

# Weekly Bulletin

## MPS to Hold “Save Energy, Save Dollars” Workshop with Free Take-Home Tools

Turn off computers and their peripherals when not in use. Unplug such “vampire” appliances as satellite TV systems and game stations that suck electricity, even when they are off. Replace light bulbs with compact fluorescent or LED bulbs. Install weather stripping on doors leading to the outside or garage. And, of course, turn down the thermostat when leaving home.

These are just a few of the energy- and money-saving tips being given out in the free Maine Public Service workshop on saving energy and money. “There are many low- and no-cost energy-saving strategies that can save money so renters and homeowners can apply the savings to other household expenses,” says Nancy Chandler, coordinator of energy conservation and education services at MPS.

The “Save Energy, Save Dollars” workshop focuses on energy efficiency and offers such free take-home tools as fluorescent bulbs, power usage meter, refrigerator gauge, LED night light, and pipe insulation. Co-sponsored by NMCC, the workshop takes place in the Edmunds Conference Center at the College from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22. Please call Nancy Chandler for registration and more information at 760-2556.

## NMCC Receives \$5 Million Gift Donation to Fund Two Significant Projects that Will Have “Transformative Impact” on Campus Community

Officials from NMCC and the NMCC Foundation announced a historic \$5 million private gift and outlined plans for significant projects the donation will make possible during a press conference on February 8.

The gift comes from a staunch supporter of both NMCC and the City of Presque Isle, Mary Barton Akeley Smith. Smith is the California resident who last year supported the College with a \$1.2 million gift that greatly advanced the school’s alternative energy program offerings. She also made possible the expansion of the city’s Mark and Emily Turner Memorial Library with a \$1 million contribution.

“This is truly a pivotal moment in the 50 year history of Northern Maine Community College,” said Vicki Smith, NMCC Foundation board chair. “Words cannot express our profound gratitude to Mrs. Smith. Her impact on this campus, on higher education, and on this community cannot be overstated.”



Vicki Smith, chair of the NMCC Foundation Board, announces the exciting gift during the February 8 press conference.



NMCC President Tim Crowley explains the two projects being undertaken that will transform the campus thanks to this generous donation.

The donated funds will provide the lion’s share of the \$6 million needed to renovate and repurpose two existing facilities at NMCC. The building which now houses the dining commons will be transformed into the Rodney Smith Center for Fitness and Occupational Wellness in honor of the donor’s late husband. The facility that is now the college gymnasium and sits in the center of the campus will become the new Akeley Student Center in honor of Mary Smith’s parents and family.

Efforts to both raise the \$1 million to match the Smith gift and begin the design and other pre-construction work get underway this month. The intent is to complete both construction projects over the next year and a half.

“We are pleased that Mrs. Smith shares our vision and commitment to the people of Aroostook County, and we are excited about having an opportunity to take a portion of our long range plan for NMCC and bring it to life,” said NMCC President Timothy Crowley.

Look for more exciting details on this gift and these projects in the quarterly newsletter, coming soon.

## Lunch Menu

### Monday

Big Bacon Swiss Burger  
Oven Fried Chicken  
Tuna Sub  
Hungarian Goulash Soup  
Broccoli & Cheddar Soup  
Tomato Rice Soup  
Sweet Potatoes  
Fresh Collard Greens  
Moroccan Vegetable Stew

### Tuesday

Grilled Ham & Cheese Sand.  
Sloppy Joes  
Chicken Salad Sub  
Chicken & Rice Soup  
Broccoli & Cheddar Soup  
Cream of Mushroom Soup  
Lyonnise Potatoes  
Peas & Carrots  
Grilled BBQ Tofu

### Wednesday

Turkey Burger  
BBQ Beef Brisket Sandwich  
Italian Sub  
Beef & Barley Soup  
Chicken Noodle Soup  
Roasted Corn & Potato Soup  
Hash, Sweet Potato & Bacon  
Fresh Collard Greens  
Eggplant Parmesan

### Thursday

Bacon Bleu Burger  
Crispy Chicken Sandwich  
3-Cheese Sub  
Turkey Rice Soup  
Minestrone Soup  
Chicken Noodle Soup  
Mashed Potatoes  
California Blend Veggies  
Spinach Quiche

### Friday

Texas Bacon Grilled Cheese  
Creole Fried Pollock  
Grilled Apple, Bleu Cheese  
& Bacon Bruschetta  
New England Clam Chowder  
Chicken Noodle Soup  
Six Onion Soup  
Grilled Red Potatoes  
Seasoned Corn  
Grilled Tofu

### AVAILABLE DAILY

Deli Station & Salad Bar  
Pizza

Hamburgers  
Garden Burgers

Hot Dogs

Chicken Patty Sandwiches,  
Grilled Cheese Sandwiches,  
French Fries  
Assorted Desserts



Students in one of Nancy Cowett's accounting classes threw a surprise baby shower on Friday for fellow classmate Angela Forino (seated, center) and her husband Mark (seated beside her), also a student at the college. The couple are expecting a baby boy at the end of March, right around spring break time. The two won't get much of a break, returning as soon as possible to complete class work, prepare for finals and then graduation in May. Angela will graduate from the accounting information systems program, while Mark will graduate from the welding and metal fabrication program. "I'm proud of them for coming together to do something like this," said Cowett, who gave up class time to allow the event to take place, considering it a team building experience.

## Valentine's Day Guessing Contest Winners...

Congratulations to the two winners of the annual Valentine's Day Guessing Contest sponsored by the Student Senate. Gene Martin was the winner for Jar #1, guessing 199, just one off from the actual total of 200. For Jar #2, Joshua Miller guessed the exact amount of 373. Both won a \$50 gift card to Walmart.

## Events

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

**EMT Practice Stations**, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Edmunds C.C.  
**Admissions Testing**, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, MRT 210  
**Nursing ATI Training**, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Hunt MMC

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**NMCC Photo Shoot**, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Edmunds Conf. Ctr.  
**TRIO Workshop**, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Keegan Room  
**Student Senate Meeting**, 12:15 - 12:45 pm, CHR 201

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

**Curriculum Committee Meeting**, 10:00 - 11:00 am, MRT 213-2  
**Architect Interviews**, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Martin Third Floor Conference Room  
**Admissions Testing**, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, MRT 210

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**NESHM Meeting**, 8:00 - 9:30 am, Edmunds Conf. Center  
**PROBUS Meeting**, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Keegan Room  
**Architect Interviews**, 11:30 am - 4:00 pm, Martin Third Floor Conference Room

## Faculty Invited to Lunch & Learn Session

All full-time NMCC faculty are invited to a "Lunch and Learn" gathering on Wednesday, February 15, from 12:00 -12:45 p.m. in the library conference room. Instructors Eric Pelkey, Jen Graham and Penny Mints will lead a panel discussion entitled "So You Think You Want to Teach an On-Line Course." Each have experience teaching on-line courses. **Bring your lunch and join the group discussion.**

*Sponsored by the Professional Development Committee*

## Hockey Game

The NMCC Falcons take on the team from County Physical Therapy tonight (Monday, February 13) at 9:00 p.m. at The Forum on Mechanic Street in Presque Isle. Please come and cheer on your team!

## Skating at the Forum...

Students who present their NMCC student ID card at the door can skate for free at the indoor rink at the Forum. Call the Forum for times at 764-0491.

*Courtesy of Student Senate*

## Student Senate Meeting

The Student Senate meets at noon each Tuesday in Christie 201 (in the nursing wing). All students are invited to attend and have their opinions heard.

## Newsletter Items...

*Do you have items that you would like printed in the Weekly Bulletin?* If so, submit your information to the development office by calling 768-2809, e-mailing info@nmcc.edu or stopping by the office, just off of the lobby of the Christie Building. **The deadline is Friday by 10 a.m.**

**Stress Reduction**, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Edmunds Conf. Ctr.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**BIT**, 9:30 - 10:30 am, Martin Third Floor Conference Room

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**President's Day - College Closed**  
Beginning of February Vacation Week for Students & Faculty

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

**Foundation Executive Committee Meeting**, 8:00 - 9:30 am, Martin Third Floor Conference Room  
**Student Services Meeting**, 9:30 - 11:00 am, Martin Third Floor Conference Room

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

**Admissions Testing**, 1:00 - 5:00 pm, Edmunds Conf. Center  
**MPS Energy Savings Workshop**, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Edmunds Conference Center