Lonestar stars

As the football, volleyball, and cross country seasons conclude, and high hopes for the upcoming basketball season bound in the community, there is some great news to report from our friends far to the south.

A fourteen year old girl from Kentucky, Samantha Baber, has been battling serious illness her whole life. She weighs only 45 pounds, and suffers degeneration in her arms and hands.

Samantha was accompanied by Hunter Sarrington of Alba, Texas. Hunter is an eight year old with Marden-Walker syndrome, and weighs only 30 pounds himself. These children, small of stature and large of heart went deer hunting on the Shipp Ranch of Lometa, Texas, a dream wish coordinated locally by the U.S.S.A. charity. The ranch is owned by Randy and Tammey Shipp, who along with their son T.J. Shipp guided the deer hunts for the special children.

As you can see by the pictures, the two “guys” hunted together, and the two “gals” hunted together. Both Samantha and Hunter harvested real nice bucks, and by the looks of things, the guys had their work cut out for them keeping up with the ladies, “as usual,” right? Anyway, hearty central Wisconsin congratulations to these young sportsmen/women for not letting adversity get the best of them. Their attitude and heart are an example to all of us when tough times come as they inevitable do.

Randy Shipp said, “All went well and the precious kids both shot their deer and our hearts go out to them. Tammey, T.J.