

Mackinac Island

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Mark your calendar for the big St. Patrick's party Saturday, March 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Hall. There will be lots of fun and prizes.

Winter greetings to Skip, Cindi, Nick, and McKenna Kutsop of Mountainside, New Jersey. Hope that you're enjoying the winter and we look forward to seeing you back on Mackinac in the spring.

Louina Riley (Aunt Lou), beloved aunt of Sandra and Debra Orr, had the misfortune of fracturing her hip about a week ago. At last report, she is doing well. We send best wishes to Aunt Lou for a rapid recovery. Please send her a card at the following address: 4909 Devon Circle, Naples, FL 34112.

Have fun on Mackinac in all its winter beauty and have a happy Valentine's Day.

Local Contributions Bring Upgraded Ambulance to Island

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gency medical program. The ambulance is built on a Ford E350 chassis and joins five fire and police vehicles in the Island's emergency fleet.

"The community should be very pleased with their efforts to get a newer, more up-to-date vehicle," said Mark Wilk, Allied EMS Systems team leader for St. Ignace and Mackinac Island.

The \$75,000 needed to purchase the new ambulance was contributed by cottagers and business owners, spearheaded by cottager Mike Young, during a fundraising dinner last July 10, hosted by the Iroquois Hotel.

Mr. Wilk said the old ambulance is out of date and some parts are no longer available. Since it was made, he added, medical procedures and the size, amount, and type of equipment used on ambulances have changed. The new ambulance

will carry medications used for allergy and asthma attacks, a defibrillator, and a stair chair, which can be used to carry

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patients up and down stairs and out of tight spots.

The ambulance corps is able to administer intravenous solutions and use advanced airway kits, and space for these items is incorporated into the new ambulance. In the old ambulance, some of this equipment was stored on the seat or on the floor, Mr. Wilk said.

"That's dangerous," he added. "People get hurt that

way." Mr. Linn agreed, "There are now places to store equipment without compromising the work area."

The new seats have no pleats, so they are easier to keep clean, and the seamless floor overlaps the cabinet bottom, making it impossible for items and liquids to seep underneath them.

"Little things like that add up," said Mr. Linn.

The new stair chair is equipped with bulldozer-like tracks, rather than wheels, that span steps for smoother ride down a flight of a stairs.

The new ambulance also has a container for needles and razor blades.

Twenty years ago, things like needle storage and making the

floors more sanitary were features not considered in ambulance design, said Mr. Linn. New technology and material and the need for different equipment now dictates the new designs.

"It's an evolution," he added.

While the City of Mackinac Island owns the ambulance and other equipment, the ambulance service is operated by Allied EMS Systems, Inc., a subsidiary of Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, under a contract with the city.

The new ambulance is operated by a team of six EMTs that include Pam Lach, Tony Spata, Christine Roguska, Allen Burt, Sam Barnwell, and Rick Linn. Mr. Linn is a paramedic, as is Mr. Wilk.

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energy research tax credit was embraced by Bush.

More intriguing: Camp and Hoekstra were on opposite - both losing - sides of the battle that resulted in Ohio Representative John Boehner winning the majority leader job vacated by beleaguered Representative Tom DeLay of Texas.

Camp, who backed early front-runner Roy Blunt of Missouri, remains as a deputy whip in the GOP leadership structure. House Intelligence Committee Chairman Hoekstra backed dark-horse contender John Shadegg of Arizona, who was third on the first ballot and

then dropped out.

As for Stupak, in a media press conference called shortly after the State of the Union, he said: "I hate to say it, but his rhetoric does not match reality."

He said Bush failed to address home heating costs, provide solutions to escalating health care costs, or promise adequate funding for homeland security.

But stay tuned for the budget message and other details.

George Weeks recently retired after 22 years as political columnist for The Detroit News. His weekly Michigan Politics column is syndicated by Superior Features.

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