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New Faculty & Staff Join NMCC

Three new faces have joined the fulltime faculty at NMCC to fill vacant positions in the trade and technical occupations, nursing and allied health, and business technology departments.

Todd Maynard of Fort Fairfield has been selected to serve as the new electrical con-

struction and maintenance instructor. Since 1998, Maynard had worked at Maine Public Service Company, most recently as a lead worker responsible for installation and troubleshooting



of distribution and transmission circuits. During his tenure at MPS, Maynard successfully completed a lineman apprenticeship program.

He has previously served as the electrical and instrument technician in charge of electrical and instrumentation installation, maintenance, calibration and repair while on shift at Huber Engineered Woods in Easton; as an electrical foreman at Zern Nepco Cogeneration Plant in Ashland; and as an electrical technician for Cianbro at the Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Plant in Wiscasset.

Maynard, who is a State of Maine Master Electrician, is an alumnus of NMCC, graduating with an associate degree in electrical construction and maintenance in 1990. He also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business and technology from Husson University in 2007.

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NMCC Welcomes Largest Incoming Class

Northern Maine Community College welcomed what is likely the largest incoming class in the institution's 48-year history as the fall semester began on August 24. While numbers were still fluctuating during the add/drop period and the start up of off-campus classes, it is estimated that enrollment jumped about 11.5 percent over last year. The number of students in the entering class on the first day of the fall semester this year (623) is up 18.9 percent over last year (524).

"The increase in our enrollment for the 2009-2010 academic year is related to several factors," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley. "Our efforts to reach out to the northern and southern regions in Aroostook County through expanded course and program offerings at our centers in Houlton and the St. John Valley, and new programs added to our academic inventory over the past few years that have directly responded to the demands of the region are key to our growth. In addition, the cost and quality of the education we offer is drawing students from greater distances, while increasing the number of students coming to us from the local area."

The College began delivery of its nursing and early childhood education programs in the St. John Valley with the start of the fall semester. Nursing courses originating on the Presque Isle campus are delivered, via videoconference, to a classroom at Madawaska High School. The clinical component of the program will be offered on-site at healthcare facilities in the region. The entire early childhood education curriculum will be taught on-site in the Valley. Students enjoyed a free Welcome breakfast courtesy of the Student Senate.



Vice President Alan Punches speaks to a group of incoming students during one of the orientation sessions held this summer.

According to Crowley, academic programs added on the NMCC campus in recent years have also driven numbers up this fall. The new offerings are now at or reaching capacity in the first year of the two-year programs.

Among the top enrolled of the new offerings on campus is the wind power technology, which is the first of its kind in New England. The intention, at the time the program was announced a year ago, was to enroll a co-hort of 18 students in the inaugural class this fall. After demand for the program far exceeded capacity, College officials added a second group, so 36 students began the program this fall. NMCC received 58 qualified applications from prospective students throughout Maine and beyond for entry into the program.

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A Community Celebration of Constitution Day Planned at NMCC

On September 17, 1787, the course of American History was dramatically changed due to the signing of the U.S. Constitution. Annually held on September 17, Constitution Day is a time for us to reflect on the birth of our government and ideas that make us Americans.

In honor of the occasion, a series of activities have been planned at NMCC. The activities will be held on campus and are free and open to the public in celebration of the 222nd anniversary of our nation's founding document.

NMCC English instructor Jan Grieco will deliver a presentation on the First Amendment, guaranteeing the freedom of religion and expression, in the NMCC library at 10:00 a.m. Grieco will discuss freedom of speech as well as highlight several controversial subjects, including book banning, movie ratings,

NMCC to Host Breakfast of Champions

Northern Maine Community College is once again partnering with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and Women, Work and Community to host the Breakfast of Champions.

The event, offered annually by the Maine Women's Policy Center, will be held on Tuesday, October 6, from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. in the campus' Edmunds Conference Center. The theme of this year's Breakfast of Champions is *As Women Succeed, Maine Prospers: Women in Business and the Economy*.

Special guest for the presentation will be Lisa Maatz, director of public policy and governmental relations at AAUW in Washington, D.C., who will be discussing current legislation to strengthen the well-being of our families, our businesses, and our communities.

A light breakfast will be served. Children are welcome, but child care is not available. The event is free, but registration is required. To RSVP, contact Karen Gonya at NMCC at 768-2809 or nkgonya@nmcc.edu.

For more information or sponsorship opportunities, contact Bonnie Buckmore at 207.622.0851, ext. 22, or bbuckmore@mainewomen.org. gay marriage rights, and electronic wire tapping.

"Immigration, same sex marriage and ethnicity makes it imperative that we all understand how our rights to freedom of speech can collide with rights of others," said Grieco.

Students Shannon Smart of New Sweden and Dusty Graham of Mapleton are organizing the event. "We believe it is important for our fellow students to be aware of our constitution and freedoms that our government offers versus countries in other parts of the world. It's also important for us to start teaching the next generation and generation after about the importance of the constitution that was put together to establish the nation's government," said Smart.

Light refreshments in theme of the Constitution will be offered following the presentation. Staff from the College's food services, Aramark, will also be preparing a special luncheon in the dining commons that day in keeping with the Constitution Day theme.

The College is sponsoring a test your Constitution IQ challenge. Students can complete a quiz testing their constitutional knowledge, and everyone who successfully completes it will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate from the bookstore. The winner will be announced on September 17.

In 2004, the law establishing Constitution Day was enacted. The act mandates that all publicly funded educational institutions provide educational programming on the history of the American Constitution on that day.

For more information, contact college relations at 768-2809.

NMCC Library Establishes Maine Authors Collection Through Generosity of the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation

More than 200 titles written by Maine authors are being added to the holdings of the E. Perrin Edmunds Library at NMCC through a \$6,000 grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation.

"Our goal was to establish a Maine collection for the Library, which will serve to encourage reading of Maine authors, study of Maine history and culture, and interest in Maine's Native American cultures," said Gail Roy, NMCC assistant dean of learning resources.

Titles by Maine authors were purchased from a number of publishers including University of Maine Press, Maine Historical Society, Maine Folklife Center, among others.

"The addition of Maine children's books, Maine history, Maine literature and poetry, and Maine Native American, and Acadian titles in this new collection will support the curricula in history, English, and early childhood education programs at the college. This collection will also be available to members of our community and to local schools," said Roy. "We are extremely grateful for the generosity of the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation in supporting our



NMCC assistant dean of learning resources Gail Roy holds a Stephen King book while standing in front of the new and growing collection of books by Maine authors this summer in the NMCC library. The collection was made possible through a \$6,000 grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation.

request for funds to establish a Maine Collection in the library."

According to Roy, many of the books that comprise the library's growing Maine collection speak to the experience of different cultures that comprise the state and Aroostook County's people, including Irish, Native American,

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NMCC Library to Offer "Let's Talk About It" Reading Series

Members of the campus and local community are invited to join in the "Let's Talk About It" book group, a free reading and discussion series that will run from mid-September through early November in the NMCC library.

NMCC was selected by the Maine Humanities Council to offer "Let's Talk About It," which, this fall, will focus on the theme "Defining Wilderness: Defining Maine." The series, developed for the Humanities Council by historian Candace Kanes, examines the Maine wilderness, how various people have experienced it and written about it, and how those accounts have influenced Maine and shaped its identity.

"Northern Maine is the ideal location to explore the concept of wilderness and the various perspectives from several authors. We are grateful to the MHC and look forward to hosting this reading series," said Gail Roy, NMCC assistant dean of learning resources and coordinator of the local group. "Through 'Let's Talk About It' we will discuss what constitutes the wilderness, the relationship between humans and the natural environment, about conservation and ecology, and not least about our personal relationship to the wilderness."

According to Roy, five sessions will be held as part of the series in which participants will discuss a different book each time. All five books are available through the NMCC library. Interested participants can stop by the library during regular business hours to pick up the books.

The opening session for the "Let's Talk About It" book group will be held on Monday, September 14, at 6:00 p.m. David Raymond, NMCC humanities instructor, will lead the discussion on Henry David Thoreau's *The Maine Woods*.

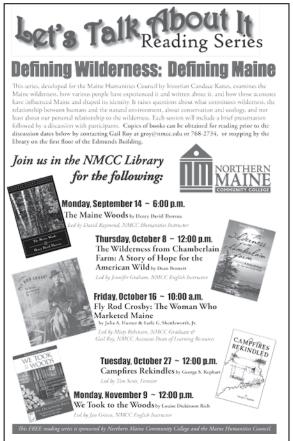
The second session, which will be led by Jennifer Graham, NMCC English instructor, will take place on Thursday, October 8, at 12:00 noon. Participants will have read and discuss *The Wilderness from Chamberlain Farm: A Story of Hope for the American Wild* by Dean Bennett.

Fly Rod Crosby: the Woman Who Marketed Maine by Julia A. Hunter and Earle G Shettleworth, Jr. will be the featured text for discussion at the third meeting in the series, which will be held on Friday, October 16, at 10:00 a.m., and will be led by Misty Robinson, NMCC graduate, and Roy.

The final two sessions will be held on Tuesday, October 27, and Monday, November 9, both at 12:00 noon. The October 27 discussion will be led by area forester Tim Scott and will focus on the book *Campfires Rekindled* by George S. Kephart. The November 9 discussion will be led by Jan Greico, NMCC English instructor, and will center on the book *We Took to the Woods* by Louise Dickinson Rich.

"Exploring ideas and issues through literature has always been exciting and fun," said Lizz Sinclair, director of "Let's Talk About It." "We find that there is a great interest among adults in getting together to discuss what they've read with others. Having discussion leaders at Northern Maine Community College who are both excited about the readings and skilled in facilitating can help deepen the experience."

Interested community members are encouraged to call the library at 768-2734 to register and come in to pick up the first book of the series. The library is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.



The "Let's Talk About It" program is offered to Maine libraries through the Maine Humanities Council by a grant from the Belvedere Fund of the Maine Community Foundation.

For more information, contact Roy at 768-2734 or by e-mail at groy@nmcc.edu.

Lions

in the Closet

Koenig to Hold Book Signing for Lions in the Closet at NMCC library September 9

Aroostook County author Wendy Koenig will hold a book signing for her latest publication *Lions in the Closet* in the E. Perrin Edmunds Library at NMCC on Wednesday, September 9, at 11:00 a.m.

Lions in the Closet is Koenig's second book of poetry. According to the author, the book is for women about the strength within women. "Every woman has a story to tell. Every woman has a hidden strength within her," said Koenig. "These poems are about women. Every woman."

Koenig, a graduate of the University of Maine at Presque Isle, has garnered national awards for several of her science fiction pieces. Titles of her other books are *Under Twin Suns*, *One to Lose*, and her first poetry book, *These Burning Stones.* She also co-authored *Breathe Vol. 1*.

Lions in the Closet features cover artwork by Heather Nunez. The book also features art by Koenig herself, as well as by Shelby Wilcox, Jason Grass, Tammy Bragdon, Carol Ayoob and Carola Ertel.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the book signing.

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tor, enrollment in the incoming class of the medical assisting and medical coding programs has more than doubled this fall over last. Significant growth has also been realized in the relatively new precision metals manufacturing program, one of 12 academic offerings under the College's trade and technical occupations department.

Many of the trades related courses are realizing record numbers this fall as area displaced workers are turning to NMCC for education and training for new careers as a result of the economic downturn. The College launched an unprecedented new semester in March to accommodate those laid off. More than 40 unemployed workers from the Fraser Timberlands Mill in Ashland took advantage of the session.

"Our willingness to offer programs and courses when needed has been very well received – not only by the students – but by people and policy makers across Maine. The March special semester helped unemployed workers transition into the College, engaged these individuals and provided a springboard for the coming fall semester," said Crowley.

Aside from larger numbers of nontraditional students, the College has also seen a significant increase in the number of traditional-aged students. The number of 17 through 24 year olds in the entering class of 2009 is 14.5 percent greater than the incoming class of 2008. Included in that number is one of every eight students graduating this past June from high schools in Aroostook County.

Accommodating the record numbers presents a unique set of challenges according to Crowley, especially since the College is coming off a year that saw its budget reduced through a curtailment order by \$400,000.

"The College is being stretched to respond to this demand—a demand created by a team effort in enrollment management, new programs that attract students, high quality instruction and services at a reasonable cost, as well as our commitment to the County to respond when we are called upon," said Crowley. "In a year when we have reduced our budget by a significant amount, we are serving what is likely the largest entering class ever. It is a tribute to the willingness of the faculty and staff to step up to this challenge that has allowed us to provide the education people are looking for."

NMCC Seeking Nominations to Northern Maine Construction Hall of Fame

Nominations are being sought from the community for individuals who have made a significant impact on the construction industry in the region for the 2009 induction into the Northern Maine Construction Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame was officially opened, and the first five honorees inducted, on the NMCC campus in October of 2008 during National Careers in Construction Week. Last fall three individuals were added to the Hall of Fame. This year's ceremony will again take place during the week set aside to honor construction workers, which falls between October 12 - 16.

Nomination forms are available on the NMCC website at www.nmcc.edu, can be picked up between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the information window in the lobby of the Christie building on the NMCC campus, or can be sent to individuals by mail by calling 768-2809. Deadline for nominations is September 11, 2009.

"The Northern Maine Construction Hall of Fame was established by the trade and technical occupations faculty to honor the invaluable and immeasurable contributions of professionals in the construction trades here in northern Maine and across the state," said Brian McDougal, chair of the trade and technical occupations department at NMCC. "The concept of creating a 'Hall of Fame' to recognize key individuals who have contributed both to the profession and as mentors to others entering the profession, provides an ideal opportunity to honor the legacy of these individuals and is reflective of the teaching and learning that happens in our programs and across the NMCC campus each and every day.

The wall of honor featuring the inductee photos is located inside the main entrance of the Mailman Trades Building in the corridor that students, faculty, staff and visitors use to enter and exit the building daily. According to McDougal, the space is ideal, because students and prospective students of the college regularly have the opportunity to see the faces and learn the stories of some of the "legends" in the construction trades, and in turn better understand that similar career success is possible for them.

The inductees honored to date represent prominent construction business owners and industry leaders, as well as alumni and retired faculty of NMCC.

For more information on the Northern Maine Construction Hall of Fame or to receive a nomination form, contact the college relations office at 768-2809.

NMCC Named 2009 Community Partner

The Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross, which serves the northern and eastern counties of Maine and covers two-thirds of the state's geography, named NMCC as its 2009 Community Partner.

The award was presented at the chapter's annual meeting held in Bangor this summer. The College was recognized for its ongoing support and co-sponsorship of the Aroostook County Real Heroes Breakfast, which has been held on the campus over the past several years. NMCC has provided space and administrative support for the event, as well as the breakfast buffet served to the attendees, which have numbered around 175 in recent years.

"Northern Maine Community College's support and co-sponsorship of the Real Heroes Breakfast has meant so much to all of us. Each year the College has provided us with an array of delicious breakfast foods, technology, and maintenance support in an environment conducive to recognize the heroes among us. The American Red Cross looks forward to working with NMCC in the future as we grow our ideas and expand our services together in meeting the needs of students and community members," said Joyce Knorr, Aroostook County branch manager of the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross.

"It is important that we as a campus community give back to the region we serve. The work of the Red Cross and its numerous volunteers throughout our area is extremely critical to our communities. The Real Heroes Breakfast embodies both that service and the caring and giving spirit of the people of Aroostook County. We are proud to both partner with the Red Cross for this event and to support their mission and work in our part of the state," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley.

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Largest Show of the Season to Return to Presque Isle Forum September 26 and 27

The Fall and Winter Expo, which has quickly grown to be the largest in the region during the fall and winter months, will return to The Forum in Presque Isle on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27.

The trade show will bring together more than 60 businesses and organizations with products and services ranging from moving snow and staying warm this winter, to the best ways to enjoy the seasons, both indoors and outdoors. In addition, the show will include hands-on activities and offer attendees the opportunity to win several great door prizes.

The Expo is being coordinated again this year by WAGM-TV and the Northern Maine Community College Foundation. Last year's show was a huge success, drawing more than 3,000 community members from across The County, western New Brunswick and beyond. The number of exhibitors nearly doubled from 2007, increasing from 30 to 55.

"The Fall and Winter Expo is a great event. The timing is absolutely perfect as it's approximately the time of peak foliage season and just a beautiful time of the year to be out and about in northern Maine. It's really a win-win situation for everyone involved. Area residents are beginning to think about fall and winter activities and plans so they can attend and see what's available to them right here in the County. Vendors have a wonderful opportunity to display their goods and services to a large group of people," said Vicki Smith, senior vice president for Katahdin Trust Company and chair of the 2009 Fall and Winter Expo Committee.

Smith adds that the partnership between WAGM and the NMCC Foundation is key to the success of the event, with significant advertising creating the

visibility needed to draw both top exhibitors and a large crowd. The show has also been beneficial to the NMCC Foundation, as proceeds from the Expo benefit the Foundation in its efforts to provide scholarships to worthy students. "WAGM-TV is

excited to be teaming again with NMCC to put on this year's Expo. This show is poised to not only be an exciting and fun event, but an informative one as well," said Kelly Landeen, WAGM-TV sales manager. "With the challenges and opportunities facing County residents during winter months, this show will have answers to alternative energy solutions, ways to stay healthy and, of course, wavs to have fun."

For more information on the event, contact the NMCC Foundation Office at 760-1188 or Landeen at WAGM-TV at 764-4461 ext. 253.

Carter to Hold Book Signing at NMCC

The author of a new book that tells the story of Presque Isle High School basketball dating back to 1950, will hold a book signing for his new publication in the NMCC library on Tuesday, September 15.

Jim Carter of Presque Isle, the author of Six Decades of Wildcat Basketball: A History of Boys and Girls Basketball at Presque Isle High School 1950-2009, will be on hand at NMCC between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. with copies of his publication. The 92 page publication features an historical narrative that tells the story of Wildcat Basketball by decade, team rosters and photos through the years, and a section featuring action photos of players. There are also parts of the book that highlight coaching records and thousand point scorers, as well as student-athletes over the years who earned such distinctions as All State, All Tourney and All Conference.

"Presque Isle High School can be proud of its rich basketball tradition. So many teams have provided memorable sporting entertainment during the cold winter months that define Aroostook County," said Carter. "Over the years, players, coaches, officials, scoring table personnel and administrators have put their hearts and souls into providing a program of which everyone can be proud."

Carter himself played for the Wildcats in the 1960's and is featured in team photos from that era.

The public is invited to attend the book signing. Copies of the publication will be available for purchase at the event.

Library, from pg. 2

Franco-American, Acadian and Swedish. Among the most recently published books included in the new collection is a Passamaquoddy-Maliseet Dictionary published in 2008.

A number of the Maine authors in the collection will be featured in the 'Let's Talk About It' Reading Series being hosted by the library this fall (see page 3). Roy is also working with her NMCC colleagues to plan events and activities on campus to celebrate different Maine cultures and the state's natural resources during the year. A number of these will feature guest speakers, and all will be open to the community.



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Golf Tournament Raises Scholarship Funds

NMCC students will be the beneficiaries of more than \$15,000 in scholarship funds raised through the TD Banknorth Golf Tournament to benefit the NMCC Foundation held recently at the Aroostook Valley Country Club in Fort Fairfield. One-hundred-five golfers teed off for the annual scramble. An additional two dozen people joined the golfers for a dinner and silent auction that followed play at AVCC.

"TD Banknorth, Inc. is extremely pleased with our continuing partnership with the NMCC Foundation by again hosting this annual charity golf tournament. It is 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. What is exciting is the great sponsor support we get, not only from the local area, but from our friends from southern Maine as well," said Michael J. Kelley, TD Banknorth Executive Vice President. "In a year where the economy has not been as kind as in the past, 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 fourth year TD Banknorth has partnered with the NMCC Foundation to host a golf tournament to raise scholarship funds for students attending the College.

"We are most grateful to Mike Kelley, Ray Hews, and many others at TD Banknorth for their work on this annual event. The funds raised help 'open the doors' of higher education, and of NMCC in particular, to a number of deserving students each year," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley.

Just a few of the familiar faces taking part in this year's tournament...





Foundation board members, from left: Bruce Sandstrom, Melony LeShane and Roger Roy

Sherry Clark (NM alum), Bob Gordon & Kerry Gordon (admissions)



Betty Kent-Conant, nursing & allied health department chair ([

Foundation board members Carl Flora and Larry LaPlante (NMCC director of finance)



Also teaming up from NMCC were, from left, instructors Daryl Boucher (nursing/EMS), who won closest to the pin on hole 8 for men, Dan Boyd (automotive technology) and Greg Thompson (life sciences).



From left, the team of Jamie Wyman, Bill Egeler (dean of students) and Dave Wyman (from the IT office) won second place net. Jamie also had the longest drive on hole 8 for the men.

Library to Host Discussion on 'Bloodlesss Aroostook War'

Living so close to the border between Maine and New Brunswick, Canada, most of us have never given it much thought... well, that is, until the recent law requiring passports to cross the border. A key part of our heritage that many may not be familiar with is the "Bloodless Aroostook War" that settled the location of that border back in 1842.

Well, now is the chance to remedy that. The 'Bloodless Aroostook War' will be the topic of discussion during a presentation by Dr. Dena Winslow in the NMCC library on Wednesday, September 16, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Winslow was given access to the original papers, letters and documents of the Commander in Chief during that conflict, Commander Isaac Hodsdon. Included in these documents was a lot of information not previously known about this war, information that she will be sharing. In addition, Winslow will give us a look at what sort of a man the Commander was, and she will discuss some of the myths surrounding this "bloodless" war. Winslow, who is the executive director of Workforce Investment Board for Aroostook and Washington Counties, has a rich history with the County. Born in Caribou, she was raised on a dairy and potato farm in Mapleton. Now living in Presque Isle, she is a hot air balloon pilot, getting a birds-eye view of the County. She built her own hot air balloon in 1998.

After graduating from Presque Isle High School, she went on to earn her Bachelor of Science degree in English, Speech and Theatre from UMPI in 1975. In 1988, she completed her Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership at the University of Southern Maine. In 2000, she earned her Ph.D. in History at the University of Maine.

Winslow taught high school for many years and was selected Maine Teacher of the Year in 1989 by the IBM Corporation. She has also taught at the University level for several years. She is the author of *They Lynched Jim Cullen: New England's Only Lynching* and *1880-1980: Mapleton, Maine.*

Photographer Terry Kilcollins Displays Work at NMCC Library

"All of the photos I take have sentimental value. They're never random," says photographer Terry Kilcollins of her work. Throughout the month of September, the Presque Isle artist is inviting the community to see the visual expression of those sentiments captured through her lens in the NMCC library.

The extensive collection of photos, which captures the scenery and natural beauty of Maine, is available for public viewing in the NMCC library Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. throughout the month.

"I try to preserve the beauty of nature in a different angle than most see it," said Kilcollins. "I so much enjoy this art form. I take thousands of photos, literally, and then dissect all of them to get the best, not just visually, but technically. All of my photography is still done on film. There is a lot more 'give' for lighting than with digital."

It is her love of nature coupled with her passion for photography that inspired Kilcollins, as an adult, to leave the educa-



tion profession she had worked in for two decades and finish working on her photography degree. In 2001, she graduated with honors from the New York Institute of Photography in New York City.

Since then, she has opened her own business, TCK Photography, and specializes in combining formal photography with nature. She presently offers photography services for weddings, families, pets, senior high school portraits, proms and commercial photography.

Kilcollins, the wife of NMCC instructor Wayne Kilcollins, has been published in *Savior* and *Echoes* magazines and has done promotional photography for new businesses and products.



The following are some key events in which the College will be involved this fall. Details on most can be found in this publication; others will be covered in upcoming editions. Questions regarding these activities can be directed to the college relations office by contacting info@nmcc.edu or 768-2809.

Book Signing with Wendy Koenig

Wednesday, Sept. 9 ~ 11:00 am ~ Library

Reading - The Maine Woods

Monday, Sept. 14 ~ 6:00 pm ~ Library

Book Signing with Jim Carter Tuesday, Sept. 15 ~ 11:00 am ~ Library

'Bloodless Aroostook War' Wednesday, Sept. 16 ~ 12:00 pm ~ Library

Constitution Day Thursday, September 17 ~ 10:00 am Library

Fall & Winter Expo

Saturday, Sept. 26 ~ 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Sunday, Sept. 27 ~ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Presque Isle Forum

Construction Hall of Fame 2009 Induction

Wednesday, October 14 ~ 4:00 pm Mailman Trades Building

Breakfast of Champions Tuesday, October 6 ~ 7:30 - 9:00 am Edmunds Conference Center

Reading - The Wilderness from Chamberlain Farm Thursday, Oct. 8 ~ 12:00 pm ~ Library

Reading - Fly Rod Crosby: The Woman Who Marketed Maine Friday, October 16 ~ 10:00 am ~ Library

Kinderfest Event Saturday, October 24 ~ NMCC Campus

Reading - Campfires Rekindled Tuesday, Oct. 27 ~ 12:00 pm ~ Library

Boone Lecture on Diabetes Friday, Oct. 30 ~ 7:00 pm ~ Library

NMCC Foundation Annual Dinner Thursday, November 6 ~ 5:30 pm Edmunds Conference Center

Reading - We Took to the Woods Monday, Nov. 9 ~ 12:00 pm ~ Library



New Employees, from pg. 1

Joining the nursing and allied health faculty at NMCC is Sandy Pelletier of Fort Kent. Pelletier has been hired as a nursing instructor at the off-campus center in the St. John Valley.



Clinical courses for the associate degree nursing program, offered by NMCC, are being delivered via distance education technology and on-site locally in the northern region of Aroostook County for the first time this fall. In addition to the Valley, NMCC offers its nursing program at a distance in Houlton, and, until this past spring, for four years delivered the program to students in Calais at the Washington County Community College campus.

Pelletier has worked as a registered nurse at Northern Maine Medical Center in Fort Kent since 1999. At the hospital she served in various capacities during her tenure including in the intensive care/medical surgical unit, in the child/adolescent psychiatric unit, as a patient/staff educator, as a cardiac rehabilitation nurse and most recently as a community educator.

She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology at the University of Maine at Fort Kent in 1994, and in 1998 earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing from Husson University.

Karl Jackson of Fort Fairfield, a



familiar face on the NMCC campus, was hired to fill a vacant business instructor position. He will teach a wide range of introductory and advanced computer

application and business courses.

Just prior to assuming the teaching position at the start of the new semester, Jackson served as business and industry coordinator in the continuing education division at NMCC. He has also been an adjunct instructor at the College since 1998.

Jackson previously served as operations manager at Graphic Utilities Inc. in Fort Fairfield and held several positions at McCain Foods, USA in Easton, including manufacturing shift manager, personnel

NMCC Employees Honored for Service

More than 100 NMCC faculty, staff and retirees came together for a luncheon just before the start of a new academic year to honor employees who have reached milestones of service in 2009. The event featured touching and humorous tributes paid by fellow faculty and staff.

"Recognizing the members of the NMCC family who have reached important milestones of service to the College is a wonderful way to start a new school year. 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. The devotion

and dedication of our employees is extraordinary and important for us to celebrate," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley.

Nancy Gagnon, secretary in the admissions office; Betty Kent-Conant, chair of the nursing & allied health department: and John Price, a social science instructor, were presented with plaques featuring



Recognized for their length of service at the College were, seated from left: for 25 years, Guy Jackson; for 30 years, Nancy Gagnon, Betty Kent-Conant, and John Price. Standing, from left: for 5 years, Nancy Cowett; for 10 years, Colleen Harmon, Becky Maynard, Nikki McNally, and Robert Smith; for 15 years, Shannon Cook and Barry Ingraham. Missing from photo: Leo St. John, for 10 years of service.

manager, inventory accountant and packaging foreman.

He holds an associate degree in business administration from NMCC, which he earned in 1982, as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration (1995) and Master of Science degree in business administration (1997) from Husson University.

"It is always exciting to add new faculty. They bring different perspectives, new ideas and energy, and, particularly with Todd, Sandy, and Karl, enormous and very impressive real-world experience in the fields for which they are preparing our students," said Alan Punches, NMCC vice president and academic dean.

In addition to the new faculty members, two new staff members have been

hired to fill vacancies.

burn and Tessa Saucier

of Mapleton have been

hired to fill two custo-

Gail Clark of Wash-

a hand turned wooden apple, and a tree

celebrate their three decades of service.

to Guy Jackson, residential construction

instructor. Fifteen year honors were pre-

institutional advancement assistant: and

and information technology.

tion systems specialist.

sented to Shannon Cook, foundation and

Barry Ingraham, director of physical plant

Ten year honors were presented to

Colleen Harmon, business and account-

ing instructor; Becky Maynard, bookstore

manager; Nicola McNally, receptionist in

the IT department; Leo St. John, mainte-

was honored for five years of service.

nance services; and Robert Smith, informa-

Nancy Cowett, accounting instructor,

was planted on campus for each of them to

A 25 year service award was presented



for the Mapleton Fire

Department.

dial positions. Clark most recently worked in custodial services at MMG Insurance, and Saucier served as a firefighter and emergency medical technician

McCluskey Named Director of Admissions

A well-known and respected County educational leader has taken over the reigns as NMCC director of admissions. Eugene McCluskey, former director of the Presque Isle Regional Career and Technology Center, has been tapped to

lead enrollment management efforts for the College.

"I'm pleased to have Gene McCluskey return to the NM family," said Dr. William Egeler, NMCC dean of students. "Gene's knowledge and experience at both the high school and collegiate levels will prove invaluable to our student applicants."

As director of the PIRCTC from 2001 to 2005, McCluskey was responsible for overseeing all operations at the center. His targeted recruitment efforts resulted in an increase in enrollment in the technical and occupational programs. In addition, he developed and implemented the early child care education program at the SAD 1 facility and expanded the agriculture science



program to include an apple cider processing lab at the school farm.

Prior to PIRCTC, McCluskey served for eight years as the tech prep coordinator for the Northern and Eastern Maine Tech Prep Consortium based at NMCC. He was responsible for

providing services to the faculty, staff and administration of 30 high schools, seven technology centers, two technical colleges and four campuses of the University of Maine System.

McCluskey coordinated the development of articulation models that enabled and encouraged high school students to go on to college. Those models were later recognized and cited for replication at both the state and national level. More than 100 agreements were developed between secondary schools in northern Maine and NMCC. Additional agreements were established to enhance opportunities for NMCC students to transfer to four-year institutions. *cont. on page 10*

Sinawik Home Successfully Moved to Site

"This is a very special day – a once in a lifetime day," said Holly Tompkins, as she sat on the children's swing set with her nine month old daughter Sadie on her lap in the shadow of their new home on the Houlton Road.

It was moving day for the Tompkins 1,248 square foot modular ranch-style home, which more than four dozen students and their instructors in five trade programs at NMCC had been constructing for the past six months. The house was the 32nd built through the non-profit Sinawik Corporation, a partnership of NMCC and the P. I. Kiwanis Club.

The occasion was enjoyed by the entire family. Holly and Sadie watched, while husband and father Kevin was busy helping a work crew transfer the house from two trailers onto the foundation that had been previously poured on the site. Even six-year-old Avery, who stayed home from school to take it all in, was a special helper.

Also overseeing the move was veteran NMCC residential construction instructor Guy Jackson, making sure everything came together successfully.



NMCC residential construction instructor Guy Jackson (left) talks with homeowners Kevin and Holly Tompkins, with daughter Sadie, as their new home is placed on its foundation.

Since the very first Sinawik (Kiwanis spelled backward) home was constructed, Crawford Homes of Houlton has moved the modular homes at a significantly reduced cost. "The willingness of Crawford Homes to help us move the home from the residential construction lab to the permanent location saves the College and Sinawik program thousands of dollars. Their willingness to do this year after year is greatly appreciated by everyone involved with the project," said Jackson.

Cook Assumes Position with Foundation

Shannon Cook, an NMCC alumna, has been tapped by the institution to



coordinate the activity of the NMCC Foundation. She has been employed by NMCC for 16 years, first in the student services area, and, more

recently, in the College's continuing education division.

"Shannon has a stellar reputation for producing high quality work and capably managing multiple projects effectively and efficiently. We are fortunate to have an individual of this caliber join our team," said Jason Parent, director of development and college relations. "Shannon's previous experience and academic training, as well as her positive can do attitude and keen understanding of the College and the region and people we serve, are key assets which she brings to her new position."

Cook earned an associate degree in legal office administration from NMCC in 1992. In December 2008, she completed her Bachelor of Science degree in business management from Husson University.

Working with the Foundation is an opportunity that is both professionally rewarding and a way that Cook to give back.

"As a graduate of NMCC and an employee of 16 years, I can attest to the difference the College has on the lives of the students that turn to us to better their lives. The support we receive through businesses, organizations and individuals through the NMCC Foundation is a critical component in the College's ability to continually deliver a top quality education and ensure affordable access at the same time. It is a privilege to work in this capacity helping to make it possible for students to attend NMCC and receive the same quality education I did. I look forward to working with the Foundation board members and donors," said Cook.

Cook's responsibilities include serving as the primary staff member for the NMCC Foundation, a role which includes fundraising, coordination of Foundation activity and management of information. She will also be actively involved in NMCC's efforts to re-establish an alumni organization.

Cook, her husband David and their two sons, 12-year-old Michael and sevenyear-old Mitchell reside in Ashland.

NMCC Opens New Multi-Media Center Facility Dedicated to the Late Peter G. Hunt, Sr.

Dozens of local and state officials gathered for the opening and dedication ceremony for a new state-of-the-art videoconferencing facility on the NMCC campus in July. The Peter G. Hunt, Sr. Multi-Media Classroom, named after the late Aroostook County businessman, will support the growth of distance education and the College's mission to serve the educational needs of northern Maine.

Funded through a \$101,161 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the former Christie Lecture Hall was re-opened with a new look and a new purpose. The 'smart' classroom will not only help NMCC better meet existing demand in the region for the College's nursing program, but will allow for expansion in additional offerings in allied health and sciences, as well as other academic and career training programs.

Among those joining NMCC in celebrating the opening was Senator Susan Collins, who championed the federal funding for the facility.

"Peter G. Hunt, Sr. devoted his life to strengthening his community, to improving health care, and to Northern Maine Community College," said Senator Susan Collins. "I am delighted to have successfully secured federal funding for this important project that will help continue Peter's legacy and greatly advance the College's mission to meet the educational needs of all of Northern Maine."

In addition to serving students enrolled in allied health programs, the facility will be available to hospitals and other healthcare facilities throughout the County. Other academic programs at the College, including offerings coordinated through the continuing education division to enhance County workforce development, will also benefit from the facility.

"NMCC is proud to place Peter G. Hunt, Sr.'s name on the newly renovated multi-media classroom in the Christie complex," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley. "Peter was a supporter of the college and a supporter of many who graduated from this institution. The college benefitted from his entrepreneurial spirit and his willingness to get involved and to get others involved. He was an independent thinker who brought people together in business and in support of worthy causes. His commitment to The County and his friends created opportunities for many. We are pleased to recognize Peter's contributions to Aroostook in this way."

Also paying tribute to his late friend and fellow board director on the NMCC Foundation Board was Michael Kelley, Sr. Kelley, who served as master of ceremonies for the event.

"Peter served on a large number of boards. However, one of his favorites was the Community College Foundation Board. Anyone who knew Peter will never deny his life-long passion for Aroostook County and its people," said Kelley.

Members of Hunt's family, including his widow Jane Hunt, were on hand for the opening. "Peter was excited and enthusiastic about the College and the educational

opportunities afforded to students both in the area and in other parts of the state," said Hunt. "He would be proud to have this multi-media center in his name. I would like to express our family's deep appreciation for the wonderful honor bestowed upon Peter today."



U.S. Senator Susan Collins got her first look at the new Peter G. Hunt, Sr. Multi-Media Center

at NMCC during the official opening on July 17.

Collins was instrumental in securing funding for

the facility. In the background are members of

the family of the late Peter G. Hunt, Sr., who are

being shown the new facility and the technology in the center by NMCC President Tim Crowley.

The official ribbon cutting for the Peter G. Hunt Sr. Multi-Media Center at NMCC took place just before the more than 80 guests were shown the new facility. Cutting the ribbon were (left to right) Robert Hunt, Jennifer Hunt-MacLearn, Melony Hunt LeShane, Jane Hunt, Senator Susan Collins, NMCC President Timothy Crowley, NMCC Foundation Board Chair Richard Engels, and NMCC Foundation Board Member Michael Kelley, Sr.

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Before his work with the tech prep iniative, he spent 25 years as a classroom technology teacher in the Presque Isle and Biddeford school systems.

"Gene has the education and professional work experience needed to provide the direction and support needed to lead our admissions effort," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley. "He also has a passion for community college education and NMCC that will serve prospective students and the college very well."

For McCluskey, returning to NMCC and helping prospective students realize their educational goals is a role he feels comfortable in filling. "Over the past years I have developed a very good rapport with area school guidance personnel, statewide technology directors and Northern Maine Community College staff, faculty and administrators. Throughout my time as tech prep coordinator and technology school director, one of my most important and rewarding goals was to encourage students to attend college," said McCluskey. "Clearly NMCC is a fantastic college with a highly qualified staff and vast curricula."

McCluskey is a 1967 alumnus of Northern Maine Vocational Technical Institute – a forerunner of NMCC. He also earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Southern Maine in 1980.

Retiree Donates Collection of Newspapers Chronicling Major Moments in U.S. History

Harold Quass, a former faculty member in the College's automotive technology program for more than two decades, recently made a generous donation to the library. Quass was the second-ever instructor hired by then Northeastern Maine Vocational Institute when it opened in 1963.

The 93-year-old was cleaning out a closet in his home when he came across a cardboard box with a typewritten index card neatly labeled "keepsake newspapers." It was a box packaged by his late wife Dorothy before her death in January 2002, and enclosed was a collection of two dozen well-preserved newspapers from key moments in U.S. history dating back to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Quass thought of NMCC – a place where they would be preserved and available for future generations to appreciate. "I've got a great love for this place and it was the first place I thought of when I realized what I had found," said Quass in presenting the collection to Gail Roy, NMCC's assistant dean of learning resources. "The events chronicled in these newspapers in my lifetime unfolded while I was here at the college. I remember a student coming into my classroom to tell me that the President (Kennedy) had been shot."

Indeed, the collection of papers, which extend from November 23, 1963 through November 7, 1984, begin with Bangor Daily News editions covering the assassination of Kennedy and the immediate aftermath.

In addition to the original editions of the Bangor Daily News, some of the other papers in the collection chronicling the major news events are the Maine Sunday Telegram and the Boston Sunday Globe. Included are editions which detail: the shooting death of Robert F. Kennedy and

NMCC Presents Posters to P.I. Air Museum

The photos and stories of six "airmen of note" who had a connection to the former Presque Isle Air Base or central Aroostook County have been captured and presented on large print posters through a collaborative effort between volunteers with the Presque Isle Air Museum and students and staff at NMCC.

At a recent meeting of the P.I. Air Museum Committee, representatives of NMCC presented the group with six large posters they produced using photos and text from the museum collection provided by committee member Gary Boone. Boone researched and wrote the narratives of the men who either were natives of the Star City or made an indelible impact on the air base.

The six prints were originally created by NMCC for the Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce annual dinner hosted at the College earlier this year. Since NMCC sits on the site of the former air base, the dinner was themed to resemble a USO show from the World War II era and held in the College gymnasium. The posters were also displayed at NMCC when the College hosted the official 150th birthday party for the city of Presque Isle in April.

"We are so appreciative of Northern Maine Community College for the donation of the WWII posters to the museum,"



Presenting the posters on behalf of NMCC are (left to right) Jason Parent, director of development and college relations, and Denise Sock, member of the class of 2009. Accepting the posters on behalf of the air museum are committee president Nathan Grass and committee member Gary Boone.

said Nathan Grass, president of the P.I. Air Museum Committee. "We also thank the College for their recognition of the history of the Presque Isle Airport, especially during the World War II time period. The College sits on the site of the former Army Hospital that treated many returning soldiers wounded during the D-Day invasion and the Battle of the Bulge. This generous donation goes a long way toward assisting our efforts to remember our servicemen and women."

The six servicemen include Colonel Rafael Baez, Jr. who served as the first

Harold Quass of Presque Isle, an NMCC retiree, presents a collection of two dozen keepsake newspapers dating back to 1963 to Gail Roy, NMCC assistant dean of learning resources. The newspapers were saved by Quass' late wife Dorothy.



the events that followed; the Apollo Moon Landing; the impeachment and resignation of President Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford becoming the nation's 38th President, as well as his pardon of Nixon; and the freeing of the hostages at the end of the Iran Hostage crisis.

"NMCC is delighted to receive this donation for our library's archives. The newspapers will be used by students conducting research, put on display in the library for special events, and will be available for use by anyone in the community wishing to review them," said Roy. "We are very grateful that Mr. Quass thought of contacting the college and appreciate his generous donation."

commanding officer of Presque Isle Army Air Field; Colonel Gerald Evan Williams, a Presque Isle native who was one of the first in the County to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point; Captain Dana F. Dudley of Mapleton, who was among the first group of B-17 crews to fly out of North Africa; Lieutenant Richard A. Graves of Presque Isle, who served with the Royal Canadian Air Force and U.S. Army Air Corps; Sergeant Robert N. Smith of Presque Isle, a tail-gunner whose plane was shot down by the Germans and who later escaped from a prisoner of war camp; and Ernest "Bus" Loane, Jr. of Presque Isle, who enlisted in the Army Air Corps and on whose family farm the base was built.

"Working on this project has been extremely valuable in terms of us gaining a better appreciation for those who came before us, those who defended our freedom, and even those who walked on the same ground we do each day on our campus," said Jason Parent, NMCC director of development and college relations.

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Service Information Workshop

Time is money and vehicle technology is changing rapidly. Do you have all of the information and tools you need to service the vehicles you want to attract? This workshop will help you manage the service information options available today from OE web sites to third party providers. Learn how to access the proper information to get the right fix. This workshop is designed for shop owners, technicians and service managers and will be facilitated by NMCC's instructor, Paul Lajoie.

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Pediatric First Aid/CPR

This course provides training for those who have a duty to respond to first aid emergencies, such as child care workers, teachers, foster care workers, camp counselors, youth groups, coaches for sports organizations and others. This course covers first aid basics, medical emergencies, injury emergencies and environmental emergencies.

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Jewelry Creation & Design

This class is designed to teach many beading basics, terminology, and techniques to make earrings, bracelets, and a matching necklace. You get to choose the color of crystal and cats eye beads to match your taste. The first class focuses on beading basics and ends with making a bracelet and earrings. In the second class, we will create a necklace to match your bracelet. The third class will be free time where you can bring your own beads and create. The instructor will have many different jewelry designs and resources to share with you. Limited to 10 people per class. A list of tools you will need will be provided when you register.

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