

Island School Hires New Teacher

By Leslie Rott

Just two weeks after hiring Roger Schrock to fill the position of superintendent, the Mackinac Island Board of Education has also hired a high school social studies teacher to replace Jessica Clark, who resigned at the end of July to join her husband at Engadine. Craig Aho will join the Mackinac Island Public School staff.

Mr. Aho is from Trenary and received the Student Teacher of the Year Award last year from Northern Michigan University. Dr. Schrock told the *Town Crier* that Mr. Aho has accepted the board's offer and he will visit the Island early in the week to look for housing.

The school board received 34 applications for the position and interviewed six people. Dr. Schrock said that Mr. Aho presented exemplary credentials.

The board will vote on pay raises for board meeting attendance at its September meeting, after hearing a report Thursday, August 17, from Policy

Committee Chairman Paul Wandrie on the current pay policy. According to section 1175 on compensation in the Board of Education bylaws established in November 2000, "Board members shall receive \$30 per regular or special meetings up to a total of fifty-two (52) meetings (excluding committee meetings) as compensation for their services. Board members shall receive \$15 per committee meeting..."

If members were paid \$30 for 52 meetings, board salary would total almost \$11,000 a year. If members were paid \$30 for 12 meetings, it would cost the district approximately \$2,500 for board salary.

In 2004, the board suspended committee pay, and, although this change was never made to the policy, it superseded the one established in November 2000.

Trustee Sara Chambers had suggested that the board pay be reviewed, and an increase be considered, and President Ben Mosley asked that the matter be voted on at the September meet-

ing, although the Policy Committee is not in favor of a salary increase, Mr. Wandrie told the *Town Crier*.

Two board members do not take their salary.

In other business at the meeting, the board discussed a variety of housekeeping issues as the first day of school approaches.

"The budget looks real good," said Trustee Jason St. Onge.

Dr. Schrock noted that Community Action has inspected the school in preparation for an October start date for a preschool program this year.

The Board tabled the 2006-2007 school calendar because they are waiting to hear back from the teacher's association to make sure they meet the required amount of hours. The first day of school will be held Tuesday, September 5, but all dates are still tentative.

Local musicians and community representatives will be on hand at a barbecue on the first day of school.

Dr. Schrock also asked the board to make a decision in the next week or two on a date that

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Switchback Brings Celtic Music to Windermere Point August 16



Switchback, a Celtic and Americana band from Oakbrook, Illinois, performed at Windermere Point Wednesday, August 16. Marty MacCormack, left, who plays bass, and Brian FitzGerald, who plays guitar and mandolin, were sponsored by the Mackinac Arts Council.

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Aerial Photographer Visits, Exhibits Work at Grand Hotel

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dwarfed by a photograph that can be 10 feet tall.

"People are interested in aerial photography and history, and that's what my books contain," he said of the public's reception of his work.

Mr. Cameron has met many famous people, among them Ronald Reagan, Nat King Cole, and Louis Armstrong. The great photographer Ansel Adams, in whose darkroom Mr. Cameron has spent time, is one of his inspirations.

His hope is that in 100 years, people will look at his work as a representation of the way things were. And some will see his work much farther into the future than that, because his two most recent "Above San Francisco" books were put into a time capsule under the San Francisco City Hall and will be opened in 3000.

The large photographs at Grand Hotel will be on exhibit through October and came

directly from a showing at the Presidio in San Francisco, where they were held over twice and viewed by 26,000 people from more than 39 counties. An environmental exhibit there in May will include aerial photographs from 100 years ago through the present and will include his works.

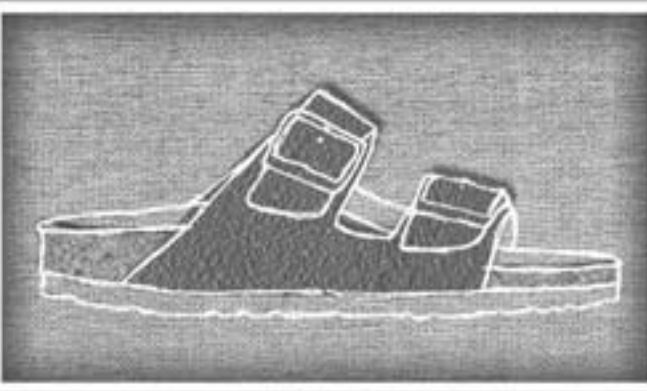
He is making arrangements to have his photographs exhibited in New York this fall.

Mr. Cameron has been taking photographs since he was 10 years old, and he began his career as a news photographer for the *Des Moines Register*.

Using a Pentax 6X7 cm camera and seven lenses, most of Mr. Cameron's photographs are taken from a helicopter.

At the Medical Center Auction Sunday, August 27, at Grand Hotel, one of his photographs, any scene, any size, will be auctioned to the highest bidder. The event is open to the public.

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