

Late Sgt. Blaskowski Honored at Ironworkers Festival

At the International Ironworkers Festival in Mackinaw City Saturday, August 9, Cheryl and Terry Blaskowski of Hebron Township posed next to a motorcycle they had built for their son, Sergeant First Class Matthew Blaskowski of Cheboygan, who was killed in active duty in Afghanistan September 23, 2007.

Invited to the festival by retired ironworker Greg Armantrout and Dena Armantrout of Cheboygan, the couple set up a booth to raise money for family, friends, and wounded soldiers to travel to Italy for a welcome-home party for Mr. Blaskowski's division members, when they return from Afghanistan to their base in Vicenza.

Mr. Blaskowski was a member of the U.S. Army 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade.

"It's all about the battalion and what they've been through. I think [the ironworkers] understand because they are a brotherhood, and the military is a brotherhood," Terry Blaskowski said, noting that many ironworkers have served in the armed forces.



Cheryl and Terry Blaskowski of Hebron Township, near Cheboygan, pose in Mackinaw City with the motorcycle they had built for their son, Sergeant First Class Matthew Blaskowski, who was killed in active duty in Afghanistan in fall 2007.

Experiential Retailing Will Be Topic of Sault Workshop

An Experiential Retailing and Marketing Workshop is designed to benefit all retail business owners Monday, September 15, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Best Western in Sault Ste. Marie. The cost is \$40 per person.

"Experiential retailing" means providing a rich experience for customers using an approach that involves both emotional and rational triggers, organizers

report. Destination stores realize higher traffic and longer stays than typical retailers, by creating an interactive experience that no one else can replicate.

Denise Hansen, retail marketing expert and advertising consultant, will be the speaker. Ms. Hansen's consulting experience includes Victoria's Secret and Walt Disney Company's Disney Store.

Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center is hosting the workshop in conjunction with the Sault Area Chamber of Commerce. Chamber members will be admitted for \$20.

Contact Leisa Mansfield at (906) 632-3301 or Sara Cole at (800) 562-4808, extension 216, for more information and to register.

Allison Gustafson Wins Poster Contest



Allison Gustafson of St. Ignace was chosen as the winner of the 92nd District Sobriety Court Poster Contest by the Drug Court Panel. Her poster read, "You Can't Steer If You Drink Beer." Fifth grade students from Moran Township Schools participated in the contest. (Photograph by Steven Taylor)



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Mackinac County 911 Service Plan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners ("Board") will hold a public hearing on a Final Amendment to the Mackinac County 911 Service Plan ("Amended Plan") on Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 6:15 p.m. at the Mackinac County Annex Building in St. Ignace, Michigan. The Amended Plan identifies Chippewa County 911 Central Dispatch as the primary public safety answering point for dispatch services within the boundaries of Mackinac County.

Mary Kay Tamlyn
Mackinac County Clerk
906-643-7300

REQUEST FOR BIDS Moran Township

Moran Township is seeking bids to replace the steeple cross on the Gros Cap Church at N903 Gros Cap Road.

The Moran Township Board reserves the right to accept or reject any/all bids.

Information can be obtained by contacting Jim Durm, Moran Township Supervisor, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, Michigan.

Jim Durm, Supervisor
(906) 643-8027

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Portable Classroom for Sale

St. Ignace Area Schools will receive sealed bids for the purchase and removal of the 24' x 36' portable classroom located at LaSalle High School.

Unit will be sold as is, where is, with the bidder assuming total responsibility for removal and site cleaning. Interested bidders are asked to contact Mike Springsteen, Superintendent at (906) 643-8145 for bid and agreement packages.

Bid deposit equal to five percent of bid is required with each bid. Bids will be received until 3 p.m. on August 22, 2008.

St. Ignace Area Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept other than the high bid and to waive informalities, irregularities, and/or errors in proposals, which they feel are in their best interest.

Michigan Elk Hunting Is in 25th Year

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ing season.

By 1997, the DNR had issued 355 elk licenses. In 2000, when elk numbers were very high, a record 410 licenses were available.

In 2001, the DNR began to experiment with an even earlier elk season, an August hunt intended to take animals on agricultural lands where crop damage had occurred. Hunters who drew licenses for this early hunt period also had an opportunity to hunt during September, during bugling, and the Natural Resources Commission approved a week-long contingency season for January in the event the harvest was considered unsatisfactory for management purposes.

This year, more than 40,000 hunters applied for one of the 330 elk licenses available for Michigan's 25th consecutive elk hunting season, an increase from the last several years. Using new census techniques, DNR wildlife managers estimate the elk population numbered approximately 1,200 in January 2008. With an established goal for a post-season population of 800 to 900 elk in the winter herd, even a 100% success rate this season would result in a herd that remains within the desired population goal.

Elk hunting in Michigan is a rare opportunity. For the individual fortunate enough to draw a license for any elk - which allows them to take a bull - he or she may not apply again; it truly is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Hunters who draw an antlerless license are ineligible to apply for an elk license for 10 years.

The December hunt, December 9 through December 16, has taken on a festive atmosphere as numerous visitors come to Atlanta, the headquarters of the hunt, to see what the elk hunters have taken.

"With our herd significantly larger than our winter population goal, hunters will have an excellent opportunity to take an elk this season," said Rod Clute, DNR big-game specialist. "We look forward to many more years of elk hunting opportunity in Michigan and are proud to have provided elk hunting for Michigan residents for the last 25

years. This is a wildlife management success story."

REQUEST FOR BIDS Moran Township

Moran Township is seeking electrical bids to replace the baseboard electric heaters at the Moran Township Hall located at W1362 US-2.

The Moran Township Board reserves the right to accept or reject any/all bids.

Information can be obtained by contacting Jim Durm, Moran Township Supervisor, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, Michigan.

Jim Durm, Supervisor
(906) 643-8027

NOTICE Clark Township Board of Trustees and Sewer Advisory Board

will meet with Financial Advisor Tom Traciak of ACI Finance to receive his report and recommendations on status of the sewer funds, special assessment district and sustainability of the sewer system into the future.

Interested Public is Encouraged to Attend:

Thursday, August 28th at 7 p.m.
Clark Township Community Center
On M-134 in Cedarville

2008/2009 Mackinac Island Public School Board of Education Meetings

The regular Meetings of the Mackinac Island Board of education for the 2008/2009 school year will be held as follows:

Beginning at 7:00 PM:
Thursday, July 24, 2008
Thursday, August 21, 2008
Thursday, September 25, 2008

Beginning at 6:00 PM:
Thursday, October 23, 2008
Thursday, November 13, 2008
Thursday, December 11, 2008
Thursday, January 22, 2009
Thursday, February 19, 2009
Thursday, March 19, 2009
Thursday, April 23, 2009
Thursday, May 21, 2009
Thursday, June 18, 2009

Special Meetings can be set by Board motion, the Board President or any two Board Members. Special Board meetings must be posted.

The public is encouraged to attend all meetings.
All Meeting will be held at the Mackinac Island Public School unless otherwise posted.

Terry Andress, Secretary
Mackinac Island Board of Education

NOTICE TO COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION TRADE CONTRACTORS

Skanska USA Building Inc., a leading provider of world-class construction services, invites contractors interested in learning about the prequalification process regarding construction of the new Mackinac Straits Hospital located in St. Ignace, Michigan.

The 110,000-SF hospital will consist of a critical access hospital unit, physician's office and rural health clinic, and a tribal health clinic.

Skanska will be hosting an informational meeting on Thursday, September 4, 2008 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the location below:

Little Bear East Area & Community Center
275 Marquette Street
St. Ignace, MI 49781
Phone: 906.643.8676

Please RSVP to Anne Panozzo by September 2, 2008 at 248.936.6355 or anne.panozzo@skanska.com

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