

# Northwoods Youth Deer Hunting Challenge

# 19TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

SUNDAY, JAN. 1, 2023

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More than 140 area young hunters, along with their families, attended the 19th Annual Northwoods Youth Deer Hunt Challenge Banquet on Sunday.



Katelyn Patterson tried her hand at the Archery Shoot challenge, directed by challenge host Wade Wentland.



Tucker Moermond took a hunting quiz, while DNR warden Royce watches.



Chris Thielman, left, discusses black powder techniques with Chad Pichler (center) and Brian McCumber (right).



During the Recover Your Deer Challenge, Ed Choinski (left) talks to his grandchildren Avery Choinski (center) and Hunter Choinski (right).



Wyatt Hunstman (left) and Clayton Trapp (right) look over the display of antique traps.



Axle Jacobs places his name sticker on the entry board.



Marv Smith (left) discusses antler mounting to Sawyer, Mason, and Ben Hauser.



Marv Smith, NYDHC committee member, announces the winner of this years 'Guess how many' banquet challenge.



NYDHC committee member Kurt Justice awards Cael Skubal his prize for the 'Guess how many' banquet contest.



Wild Jacobs tries his hand at guessing the correct amount of ears of corn, while Jane Smith assists.



Marty Kwiatkowski (right) talks about fur identification to Greg and Max Miljevich.



Sierra Wallace proudly displays her prize for winning the Recover Your Deer challenge.

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The 2021 shoulder mount winners were awarded their bucks during the NYDHC banquet. North Country Taxidermy graciously donated the mounts. From the left: Travis Strasburg, North Country Taxidermy; Nick Meade, Tyler McMahon, Ben Nemczek, and Balie Strasburg, North Country Taxidermy.

## GUN SEASON RESULTS

1. JAMES STELZEL. 9 POINT, 13-3/4" SPREAD, TOTAL 22-3/4
2. LAYLA RYNDERS. 8 POINT, 12-1/2" SPREAD, TOTAL 20-1/2
3. WILL BACKHAUS. 8 POINT, 12-1/2" SPREAD, TOTAL 20-1/2



Stelzel



Rynders



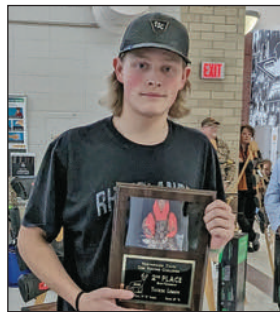
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## ARCHERY/CROSSBOW RESULTS

1. CADEN SCHILLINGER. 10 POINT, 15-3/4" SPREAD, TOTAL 25-3/4
2. TUCKER LEMAN. 7 POINT, 14-5/8" SPREAD, TOTAL 21-5/8
3. JAMES STELZEL. 8 POINT, 11" SPREAD, TOTAL 19



Schillinger



Leman



Stelzel

## MENTOR HUNT RESULTS

1. WYATT HUNTSMAN. 7 POINT, 18-1/4" SPREAD, TOTAL 25-1/4
2. KALLEN HOWARD. 8 POINT, 13-3/4" SPREAD, TOTAL 21-3/4
3. ALEX PETROWSKI. 8 POINT, 12-1/4" SPREAD, TOTAL 20-1/4



Huntsman



Howard



Petrowski

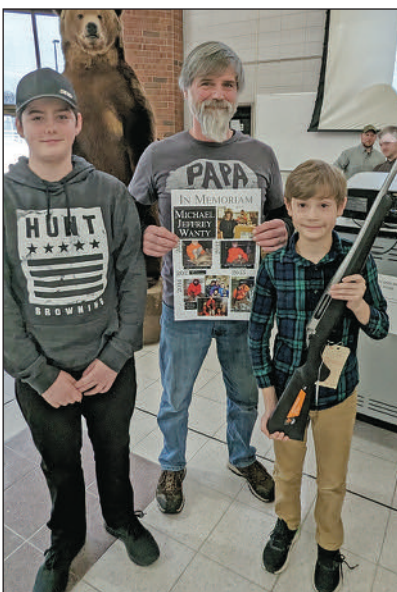
# MEMORIAL GUN AWARDS



Seth Schmitz was awarded the Jeremy Ritchie Memorial Gun by Matthew, Nancy and Oaklynn Ritchie.



Jordan Wilde was awarded the Seke Jonas Memorial Gun by Matthew, Nancy and Oaklynn Ritchie.



Tucker Moermond was awarded the Michael Wanty Memorial Gun by Austin and Mike Wanty.



Ethan Schultz was awarded the Danielle Gorectke Memorial Gun by Matthew and Nancy Ritchie.



Ethan Shoemaker was awarded the Jim Rehm Memorial Gun.



Shaye Trapp was awarded the Tommy Handrick Memorial Crossbow by Minocqua Lions Club big cheese Jamie Nimsgerm.

## ARCHERY ALLEY CHALLENGE WINNERS



Maccoy Holmquist, Kort Meyer, and Tucker Lehman received a gift certificate for placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in the Archery Alley Challenge. Age bracket 16-18 year olds.



Mathew Finucane, Chance Jacobs, and Lilliana Gindorff received a gift certificate for placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in the Archery Alley Challenge. Age bracket 13-15 year olds.



Kellen O'Malley, Owen Sauer, and Lauren Thielman received a gift certificate for placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in the Archery Alley Challenge. Age bracket 10-12 year olds.

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Graduating high school seniors are asked to come to the podium to pick up official NYDHC scholarship applications. Applications are due March 3, 2023.



Max Miljevich is the proud winner of the Swarovski Optiks raffle. The binoculars are valued at more than \$3,000, and the raffle monies are used to support the NYDHC scholarship program.



Chris Bartelt, WDNR and NYDHC committee member, tells the banquet audience that only 3% of the population are sportspeople that hunt/fishes. He encouraged those who do hunt and fish to help get more youngsters involved in the sport to help keep the heritage alive.



Justus Collins



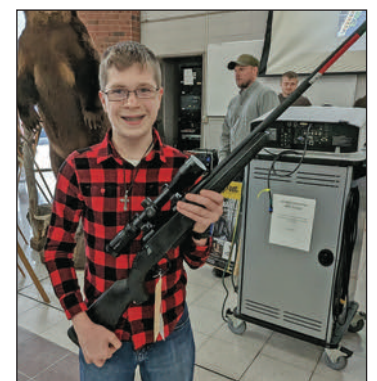
Ryan Morien



Mason Behn



Colton Jahns



Ethan Parsons



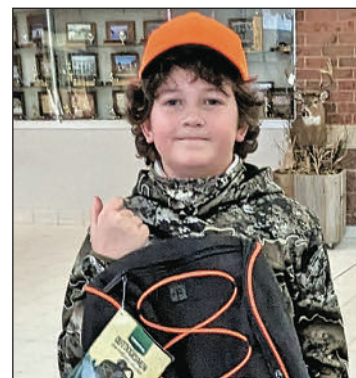
Cooper Jahns



Judah Clark



Joel Felch



Ronny Christensen



Malia Szews



Emma Brooks



Caleb Karch



Tessa Fonger



Tyson Skubal



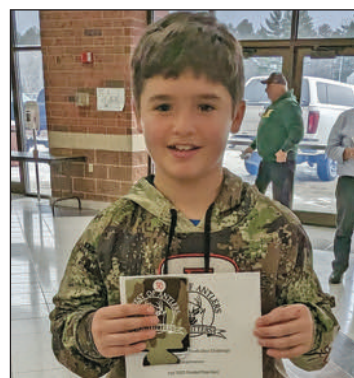
Luke Fieweger



Bennett Schillinger



Reese Breitholtz



Michael Blohm



Tristan Behn



Sawyer Szews



Casey Strasburg



Logan Strasburg



Makenzie Nicholson



David Christensen



Michael Herrmann

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McKenzie Lewandowski



Madalynn Hohlweck



Maverick Metzger



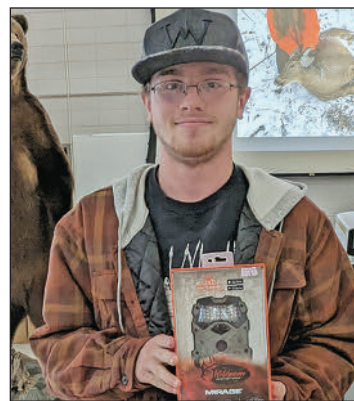
Malia Newport



Alex Meyer



Nicholas Blank



Lucian Gindorff



Lexis Leman



Kade Christie



Mason Hauser



Brayden Warchol



Paul Fetzer



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Jack Brooks



Hailey Carlson



Dominic Pichler



Dolan O'Malley



Jennings Kern



Mason Schettino



Sylvann Berklund



Avery Tucker



Myra Holmquist



Hannah Fieweger



Lauren Thielman