red high heel shoe carrying drag queen Sushi at the Bourbon Street Pub/New Orleans House complex, 724 Duval St., and the descent of a pirate wench from the top of the mast of a tall ship in the island city's Historic Seaport. Call (305) 296-2388, (305) 293-9800 and (305) 292-3302, respectively.