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First NMCC Homecoming a huge success

Aroostook County - The first Homecoming hosted by Northern Maine Community College in over two decades is being called a resounding success by event organizers. The NMCC Alumni and Friends Organization, which hosted the weekend celebration, is pleased with how events unfolded and their decision to pair the event with the Maine State Firefighters convention held over the weekend in Presque Isle.

“We couldn’t be more pleased with our first time hosting a homecoming weekend,” said Scott Carlin, president of the Alumni and Friends Organization. “Our events provided a great opportunity for old friends to reconnect and for new friends to meet. Joining forces with the firemen’s convention also proved to be beneficial to our activities. Members of fire departments from downstate who are NMCC alumni participated in both activities.”

The weekend, which was themed by the Alumni and Friends organization as “celebrating the past, present and future,” began with a nod to all three as NMCC hosted a campus-wide open house on October 10. More than 250 guests visited the College, including 175 area high school students, who toured the campus.

One highlight of the open house was a noontime barbecue and pep rally, originally planned for outdoors, but moved into the College’s Reed Dining Commons because of weather. The event featured the music of the Presque Isle Middle School Jazz Band, under the direction of Mr. Pat Bragdon, and an introduction of the members of the 2010 NMCC Falcon soccer team by coach Bill Casavant.

The evening was dedicated to celebrating the accomplishments of NMCC’s outstanding alumni. Four honorees were presented with the NMCC Alumni and Friends Organization’s Shining Star Award at a banquet attended by more than 100 people, including Congressman Michael Michaud, in the Edmunds Conference Center.

The alumni, Robert Clark of Fort Fairfield, Robert Lilly of Scarborough, Nancy Putman of New Limerick and Ammie Toby of Houlton, will serve as the first of 50 individuals to be honored by the college in the coming years to mark the institution’s 50th anniversary which will officially begin in 2011.

Saturday's highlights included the NMCC Alumni and Friends Organization's participation in the firefighter's convention parade in downtown Presque Isle. More than two dozen alumni, current students and staff participated, handing out NMCC pencils and watermelon donated by Star City, Hillside and Mars Hill IGA's to parade goers. The NMCC entry won first place in the civic category.

That afternoon, NMCC alumni, more than 20 strong, took part in the first annual NMCC alumni versus NMCC Falcons soccer game. The alumni team won the close match by a score of 3 to 2. On Sunday, the Falcons hosted Yankee Small College Conference rivals Eastern Maine Community College for a match on the artificial turf at the Johnson Athletic Complex adjacent to the Presque Isle Middle School. The Falcons fell in their official season opener by a score of 5 to 3.

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Presque Isle Middle School Jazz Band director Pat Bragdon (right) led his 22-member band in playing a number of popular jazz tunes during the Barbecue and Pep Rally held as part of NMCC's Open House and Homecoming Weekend.



Students from the Southern Aroostook Vocational Education Region 2 in Houlton enjoy the barbecue lunch and music of the Presque Isle Middle School Jazz Band at NMCC's open house event on September 10.



Just over 100 NMCC alumni, college employees and guests attended the NMCC Alumni and Friends Dinner and Awards ceremony on the evening of September 10. Four alumni were honored during the evening as "Shining Stars." Among those taking part in the ceremony were, (left to right) Scott Carlin, president of the NMCC Alumni and Friends Organization; honorees Robert Clark, Ammie Toby, Nancy Putnam, and Robert Lilley; NMCC President Timothy Crowley; and Congressman Michael Michaud. The star awards presented were made by students in the welding and metal fabrication program.



The NMCC Alumni and Friends Float took home top honors in the Maine State Firefighter's Convention Parade on Saturday. More than 25 alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of NMCC helped hand out watermelon slices and pencils to parade goers.



Members playing on the NMCC Alumni Soccer team during the recent Homecoming match were (front row, left to right) Andrew Pytlak, Shannon Cook, Shawn Lahey, Trent Legassie, Steve Thibodeau, and Glen Condon; (second row, same order) Lloyd Fortin, Dennis Martin, Joshua Gonsioroski, Christopher Dutill, Elizan McLean and Lee Erkel; (back row, same order) Robbie Krul, Brandon Boulware, Wade Trospen, Luke Ireland, and Sam Petrie. Missing from photo is Kevin Young.