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NMCC Celebrates 50th Anniversary

So far this has been a very eventful year as we celebrate the College's 50th anniversary.

Things started off on January 12 with the sights, sounds and tastes of the early 1960s during a kick-off "sock hop" themed event in the gym. Approximately 600 students and employees joined the fun. (See more details in the *Early Newsletter 2011 edition, available on-line.*)

Next, it was time to celebrate the 1970s. In April, a "Keystones Cop" event was held, during which time people could pay to have an "arrest warrant" issued against an employee. The employee was then in "jail" until he or she could raise enough money to pay "bail." All funds raised were donated to the student organizations on campus. It was a great chance to poke some fun, or maybe get some payback.

While the above events were more campus driven, two major community events took place this summer and fall.

On June 17, the College hosted a legislative luncheon which featured Aroostook County legislators over the past 50 years. This marked the same day in 1961 that Governor John Reed signed the legislation creating Northeastern Maine Vocational Institute, a forerunner of NMCC. More than 100 of The County's most prominent leaders, past and

present, were on campus for the luncheon. (See the story on page 11.)

In September, the highlight of NMCC's 2nd Annual Homecoming Weekend was the 50th Anniversary Gala held on September 10 in the College's gymnasium. Nearly 450 were in attendance at the event which was a fund raiser for the NMCC Foundation. Featured during the evening were 47 alumni and three community members who were honored as NMCC's 50 Shining Stars. (See the story on page 11.)

A special 50th anniversary insert was produced this summer that ran in all of the local papers. It featured a timeline of college activities over the past 50 years, photos and names of all 50 Stars, and other articles. Extra copies are available. You can stop by the development office to pick one up, or e-mail info@nmcc.edu to request one.

The College will continue to celebrate throughout this academic year, and during certain key moments of upcoming years. Still slated for this year are activities to celebrate the 1980s and 1990s. Other special events will include activities surrounding the 50th anniversary of the first incoming class in Fall 2013.

Governor LePage Addresses County Leaders

Economic and workforce development for northern Maine were at forefront of a breakfast event attended by Governor Paul LePage and Aroostook County leaders on October 7.

LePage, who was the featured speaker at the event co-hosted by Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development and NMCC in honor of the organizations 25th and 50th Anniversaries respectively, shared his priorities for the State with the 100 individuals gathered for the event, telling them that the key areas will be energy, education and the economy.

"Energy is a major obstacle that hinders our economy. We'll be working on trying to get natural gas to as many parts of the state as possible. In Maine, we are 42 percent above the national average for energy, and that's even higher here in Aroostook County, so we simply have to address it," said LePage.



Governor Paul LePage speaks to business leaders from Aroostook County during a breakfast on October 7 co-sponsored by LEAD and NMCC in the College's residential construction lab.

Nursing Educator Betty Baulch Remembered

The NMCC family and County health professionals mourned the loss of an outstanding nurse, educator, administrator and friend this summer.



Betty Baulch (formerly Clark), long-time NMCC nursing instructor and department chair, passed away on August 10 at the age of 77. She was remembered by colleagues as a visionary, leader and pioneer in the field of nursing education and as a competent and compassionate caregiver who always stressed the importance of patient-centered care.

“Betty, a fiercely independent woman, was a true leader, fine clinician, intelligent and well-respected colleague, and an exemplary professional role model. Whether one was a student in her classroom or a faculty member, she encouraged critical and constructive thought processes and independent thinking and reasoning,” said Betty Kent-Conant, retired chair of the nursing and allied health department, and a colleague and friend of Baulch’s for over three decades.

Baulch was a 1952 graduate of Houlton High School. She earned her bachelor of science degree in nursing (BSN) from Bates College in 1957, in a program that included two years of clinical experience in Boston hospitals. She earned a master of education degree in 1980 from the University of Maine.

She began her employment at the then Northern Maine Vocational Technical Institute in 1968, teaching and providing clinical supervision to practical nursing students in Houlton. She moved to the Presque Isle campus in 1973 and went on to lead the nursing department for more than 12 years before her retirement in 1994. It was during her tenure as department chair that the associate degree nursing program was approved as a pilot program. Prior to that, the College had offered only a diploma-level program for practical nursing.

In 2008, Baulch was named one of the four inaugural inductees to the Health Care Professionals Wall of Distinction, located near the entrance of the nursing wing of the Christie Building.

NMCC Employees Honored for Service

More than 100 employees and college retirees gathered in August for a luncheon to recognize 19 faculty and staff members for their service to the College. President Timothy Crowley led the recognition event which featured touching and humorous tributes to the honorees by their fellow colleagues.

“As we celebrate 50 years, it is events like this that remind us that it is the people here at NMCC that make the difference in the lives of our students who are the reason why we have been so successful for five decades,” said Crowley. “Time and again we hear from students, parents and alumni about how much of a difference NMCC has made in their lives or the lives of their children. Everyone who shares this sentiment with me also speaks of the individuals on the College faculty and staff who were instrumental in helping them to achieve their goals and realize their dreams.”

Three employees were honored for 30 years of service: Daniel Boyd, au-

tomotive technology instructor; William Egeler, dean of students; and Ron Fitzgerald, interim academic dean. Each was presented with a plaque featuring a hand-turned wooden apple and inscription indicating an apple tree had been planted in their honor on campus.

Marking a quarter century of service to NMCC were Eileen McDougal, nursing instructor, and Paula York, office administration instructor. Twenty year honors were presented to Mary Cornelio, nursing instructor, and Norma Smith, assistant director of financial aid.

Charles Kelley, electrical instructor, was recognized for 15 years of service. Ten year honors were presented to Elizabeth Crawford, On Course for College program coordinator, and Ruth White, regional director of the Early College for ME program.

Nine employees were recognized for five years of service: Heidi Broad-Smith, early childhood education instructor;

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Boucher Honored by UMFK

The University of Maine at Fort Kent Nursing Division presented Daryl Boucher, NMCC emergency medical services coordinator and instructor, with the Distinguished Nursing Alumni Award at its Pinning Ceremony in May.

The award is bestowed upon a graduate of the UMFK nursing program who displays accomplishment in the nursing profession, as well as a commitment to his/her community through volunteer service and humanitarian efforts.

Boucher, a graduate of UMFK’s class of 1992, has an impressive and distinguished career in nursing education and practice that spans more than 18 years.

He is best known for his dedicated service as an exemplary nursing and EMS instructor at NMCC. He received the NMCC President’s Award in 2006, in recognition of his talents. In that year, he also received the Maine Council of Associate Degree Nursing Programs Educator of the Year. In 2009, he was honored with the NMCC Instructor of the Year Award.

As an adjunct instructor for St. Joseph’s College, he also was recognized for his contributions to increasing access to nursing education across the state of Maine and awarded the St. Joseph’s



College Distance Education Instructor Award in 2007.

The consistent theme across Boucher’s work is that he is a leader of integrity--recognized by his peers for community relationship building. He is a highly-dedicated, energetic, respected leader with the ability to quickly adapt to changing needs.

He has served as a consultant and presenter, a paramedic, a staff member and critical care flight nurse at The Aroostook Medical Center, a member and medical rescue volunteer leader for the Maine Winter Sports Center, and a volunteer for Special Olympics.

Boucher is pursuing a doctoral degree at Capella University School of Education in Educational Leadership and Management with an anticipated date of completion of spring 2012.

Experienced County Education Administrator Named Academic Dean

An experienced County education administrator, who has held leadership positions at both the Maine School of Science and Mathematics and the Loring Job Corps Center, has been named to the top academic post at NMCC.

Dr. Dorothy "Dottie" Martin, NMCC academic dean, began her new duties at the College on August 1.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Martin to NMCC as our new academic dean. Throughout her career Dottie has demonstrated a level of commitment to students and to supporting and fostering academic excellence that is most impressive. I am confident that the students, faculty and staff will benefit from and enjoy working with her," said President Tim Crowley.

Martin most recently served as career development director at the Loring Job Corps Center in Limestone for nearly seven years. In that capacity she was responsible for day to day oversight of the academic and career technical training program.

Before joining Job Corps in 2004, Martin served as executive director of the Maine School of Science and Mathemat-

ics. Her tenure at the magnet school began in 1996, when she was appointed assistant director. She was promoted to the top post in 2000. Prior to relocating to Maine, Martin held positions in the field of education in Louisiana.

"I am thrilled with the opportunity to work with the dedicated faculty and staff at NMCC. During my time in Aroostook County, I have seen a strategic focus on improving the learning environment that has allowed for innovative technology and industry standards to be integrated into instruction and learning at NMCC," said Martin.

Martin holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership with an emphasis in higher education from the University of Mississippi in Oxford; two masters degrees – in Educational Administration and Supervision and Library Science and Educational Administration, both from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana; and a bachelor of science degree in Elementary Education from Louisiana College in Pineville, Louisiana.



Casavant Appointed Acting Athletic Director

A familiar face on the NMCC campus has assumed a position familiar to him. Bill Casavant, who served as NMCC's director of physical education, athletics and intramurals in the 1980's and early 90's, has been named acting athletic director.



Casavant also returned for his second consecutive season as coach of the Falcons soccer team. He will spend the coming months overseeing the athletic program at NMCC and working with a team to develop a plan to create a fitness center on campus.

After heading athletics at NMCC, Casavant served as director of admissions for the College for more than a decade, from 1995 through 2008. He also served as athletic director at the University of Maine at Presque Isle for two years.

"I'm excited about working to build the athletic program and growing the number of student athletes on campus. I am also pleased to be working on the fitness center project as it will benefit students, faculty and staff," said Casavant.

New Employees Join NMCC Campus Community

With a new academic year underway, NMCC welcomed four faculty members to campus.

Frank Pytlak of Presque Isle is the new instructor for NMCC's residential construction program. He replaces Guy Jackson, who retired after 30 years at the College.



Pytlak graduated from the University of Maine at Presque Isle in 1985, earning his bachelor's degree in behavioral science. Since 1976 he has owned his own residential construction company, F. Pytlak Construction Inc. He taught in the residential construction program at NMCC during the spring semester in 2004, and has been a substitute teacher in the Presque Isle and Caribou school systems. He is a member of the residential construction program advisory committee, a board member of the Presque Isle Wesleyan Church, and has been a foster parent for many years.

Shelli Cronkhite of Westfield, a familiar face on campus, joined the arts and sciences department as a social sciences instructor. She replaces John Price, who retired after 32 years at NM.

Cronkhite served as a counselor/student development specialist in the NMCC counseling office for nearly six years. In addition, she has been an adjunct instructor since 2009, teaching speech, technical communications, applied human relations and general psychology. Cronkhite graduated with a bachelor of arts in behavioral science from UMPI in 2002 and obtained her master of science in school counseling from Husson University in 2010.



Sandy Pelletier of Fort Kent has also transitioned to a new role at the College. She had served as a nursing instructor at NMCC's off-campus center in Madawaska. She has now assumed a position as a nursing instructor on the P.I. campus.

Pelletier has held positions in various departments at Northern Maine Medical Center including: intensive care/medical surgical, child/adolescent psychiatric, cardiac rehabilitation and as a community educator. She also served as an adjunct nursing instructor at UMFK. Pelletier graduated from UMFK in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in biology. She obtained her bachelor of science degree in nursing in 1998 from Husson University.



Joining the arts and sciences department as a communication instructor is Lynne Nelson Manion of Old Town. She has been teaching social science and journalism classes at John Bapst Memorial High School in Bangor since 2002. She has also served as an adjunct faculty member at Husson University in Bangor.





Crews from Northern Electric Incorporated of Ashland install an 80 foot tall residential wind turbine at the site of NMCC's alternative energy center.

NMCC instructors Pam Buck and Al. St. Peter demonstrate the workings of the pressure house that is a key part of the Weatherization Training Center now located at the College during the open house held recently.



Residential Wind Turbine Latest Teaching Tool for Students Enrolled in Alternative Energy Programs

A newly installed residential wind turbine is the latest teaching tool for NMCC students. The 10 kilowatt unit at the site of NMCC's Northern Maine Center for Excellence in Alternative Energy Training and Education will be used by students in the wind power technology and other programs that incorporate alternative energy into the curriculum.

The \$55,000 turbine was purchased using funds donated to the College by Mary Smith, a philanthropist who contributed \$1.2 million to NMCC to support expansion of the alternative energy curriculum.

"This will be a most valuable teaching tool for our students and instructors," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley. "The immediate access to hands-on learning opportunities that this turbine provides will enhance the efforts of our instructors and will complement other technologies in solar and biomass energy that will be added to the alternative energy center in the coming months."

The turbine, manufactured by Norman, Oklahoma-based Bergey Wind-power Company, is an EXCEL model and measures 23 feet in diameter. The unit, installed on an 80 foot lattice tower, is designed for high reliability, low maintenance, and automatic operation in adverse weather conditions.

NMCC purchased the tower through Northern Electric Incorporated of Ashland. The company installed the turbine in August at the alternative energy center.

"Having a working wind turbine system available to students enables first hand opportunity to compare theoretical calculations with actual performance," said Wayne Kilcollins, NMCC wind power technology instructor. "Running calculations, reading articles, and looking at pictures do not complete the learning experience. Having a system available gives the students the ability for 'what if' questions that they can work through and see changes in performance."

He intends to use the turbine in several of his courses. Among the exercises students will conduct include comparative data analysis with data gathered over the past year from an anemometer installed nearby on campus, and others using real-time power output data from the turbine. Students will also use the tower for climb and rescue practice activities, and for inspection activities similar to those used in field service.

The American Wind Energy Association rates the annual energy production on the turbine model at 13,200 kilowatt hours at an average wind speed of 11 miles per hour. NMCC will use it as a supplemental power source for the center.

Alternative Energy Center Now Houses One of Four Weatherization Training Centers in Maine

NMCC's alternative energy center is now home to the state's newest Weatherization Training Center. The facility, made possible through a \$220,000 grant from the Maine State Housing Authority, is one of only four in the state. As a result of the funding provided to Maine by the U.S. Department of Energy, NMCC's alternative energy center will serve as a regional resource to study how to make homes more energy efficient, safe and healthy. College officials showcased the new addition to the facility during an open house that coincided with Maine Weatherization Day on October 27.

The Weatherization Training Center includes a pressure house that demonstrates a full range of pressure diagnostic measures under a wide variety of situations. The mini-home, located inside the lab area, is designed to help students learn techniques for insulating and air sealing. To simulate real-world conditions the house is equipped with space allocated as a living room, bedroom, bathroom and a combustion air zone. It features a heating system, a vented space heater, water heater, bath fan, kitchen range hood and a clothes dryer. Controlled electronically and using a smoke machine, the unit is run by a touch screen panel and has a variety of built-in scenarios to help students visually understand the effects of pressure and the flow of energy in a home.

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NMCC & TAMC Partner for Health Fair

NMCC nursing students took their annual health fair out to the community this fall in collaboration with The Aroostook Medical Center.

Second year nursing students took part in TAMC's annual Fall Health Fair on October 1 to provide education on a variety of wellness topics to increase community health awareness. In addition to the nursing exhibits, the fair featured free flu shots, health screenings, tours of the hospital, and a heart healthy barbecue.

The community health fair component was added to the curriculum to provide the senior students with an opportunity to plan and present a structured teaching project in a public health setting. According to members of the nursing faculty, the opportunity to partner with TAMC for a health fair like this is an ideal way to meet that objective.

In the spring, the students will participate in the Fort Fairfield Middle School health fair.



The Aroostook Medical Center provided a \$400 scholarship for the display determined to be "best in show," as judged by a panel of TAMC managers. Above, winning this year's competition were, front from left, the team of Nikki Benick, Vonda McNally and Emily Greaves.



ABOVE: Nursing student Aaron Olmstead goes over some cardiac health info with an attendee. LEFT: Laurie Shackett discusses the importance of mammograms for detection of breast cancer.



NMCC & ACAP Kick-off Annual Children's Book Drive Project; Drop-off Locations Throughout The County

NMCC is again partnering with the Aroostook County Action Program to enrich the lives of area children through a community service activity during the Holiday season.

During last year's book drive, NMCC and ACAP volunteers collected and distributed more than 6,000 books to youth lined along Main Street during the Holiday Light Parade. The two organizations are once again turning to the community for book donations to help put a smile on the faces of children attending the parade.

"We want to give people ample opportunity to sort through books their children have outgrown or no longer read, or to purchase books in the coming weeks to donate to this worthwhile cause," said Colleen Harmon, the NMCC instructor who launched the book collection project eight years ago.

This is the second year NMCC will partner with ACAP for the book drive. The collaboration makes donating books more convenient for community mem-

bers throughout the region by offering more drop-off locations.

"We are proud at ACAP to be partnering again with NMCC on this holiday project. Our work in early childhood education revolves around literacy development which is key to school readiness and success in life. This project is an opportunity to share the gift of literacy with children in the community at large," said Sue Powers, senior manager, ACAP Child and Family Services.

Individuals or organizations with children's books to donate may drop off books at the following locations: the information window, NMCC Christie lobby, 33 Edgemont Dr., P.I.; ACAP Main Office, 771 Main St., P.I.; ACAP Park Street Center, P.I.; ACAP Employment & Training, 91 Military St., Houlton; ACAP Fort Kent Child Care Center, 40 Alfalfa Ave.; ACAP Caribou Child Care Center, Bowles Rd.; and Box of Books, 678 Fort Fairfield Road in Caribou.

The book collection effort will continue through the month of November.

Work in Alternative Energy Recognized

The successful efforts of NMCC to train a new workforce for jobs in alternative energy and how that work enhances regional economic growth for an emerging industry were featured in October by a national organization.

Northern Maine Community College: Rural Partnership to Build a Green Economy, was the "Colleges in Action" story highlighted on the website and in the October newsletter of the Washington D.C. based Sustainability Education and Economic Development (SEED) Center.

The article highlights NMCC's efforts to develop educational curriculum in alternative energy and specifically focuses on the College's work as a lead partner in the Mobilize Northern Maine initiative. The comprehensive planning process involves representatives from Northern Maine Development Commission, workforce development, the business community, nonprofits, government, and higher education.

"It is especially rewarding to have the work of our campus community recognized as a success story and featured as such nationally. This speaks volumes for the excellent work of our faculty, students and staff. There has been a great deal of innovation on our campus in developing not only the wind power technology program but also in introducing solar, biomass and other alternative energy curriculum," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley. "The article also acknowledges our commitment to supporting and leading economic development efforts in northern Maine."

SEED is the first national coordinated strategy to support community colleges in building the green economy. It was created by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), the primary advocacy organization for the nation's community colleges, and ecoAmerica, a non-profit that uses consumer research and strategic partnerships to create large-scale engagement programs that build awareness, understanding and action

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NMCC Partners with CompTIA to Broaden Student Opportunities

A new partnership between Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA) and Northern Maine Community College will expand learning opportunities on campus, while lowering related testing costs for those seeking certain hardware and software certifications.

The CompTIA Authorized Academy Program is an educational program designed to give schools, government retraining agencies and nonprofit organizations the ability to extend the reach and overall impact of education by working to prepare learners for careers within the field of information technology.

While CompTIA certification opportunities have long been a part of the computer electronics program at NMCC, becoming a part of the CompTIA Academy serves as a great addition to the current curriculum, according to instructor Joe McLaughlin.

"We have been teaching courses that map to CompTIA's A+, Network+, Security+, and Linux+ exams. Being an Authorized Academy Program member adds additional resources that can be added to student training," said McLaughlin. "While NMCC also serves as a Pearson Vue testing center, having the opportunity of offering more training and education on our campus is a benefit to our students."

Being a member of the Academy will also serve to lower expenses to students by helping to provide the A+, Network+, Linux+, and Security+ certification examinations students need to graduate from the computer electronics program at a reduced rate.

"With the economy and student budgets being as tight as they are, the reduced prices in exams make testing more affordable. Having students graduate with these certifications opens many doors to employment. It also offers third party validation of the skills learned by NMCC students," said McLaughlin.

The Academy also offers students the resources to explore potential employment opportunities and avenues for long term career growth.

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"Education is the foundation of a progressive society. It is also one of the cornerstones of a vibrant and growing economy. Today you are helping to cement Maine's future as a healthy, prosperous economy. Today also marks the end of your student life here at Northern Maine Community College and the beginning of a long career filled with optimism and opportunity," said Gerard Chasse, president and CEO of Bango Hydro Electric Company, in his commencement address to NMCC graduates on May 14.

Also speaking at commencement was NMCC's "Student of the Year," Dustin Graham of Mapleton.

"Northern Maine Community College is not only a first college experience for a student such as myself, it is also a



place for second chances, or even third or fourth chances. One thing I have learned while at NMCC is that it is never too late to learn or to receive an education."

He left his classmates with this advice: "whatever you take on in life from this point forward, whether it be your job or something else you become involved in, do it with passion. Don't do it for the glory, or the credit, do it because you truly enjoy it and it makes you happy."

Presque Isle Historical Society and NMCC Partner to Offer Certificate in Non-Profit Management Program

The Presque Isle Historical Society and NMCC have partnered to offer those involved with non-profit organizations the opportunity to take courses and even earn a certificate in non-profit management. The pilot project was made possible through a grant from the Aroostook County Fund of the Maine Community Foundation. The certificate program offers a series of eight courses covering a variety of topics of interest to non-profit organizations.

Coordinated by the NMCC Continuing Education Division, workshops run for four hours once monthly on Friday mornings. Since the first two sessions have already run, it is too late to register for the full certificate program. However, interested persons can still register for the individual upcoming workshops.

According to Kimberly Smith, secretary/treasurer of the Presque Isle Historical Society and project grant writer and coordinator, the timing could not be better to introduce such a program in northern Maine.

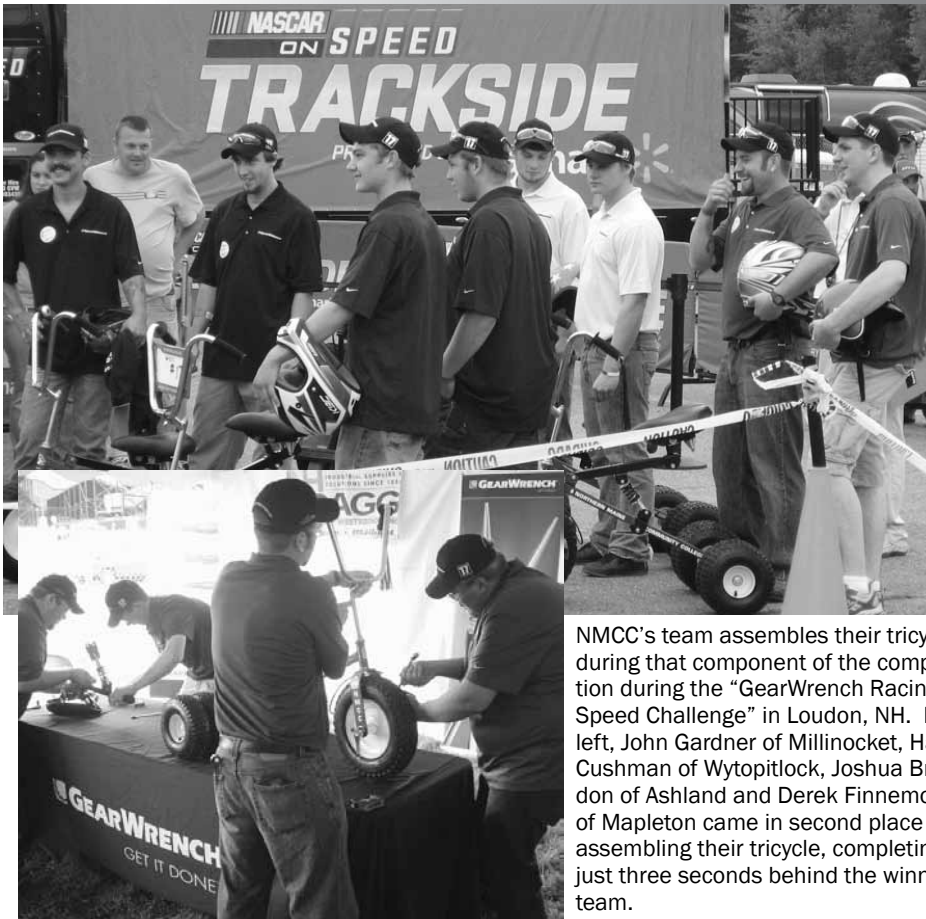
"Our organization (Presque Isle Historical Society) recognizes the need for such training for our own board and volunteers as well as that of the other 485

Aroostook County non-profit organizations if we are to be successful in achieving our missions in this economy," said Smith. "It is imperative that non-profit executives as well as key staff and volunteers have the skills and resources necessary to meet the challenges facing them."

Marketing for Non-Profits and Grant-Writing 101 were offered in September and October. The remaining sessions are: Coaching Staff for Improved Performance (November 18), Fundraising for the Non-Profit (December 16), Strategic Planning for Non-Profits (January 20), Leadership Development for Non-Profits (February 17), Effective Use of Volunteers (March 16), and Financial Management for Non-Profits (April 20).

Individuals may enroll in as many or as few workshops in the program as desired. The cost for each course is \$49 for the first ten enrollees and \$79 per person for the class for participants who register after the first ten participants are confirmed. Any organization that pays for three attendees in one session may send a fourth at no cost.

For more information, please contact the NMCC Continuing Education Division at (207) 768-2849 or bhummel@nmcc.edu.



NMCC's team assembles their tricycle during that component of the competition during the "GearWrench Racing Speed Challenge" in Loudon, NH. From left, John Gardner of Millinocket, Hal Cushman of Wytopitlock, Joshua Bragdon of Ashland and Derek Finnemore of Mapleton came in second place in assembling their tricycle, completing in just three seconds behind the winning team.

Automotive Technology Students Assemble and Race Tricycle at New Hampshire Speedway

Four NMCC automotive technology seniors and their instructor were selected to compete in the first-ever "GearWrench Racing Speed Challenge" on September 23 at the famed New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon.

The race was set as a warm-up of sorts leading up to both the Camping World Series Truck race the next day, featuring the #17 GearWrench/Red Horse Racing Toyota Tundra driven by Timothy Peters, and the Sylvania 300 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series the following day. Unlike the other racers who rounded the oval over the weekend, the NMCC students, and their counterparts from four other New England colleges, competed on three wheels instead of four, and top speed was determined by a very different kind of pedal power and pit crew effort.

The students raced using an adult size Schwinn Tricycle provided by GearWrench and the tool company's Maine product distributor, Bangor headquartered N. H. Bragg. Before requiring fast footwork on the part of the students, the challenge first put to use some of the technical skills they are learning in that they had to assemble the tricycle.

"This was a great opportunity for the students, the college, and our program to gain some exposure. This event gave these students a chance to display their skills, have a good time, and win some tools," said Dan Boyd, NMCC automotive instructor.

The NMCC students, under the guidance of Boyd, went head to head with similar size teams from Washington County Community College and Eastern Maine Community College, and one school each from New Hampshire and Vermont in the challenge that was televised on the SPEED Channel.

In addition to bragging rights, the winning team earned \$1,000 in GearWrench tools and five pit passes to join the GearWrench 17 Race Team for the Saturday Truck Series Race at the Speedway. All other four finishing teams received GearWrench tool sets in various amounts and five tickets to the Saturday Truck Series Race. NMCC's team placed third place overall in the competition.

Employees *from page 2*

Avon Brown, custodian II; Shelli Cronkite, psychology instructor; Fred Doody, maintenance; Susan Dugal, nursing instructor; Deborah Folsom, nursing instructor in Houlton; Peter Goheen, campus safety and security officer; Jan Grieco, English instructor; and Jason Parent, director of development and college relations.

Three recent retirees were also recognized at the luncheon. Guy Jackson, John Price and Ron Fitzgerald were presented rocking chairs with an engraved NMCC seal.



Presented with ten year service awards were Elizabeth Crawford (seated, left) and Ruth White (seated, center). Charles Kelley (seated, right) was honored for 15 years of service. Five year honorees were (standing, from left) Heidi Broad-Smith, Avon Brown, Shelli Cronkite, Deborah Folsom, Jan Grieco and Jason Parent. Missing from photo were five year honorees Fred Doody, Susan Dugal and Peter Goheen.



Front row, from left: Daniel Boyd, William Egeler and Ronald Fitzgerald were honored for 30 years of service. Honored for 20 years of service were Mary Cornelio (standing, left) and Norma Smith (missing from photo). Twenty-five year honorees were Eileen McDougal (center) and Paula York.



Seated from left in the rocking chairs they were presented are retirees Ronald Fitzgerald, Guy Jackson and John Price.

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Annual "TD Bank Golf Tournament to Benefit NMCC Foundation" Raises Scholarship Funds

NMCC students will be the beneficiaries of more than \$18,000 in scholarship funds raised through the TD Bank Golf Tournament to benefit the NMCC Foundation held on August 11 at the Aroostook Valley Country Club.

Just over one hundred golfers teed off for the annual scramble. An additional dozen people joined the golfers for a dinner and silent auction that followed play. Joining in the festivities was Larry Wold, president of TD Bank-Maine.

"It is great to be here with you today and for TD Bank to join forces with the Northern Maine Community College Foundation to host this tournament," said Wold to those gathered before the 11:00 a.m. tournament shotgun start. "Most of you gathered here today benefit directly from the work of the community college each day. Many of the employees that make your businesses run are graduates of NMCC. There is no better resource for education, training and workforce development in our state than the community college system."

Wold's comments were echoed by Michael J. Kelley, TD Bank regional vice president.

"TD Bank is extremely pleased with our continuing partnership with the NMCC Foundation. Our annual golf tournament provides a wonderful opportunity to join together for a day of fun with our customers, employees, NMCC

staff, sponsors, and NMCC Foundation donors to raise much needed financial support for the Foundation," said Kelley. "Our sponsors and supporters have remained very generous. The proceeds from this tournament are all about the future of our youth and we all remain proud and honored to be a small part of that future."

This marked the sixth year TD Bank has partnered with the NMCC Foundation to host the golf tournament.

"We are most grateful to Mike Kelley, Ray Hews, and many others at TD Bank for their work on this annual event. We appreciate the participation of the players and all the sponsors and supporters of the tournament. It not only gives support of the institution, but it directly affects the students, which is what it is all about," said Brian Hamel, NMCC Foundation Chair.

Winners of the TD Bank Cup, with the first place low gross, was the team of Brad Boyles, Greg Palm and Tim Belden, all of Presque Isle, with a score of 60. First low net were Denis Paradis, Chad Cyr and Dale Dubay of Fort Kent with a score of 49.4. Second place net went to John Pelletier of Van Buren, Jeff Pangburn of Presque Isle and Robert Poiesz of Madawaska, with a score of 52.4. Third low net went to Ray Hews and Greg Smith of Presque Isle and Ralph Miller of Portage, with a score of 53.4.

Closest to the pin for the men was Jeff Irving of Caribou on hole 8 and Jason Woollard of Mars Hill on hole 15. Sheila Nemer of Ashland won for the women on both holes. The longest drive winner for the men was Bill Getman of Mars Hill, with Nemer winning for the women. Dan Levesque of Ashland won the putting contest.



Michael J. Kelley (left), regional vice president of TD Bank, NMCC Foundation board member and key organizer of the annual TD Bank Golf Tournament to Benefit the NMCC Foundation, presents the winning tournament trophy – the TD Bank Cup – for first place low gross to (center left) Greg Palm, Bradlee Boyles, and Tim Belden of Presque Isle. Tournament organizer Ray Hews of TD Bank, Brian Hamel, NMCC Foundation Board Chair, and NMCC President Tim Crowley join in congratulating the team.



Among those who played in the tournament were (from left) NMCC instructors Greg Thompson, Dan Boyd and Dean Duplessis.



Jeff Freeman (left), president of PLARAD Bolting Technology, Inc., traveled to NMCC to tour the College's wind power facilities and to demonstrate the use of the equipment his company donated to wind power technology instructor Wayne Kilcollins and his students. The company manages the North American markets of PLARAD, one of three German companies that donated wind power equipment to the College.

NMCC Wind Power Technology Program Receives Donations from Three German Companies

NMCC's wind power technology program has attracted international attention resulting in \$28,000 worth of tool and equipment donations from three German companies. The announcement was made at the American Wind Energy Association WINDPOWER Conference and Exhibition in Anaheim, California.

Representatives from the companies announced their gifts to instructor Wayne Kilcollins, who attended the four-day event in May along with other delegates from Maine involved in the state's wind industry. The three German corporations are major suppliers to the international wind industry and are also actively engaged in growing their North American business.

"To have our efforts recognized by three leading international companies in the wind industry speaks volumes to the work that is happening at Northern Maine Community College and across the State of Maine in terms of development of wind projects," he said.

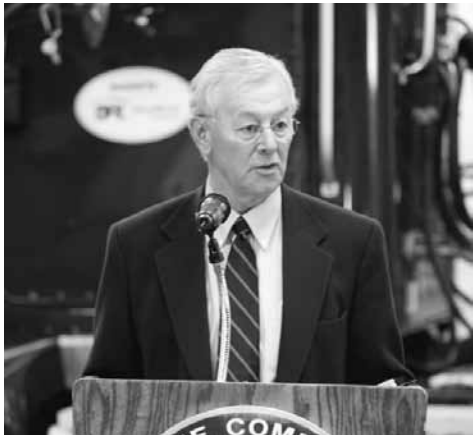
The largest of the donations came from Wagner GmbH & Co.KG, a family owned precision tool manufacturer

based in Much, Germany. The company, which has developed and manufactured innovative torque and tension systems which are being sold worldwide under the tradename 'Plarad,' contributed more than \$25,600 in power bolting equipment.

Plarad donated a set of precision bolting tools so that students can learn handling of such equipment, including safety training. The tools, which include a hydraulic torque wrench, ratchet head, drive unit and accompanying hydraulic power pack, are used to tighten bolts that hold sections of tower and turbine drive components together, attach the blades to the hub assembly, as well as the nacelle to the tower.

PSA Sicherheitstechnik GmbH of Solingen, Germany donated a set of climbing safety gear for turbine technicians which includes a full body harness, double lanyard and work positioning rope, valued at \$370.

August Friedberg GmbH of Gelsenkirchen, Germany provided \$2,000 worth of bolts and threaded rods.



Above: Robert Morgan, president of Dead River Company, speaks to those gathered about his company's support of the Maine Community College System. Below: Diesel hydraulics student Phillip Willey speaks about what the donation means to his program, while his instructor Bob Rice looks on.

Donation from Dead River Company to Benefit Students at Three Community Colleges

A significant in-kind donation from the Dead River Company given to The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges will enhance the hands-on learning opportunities at three of the state's community colleges, including NMCC.

On September 16, Robert Moore, president of Dead River Company, announced the initial gift of three trucks, one of which came to NMCC, at a ceremony in the diesel hydraulics lab at NMCC before members of the freshman class for the program.

"Throughout our 103-year history, Dead River Company has always kept our customers, neighbors and communities top of mind," said Moore. "We proudly support Maine's high-quality educational opportunities in the community college system. Given our experience in working with graduates of these programs, as well as the budget challenges faced by community colleges, we are confident that our donation of these trucks

will enhance the hands-on training for students here at NMCC, Eastern Maine Community College and Washington County Community College."

The three diesel trucks, all Navistar International 9200 series models, represent the initial gift from Dead River Company. Altogether the value of the eleven trucks will total approximately \$100,000.

"The gift announcement by Dead River Company to The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges, and in turn to our campus, is significant because it underscores the high level of support and appreciation for the work of our college and that of our sister colleges across the state," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley. "We are most grateful to Dead River Company for recognizing what we do and acknowledging the importance of our efforts toward the betterment of the economy of our region and state."



NMCC Holds Homecoming Weekend & 50th Anniversary Gala

The NMCC Alumni & Friends Organization hosted its second annual Homecoming Weekend on September 9 and 10, focusing on the College's 50th anniversary.

An open house was held on Friday, September 9. Community members and more than 200 high school students toured the campus and learned about the exciting things happening at the College. The open house included a free barbecue lunch featuring music by the Presque Isle Middle School Jazz Band under a tent in front of the college gymnasium.

A dozen area vendors took part in a Harvest Bazaar throughout the day, and various entertainment was held under the tent through the afternoon and evening, including musical performances by Jeremy Hale and Dan Rooney, Zumba demonstrations, entertainment by the Moon Dance Studios Cloggers, Karaoke and Open Mic hours, and music by DJ Bob Collins

Activities on Saturday, September 10, began with a brunch and pep rally, followed by a soccer match between the NMCC Falcons and a team of NMCC alumni. Despite a valiant effort by alumni, the Falcons won the game with a score of 6 to 1.

Saturday evening brought the highlight event of NMCC's 50th Anniversary celebration. The 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner and Silent Auction drew nearly 450 people to the campus gymnasium

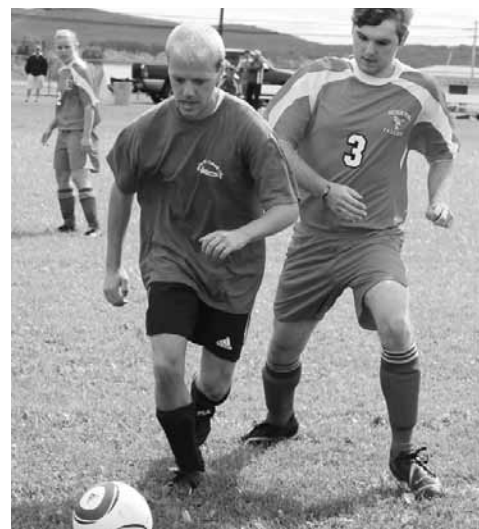
for an evening of dinner, dancing and celebrating the college's rich heritage.

The festivities began with The Aroostook Medical Center Social. TAMC was the platinum level sponsor for the Gala along with Aramark, NMCC's campus dining services provider, who sponsored the meal.

The highlight of the evening was the honoring of NMCC's constellation of "50 Shining Stars," featuring one alumni from each of the graduating classes, as well as three community members who have played a key role in the development of the College. *See the related story on the adjacent page.*

Once all of the "Stars" were presented with their honors, the well-known area band "Common Crossing" performed for attendees to enjoy a night of dancing. The band is led by NMCC alumnus Brian Mosher of Presque Isle, who was one of the evening's Star honorees.

The celebratory event served not only to mark the occasion of five decades of service by the College, but proceeds from the evening benefited the NMCC Foundation, which provides scholarship and other assistance to students attending the institution and also funds instructional technology and other purchases for the College annually. Funds raised through the silent auction, coordinated by the NMCC Alumni and Friends Organization, will go toward future activity hosted by that organization.



NMCC alum Dusty Graham (center), who was himself a member of the soccer team the past two years before graduating in May, gets the ball past NMCC Falcon Jacob Lassonde.



The Gala ended with dancing to the music of Common Crossing.



NMCC athletic director Bill Casavant (center) speaks to one of the tour groups during the College's Open House on September 9. More than 250 high school students from across the County and community members toured the campus and learned more about NMCC offerings.



Approximately 700 campus and community members stopped by to enjoy the BBQ luncheon during the NMCC Open House.



50 Shining Stars Honored

As part of the 50th anniversary celebration for the College, the NMCC Alumni & Friends Organization selected of a constellation of "50 Shining Stars," featuring one alum from each of the graduating classes, as well as three community members who have played a key role in the development of the College. The individuals were recognized in a media campaign by the College earlier this fall and at the NMCC 50th Anniversary Gala Banquet on September 10.

"We were looking for and selected a really good mix of people who have been successful in their own right and have made a positive difference in their profession, community and in the lives of others around them," said Cindy Albert, member of the selection committee. "As individuals and as a group, these 'shining stars' tell the true NMCC story and really demonstrate the very positive and profound impact the College has had on the economic development of The County and the quality of life of our community through the years."

In addition to the 47 stars that represent each of the graduating classes for NMCC and its forerunners, the Alumni and Friends Organization solicited the public to find three community leaders to honor who have made a significant difference in the evolution of the institution.

Each honoree was presented with a special star award designed and crafted by Dennis Albert, NMCC welding and metal fabrications instructor, and his students. A poster featuring each star was unveiled at the Gala and are now being hung throughout the corridors on the campus.



Betty Walker (right) accepts her Shining Star award from Kris Doody, CEO of Cary Medical Center, sponsor of the star. Betty is a 1986 graduate from what was then the secretarial science program. She is now the volunteer coordinator at Cary.



Dr. Jack Forbush, a 1994 nursing graduate, is now a physician with a practice in Hampden, providing the full spectrum of family medicine. He accepts his Shining Star award from Sylvia Getman, CEO of The Aroostook Medical Center, sponsor of the star.



Justinian Engels (left) receives his Shining Star award from this father, Richard Engels. Justinian is a 2002 graduate of the diesel hydraulics program and now works for Cummins, Inc. in New York. Dick also received a star as one of three community members honored.

Former County Lawmakers Honored

It was a celebration decades in the making and it drew a crowd of more than 100 of The County's most prominent leaders – past and present – to campus. The NMCC 50th Anniversary luncheon, and the social preceding it honoring 25 years of service to the region by Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development (LEAD), was held on June 17, the same day in 1961 that Governor John H. Reed signed the bill into law that created NMCC.

The celebrations were held jointly to reflect the fact that a quarter-century ago, a prominent group of Aroostook County business leaders turned to then Northern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, to ask the school to serve as the base of operations for a brand new organization they incorporated called LEAD. From that point forward, LEAD and NMCC have worked collaboratively and with other partners to advance economic development throughout the region.

Former legislators, who have served Aroostook County in the past half-century – themselves working to improve the future of the region, were featured guests at the event.

"Aroostook County is fortunate to have been served by some outstanding elected leaders," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley. "We wanted to take a moment to say thank you to all who have so capably represented our area in the legislature and helped advocate for the College and for the development of Aroostook County over the years. The Aroostook County delegation has always been known for working across the aisle and for doing what is best for our region and state."

In addition to honoring all current and former County lawmakers, two were afforded special recognition. Former State Senator Floyd L. Harding and Former State Representative Harold L. (Bud) Stewart, both of Presque Isle, were recognized for their outstanding efforts 50 years ago in ensuring the creation of NMCC.



A dozen former Aroostook County legislators were among the honored guests at the NMCC 50th Anniversary luncheon and Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development 25th Anniversary reception held on June 17 on the NMCC campus. Joining in the celebration were: (seated, left to right) Mabel Desmond of Mapleton, Floyd Harding and Harold (Bud) Stewart of Presque Isle, and Carolyn Mahany of Easton. Also taking part were: (standing, left to right) Roland (Danny) Martin of Sinclair, Wilfred Bell of Caribou, James Dunleavy of Presque Isle, Donald Collins of Caribou, Dean Clukey of Houlton, Henry Joy of Crystal, Richard Kneeland of Easton, and Hayes Gahagan of Presque Isle.

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Author of Book on Maine-New Brunswick Border Holds Reading and Book Signing at NMCC

An award-winning author and journalist, whose latest book tackles the Maine-New Brunswick border, held a book signing at NMCC on October 6.

Jacques Poitras read from his new book, *Imaginary Line: Life on an unfinished border*, and led a discussion on the topics covered in the publication. He also signed copies of the book, which were available for sale.

The book tackles the challenges, obstacles and opportunities that exist along the “longest undefended border” through the lens of those who experience

it day in-day out. Included are stories that speak to the changes and challenges along the border since September 11.

Poitras has been CBC Radio’s provincial affairs reporter in New Brunswick since 2000 and has reported on the New Brunswick-Maine relationship since his days as a reporter for the *New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal*. His journalism has been recognized by the National Newspaper Awards and the Radio and Television News Directors Association, and he has appeared on Radio-Canada, National Public Radio, and the BBC.



NMCC Marks Constitution Day with Focus on Citizenship and Naturalization

On September 17, 1787, the course of American History was dramatically changed with the signing of the U.S. Constitution by thirty-nine brave men. In recent years the day, now known as Constitution Day, is set aside as a time to reflect on the birth of our government and ideas that make us Americans.

Constitution Day events were held at NMCC this year on September 16. The theme focused on citizenship and naturalization, and activities included a video presentation, an appropriately themed luncheon, the opportunity for students and community members to take a naturalization test to see what people from other countries experience as they become a U.S. citizen, and the official opening of an exhibit by a Franco-American wood carver.

The library hosted the viewing of a video, *A Conversation on the Constitution with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the 14th Amendment*. Incorporating three integral constitutional tenets -- due process, equal protection, and privileges and immunities -- the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was originally intended to secure rights for former slaves, but over the years, it has been expanded to protect all people. Individuals also had the opportunity to test their knowledge about the U.S. Constitution and the basic tenets of our system of government by taking a sample naturalization test.

The library also hosted an opening reception for an exhibit of wood carvings by artist Tom Cote of Limestone. The exhibit featured nearly two dozen works by Cote and two of his apprentices. The artwork was on display throughout September.



The official opening reception of “Wood Carvings of Acadia” took place on September 16 as a part of the college’s Constitution Day celebration. The exhibition features a mixture of pieces depicting the region’s proud agricultural traditions. Most of the pieces on display were made by Tom Cote and his apprentice wood carvers Jessica Stackhouse-Goodwin and Cote’s granddaughter, Ellyzabeth S. Bencivenga. Above, Tom Cote and his granddaughter, Ellyzabeth, demonstrate their skills in wood carving during the reception. Joyce Tremblay (seated) from the academic dean’s office was among those who stopped by to watch the two at work.

Couponing Workshop Held

More than 50 County residents took part in “Secrets to Successful Couponing,” a course offered through the NMCC Continuing Education Division, on October 15. The workshop was led by Portland resident Chrystie Corns, a Madawaska native who has appeared in The Learning Channel’s docu-series “Extreme Couponing” and whose cost cutting measures have been the subject of several print and on-line articles. During the session, Corns talked about how she was able to save over \$5,000 on groceries and household items in a year, and on one day walked out of a Rite Aid with \$156 of paid merchandise that didn’t cost her anything and, with rebates factored in, actually made her money. Corns spoke about how she starts her search for good deals every Sunday, when she buys several copies of the Sunday paper. She also elaborated on how she keeps her coupons organized to maximize both her time and savings when it comes to going to the store. The discussion included how to capitalize on shopping “reward” programs offered by various retailers.



Dead River Donation, *from page 9*

The trucks will be put to immediate use at all three colleges. "Instead of working on a demonstration model set on a bench, students will actually get the experience of working on a diesel truck like ones they will see in the workplace after graduation as a result of this generous gift," said Robert Rice, NMCC diesel hydraulics instructor. "They will better understand how you work to remove differentials and transmission components from the truck chassis, which industry professionals consistently cite as an important skill for new technicians to learn. The trucks will also serve as a trainer in the preventative maintenance for inspection, and in the breaks module for diagnostics in anti-lock brake systems."

In addition to the diesel hydraulics technology program at NMCC, the Dead River Company donation will benefit the commercial driving academy delivered through the college's continuing education division. The state licensed program has trained hundreds of men and women to become professional drivers. The course runs eight weeks and is in such demand that NMCC offers it several times each year.



Officials with NMCC, The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges and Dead River Company pose by one of the trucks donated by Dead River to NMCC following a press conference held in the diesel hydraulics lab. Joining in the announcement were (from left) Timothy Crowley, NMCC president; Elizabeth Shorr, president of The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges; Robert Rice, NMCC diesel hydraulics instructor; and Robert Moore, president of Dead River Company.

NMCC Hosts P.I. Historical Society Presentations on County History as Part of Anniversary Events

The Presque Isle Historical Society has held two of a series of three presentations at NMCC on key happenings that have shaped the history of the region. The sessions, open to the public at no charge, are being held on campus as part of the community activity surrounding the institution's 50th Anniversary.

Leading the presentations is Kim Smith of the Presque Isle Historical Society. She has researched and written over thirty presentations on topics of interest on Presque Isle's History.

In July, Smith led a discussion on the Double Eagle II balloon flight. The hot air balloon took off from a local field in 1978 in the 14th known flight attempt to cross the Atlantic Ocean.

In September, the discussion centered on the Aroostook War. Smith spoke about the unsettled boundary between what is now the U.S. and Canada in our region, elaborating on how the conflict was inflamed by two incidents in the communities of Maysville (now Presque Isle) and Madawaska.

This presentation was particularly timely as the coming year marks the 170th anniversary of the signing of the Webster-Ashburton treaty establishing the boundary. It also fits nicely with the ongoing educational and awareness efforts to prepare the region for the World

Acadian Congress in 2014.

The final in the series of Aroostook County History presentations, on the Presque Isle Army Air Base, will be held on December 7 at NMCC. What could be more fitting on Pearl Harbor Day than to learn more about a local air base? Did you know that Presque Isle regularly saw celebrities such as Bob Hope, Joan Blondell, and Frances Langford on the air field? Did you know that Presque Isle was the Strategic Air Command's first SNARK Missile base. The SNARK was the US Air Force's first intercontinental ballistic missile. Learn about these and other interesting facts about the Presque Isle Army Air Base. The session will be held in the Edmunds Conference Center at 5:30 p.m.

"Hosting presentations on topics of local historic interest is a key part of fulfilling the mission of the Presque Isle Historical Society. Northern Maine Community College understands the importance of engaging residents in their local history and is always very supportive of our mission. It is even more meaningful that the two organizations are partnering for such presentations during the 50th anniversary celebration of NMCC, an institution that has contributed greatly to this community over the last five decades," said Smith.



NMCC and the Presque Isle Historical Society have partnered on a number of initiatives in recent years. During Presque Isle's Sesquicentennial in 2009, a year-long celebration chaired by Smith, the community college campus served as the host site for the city's official birthday party. The campus also constructed the Star City Star which first ushered in the New Year in 2009, and has since become the highlight of the annual Star City First Night celebration. The historical society has also hosted a number of other public presentations on numerous historical topics at NMCC in the intervening years. For her part, Smith serves on the NMCC 50th Anniversary Steering Committee and has played a significant role in the hosting of activities surrounding the celebration, including the sock-hop themed 1960's kick-off event in January.

Luncheon, *from page 11*

Stewart, who represented the Star City in the Legislature during the 1961-1962 session, was key supporter of the bill to create a vocational school in Aroostook County. He, along with Senator Edmunds, were key figures in building support in their respective chambers for the legislation and ensuring its passage.

Harding was one of the key members of a committee of local citizens working to develop a vocational school in Presque Isle on the site of the former Army Air Base. The vision of the group was to utilize existing vacated military facilities to serve as learning spaces for the various trades and barracks to house the residential students.

The two former lawmakers were honored with bronze plaques recognizing their contributions that were unveiled during the ceremony following the luncheon. The plaques now hang in the Edmunds Building near a similar one honoring the late Senator E. Perrin Edmunds.

The advocacy of area lawmakers over the years in supporting the mission and work of NMCC is visible across the college campus. Several buildings are named after prominent elected officials from the region, including the Reed Dining Commons (Former Governor John Reed), Snow Hall (Former State Senator Paris J. Snow), Christie Hall (Former State Representative Augusta K. Christie), Edmunds Building (Former State Senator E. Perrin Edmunds) and the Martin Building (Former House Speaker and long-serving Aroostook lawmaker John L. Martin).

Maine Leaders Tour Alternative Energy Center

A group of 42 business and community leaders from across Maine learned how NMCC is leading the way in alternative energy education as part of their bus tour of Aroostook County.

On October 5 participants in the current class of the Maine Development Foundation's Leadership Maine program visited the Northern Maine Center for Excellence in Alternative Energy Training and Education. The NMCC facility houses a classroom and lab space equipped with technology to train students in wind, solar and biomass energy applications and also teach building weatherization and energy efficiency.

Equipment for the facility has been purchased through funds provided by a \$1.2 million gift to NMCC from Mary Smith, as well as through grants by Efficiency Maine and MaineHousing.

The Maine Development Foundation's Leadership Maine program each year brings together 35 to 45 individuals from across the state representing a broad cross section of the economy. Participants



Pam Buck, computer-aided drafting instructor, demonstrates how situations can be simulated in the pressure house in the alternative energy center.

are selected for their leadership capacities, talents, and life experiences. The program offers participants a unique statewide learning experience, designed to build a pool of leaders to shape our state's future. Those taking part learn first hand about the issues facing the state through a program that provides access to key community and business leaders.

The bus tour of Aroostook County by the Leadership Maine group happens once every three years.

Weatherization Training Center, *from page 4*

Other equipment provided through the grant, and now housed at the center, include a blower door, which serves as an important diagnostic tool to measure air leakage in a structure; infrared cameras, which are used to identify areas of heat loss; and a smart board so instructors can record key concepts for students to review at a later time. The lab was also equipped with a manometer, carbon monoxide detector and combustion gas leak detector.

The new equipment will greatly enhance NMCC's curriculum and allow for expansion of program offerings to the community. In addition to serving NMCC students, the facility will be made available for courses coordinated through the College's continuing education division for energy auditors and weatherization technicians, homebuilders and remodelers, and homeowners.

"Teaching weatherization at NMCC is critically important in a region of Maine and the northeast known to have some of the coldest temperatures and oldest housing stock," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley. "The Weatherization Training Center will be an integral part of the curriculum in all of our building trade programs."

Computer-aided drafting instructor Pam Buck and plumbing and heating instructor Al St. Peter were both on hand for the October 27 open house to demonstrate the new equipment and greet members of the public interested in visiting the new Weatherization Training Center.



College leaders past and present gathered to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the legislation that created NMCC in 1961. Taking part were (from left) Timothy Crowley, current NMCC president; Dr. Durward Huffman, NMCC president from 1986-2001; Dr. James Patterson, NMVTI director from 1984-1986; Deanne Greenlaw, representing the family of the late Harold Mailman, campus leader from 1969-1979; and Dr. Richard N. Cilley, the first assistant director at the college appointed in 1966.



Dr. Lisa Letourneau, executive director of Maine Quality Counts, leads one of the presentations.



Participants brainstormed in small working groups.

NMCC Collaborates with Local and State Entities to Bring Health Care Symposium to The County

A number of local physicians and others in the health care field recently took part an opportunity to strategize about ways to improve health care integration in northern Maine. NMCC hosted the event, which was offered through a collaboration between the College, the Aroostook District Coordinating Council for Public Health and Northern Maine Area Health Education

Center with Maine Quality Counts and the Maine Primary Care Association.

Representatives from the state's health care quality improvement organizations were on hand to lead workshops and discussions focusing on strategies to transform care in ambulatory and hospital settings that go beyond institutional walls to strengthen the community and neighborhood of care.

Governor LePage, *from page 1*

LePage referred to the education system as broken. "We're still number one at the post secondary level, but we're 22 in the world at K-12," said LePage. "We will be addressing choice [such as charter schools] and major changes in how we educate." To determine those changes, they looked this summer at the ten top countries in the world to see what they are doing, particularly Canada—ranked 4th.

In addition to making changes in education and energy with hopes of improving the economy, LePage plans to work with a zero based budget. According to LePage, they are currently evaluating all state programs, and will be eliminating those with no benefit to society, consolidating where it is appropriate, and allowing for growth where needed.

The governor delivered his remarks in the residential construction lab at NMCC. The location was selected to underscore the connection between higher education in the region and how the work of institutions like NMCC are preparing a well-trained workforce in the region and across Maine to advance the economy.

"Inside this space and across this campus we are preparing the future workforce that will propel our state forward. Whether that is through the training of men and women to lead the way in creating more energy efficient structures and in gaining expertise in new energy solutions or to fill highly technical positions in growing industries in Maine, that innovation is happening right here," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley in his welcoming remarks.

According to LEAD President Jon McLaughlin, "We have had a remarkable collaborative relationship with Northern Maine Community College, and we will continue this relationship by working to ensure that the College is successful in their endeavor to train the workforce of the future. The educational services they provide are necessary to keep our County moving forward."

LEAD and NMCC officials invited LePage to be part of a joint event to mark their anniversaries and the ongoing efforts of both organizations. The event was planned, in part, to recognize the long-standing collaborative relationship between the two organizations.

SEED, *from page 5*

for climate and environmental solutions among mainstream Americans.

AACC first learned of NMCC's efforts in alternative energy education in 2008, when the College announced it would launch New England's first associate degree training program for wind power technicians. After following developments of the program over the past few years and after the College graduated its first 14 technicians this spring, SEED sent a consultant to the campus this past August to research and write about efforts in northern Maine.

SEED has also highlighted the college in a report it released earlier this fall entitled *Creating an Environment for Growing Green Jobs: Community Colleges Shaping State and Local Energy Policies*. The document is the first of the SEED Green Action Plan Series, a set of practical guides and actionable steps that colleges can take to prepare a skilled workforce and to become change agents in regional efforts to develop a green and sustainable economy.

The section of the report highlighting NMCC's work focuses on the College's role as a policy convener in the Mobilize Northern Maine effort. College officials were also invited to share the formula for their success with their colleagues as presenters in a national webinar for community colleges.

New Faculty, *from page 3*

In 1989, Nelson-Manion graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in public relations and policy studies from Syracuse University in New York. She received her master of arts in communication/journalism in 1995 from the University of Maine in Orono and in 2002 obtained her Ph.D. in history from U-Maine.

In addition to the four new faculty members, NMCC is also welcoming a familiar staff member to a new position. Johna Lovely has been selected to serve as the new counselor/student development specialist to work with campus TRiO services. Since 2001, Lovely has been a counselor/transfer specialist for NMCC. Lovely graduated with an associate degree in business administration from NMCC in 1994. She obtained her bachelor of science degree in psychology from the University of Maine in 2002.



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HLT-616 ♦ Cost \$55 – includes text ♦ .6 CEUs
Monday & Wednesday, Dec. 5 & 7 ♦ 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Coaching Staff for Improved Performance

Personnel is a key resource and non-profits must make the most of the talent available to them. This workshop explores effective coaching to improve and enhance employee performance. Instructor: Carol Bell

Cost \$79 (*ask about special offers for early enrollment and multiple people from same organization*)
Friday, November 18 ♦ 8:00 – 12:00 pm

Fundraising for the Non-Profit

Fundraising is essential to the non-profit. Add to that the challenges of today's economy, living in a small rural community, and competition for the dollars. This workshop deals with the development of fundraising campaigns, planned giving, and other techniques. Instructor: Kim Smith

Cost \$79 (*ask about special offers for early enrollment and multiple people from same organization*)
Friday, December 16 ♦ 8:00 – 12:00 pm