

Dance

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more performances. “It all came together this past April,” said Chase. “We’ve been very lucky to be able to work with communities like Bucksport and people like Leon [Seymour] at Friends of Fort Knox... Leon has been so generous and so open to this sort of programming. He’s really embraced it.” “Dancing With Steel” is a highly accessible dance program, running just over an hour, featuring athletic, world-class dancers, visual illusions, and a humorous storyline that attendees of all ages can follow, including an opening performance piece based on a Chinese folktale, “Monkey and the White Bone Demon.” The music from Atlantic Clari-

on Steel Band is performed not just on steel drums, but also on PVC pipe drums, adding to the polyrhythmic flavor of the performance. “It’s all about the rhythm. It’s an entirely rhythm-based performance,” said Chase. “We expect there to be some impromptu dance parties after it’s over.” The program contains some elements of the massive dance and puppetry installations Chase produced with Opera House Arts in Stonington in 2007 and 2010: “Quarryography” and its sequel, “Q2: Habitat,” performed outside at Settlement Quarry in Stonington. “People come to Maine in the summer for the glory of the outdoors, so having our live art installations outdoors just adds to the overall experience,” said Chase. “There’s of course no guarantee how it’ll all work out. Things

like this are risky business. But I think people are really interested in different experiences, and that sort of pop-up, one of a kind experience.” “Dancing With Steel” will be performed at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 28 at Rockefeller Hall at the Schoodic Institute in Winter Harbor, at 5 p.m. July 29-31 at Fort Knox State Park in Prospect, at 5 p.m. Aug. 2 at Bridge End Park in Deer Isle, at 6 p.m. Aug. 3 at Congress Square Park in Portland, and at 5 p.m. Aug. 4 at Wolfe’s Neck Woods State Park in Freeport. All performances are free, except at Fort Knox, where park admission fees will apply (\$3 for ages 12 and over, \$1 for ages 5 to 11, and free for 4 and under and 65 and above; non-residents of Maine are \$4.50). For more information, visit alisonchase.org.

Bangor Airport gets go ahead to refuel Trans-Atlantic flights to Cuba

BANGOR — Bangor International Airport has received a license from the Department of the Treasury to refuel Trans-Atlantic flights to Cuba. “We are extremely pleased that our licensing request to service trans-Atlantic flights to Cuba has been approved,” said Airport Director Tony Caruso. “This now creates a level playing field to compete for this market segment with the Canadian airports that have been able to provide this service since the 1960’s.” He went on to say that the airport now has the

opportunity to add this business to its list of prospects for tech stops. Previously, Bangor could not compete for this business due to the restrictions on trade with Cuba. Caruso thanked U.S. Sen. Susan Collins and Maine’s congressional delegation for helping obtain this license. “This is great news for Bangor. BGR’s strategic location for technical stops is widely known but for years those planes headed for Cuba were banned from using our facilities,” said Airport Committee Chairman and City Councilor Joseph Baldacci. “This added business is yet another opportunity for growth at BGR. The recent news of Wayfair’s call center locat-

ing on the Airport campus and more expansion at C&L Aerospace emphasizes the importance of BGR as a regional asset.” “Under the travel ban, foreign air carriers traveling to or from Cuba were prevented from refueling and receiving services at U.S. airports, forcing many to bypass airports like the Bangor International Airport and choose Canadian airports instead,” said Collins. “I have long advocated that the U.S. permit these non-traffic transit stops, and I am delighted that the Treasury Department has finally issued this license, which will allow the Bangor airport to compete for airlines’ business and help create jobs in eastern Maine.”

The technical stops by any aircraft at Bangor International destined for Cuba will be allowed to refuel, de-ice, and receive catering and other crew services, but will not be allowed to disembark or load any passengers.

Bangor Federal Credit Union celebrates new branch, 60th year

On Wednesday, July 13, Bangor Federal Credit Union celebrated the grand opening of its full service branch at 10 Venture Way in Brewer. The day began with a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by tours of the new facility, giveaways, and lunch. In the evening, the Credit Union partnered with the local young professionals’ networking group, Fusion:Bangor, to hold a reception with a performance by local band, The Rotating Taps. These events were just the beginning of a month-long celebration of both the opening of the new branch and the Credit Union’s 60th anniversary. “It is with great excitement that we celebrate the opening of our new branch and anniversary,” said Credit Union President Steve Clark.

Bangor Federal was chartered in 1956 to serve the members of St. John’s Church. The credit union expanded its membership to all Bangor residents in 1972, and the first branch opened on Harlow Street in 1974. Although that location has since closed, the credit union now has three branches and serves anyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school in Hancock, Waldo, and Penobscot counties. During the week of July 25, Bangor Federal will be holding a food drive to benefit Ending Hunger in Maine. This charity and Fusion:Bangor are just two of the nonprofits that Bangor Federal supports, as they regularly sponsor local events and give to various charities. The final week of the celebration will be devoted to the state of Maine with prizes including gift cards for local favorites like Gifford’s

Ice Cream, L.L. Bean, McLaughlin’s Seafood, and the Growler Bus. Friday, Aug. 12 will wrap up the celebration with a live broadcast on local radio station Z107.3 FM, and a drawing for a kayak from Old Town Canoe. In addition to these free events for the community, Bangor Federal is offering a special promotion for new and current members. From now until Aug. 12, anyone who opens a Full Circle Checking Account will be entered into a drawing for \$1,000 cash to be held on the final day of the promotion. Other offers, including a low interest auto loan and 10,000 reward points on a new Our Best Rewards Visa credit card, can be found on the credit union’s website at bangor-federal.com/welcome.

Maine officials ask public to practice good hygiene at agricultural fairs

With the busy agricultural fair season approaching, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the state’s Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry are warning the public to use good hygiene and judgment when attending fairs.

According to a statement issued Thursday, the two organizations are working together with the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs to promote smart, healthy decisions. The public is urged to stay home if sick, wash hands before and after touching animals and wash hands prior to consuming food. Officials recommend washing hands with soap and water rather than sanitizing gels if possible. Practicing good hygiene will reduce the risk of gastrointestinal illness, such as salmonella, the release states. “Maine agricultural fairs and events aim to showcase the best of Maine’s agriculture, past and present, and hope to inspire new generations to continue this legacy. We urge the public to observe the guidance provided at the fairs and in articles

like this one to keep everyone safe. Regular handwashing is a key way to keep everyone healthy,” said State Veterinarian Michele Walsh. “The public plays a crucial role in keeping everyone, humans and animals, healthy.” The warning comes in the wake of the death of one child and the sickening of another by E. coli last year. Although the two children attended the Oxford County Fair, which led to the suspicion they contracted the bacteria after petting animals there, testing by the Maine CDC was inconclusive. E. coli is most commonly transmitted by consumption of contaminated food or water, but it can also be contracted through contact with farm animals. The bacteria often live in the digestive systems of humans and other mammals. People typically contract the bacteria by coming in contact with animal feces, then eating or touching their mouths with contaminated hands. The 2016 Bangor State Fair, one of the state’s 26 agricultural fairs, is scheduled for July 29-Aug. 7.

Registration open for UMaine geriatrics colloquium

Registration is open for the 11th annual University of Maine Clinical Geriatrics Colloquium, which will be held 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at UMaine’s Wells Conference Center. This year’s theme is Healthy Relationships Later in Life. For details and registration materials, visit maine-centeronaging.umaine.edu/geriatricscolloquium or call 262-7922.

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