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It’s exciting. I also want to get an elk and a coyote, but that’s all I can think of right now.”

Bruce Herwig, who said his daughter has more patience than most male hunters, paid for a full mount of the bear. “This is a once in a lifetime thing,” Herwig said. “She’ll never be able to get another like this.”

Appleton’s Tony Tennesen waited 10 years to get a bear tag. After finally securing one, he was asked to donate his tag for a cancer patient, 14-year-old Kyle Wyss of Melrose.

Three months prior to going hunting, Wyss was in a wheelchair. He had to relearn basic functions such as eating and talking following treatment, but it didn’t stop him from shooting a 330-pound bear on Sept. 9.

“I would do it again in a heartbeat,” Tennesen said. “It was just awesome to see him.”

Appleton’s Lori and Leighon Pynenberg enjoyed a memorable day near Tomahawk Sept. 6 when both of them shot their first bears. “It was an extreme high, a major rush,” Lori said. “It was the greatest day of our lives since our wedding day.”

Leighon shot his bear, a 260-pounder, first at 9:30 in the morning. That afternoon, Lori and her husband then went back to her stand. She was disappointed because a bear had already come by earlier and wiped out the bait. She said she didn’t think another one would come, but was wrong.

“I looked up and saw him and just pointed,” Lori said. “It was the first time in my life, I had seen a bear in the wild alive. It took about five minutes.”

Lori earned bragging rights in one respect. Her bear weighed in at more than 400 pounds.

The Pynenberg’s are going to have both mounted and put in their hunting room at home. “They will fit in nicely,” she said. “The best part about it was that my husband was able to be there with me and we were able to enjoy it together.”

Fall musky tourney

The Green Bay chapter of No. 4 Titletown of Muskies, Inc. will hold a fall musky tournament Oct. 14-15 on the waters of lower Green Bay. The contest hopes to bring attention to the bay’s trophy musky fishing.

The field will be limited to 150 teams, according to tournament organizer Ken Karbon. An entry fee of $400 per two-person team will provide a maximum payout of $19,000, with $10,000 going to the winner.

Karbon said the Department of Natural Resources has sanctioned the event and suggested the autumn date because cooler water temperatures will make it easier to release caught muskies without harm.

Muskies from Green Bay — many in the 30-pound class and heavier — typically make a fall movement into the Fox River and lower Green Bay. Karbon said, hopefully, the tournament dates would coincide with some of that migration.

Tournament anglers will be limited to fishing the lower