

# From the Bangor Police: A gift for fallen brothers

**Duck of Justice**  
From the Bangor Police Department Facebook page



member of a lost officer. In the scheme of things, the donation was a mere pittance.

Up until tonight, we had no idea who had received our gift. We now know. We received this note and photo tonight in a private message.

"Hello, my name is Chad Burpee. I am a police officer in Dallas, Texas and nephew of Bangor Police Dept. Sgt. Ed Potter. Recently the FOP for Bangor Police sent a generous money gift and patch to my fellow friend and co-worker, Ofc. Emily Thompson. Her husband was killed in Dallas during the shootings on 7/7/2016. I would like to thank you personally and relay a message of gratitude from Emily. I am originally from Bangor and this means so much to me. Blessings to Bangor Police Department for their kindness and support."

Officer Emily Thompson of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Police Department lost her husband, Officer Brent Alan Thompson on July 7, 2016.

Emily was the recipient of our gift. Our gift ended up exactly where it needed to be. Gifts are like that.

Keep your hands to yourself, leave other people's things alone and be kind to one another.

We will be here.

# Senior College offers great chance to learn

**Senior Beat**  
Carol Higgins Taylor



The kids are back to school. If you are out early, you can see them waiting for the bus with shiny new backpacks. School can be fun but full of stress, what with tests and peer pressure.

Taking a course at the Penobscot Valley Senior College gives you all the joy of learning without that added anxiety because PVSC is all about personal growth and fulfillment. There are no entrance exams and no academic requirements, and no tests at the end of the courses. The only actual requirement is that you are 50 or older.

Affiliated with the University of Maine Center on Aging and the Maine Senior College Network, PVSC is one of more than a dozen senior colleges scattered throughout the state. The annual membership fee is \$25 per individual and \$40 for two people living at the same address. Membership affords many benefits, such as advanced notice of courses, invitations to free one-day programs, a free annual meet-

ing luncheon with a guest speaker, and the ability to enroll in other senior colleges' classes. Bargains like that are rare these days.

The fall semester classes take place various days and places throughout the week, from Sept. 16 to Oct. 28. So just what will your \$30 per course tuition get you? The brochure can answer that question fully, but here is a sampling of classes:

Personal Development and Relationships with Dr. Barry Hammer, Fridays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. UMA-Bangor. This course focuses on compassionately transforming our individual lives, personal relationships, and society, by developing true experiential self-understanding. You'll discuss liberating self-transformation, healing emotional pain and inner conflict, developing inner peace, happiness, creativity, and spiritual awareness. Inner peace and happiness is the gift that keeps on giving.

The 2016 Election Cycle with Mark D. Brewer, Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon, UMaine-Orono. This has been quite a year so far in politics. This course will focus on the 2016 election cycle and takes place in an almost real-time environment, and will include some historical context. The presidential and con-

gressional races will be examined.

Presidential Campaigns with Diane and Ned, Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon, UMA-Bangor. The history of presidential politics will be examined from its beginnings through the current political season and the odd institution of the electoral college. If you are like me and don't really grasp the point of the electoral college, this class is for you. According to the class catalog, the electoral college model is so key to our democracy, yet that has so little basis in law, hence the wide variety of primary elections, caucuses, "winner-take-all" delegates or apportioned delegates, party conventions where pretty much anything can happen, and the electoral college, the folks who actually elect the president.

History of Maine, with Nick Carter, Wednesdays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., UMA-Bangor. The course starts with an overview of the conditions in Europe that led to the settlement of the broad area of New England and Canada, then launch into a discussion of the reasons Plymouth Colony and Massachusetts Bay Colony looked north and the tragic 150-year history of conflict between the French and English. You'll cover a lot of ground from the set-

tlement after the defeat of the French and the American Revolution to the Webster Ashburton Treaty and the Civil War.

Here is a special treat for all you music lovers. The American Songbook, Paul Bauschatz, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., UMaine-Orono.

The class will focus on the work of Jerome Kern, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, George Gershwin and Richard Rodgers. You'll listen to the music and see how some of these songs appeared in the movies. These are the songs we grew up with. My toes are tapping already.

This is brief sampling of the offerings from PVSC. The other courses are just as interesting, so for more information on senior college and the classes offered, log on [www.eaaa.org](http://www.eaaa.org) or [www.mainececenteronaging.org](http://www.mainececenteronaging.org) and click on Senior College, or call the message phone at 992-0118. Registration deadline is September 9.

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## Wabanaki artists win awards at Santa Fe Indian Market

Five Wabanaki artists from Maine won a total of seven ribbons at the Santa Fe Indian Market in New Mexico on August 19, 2016. For more than five years, Wabanaki artists have taken top spots at the prestigious market.

Jeremy Frey, Passamaquoddy, took first in Division B: Outside the Southwest Baskets - Plaited, Wicker category, and 2016 Wabanaki Artist Fellow Theresa Secord, Penobscot, won first place in the same division in the Twined category.

George Neptune, Passamaquoddy, placed second in Division B: Outside the Southwest Baskets - Plaited, Wicker category. Emma Sotomah, Passamaquoddy, won first and second place in Division B: Ages 10-13 - Basketry category, which is her fourth consecutive year winning the top two spots. She also won best of division.

2016 Wabanaki Artist Fellow Gabriel Frey, Passamaquoddy, got an hon-

orable mention in Division B: Outside the Southwest Baskets - Contemporary category.

Along with Gabriel Frey, Jason and Donna Brown, the duo behind Penobscot jewelry studio Decontie & Brown, attended the Santa Fe Indian Market for the first time. Jason Brown is also a 2016 Wabanaki Artist Fellow.

For the past 91 years, Santa Fe Indian Market has been bringing together the most talented Native American artists from around the US. As the largest Native arts fair in the world, the market spans an entire plaza and surrounding streets and consists of a myriad of events — galas, art openings, music and experiences, fashion shows, and the much anticipated juried art show. Of the more than 1,000 artists who participated this year, eight were Wabanaki artists from the state of Maine.

Abbe Museum Trustee Jennifer Neptune, Penobscot, was also accepted to attend the market and showcased her brown ash and sweetgrass baskets, beadwork, and porcupine quill jewelry.

## Fall Field Day slated Sept. 10 at Rogers Farm Garden

University of Maine Cooperative Extension Master Gardener volunteers will celebrate the growing season with a field day 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Rogers Farm Demonstration Garden, 914 Bennoch Road.

The field day will feature workshops, activities, live bluegrass music and homemade food. Workshop topics include growing garlic, dividing peonies and identifying toxic plants in the landscape. There will be a demonstration beehive, door prizes and children's activities, including face painting and a garden scavenger hunt.

Staff from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension pest management office, the state toxicologist and local garden group representatives are scheduled to attend.

The event is free and open to the public, and will be held rain or shine. No registration is required. For information or to request a disability accommodation, contact Jonathan Foster at [james.j.foster@maine.edu](mailto:james.j.foster@maine.edu) or Kate Garland at [katherine.garland@maine.edu](mailto:katherine.garland@maine.edu) or 942-7396.

## Black hole talk set for Emera Center

Dr. Elizabeth McGrath will talk on the topic "A Walk Among Giants: Building the Largest Galaxies in the Universe" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at Emera Astronomy Center, University of Maine.

Most of the visible matter in the Universe is contained within a relatively small fraction of very massive galaxies. Understanding how these galaxies develop over time is therefore one of the key astrophysical questions today. The answer lies not only in weighing the myste-

rious quantities known as dark matter and dark energy, but also in understanding how matter and radiation interact, particularly during energetic events such as star formation, galaxy collisions, and the formation of supermassive black holes. McGrath's presentation will explore what observations from the most powerful telescopes in the world are revealing about the origins of the largest galaxies in the Universe and what we have yet to learn. A variety of immersive full-dome visualizations and real time datasets will be used to showcase galaxies and large scale struc-

ture of the universe.

Tickets are available at [astro.umaine.edu](http://astro.umaine.edu), by calling 581-1341, or at the door. Seating is limited to 50.

McGrath obtained a doctoral degree from the University of Hawaii in 2007. After leaving Hawaii, she was a researcher at the University of California, Santa Cruz, where she worked on designing new adaptive optics technologies to improve the image quality of ground-based telescopes. McGrath is a leader in the Cosmic Assembly Near-infrared Deep Extragalactic Legacy Survey. In 2012, McGrath joined the faculty of Colby

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