STEPHEN RHODES helped Chipper Dipple rattle in this seven-point buck on the Whispering Water Ranch and then shot the deer at sixty yards. The eight-year-old was in Menard County with Brigid O’Donoghue, president and founder of United Special Sportsman Alliance.

National Group Tries To Grant Wishes For Kids

The United Special Sportsman Alliance, founded and headed by Brigid O’Donoghue, sponsored a deer hunt for eight-year-old Stephen Rhodes in Menard County recently.

Stephen was nicknamed “Rattlin” after helping Chipper Dipple of Whispering Water Ranch rattle in a seven-point buck which the young hunter then shot at sixty yards.

USSA is a non-profit grassroots organization seeking to fulfill the dream wishes of disabled and terminally ill children by sending them on an outdoor dream adventure.

Stephen is a cancer patient and this was his first deer.

“We think this was a very fulfilling experience,” Chipper and his wife, Carolyn, said. Whispering Water Ranch is located south of Menard. USSA, headquartered in Pittsville Wisconsin, is staffed completely by volunteers from the hunting, fishing and business community.

“The generosity of donor hunting and fishing lodges, landowners, outfitters, preserve/ranch owners and corporate sponsors give us an opportunity to make an impact on hundreds of children's lives. We welcome any and all hunting, fishing and outdoor trip donations, as well as annual memberships which help us purchase transportation, outdoor supplies and accessories for our children,” Ms. O’Donoghue said.

To obtain information on USSA and the program, go to www.childswish.com.