

From the Bangor Police: Awards for all sorts of folks

Duck of Justice
From the Bangor Police Department Facebook page



Hey, this isn't about my crooked tie bar.

These wonderful people (excluding the two in uniform) in the photo accompanying this story were recognized by the Bangor City Council on Tuesday night for their efforts in programs to keep people warm in Bangor this winter.

Louise Bourque Cunningham (left of guy with crooked tie bar) has taken our Hats for the Homeless initiative to levels that we never expected when we started receiving hand-made mittens, hats, scarves and other warm things from our Facebook followers last year. Hats for the Homeless already has supplied us with over 600 hats along with hundreds of pairs of mittens this year and those items have already been distributed to shelters and other centers for help in our community. Thank you all who have helped Louise and in turn, helped others.

To the right of the GWCTB, we see Donna Allen and Kie-



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Left to right, an unidentified Bangor police officer, Louise Bourque Cunningham, Sgt. Tim Cotton, Donna Allen and Kierie Piccininni were honored by the Bangor City Council for their efforts to keep people warm in the winter.

rie Piccininni of Winterport Boot in Brewer. The folks at Winterport Boot have supplied us with 24 pairs of high quality, warm, winter boots to help those who would otherwise have cold feet this year. The Bangor City Council recognized the efforts of all of these folks in keeping people warmer this year. Thank you to all of them. Truly wonderful and giving individuals.

It should be noted that

Winterport Boot also carries the elusive Duck of Justice tee shirts that are on most people's wish list this year. Sometimes they just write "cool clothing" but they mean, Duck of Justice tee shirt. The Bangor Police Department, Duck of Justice tee shirts can be had right inside their store in Brewer or ordered online.

Ducks can fly (as long as you pay shipping). Proceeds

from DOJ shirts are used for community outreach programs. Val at Logo Motion in Brewer is still building them but they found this was a much better way to distribute them.

Thank you Fusion: Bangor. We are humbled by our selection for the Innovator of the Year Award, at the annual Fusion Awards held on Thursday, Nov. 19

at Husson University.

We would like to give a shout out to our co-nominees, Jessica Jewell her husband, Scott Galbiati of Twenty2 Vodka in Brewer, and to the folks at Sutherland Weston Marketing Communications, here in Bangor.

Thanks to our hosts and a special note of thanks to Jaclyn Fish of Bangor Savings Bank and Hannah Young, the events committee co-chair, who both made Chief Hathaway and I feel welcomed at an event that was not exactly in our "wheelhouse" (I have always wanted to use that term in a sentence).

Katie Perry was at the Fusion Awards. It was incredible to meet her. Sadly, just prior to the Fusion Awards, the Chief of Police and I checked every car in the Husson University parking area for minor violations. Oddly, the only issue we discovered was on Katie Perry's vehicle.

We share this to point out that we play no favorites. Whether you are Katie Perry or any other famous, former resident of St. Albans, Maine, you need to put your registration stickers on your plate. It is a simple task. Even though KP advised us that she had not done it due to the possibility of getting her thumb dirty.

Narcissism: it can get you a summons.

The true story is that we met this Katie Perry when she congratulated us on our award. She immediately threw her significant other (Wes) under the bus and said that he refused to put her sticker on even though her vehicle was registered. Some people just admit things to the cops. We told her that we would talk to Wes, which we did. He felt that Katie needed to do it herself.

She asked if she could wear the Chief's hat and then led a large contingent of Fusion members and security staff to her car, where she let us clean off the spot with our thumb but did put the Maine registration sticker on herself. I documented it for Wes.

Katie asked us to hide her plate numbers from view due to the possibility of "stalkers". We told her to stop talking to strangers.

Thanks to Katie Perry and Wes for making our time more interesting. P.S. Wes, Katie said that she needs air in both her left side tires. We have to draw the line somewhere.

The men and women of the Bangor Police Department will be here.

Scratchpad Accelerator to offer Demo Day showcase

The Scratchpad Accelerator, a pilot program of the University of Maine in collaboration with the Maine Technology Institute, has announced it will hold a Demo Day to showcase four of Maine's prestigious startup companies.

The event, the first of its kind north of Boston, will display cutting-edge developments underway at each company from 4-7 p.m. Dec. 11 at Seasons Restaurant in Bangor. The event is open to the public and will include networking, food and a cash bar. Registration is online.

The four companies — CourseStorm of Orono; Double Blue Analytics of Orono and Brunswick; Tip Whip of Old Town; and L&K Manufacturing of Bangor — will give investment-style pitches to an audience of supporters, strategic partners, the general public and potential investors.

Clayton Kyle from CLYNK, a Maine recycling company with proprietary software and a streamlined process for managing bottle redemption in Maine, will be the event's featured speaker.

Kyle will talk about the evolution of CLYNK since its inception in 2004. He will focus on the major pivots the company has experienced, and the role that outside investment has played in driving the company forward.

"This night will be the entrepreneurs' night to shine. After three months of working intensively on their businesses, this event will give them a chance to present the up and coming developments they are working on as they scale their businesses and pursue follow-on funding," says Jason Harkins, Scratchpad's managing director

and UMaine associate professor of entrepreneurship at the Maine Business School.

The Scratchpad Accelerator, launched in September, provides the environment startups need to explore, pivot and grow their businesses in three months. The Scratchpad team has had more than 200 direct contact hours with the companies to help them shape their future and facilitated more than 60 connections among the companies and mentors. In addition to mentoring, participants have received funding and participated in networking opportunities, structured learning and more.

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