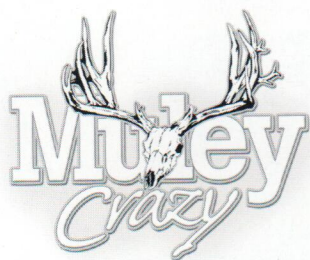


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Ryan Hatch

Last fall, after 22 years of applying, I finally drew a desert sheep tag on the Strip. Although I had a great time and smoked a world-class ram, I would have rather have shot another big muley. After a posted a photo on Facebook, I received an overwhelming amount of responses from our fans hoping to read the story in MuleyCrazy Magazine. My initial thought was, "A sheep story in a mule deer magazine is lame." Unfortunately, this hunt would be the last time I would ever see or hunt with one of my good friends, Marvin James.

The story titled, "A Good Friend" tells a little about the life of Marvin, his passion for the hunt, and the relationship we shared. I had to laugh after reading the story, as I painted Marvin as somewhat of a saint, but that's what friends do! So for those wanting to read about my sheep hunt and several more fun hunts Alicia and I shared with Marvin, they can be found on page 59. Marvin lived life to the fullest, had a very a positive influence on many in the industry, and he will be greatly missed.

There's another fun Marvin James story in this issue, written by Waylon Janousek on page 3. Waylon drew the Arizona Statewide Raffle Tag for mule deer, arguably the best in the world. Marvin and his crew assisted Waylon to a whopping 240-inch buck. Not to be overshadowed is the Utah equivalent, or Sportsman's Tag, which was drawn by 16-year-old Kolten Probert. Read about his incredible 38-inch-wide giant on page 11. These were the two luckiest guys in the mule deer hunting world last year!

A few months back, a collared Canadian wolf was mistaken for a coyote and killed near Beaver, Utah. The female wolf had been photographed by several

hunters in November on the Kaibab. A month later, she was killed by Beaver, trying to return home. The Feds say the wolf had migrated from Wyoming to Arizona. What a bunch of bull crap that is. She migrated alright.... most likely in the back of a federal truck. Regardless of how she got from Wyoming to Arizona, the fact remains; the wolves are coming. The state of Utah still maintains the stance they don't want wolves, but the Arizona Game and Fish Department has been spending money on, and bragging about the progress of, wolf recovery efforts in their state. It sounds ridiculous that an agency that gets paid by tag sales of ungulates is bragging about reintroducing wolves; in fact, it's retarded.

On page 17, Dr. Charles Kay wrote an interesting article titled "Wolves and Livestock." The writings relay the heavy impact just a few wolves are having on livestock producers, and I can only imagine the chaos that would befall livestock, and ungulate populations alike, if wolf numbers continue to increase. It's very alarming to think the Feds have 300 more wolves in pens ready for relocation!

Take a look at that buck on the cover! Well, it took a little time, but with the good shooting of Rick Weis, Robb Wiley and the Non-Typical Outfitters crew finally ended a 3-year pursuit and put the buck known as "Snag" in the dirt. I would like to thank Rick for sharing his story and photos - that dropper is just sick!

As always, I appreciate each of the contributing writers for their stories, and also you, the subscribers, for your overwhelming support of MuleyCrazy Magazine!