Arneson’s first bear

Donald Arneson, 13, of Black River Falls, far right, was one happy hunter when he shot his first black bear. The animal weighed 136 pounds.

This special hunt was made possible by Dave Klum (left) of Ettrick, who gave up his kill tag, and the United Special Sportsmen Alliance (USSA), a non-profit organization staffed completely by volunteers from the hunting, fishing, and business community. Their mission is to fulfill the dream wishes of terminally ill and disabled children by sending them on an outdoor adventure of a lifetime.

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