



Bob Mendenhall Jr., of Imperial, right, was the lucky winner of the .17-calibre Savage Arms HMR in this year's ABATE District 12 raffle. The prize was one of only 20 rifles with that stock made. Presenting the rifle was Greg Koellner, ABATE district representative. He said the organization, which covers 11 counties in southwest Nebraska including Chase County, will use proceeds from the fundraiser for its service projects including Operation Uplink, which allows servicemen to communicate with their families over the internet or by other means during the holidays. The organization began selling tickets at the fair through Nov. 4, when the drawing was held. (Courtesy photo)