

On the job

Dr. Maggy Lespinasse has joined the medical staff of Penobscot Community Health Care's Penobscot Pediatrics, 1068 Union St., Bangor. Lespinasse's practice centers on all aspects

of pediatric medical care, including patient physicals and acute visits. She received her undergraduate degree from York College of the City University of New York, and her medical degree from New York Medical College, followed by residency at Westchester County Medical Center. She has worked at Providence Community Health Care, Penobscot Pediatrics is open seven days per week and, in addition to pediatric medical care, offers walk-in care, mental health services and care management.

Tyler Stoliker became licensed as a family nurse practitioner on Dec. 31, joining Northern Maine Medical Center's provider team of Dr. Liia Doumanovskaia and nurse practitioners Lisa Eno and Paula Carson-Charette in Fort Kent. He began employment at NMMC in 2009 while pursuing a baccalaureate nursing degree, which he attained in 2011 from the University of Maine at Fort Kent. He has worked in NMMC's emergency room and medical practices and obtained a Master of Science degree in nursing in November from Saint Joseph's College. Last summer, he received specialized training as a lifestyle coach to assist adults in adopting choices toward a healthier lifestyle and the

prevention of diabetes. Stoliker began seeing patients on Jan. 4.

Mike Farrell of Kennebunkport, newly appointed full-time sales representative for Easterly Wine LLC, will spearhead the fine wine distributor's expansion into southern Maine. The company is headquartered in Belfast. Farrell, who owned and operated Old Vines wine bar in Kennebunk from 2009 to 2014, will be a familiar face to many in southern Maine's fine wine circles. Most recently engaged in floor sales at Downeast Wine Imports in Kennebunk, Farrell also worked at Pier 77 in Kennebunkport. Before relocating to Maine in 2006, Farrell worked at the Five Points Restaurant, Eleven Madison Park and the Four Seasons Restaurant in New York City. He also was both a private chef and sous chef in New Jersey.

Heather Clark, assistant vice president marketing officer for Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution, Saco, recently received her Certified Financial Marketing Professional certification from the American Bankers Association. The certification is the recognized standard of excellence for marketing professionals working in the financial services industry. Clark, also a graduate of the ABA School of Bank Marketing and Management, joined SBSI in 2004 and has been in her current role since 2006. A resident of Gorham, she earned her bachelor's de-

gree in business management with a concentration in marketing from Bentley University.

The University of Maine at Fort Kent has selected associate professor of nursing **Tanya Sleeper** to serve as interim vice president of academic affairs, effective Jan. 1, until a permanent replacement is found for retiring Vice President of Academic Affairs Robert Dixon. Sleeper has served on the faculty at Saint Joseph's College in Standish. She received her doctorate in public policy and administration in 2013 from Walden University, Minneapolis, graduating summa cum laude; Bachelor of Science in nursing from UMFK in 1998; Master of Science in business from Husson College in 2000; and a Master of Science in nursing/geriatric nurse practitioner program from Saint Louis University in 2004. Sleeper is a member of the RSU 39 board of education and several committees for the civic organizations that serve the Caribou region, including her position as treasurer of the Aroostook Mental Health Center board of directors. She has served as director of nursing for Mercy Home in Eagle Lake and at Valley Home Health Services, is executive director of VHHS and Aroostook Home Health Services; board member of Pines Health Services, and chairwoman of its finance committee.

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Back at Sleepers, the owner said that vendors also have been "majorly impacted" by the weather this season.

"I have never heard them

talk like they are talking this season," Sleeper said. "It is just the lack of colder weather and snow impacting sales, and it is not just our state, it is all of New England and the whole East Coast."

Sleeper said that it has not been as bad in his Caribou store, where there is at

least a little snow on the ground. To combat the problem in his other stores, he has been buying smaller orders and has been able to find success by selling other products.

"That is all we can do until the weather changes or spring arrives," he said Thursday.

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