



“A Dream Come True”

by Theresa Fabus

Kristina Lacina, daughter of Bob and Kathy Lacina of Ovid, recently had one of her greatest dreams come true. Lacina, who has battled cancer for several years, was one of five young people selected by the Tony Semple Foundation for Hope to enjoy a week-long hunting trip - September 9-12, 2008 - with her family. They had the opportunity to travel to Millersburg, MI, to the Muy Grande Ranch & Resort, for a whitetail deer hunting adventure. On the second evening of hunting, Lacina dropped a trophy eight-point -

her first buck, fulfilling a life-long wish.

“My family have always been successful hunters in the past and I’m happy to join the family tradition and make it complete,” says Lacina. “I’ve always gone hunting, but being an animal lover, I said I’d only shoot if it was a big trophy buck.

“It was really a dream come true.”

Kristina received the opportunity after her father went on a hunting trip to Texas with Tom Nelson of the television show, “American Archery”. Nelson got in touch with the Tony Semple Foundation for Hope, which is dedicated to youth with life-altering conditions get out into the great outdoors for a family trip of a lifetime. Semple, who is a member of the Detroit Lions and avid hunter and fisherman, created the foundation to provide the peace and rejuvenation to

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*Courtesy photos
Pictured at the left is Kristina Lacina, complete with “warpaint”.
Below, she poses with Tony Semple of the Detroit Lions.*



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young people that the sports have brought him.

When Lacina and her family arrived at the ranch, located in Presque Isle County in the northern lower peninsula, they received a big welcome. Kristina is the first girl ever chosen for the adventure and she and the three other participants were all given hunting gear by several sponsors, including Leopold and Mossy Oak. Each day they hunted and enjoyed each other's company.

"We became like family - we really bonded," she explained. "Everyone there was so nice and the resort went all out for us, that's for sure.

"It was a blast."

On the first night out hunting, Kristina and her guide, Keith, saw a lot of big bucks, but many were too young to be harvested. But on the second night out, Keith pointed out the big eight-point, standing in a clearing with a 16-point and a couple of does. After the 16-point moved out and the does got out of her line of sight, Keith told Lacina to take her shot.

"I lifted the gun and was shaking and nervous," she said laughing. "The adrenaline was flowing."

Lacina took the shot at 60 yards. The buck jumped and ran about 30 yards before stopping at the edge of the woods to turn around and take a look at the hunters. He then dropped to the ground.

"They told me that it was a perfect shot," she noted with pride. "In one lung and out the other."

In two weeks, she had her shoulder mount delivered, also courtesy of the Foundation.

"It's really awesome," she stated.

With the holidays right around the corner, Kristina Lacina has already had one of her greatest wishes come true. But Lacina and her family are thankful for more than just the opportunity for the

successful hunt.

"I'd really like to thank everyone who has been so caring and helpful to me and my family," Kristina noted. "I want to thank everybody for all the blessings and prayers that have helped us get through every day.

"It has meant so much."

Technical Training at Baker in January

OWOSSO - Baker's Business and Corporate Services Division is offering technical training in January.

"Introduction to CATIA" is a 2-day workshop that provides an overview of how to design 3-D models with CATIA V5R16 software. A certified CATIA V5 instructor will provide trainees with lecture and hands-on examples of how to build parametric 3-D Solid models using best practice parametric building techniques. Parametric designs will be made with the use of the Sketcher Workbench along with the Part Design Workbench. After completing a 3-D model, participants will use the Drafting Workbench to create a detailed drawing. Participants must have some minimal experience with computers and software, design knowledge, and the ability to read prints. Scheduled for January 20 and 27, 2009, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Baker's Tech Center, Room 1634. Cost is \$165 for this 8-hour workshop.

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