

# POST RIDER NEWSLETTER

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

vote on policy and officers to lead your organization

The Marias River Livestock Association's Annual Membership Meeting will be held at 6:00-7:00pm, October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Marias Valley Golf Course Clubhouse. The business meeting will consist of election officers and

announced at the MRLA Board of Directors meeting, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, that he would not be running for office again as he feels he can not contribute the needed time to such an important leadership position and operate his ranch and meet other family obligations.

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October 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00- 7:00pm

Marias Valley Golf Club House.

7:00pm Meeting and Greet with Candidates for Offices that make up the Montana Land Board.

Light meal will be served via buffet.

The Annual Membership Meeting is when members vote on officers and policy. (policy see pg 3) This year the offices open are, President, currently filled by Bob Thompson, Whitlash; Vice President, currently filled by Trina Bradley, Valier area, and Pondera County Director, currently filled by Wendy Connelly, Valier area.

A slate of candidates has been selected by the Nomination Committee: Casey Buffington, Clayton Gernaat, and Paul Turner. The slate of nominees are as follows: Trina Jo Bradley for President, Clayton Gernaat for Vice President, and Wendy Connelly for Pondera County Director.

voting on policy. After a quick one hour business meeting, there will be a Meeting and Greet for MRLA members and candidates that are running for offices that make up the Montana Land Board. (pg 2)

Bob Thompson, current President of Marias River Livestock Association would like to encourage all members, past member and even those who wish to join to come and participate.

Thompson has felt honored to lead Marias River Livestock Association these last few years, but

There will also be nominations taken from the floor as per the current by-laws. Current members who have declared that they will run via nomination from the floor are Maggie Nutter for the position of President and Marvin Kimmet for the position of Vice President.

## PRIME RIB AND RIB TICKLER COMING UP NOV 16, 2019

Come and Enjoy Wylie and the Wild West!!! Social Hour 5:30pm with Dinner served at 6:30pm at the Shelby Civic Center. There will be door prizes, BULL BUCKS and the Youth Fund Raiser Auction. Lots of good people and conversation.

**Marias River Livestock Association's By-Laws state:** Article 5 sec 12(2) "The Nominating Committee shall prepare a single slate of nominees from the Active Membership for the office of the President-elect, Vice President and Directors whose terms are expiring..." and in Article VI Section 2. Election, term of Office and duties: "The slate of nominees shall be published in the newsletter prior to the annual meeting mailed to each member. This slate of nominees shall be presented to the Membership as a whole and nominees for each elected office solicited from the floor from the general membership. Each nomination from the floor shall require a second... 1. A majority vote of members

## State Board of Land Commissioners

The Montana DNRC website states "State trust lands are managed by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) Trust Lands Management Division. Timber, surface, and mineral resources are managed for the benefit of the common schools and the other endowed institutions in Montana, under the direction of the State Board of Land Commissioners. The board consists of Montana's five top elected officials."

This board discusses and votes on the purchases and sales of State Land by state agencies such as DNRC and Montana Fish Wildlife and Park.

The current officers of the Land Board are **Steve Bullock**, Governor; **Tim Fox**, Attorney General; **Matthew Rosendale**, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance; **Corey Stapleton**, Secretary of State; **Elsie Arntzen**, Superintendent of Public Instruction

All declared candidates for the June 2020 primary. Republican, Libertarian, and Democratic party

present and eligible to vote shall constitute an election. The vote may be via voice when only one candidate has been nominated for an office. 2. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Membership.

### Wild Pig Symposium On The Border

October 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm

#### Legion Hall in Sweet Grass MT

Speakers will include: Bob Brickley, rancher and chair of the Moose Mountain Wild Boar Eradication Team; Ryan Brook, Saskatchewan Wild Boar Project; Tahnee Szymanski, Assistant MT State Veterinarian; John Steuber, MT State Director USDA Wildlife Services; Dale Note, National Feral Swine Initiative Coordinator for the USDA, APHIS

"Wild Pigs, Feral Swine, Eurasian boars, whatever you want to call them. They have caused billions of dollars of damage and lost income in the agriculture community around the United States. We can't afford to let them get a foothold in Montana. Our best move is to educate ourselves and be prepared to act. We don't want to be behind the eight ball on this one. Glad Wildlife Services is stepping up and prepared to take action. "Cindy Johnson, Front Range Farm Bureau Sec/Treasurer and Montana Farm Bureau, Vice President.

candidates will be invited to attend the 7:00pm Meeting & Greet, October 9, at the Marias Valley Golf Course Club House following the Annual MRLA Membership Meeting. Meat and Cheese trays with buns, and salad will be served with cookies for the sweet tooth. There is a no host bar also available to those wishing beverages.

We hope you come and meet these important candidates. You find a list of the candidates at [bit.ly/MT2020primary](https://bit.ly/MT2020primary)

The link is case sensitive.

(We cannot guarantee who will come only that they will be invited.)

## Policy suggestions:

Where as human safety should always be the priority concern for grizzly bear management decisions.

Where as there is no compiled report on current or past human bear interactions by the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks or US FWS.

Where as grizzly bear sightings in human settlements cause a increase in human safety risk and necessitate change in human behavior or actions.

Where as there are becoming more frequent incidences where humans must change their behaviors or actions due to grizzly bear presence.

Where as we believe that this data compilation would be necessary for appropriate and science-based management of Grizzly bears and other predators.

Where as the public has the right to know about where grizzly bears are spreading onto the landscape and the issues connected with this phenomenon.

**A statewide data base should be created that would be available to the public where all Grizzly bear (or even all predators) and human interaction would be reported and recorded. This information could be studied and used for future state and federal grizzly bear management decisions.**

Where as the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee all support state regulated hunting of a delisted grizzly bear species in accordance with the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and see its value for population control, management of dispersal, and reduction of human/bear conflicts.

Where as August 2007, President Bush issued Executive Order 13443 directing federal agencies to facilitate the expansion and enhancement of hunting opportunities, called for a Conference on North American Wildlife Policy, and required publication of a Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Plan and March 2017, DOI Secretary Ryan Zinke issued Secretary Order 3347 which sought to enhance conservation stewardship; increase outdoor recreation; and improve the management of game species and their habitat by assessing implementation of E.O. 13443.

Where as there are existing Memorandums of Understanding (MOU), Montana Administrative Rules (ARMs), and Montana Code Annotated (MCA) statutes all of which contain references or preferences regarding hunting of grizzly bears once they are delisted.

**MRLA supports the state regulated hunting of a delisted population of grizzly bears.**

Where as the management and removal of nuisance and conflict grizzlies is to be done as directed in the 1986 Interagency Grizzly Bear Guidelines (pages 53-60).

Where as the management or removal of nuisance and conflict grizzlies rely on the positive identification and tracking of such bears.

Where as capture and tagging or collaring of elusive grizzly bears is not always successful and allows such bears to continue in their inappropriate behavior without intervention by bear mangers

Where as it is important to manage nuisance and conflict grizzlies with human safety as a priority

Where as through the non-invasive collection of grizzly bear DNA individual grizzlies' locations and actions could be monitored without actual capture at the incident sites.

Where as both invasive and non-invasive DNA collection has been used in research to track conflict female bears and the probability of them rising conflict prone cubs

**MRLA supports that nuisance or conflict bears will be tracked not only by ear tags or collars but by DNA. Agencies involved in grizzly management will search every conflict site or human settlement where bears have caused a change in human behavior/actions, concern for safety or property damage for DNA sample such as hair, scat, saliva, blood or other samples such as foot prints as science of DNA recovery improves.**



The MRLA Breeding Beef Project Award Winners were introduced during Friday Night's Manas River Stampede Rodeo! They all got to ride in the Dodge pickup around the arena, along with MRLA President Bob Thompson, past MRLA Vice-President and our area's current State Senator Butch Gillespie, and Tim Fox, Montana's Attorney General and 2020 candidate for Governor! Way to go!

## How Bull Bucks Plus Works

By Carrie Lerum

Each seed stock producer who wishes to participate in 2019 puts a generous \$100 into the "Pot." During the Prime Rib and Rib 'Tickler a name is drawn from Marias River Livestock Association's **current** active members and whoever wins gets the BULL BUCK PLUS certificate.

When the winner purchases an animal from one of the participating producers, they use the certificate to get the specified discount. Marias River Livestock Association then sends a check to the participating producer for the amount of the certificate. This year's Bull Bucks Plus Certificate is worth \$1400!!!!

Thank you to each of the participating producers that help to make this drawing possible!!

### BULL BUCKS PLUS PARTICIPANTS 2019-2020

**Apex Angus** – Sale March 3, 2020 at 1 p.m.  
[www.apexangus.com](http://www.apexangus.com)

**Bobcat Angus** - Sale January 25, 2020 at 12:30p.m.  
[www.bobcatangus.com](http://www.bobcatangus.com)

**Connelly Angus**- Feb. 25, 2020 at 1 p.m.  
[www.connellyangus.com](http://www.connellyangus.com)

**Diamond D Angus** - Nov. 14, 2020 at 1 p.m.  
[www.diamondangus.com](http://www.diamondangus.com)

**Diemert Ranch Herefords** – 432-3412 Private Treaty

**Enneberg Angus Ranch** - 845-4901 Private Treaty

**Flesch Angus**- Sale March 13, 2020 at 1p.m.  
[www.fleschangus.com](http://www.fleschangus.com)

**Gillespie Show Cattle** - 337-2943 or 949-4453 Private Treaty  
[www.gillespieshowcattle.com](http://www.gillespieshowcattle.com)

**Holden Hereford** - Sale March 9, 2020  
[www.holdenherefords.com](http://www.holdenherefords.com)

**Kicking Horse Ranch Gelbvieh**- Sale March 19, 2020  
[www.kickinghorseranch.com](http://www.kickinghorseranch.com)

**O'Hara Land & Cattle** – Sale April 2020  
[www.oharalandandcattle.com](http://www.oharalandandcattle.com)

**Superior Livestock Video Auction-** Steve Reeverts 450-4586

**Tomscheck Angus** –bulls and bred heifers for sale by private treaty, 937-3726

**Turner Angus** – April 2020 [www.turnerangus.com](http://www.turnerangus.com) 337-3800

### Past Bull Bucks Plus Winner

2012 Jason Samsal & Dakota Simmes used at Hawks Angus

2013 Lance McDowell used at Hawks Angus

2014 Kenny Berthelote used at Tomscheck Angus

2015 Jeff Habets used at Flesch Angus

2016 John Hasquet used at Flesch Angus

2017 Wes McAlpine used at Flesch Angus

2018 Zeb Engstrom used with Superior Livestock

## YOUTH FUND AUCTION

We are excited about this year's auction!!

Bob Thompson is building three wooden sawhorse ponies for the auction. One of these ponies will have a key attached to its belly, which will fit into the gun lock of a Weatherby 243 rifle. You will be able to view this rifle at Shelby Paint and Hardware. The bidder who wins the horse with the hidden key, must be able to pass the background check and be legally able to own a gun.

The funds from this auction help to support the 4-H awards at the four County Marias Fair and other activities. We are very proud of the 4-Hers who compete for the awards at the Fair and the initiative that they show. They are the future of agriculture.

## 2019 MRLA Breeding Beef Project Awards

By Lindsey Habets

For the 7th consecutive year, The Marias River Livestock Association sponsored Breeding Beef Project Awards at the Marias Fair.

The number of participants AND the number of breeding beef animals this year was again incredible!

There were 13 4-H members who brought a combined total of 10 heifers and 9 cow/calf pairs! Seeing this many breeding animals at the fair is outstanding!

Awesome Story and Highlight of the 2019 Marias Fair: **As the Breeding Beef Judge was glancing over his top selections in the final drive for all Breeding Beef classes, he paused before selecting the Overall Grand Champion Breeding Beef Animal. He began his commentary on the animals by making a profound comment, that every person involved with this award (both MRLA representatives and 4-H exhibitors/families alike) should be very proud of. The judge stated that he has attended and judged many county fairs all around the state, but nothing holds a candle to the Breeding Beef Program at the Marias Fair.**

The number of entries and the quality of cattle being represented by our 4-H youth is truly something to aspire to. These 4-Hers with their Breeding Beef projects are all to be commended on a job well done.

They are a prime example of leadership and an excellent representation of our next generation of future cattlemen and cattlemen!

### Congratulations to the 2019 Award Winners:

Grand Champion Bred Heifer project: Brett Stoltz

Reserve Champion Bred Heifer project: Shiloh Neal

Grand Champion Cow/Calf pair project: Colter Littrell

Reserve Champion Cow/Calf pair project: Wyatt Berkram

Grand Champions receive Montana Silversmith Belt Buckles and a cash award; Reserve Champions

receive a certificate, redeemable for a custom embroidered jacket.

A Big Congratulations to ALL 2019 Participants!

### About the Breeding Project Awards:

The purpose of these awards is to encourage knowledge and interest in a continuing breeding project,

that will serve to become the foundation of a current or future breeding herd. It is the goal of Marias

River Livestock Association to encourage our youth to become the next generation of Livestock

producers.

The first-year award is for a bred yearling heifer and the second-year award is for bringing that heifer back with a calf at her side.

While Confirmation, breeding capability and ability to handle the heifer is very important and will be part of the overall score for determining the award winner, the main component of the score is based on an interview. 4-Hers are interviewed on their knowledge of their animals and the goals they have for a continued breeding program on their current ranch operation or a future operation they may have in mind.

**MRLA works hard to promote a healthy competitive and positive future for our livestock industry. Our youth are a very important component of that.**

Prime Rib and Rib Tickler  
Shelby Civic Center

Nov. 16th.

Social hour starts at 5:30

meal at 6:30

Wylie and the Wild West

Ticket will be sold on the website

Or by any Board member

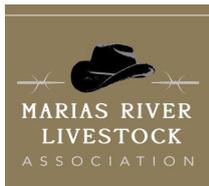
Or

Call Maggie at 937-2751



Lindsey Habets presents awards to Breeding Beef Project award winners at the Marias Fair.

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