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Constitution Day Activities Planned

In honor of Constitution Day on September 17, NMCC English instructor Jan Grieco will deliver a presentation on the First Amendment, which guarantees the freedom of religion and expression, in the NMCC library at 10:00 a.m. that day. Grieco will discuss freedom of speech protected by the First Amendment and will highlight several controversial subjects, including book banning, movie ratings, 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. Light refreshments will be offered following the presentation.

Other activities planned include a special luncheon in the dining commons featuring menu items in keeping with the day's theme, as well as a special movie that evening, National Treasure with Nicholas Cage, in the Hunt Multi-Media Classroom.

Students are also encouraged to take part in a Consitution IQ Challenge. Everyone who completes and turns in a quiz will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 bookstore gift certificate. The winner will be announced at Grieco's morning presentation. Pick up a copy of the quiz in the library or at the information window.

'Bloodless Aroostook War' to Be Discussed

The border conflict that resulted in the treaty that determined the international border between Maine and New Brunswick will be the topic of a public presentation on Wednesday, September 16, at 12:00 noon in the library. Dr. Dena Winslow will lead the lunch hour discussion on the so-called "Bloodless Aroostook War" and the little know facts about the squirmish that settled the location of the border in 1842. Winslow was given access to the original papers, letters and documents of Commander Isaac Hodsdon, who was in charge during the conflict and prior to the signing of the Webster-Ashburton Treaty. "I will also look at what sort of a man the commander was, and some of the myths surrounding this 'bloodless war'," said Winslow.

Monday, September 14:

Stakeholder Meeting Road Salt, 8:00am - 12:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center Jenzabar Training, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, CED Classroom

Tuesday, September 15:

Book Signing with Jim Carter, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm,

Student Senate Meeting, 12:00- 1:00 pm, CHR 201 Truth Project, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, CHR 204

Wednesday, September 16:

Student Organization Officers/Advisors Meeting, 11:30 am - 12:45 pm, Reed Commons Keegan Room 'Bloodless Aroostook War' Presentation by Dena Winslow 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center *PrISM*, 12:00-1:00 pm, MRT 211 Study Strategies for Successful Students, 5:00-6:00 pm, Academic Success Center

Thursday, September 17:

NESHRM Meeting, 7:30-9:30 am, Edmunds Conf. Ctr. Irving DOT Training, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm, MRT 209 Constitution Day Presentation on the First Amendment, 10:00 am, Library

PROBUS, 10:00-11:30 am, Keegan Room Wind Power Signing, 2:00 pm, CHR 111 Discovery Forum, 2:30-5:30 pm, Edmunds Conf. Ctr. Constitution Day Movie, 7:00 pm, CHR 101

Friday, September 18:

Irving DOT Training, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm, MRT 209

LUNCHTIME THE REED IN COMMONS



<u>Monday</u> Soup: Double Ckn. Noodle Beef Vegetable Broccoli Cheddar Deli: Tarragon Ckn. Wrap Grill: Gr. Ckn. Breast Sand. Mediterranean Kitchen Cheese/Pepperoni Pizza Hot Pastrami Platter Home & Away Station Meatball Sub Spaghetti

Cauliflower <u>Dessert Bar</u> Angel Food Cake Sugar Cookies

Herbed Veggies

Tuesday Soup: Double Ckn. Noodle Chicken & Okra

Deli: Med. Beef Panini Grill: Turkey Patty Melt Mediterranean Kitchen Meat Lovers Pizza Yukon Smashed Potatoes

Home & Away Station Tuna Casserole Onion Rings Seasoned Carrots

Brussel Sprouts <u>Dessert Bar</u> Brownie Cupcakes Rice Krispie Squares

Wednesday Soup: Double Ckn. Noodle

Corn Chowder French Onion Deli: Tuna Club Wrap Grill: Italian Burger <u>Mediterranean Kitchen</u>

Hawaiian Pizza Stir Fry

Home & Away Station Chicken Divan Potato Wedges Spinach Carrots

Dessert Bar Strawberry Shortcake Dbl. Choc. Chip Cookies

Thursday Soup: Double Ckn. Noodle

Tomato Rice Beef & Barley Deli: Caprese Panini Grill: Ball Park Dogs Mediterranean Kitchen Cheese/Pepperoni Pizza Personal Pizzas Home & Away Station Beef Tacos Mexican Rice Squash & Zucchini

Seasoned Corn Dessert Bar Choc. Peanut Butter Oat Bar **Friday**

Soup: Double Ckn. Noodle NE Clam Chowder California Bean Deli: New York Sub Grill: Gr. Ham & Cheese Mediterranean Kitchen Hawaiin Pizza Pasta w/Pepperoni & Mush. Home & Away Station Ginger Pork Sesame Noodles Broccoli Veggie Blend <u>Dessert Bar</u> Magic Bars Oatmeal Cookies

Toward Excellence

Book Signing to be Held in Library

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 in the NMCC library on Tuesday, September 15, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. with copies of his new publication that tells the storied history of varsity basketball in the Star City over the past six decades. 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 of action photos. The book also highlights coaching records and thousand point scorers, as well as student-athletes who earned such distinctions as All State, All Tourney and All Conference.



A Fond Farewell...

A reception was held recently on campus for Sonja Fongemie, who served as the dean of continuing education for a number of years at the college. Most recently, she headed NMCC's first-ever major gifts campaign and then went on to serve as a special assistant to the president. Sonja would like to share the following with the campus community: "Although my decision to retire was not a difficult one, the inevitable leave-taking was not quite so easy. I am grateful to all of you who came to the reception to wish Dan and me well or who shared your thoughts in other ways. NMCC is an extraordinary institution because of the people who work there. I am proud to have been a part of it for the last 18 years and to have worked with such a caring and dedicated staff. I wish you all well and encourage you to keep doing what you are doing. It works!"



Blood Pressure Screening

Instructor Mary Cornelio checks the results at one of the several stations that first year nursing students staffed across campus last Wednesday in order to provide free blood pressure screenings and hone their skills. Special thanks to all those who stopped by and supported this student effort. For those who missed it...it's not too late. The students will again be providing free blood pressure screenings on September 23.



Annual Employee vs. Student Softball Game

Above, Shawn Lahey from the IT department rounds third and heads for home as some of the student players scramble to get the ball to the catcher...but Shawn made the run. The annual student vs. employee co-ed softball game was played with not a cloud in the sky last Tuesday evening, following a free BBQ dinner for all players. Both the dinner and the game were sponsored by the Student Senate. This marked the first game in awhile that the employee team won, according to instructor and Senate advisor Dennis Albert, who coordinates and plays in the game each year. The final score was 30 to 12. Playing for the students were: Jessica McLaughlin, Mandy Wright, Anthony Vitale, Eli Williams, Ashlei Look, Shaughnessey McArthur, Elizabeth Pelkey, Jarek Pomerleau, Matt Tarr, Adam Gatchell and Betsy McPherson. Employees taking part were: Dennis Albert, David Rugg, Shawn Lahey, Guy Jackson, Steve Blanchette, Chad Robertson, Jessica Miller, Dave Guerrette, Tom Richard and Aaron Conroy.