



During a reception for media representatives Sunday, June 12, Elizabeth Boyd, press secretary to Governor Jennifer Granholm, visits with Ken Winter, publisher of the *Petoskey News-Review* on the porch of the Governor's summer residence on Mackinac Island.

Governor Hosts Reception for Northern Media

Governor Jennifer Granholm hosted a media reception on the porch of her summer residence Sunday, June 12.

"The media play an important role in our Democracy by helping ensure that citizens, including those in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, know what is happening in their state government," said Governor Granholm.

The event included television,

radio, and newspaper representatives from Cadillac northward. Traditionally, the Governor has hosted a media reception in December in Lansing, but the Governor's press secretary, Elizabeth Boyd, said asking northern media people to travel to Lansing in December did not seem fair, so the summer gathering idea was born. Now, the Governor's office hopes to have two media receptions yearly,

with one in the winter for organizations below Cadillac and one in the summer for those north.

Grand Hotel catered the 90 minute reception that included a tour of the main floor of the residence. Intermixed with the antique furniture is the Governor's personal decorating touch of family photographs which are scattered throughout the main room, dining room, and porch area.

Arts, Dance Highlights Summer Programs

By Leslie Rott

With the summer in full swing, the Mackinac Island Recreation Department has many events planned for all ages and for residents and visitors alike.

At its meeting Monday, June 13, Recreation Director Leanne Brodeur updated board members on the activities that the Recreation Department has planned throughout the summer.

"Arts & Nature-In-the-Park" began Wednesday, June 15, and will run every Wednesday through July 20. All sessions of the program will be held at Great Turtle Park at no charge. Children ages five to 13 are welcome to take part. The sessions are as follows:

Wednesday, June 15, Nature Hike Program and Project.

Wednesday, June 22, Froggy Face Program and Paper Flower Project.

Wednesday, June 29, Tremendous Activity Program and Project.

Wednesday, July 6, Busy Honey Bees Program and Project.

Wednesday, July 13, Gemstones Program and Project.

Wednesday, July 20, Solo graphics and Project.

A youth soccer camp, for children in grades seven through 12 will be held on Monday, June 27, through Wednesday, June 29, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The camp will be run by former pro-

fessional soccer player Drago Dumbovic and the soccer team from Saginaw Valley State University. Special and extra instruction will be available as needed. The camp will be held at Great Turtle Park for a cost of \$50. Each participant will receive a soccer ball and T-shirt. Contact Ken Straight at (906) 847-0217 or Mackinac Island Public School at (906) 847-3376 for more information.

John Knuth, famed Marysville High School head volleyball coach and National Volleyball Coach of the Year, will be holding a volleyball camp at Mackinac Island Public School Monday, July 18, through Wednesday, July 20, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Students who will be in grades six through 12 in the fall are invited to participate. The cost is \$75 for the full three days, or \$30 per day.

A basketball camp with Coach Sam Cornett from South Haven Public Schools will be held Tuesday, August 9, through Thursday, August 11, at Mackinac Island Public School. Cost for the camp is \$75.

Horseback riding lessons will be given once a week Wednesday, June 22, through Wednesday, August 31. Lessons take place on either Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday evening, or Thursday morning and are available to Mackinac 4-H Horse Club members.

Darlene Olson began teaching

youth gymnastics classes on June 7. Classes take place every Tuesday at Mackinac Island Public School. Although classes have already begun, a six week session is still available. For more information, contact Darlene Olson at (231) 627-6458.

The Recreation Department also has plans for youth softball and youth archery, which will take place at Great Turtle Park. The dates have yet to be determined.

A rafting and canoeing field trip will also be held during the summer, details to be announced by the Recreation Department as soon as possible.

Adult activities for the summer includes ballroom dancing every Thursday night at Community Hall and the potential for softball, soccer, and volleyball challenge nights.

In addition to the long list of exciting events, Great Turtle Park will be opened daily throughout the summer, equipped with swings, slides, a picnic area, and rest rooms, offering free fun for the whole family. The skate park at Great Turtle Park, equipped with two ramps, a jump box, and grind rails, is also open daily throughout the summer. Burrough Lot Park at Mackinac Island Public School will also be opened daily, offering swings, slides, and a picturesque lake side view.

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