

Community pulls together

BY PAUL HUFZIGER

April 21, was a very special day in Bear Lake, a good day for a fundraiser, and raffle. In honor, and for Kollin "Kermit" Rigby a benefit trap shoot was held. In arriving, it was obvious that this young man had quite a following, and a lot of very close family, and friends. Looking back at this mans life he had a variety of interests and was always very active. During hunting season, it was a rare day that he did not bag a big elk or deer. Whether it was bow hunting, or during the standard rifle season, you could most likely find him in the woods hunting, camping, or riding his dirt bike. Kollin loved dogs, he was often seen playing with his Border Collie, Ash, and Creed, a German Sheppard, who was full of personality, in his yard. The dogs would howl if Kollin left without them, wanting to go with their master in the back of his truck.

The Bear Lake community came together in a very impressive way, with an outpouring of love and support that was well above anything expected. Sometimes you just don't know how much you are loved, or how many lives you have impacted until you are gone. There were well over a two dozen participants, and countless numbers of onlookers as the event began. As the first few shots rang out, the excitement began to build, with exclamations of; "there you go" and "good shot" ringing through the air. Resembling a pigeon about as much as a dog resembles a TV, clay pigeons look more like thick little Frisbee than real birds. But that disc-like shape allows them to glide through the air quickly, and



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Jake Lindsey, Hailey Singleton, Susie Moore Troy Wilkinson and Breckin Wells.

consistently. These pigeons did not stand a chance against the expert assembly of shooters. At the end of the day, the group had shot-up, eight boxes of birds, at 130 per box, that is 1040 pieces of broken-up clay. The event continued throughout the day, by following an established lineup, shooting at a variety of distances.

Many local businesses donated a large selection

of prizes for this fundraising event that included the following: Traeger Pro Series Pellet Grill, Traeger Portable Tabletop Pellet Grill, .22, Ruger American Predator 6.5 Creedmoor rifle, Yeti cooler, and Stealth Cam game tracking camera, in addition to many tables of smaller but significant prizes. The lunch and cookout also provided generously by a local establishment. With a large number of prizes, it seemed that everyone would walk away a winner, and they did. All proceeds from the trap shoot and raffle are to help the Kollin Rigby family with medical bills, and expenses related to his passing.

A variety of other events have taken place to include a blood drive, Team Kermit Bracelets, Team Kermit Stickers, Donations are still being accepted, and if you would like to make a contribution to ongoing fundraising efforts, please contact the local Wells Fargo branch on 830 Washington Street, Montpelier, Idaho.

A very special thanks goes out to all of the numerous sponsors, businesses, and individuals that contributed to, scheduled, and set up this event. Their generosity was more than anybody ever anticipated and goes a long way to illustrate how much Kollin is loved and will be missed.

WEATHER

Forecast:
Chance of Rain
Midweek

Highs & Lows
April 23 - April 29

DATE	High	Low	PRCIP
April 23	54	33	.027
April 24	57	27	
April 25	63	28	
April 26	71	27	
April 27	76	30	
April 28	75	41	
April 29	56	40	

Weather courtesy of
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A prickly situation

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Early Tuesday a wild animal was on the loose in downtown Montpelier. The little critter had crawled up into the engine compartment of Tamara Armstrong's truck, out in the country where she lives.

It was reported that the beast hitched a ride into town and was discovered only after Tamara parked downtown, as the animal began to hiss and growl. The Sheriff's office and the City of Montpelier police officers quickly arrived on the scene which was in front of Zions Bank, located on Washington Street. It was quickly identified as a porcupine and it began to put up quite a fight, resisting arrest, as it scurried under the patrol vehicle. He was finally caught, by Jordan Sparks, and was then transported by Deputy Lindsay, and released out near Ovid, to run free.

Porcupines are very common here in Idaho, but most people do not know much about them beyond the fact they have sharp quills that can be very painful. Porcupines are large rodents, as are mice, beavers, and squirrels. There are around 45 species of rodents found in Idaho. The beaver is the largest, the porcupine the next largest of this group.

These things can be very dangerous with sharp spines, that are used in a de-



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Locals catch porcupine that hitched a ride to town

fensive manner, to impale those who get too close. They have been said to be able to "bite you with their butt". There are four defenses that the animals can use, in order of increasing aggression: quill erection, tail rattling, stamping and growling, and backward or sideways attacks. The porcupines sometimes use the latter two as a last resort, and are more likely to

inflict serious damage. In one such case, two porcupines ran backwards, forcing a dog into their den, where they fatally impaled it with their quills.

If another person or creature comes into contact with a porcupine, the quills detach easily from the porcupine. Not so for the victim though. Quills have sharp tips with barbs on them that expand when they enter the warm tissue of another animal's skin. The quill tips can get lodged in the skin and are very difficult to remove. If the quill tips are not removed promptly the victim is likely to develop secondary infections. If left untreated, infections from quills can be fatal. In other cases, the affected animal may starve to death. Because animals, like dogs, often explore things with their noses, they are likely to get stuck in the face and mouth. Eating may become too painful, and the victim starves to death. In some cases, the victim may die from shock.

A special thanks goes out to the brave individual that caught the porcupine, the sheriff's office and local city police that responded, and assisted in the capture, removal, and transport of this prickly little friend.

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