



**MANY ADULTS AND CHILDREN** attended the Cheyenne County Wildlife Banquet Friday evening. Pictured, top left, are Derek Fromholtz and son, Dayton and Mallery Mills with their prize; clockwise: Casey Vandike and Jakob Church check out door prizes; Ericka Wieck, Tom Quiggle, Tony Howard and Tim Stimbert announce winners; Some of the over 300 people who showed up for food and fun; Melvin Dunn buys tickets from Kaycee Williams and Whitney Churchwell; Outdoors-men Patrick Delano and Dick Rohweder visit; Last year's Sportman of the Year, Tom Smull passes the torch to this year's honoree, Keith Dankenbring.

*Times staff photos by Casey McCormick*

# Over 300 attend annual wildlife banquet

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 The Cheyenne County Wildlife hosted the 25th fund-raising banquet on Friday. Held at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds, over 300 hunters and friends attended the event.  
 "We were pleased with the turnout," said Gordon Ross, one of the organizers. "The money raised will help with the group's operations."  
 Commemorating the beginning

of the organization in 1985, members who signed the original charter were recognized. They were Roger Lauer, Troy Porter, Tom Smull, Keith Dankenbring, Brent Rueb, Eddie Lauer and Dave Roberson.  
 Part of the night's ceremonies was the announcement of Sportsman of the Year award. Keith Dankenbring was presented a plaque by last year's winner, Tom Smull.  
 Not only was the evening for outdoorsmen, but many children

and ladies attended the banquet. Every kid attending got a prize off a table loaded with toys and outdoor gear.  
 As in year's past, many auction items drew interested bidders to the event. Some of the 31 prizes were one-of-a-kind pieces like Marilyn Frisbie's nature art, Tony Howard's knives, Peggy Moberly's hand-painted saw blade and Dave Nelsen's fishing lures.  
 Beaver Creek Game Birds provided 100 baby pheasant chicks

and 100 baby quail chicks, Ring Neck Country gave a one-day hunt for two, Bob's Wildlife and Taxidermy had a mounted raccoon in a tree, an oak gun cabinet came from Cliff Semler, Rodney Radcliff donated a pheasant sculpture and a deer antler pen and pencil set was given by Francis O'Leary.  
 Loren White, Dustin Gilliland, Don Marshall and Pete Raile all provided bags of seed corn. Martin Hilt and Henry Hilt also gave several Goodman wildlife prints and

the Country Trader offered a pistol holder with a 25th anniversary logo. In addition Sherlock Spraying donated a 100-acre spray application. Other prizes were from the Wildlife organization itself.  
 There were 11 guns that went home from the banquet. Among them was series 4, 20 gauge Model 12 Winchester with a commemorative logo for the Cheyenne County Wildlife's 25th anniversary.  
 Four area girls sold tickets and displayed prizes. They were Whit-

ney Churchwell and Ana Ponce of Bird City and Kaycee Williams and Jodie Hilt of St. Francis. Once again Tom Quiggle performed the auctioneer duties.  
 The prime-rib dinners were prepared by Kyle Schultz, Jared Douthit and Trevor Reed. Bruce Feikert brought in his grill to handle the beef.  
 The meals were served by Deanna Nelsen and Avis Hazuka.