



Free fun for families at Children's Museum

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PORTSMOUTH | Area families will be able to enjoy free evenings of fun at The Children's Museum of Portsmouth, thanks to the generosity of the Citizens Bank Foundation.

BNE brings fairy tales to awards program

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STRATHAM | Ballet New England and the Center for Dance Education cordially invite the community to its annual student culmination and awards program.

The performance will take place on Sunday, June 4, starting at 3 p.m. at the Thomas Meehan Performing Arts Center, located at the Cooperative Middle School in Stratham.

An admission fee of \$8 per adult and \$5 for children and Senior Citizens will be requested at the door.

Two different fairy tales will be featured at the perfor-

The foundation is sponsoring ten months of free Family Fun Nights at the museum, with the first scheduled for Friday, June 9 from 5:30-8 p.m. Future Family Fun Nights will be held on a monthly basis starting in

mance. A jazzy presentation of "Cinderella" will feature jazz, tap, and modern pieces. In addition, an adaptation of "Snow White" will feature all levels of ballet students enrolled in Creative Dance through Junior Company.

Ballet New England is proud to be celebrating its 25th anniversary in providing the finest in dance education and professional dance performance. Registrations are currently being accepted for summer classes, which start July 10 through August 4.

For more information, call (603) 430-9309 or visit www.balletnewengland.org.

September, with a full schedule to be announced in the fall.

The Children's Museum of Portsmouth is one of the region's premier attractions for families with children of all ages, serving more than 80,000 visitors each year. The museum offers a range of informal learning opportunities in the areas of science, art, music, math, and more.

The museum's newest exhibits include Play It Cool, which teaches about biofeedback using EEG technology in a game called Mindball, and Kaleidoscopic, which features a one-of-a-kind human-sized kaleidoscope that demonstrates the principles of reflection and symmetry in a fun, active way.

The first floor of the museum features the Music Matrix musical wall sculpture, Pattern Palace, Yellow Submarine, and the Museum Shop, which will be open on Family Fun Night.

On the museum's second floor, families can explore an

authentic wooden lobster boat, deliver mail to and from the Post Office, dig for dinosaur bones, examine tiny objects with the Magi-Cam, or do some weaving.

The third floor of the museum is the home of Primary Place, an area created especially for children under age 4. There is a huge wooden train set, puppet theatre, soft toys, and a textured crawling path for babies. This floor also houses the ever-popular Space Shuttle and a Kids Café that features a Greek cultural theme.

Citizens Bank Foundation is a charitable contributions vehicle of Citizens Bank. The foundation's support is focused on housing, community development and basic human needs.

For more information about the Children's Museum of Portsmouth, call the (603) 436-3853 or visit www.childrens-museum.org; for more information about Citizens Bank Foundation, visit www.citizensbank.com.



FUN TIME — Parents and children are invited to explore the Children's Museum of Portsmouth and work on a creative project together at the museum's free Family Fun Night, taking place on Friday, June 9. Pictured here at a past event are Cristina Boisvert and her daughter Abigail.

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