



A group of eight students from Nagano, Japan, visited Mackinac Island Tuesday, August 2. They are part of a sisters city program between Okaya City and Mt. Pleasant.

Japanese Youth Delegates Visit Island

They came from halfway around the world to see the small island with horse-drawn carriages and a 19th century fort.

As part of a sisters city program between the city of Mt. Pleasant and Okaya City, in Nagano, Japan, students visit their sister cities over the summer to experience a wholly new culture. On even years, students from Mt. Pleasant travel to Japan, while on odd years, the Japanese send a youth delegation to Mt. Pleasant. Students live with host families during their trip. This year, in addition to experiencing Mt. Pleasant, the students made a day trip up to the Island.

"It's a great experience," said John Gerhard of Mt. Pleasant, who served as one of the drivers to Mackinac Island. "It lets these kids really take back the experience. It's one thing to read about things in books, but until you experience it, you don't really know."

The youth made the trip after having heard about it in their own country. Fumie Hanazawa, an English teacher in Okaya City, served as a translator for the group and expressed the students' excitement.

"We are here to enjoy the island," she said. "Everybody says this is the place to visit in Michigan. This is something we cannot miss."

According to Joseph Sowmick of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, who helps to coordinate the sister cities program, it was very important for the Japanese delegation to plan a trip to Mackinac while they were in Michigan.

"It just goes to show that even from an international standpoint, people know about and want to come to Mackinac Island," he said.

Though the group only had half a day to spend on Mackinac Island, they enjoyed eating at the French Outpost,

taking a carriage ride, visiting the Wings of Mackinac butterfly house, and touring Fort Mackinac.

Guns & Hoses Set for Sunday

Prepare for a clash of the uniforms as the Mackinac Island Fire Department takes on the Mackinac Island Police Department in their 4th Annual Guns & Hoses softball game. The game will be

August 7 at 7 p.m. at Great Turtle Park.

Food, prizes, and the annual 9-iron chipping contest will all take place. Proceeds will benefit the Mark Gallagher Scholarship Fund.

Middle Tree To Perform Sat.

The five-member group, MiddleTree, will be playing at Mission Point Resort Theater Saturday, August 6, at 9 p.m. The Mt. Pleasant band offers original music, testimony, praise, and worship with a mission to creatively share their message to Christians and non-Christians alike.

MiddleTree plays frequently

at Central Michigan University and in a summer concert series in downtown Mt. Pleasant.

The free concert is open to the public and is sponsored by the Mackinac Island Bible Church.

MiddleTree also will lead the church's Sunday service music program at 9:30 a.m. at the theater.

Basketball Camp Planned

Sam Cornett, a coach at South Haven Public Schools, will hold basketball camps at Mackinac Island Public School Wednesday, August 10, and Thursday, August 11.

Students in grades seven and under can attend a camp both days from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$30 for both days and \$20 for one day.

A camp for students in grades eight and above will be Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at a cost of \$20.

Those interested in participating in the camps can register at the door, but registration forms must be filled out prior. The forms can be picked up at the Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau.



Carmen Maret and Andrew Bergeron are 'Folias.'

Folias Presents Unique Tango

The flute and guitar duo known as Folias performed on Mackinac Island Sunday, July 31, at Ste. Anne's Catholic Church. Andrew Bergeron on guitar and Carmen Maret on the flute, both from Michigan, perform with an Argentine flavor. Sunday, they performed a series of tangos, all of which they arranged, plus an original piece and several compositions by classical composer Astor Piazzolla.

Flute and guitar are not a common pairing of instruments, so finding pieces for the duo to play can be difficult, said Mr. Bergeron. Their concert featured only two songs which

were written for guitar and flute; the rest were written for other combinations of instruments, but adapted by Folias. The duo also sold copies of their recent CD after the performance.

The concert was sponsored by the Mackinac Island Community Foundation and the Mackinac Arts Council and is a part of a summer classical concert series. This was the second concert in the series and will be followed by the London Trio Sunday, August 7 at 2 p.m. at the Mackinac Island Public Library.

All performances of the series are free and open to the public.

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