



WHITNEY CHURCHWELL holds up the powerline 953 Daisy rifle, one of the childrens auction items. Parents had to approve of their bidding.

Times staff photos by Norma Martinez

Members host wildlife banquet



The Cheyenne County Wildlife members hosted the annual prime rib Wildlife Banquet and fund raiser at the Bird City Legion hall on April 1. There were 292 membership tickets sold, with 285 people in attendance. There were also 58 youth memberships with 56 youths in attendance. The 2010 officers, Tim Stimbert, president; Terry Reiger, secretary; and Gordon Ross, treasurer, said they were pleased with the turn out.

Hal Sager was the recipient of the plaque for Sportsman of the Year.

All of the youth were given a ticket, and as their ticket was drawn they were able to select a prize from the table loaded with fishing gear, John Deere collectors farming replicas, and lots of other toys, and outdoor gear.

Adult door prizes were dog food, caps, candles, ammunition, basket of Monty's Beef, fishing gear, and many other miscellaneous items.

With the consent of their parents, children, were allowed to participate in the auction by

bidding on a Powerline 953 Daisy Pellet Rifle, and a youth shotgun.

The auction was conducted by Tom Quiggle of Wray. Some of the one-of-a-kind items auctioned were: fishing lure, a Marilyn Frisbie print, "Sun Worship" and "Winter Rush," Marilyn Frisbie original- "Memories," and saw blades "Kansas Skies" and "Remember When;" feather art, Tony Howard knives, and shadow box knife, a brass windmill, and black powder rifle.

A drawing was held for the following items: Taurus 45 automatic rifle, Over and Under shotgun, 22 rifle and 45 pistol, DPMS Sierra Firearm Ben Pressure Mouser 23 Caliber Semi Automatic 223 Remington.

Forrest Burr, Sarah Trembly and Whitney Churchill were in charge of the drawing for door prizes and showing the auction items.

The prime-rib dinners were prepared by Butch Herring and Jared Douthit.

Meals were served by Deanna Nelsen and Avis Hazuka.



KEEPING IT STRAIGHT — Hal Sager and Gordon Ross put the tickets in for the drawing. Hal Sager received the plaque for Sportsman of the Year.

Ward Cassidy 120th Representative

This will be my last article until we go back in session April 27. It has been nice to be back in Northwest Kansas. I have been traveling throughout the district answering questions about this year's legislature and budget. I wish I could talk to everyone, but if I have not seen you, please e-mail me at ward.cassidy@house.ks.gov.

April 2 was "Drop Dead Day." Legislation must have passed both chambers by "Drop Dead Day" in order to be sent to the governor. The exception to this is conference committee reports on bills in conference may still be considered after this date. Many important bills, including the budget, are in conference committees and when we return April 27 we will have our work cut out for us. Licensing of abortion clinics, KPERs, and voter ID are just a few conference bills we will have to work on.

A real problem, I am concerned with, is that sometimes conference committees use the practice of "bundling." The drawback to this is that when compromises are finished some legislation that had wide spread support can be "bundled" with a bill that had little support. This makes final voting a real nightmare. I have tracked every vote I have made and I know there will be a choice of having to vote for a bill that I had voted for one part and opposed the other part.

Here is an example of a bill that has been moved from many bills down to one: vehicle ID (VIN) inspection fee increase from \$10 to \$15 and then up to \$20 in 2013; signature requirements on vehicle renewal, that applicant has adequate insurance, (signature would be required on initial registration; the Dead Red rule- allow motorcycles to proceed through a red light after a reasonable amount of time because they are not heavy enough to change the light; drivers must pass a bicycle on the left no less than three feet away; increase the speed limit to 75 on selected multilane highways; and the seat belt law- no court costs are to be applied to seat belt violations. What I just finished describing is six bills moved into one. How would you vote on this one?

April 27 is the 76th day of session. The legislature will meet until the budget passes both chambers. The 90th day of the session is May 11. The last time the legislature went over the approved 90 days was 2006 when the session lasted 93 days. That was when they were trying to decide how to spend money, not cut budgets. I wish they would have been putting a "rainy day" fund in place.

In case you are wondering, the longest session ever was in 2002, when the session lasted 106 days. Legislators are not paid for more than 90 days. I have been told that it costs the taxpayers over \$60,000 a day to be in session and I am hoping we can get out with a good budget, before the May 11 deadline, and save the state money.

I have stated that I have opposed the 7.5-percent pay cut to state employees and I voted for the budget amendment proposing to cut all State General Fund agencies 1.193 percent, except for the Judiciary, kindergarten through 12, social service caseloads, and debt service. The agencies would have the flexibility to decide how the reductions are made. I am worried about the court system and hope that there will be some changes made to help them. I also know that we have to find some more money for the prison system when we return.

With the state's year-to-date sales tax revenue approximately \$25.8 million or .4-percent lower than expected, revenues would have to increase 15.6 percent in the next three months to reach the estimate that the Governor used to base his budget. The lower than expected revenues evaporated the less than \$8 million ending balance from the governor and senate's budget proposals leaving the house with the only proposed budget still in the black.

Honor Roll

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Conditioner

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Lance Leonard

I will be attending Kansas State University with a major in mass communications.

It takes a village — thanks to our family; teachers at school, Awanas, Sunday school and youth group; coaches; class advisors; our church family; past babysitters; neighbors and family friends. We appreciate your support and encouragement. Merle C. and Laurie A. Leonard



Parents: Merle and Laurie Leonard

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