

Marias River Livestock Association, 72 Sweetgrass Hills Rd, Sweet Grass, MT 59484



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## Honoring the Past But Appreciating the Future

On Nutter Ranch when you were twelve, you were old enough to bale hay and expected to become part of the large haying crew made up of 4-5 hired men and all family members old enough to drag a bale. Back in the early 70's I learned how to bale hay on the "New John Deere." Not that it was new, but it was new at one time and newer than the "Johnny Popper" which required a crank to start it. At that time The New John Deere was perhaps the newest equipment on the whole ranch.

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I truly respect the fact that at one time my father found this to be one of the most valued and useful pieces of equipment on the place. More than that I respect and appreciate the fact that my parents, grandparents and great grandparents, labored hard, sacrificed, and endured to turn this bit of The Hills in to a productive ranch. Most of that labor was by hand and horse, and though I respect and honor their work, I am more than thankful for the new equipment we have. The John Deere 7230, the

Case International swather, the Round Baler, the Peterbilt truck and flatbed to haul hay.... Each purchase was a change and an improvement making the work more efficient and easier for two or three people to accomplish all the haying in less amount of time.

Change comes to each and every operation in the form of new information, new equipment, improved seed and livestock genetics. While we honor and respect the past history of agriculture and try to learn from the successes and failures of it, we move forward trying to preserve the lifestyle that allows a neighbor to stop by unannounced, a family to sit down to supper together, that welcomes the stopping of two pick-ups window to window on the county road and a few beers after finishing branding. The Gentle Hand Livestock Conference was put together to bring new information to help us move forward and build success on our ranches, yet it is also to allow the time to share a beer and conversation with neighbors. I hope to see you there.

Register now at [www.MariasRiverLivestock.com](http://www.MariasRiverLivestock.com) or call Lana Schock at 937-6400.

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**Glacier Motel & RV Park** 434-5181  
744 Roosevelt Highway, Shelby  
Room w/ 1 queen 2 people aprox \$64

**O'Haire Manor** 434-555  
204 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South, Shelby  
Room w/ 1 Queen 2 people \$49

**Best Western Shelby Inn & Suites** 424-4560  
(also has RV Park)  
1948 Roosevelt Highway, Shelby  
Room w/ 1 Queen 2 people \$89 mention conference

**Totem Motel** 434-2930  
730 Oilfield Ave, Shelby  
Room w/ 1 Queen 2 people \$39

See [www.MariasRiverLivestock.Com](http://www.MariasRiverLivestock.Com) for more details on lodging.

## Jeff Says...

I would personally like to invite everyone to the Marias River Livestock Association's **Gentle Hand Livestock Conference**. This is quite an opportunity for all producers in our area. Low-stress cattle handling is what we strive for. If done correctly, it can be low-stress on the cattle, as well as low-stress on your marriage!

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We would like to thank the organizers of this event. We will have our products there on display and you can see them in action during Curt Pate's live cattle handling demonstrations.

We all know it's a busy time of year, but it should be worth everyone's while to come take part. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jeff Habets, Tumbleweed Sales LLC  
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Morand Industries Dealer

## Gentle Hand Livestock Conference Schedule June 27 & 28, 2014 Shelby, MT

### **Friday, June 27, 2014**

#### **Shelby High School Auditorium**

**8:30 – 9:30am** Registration and Coffee

**9:30** Welcome and appreciation

**9:45- 10:45** Jude Capper- "Lies, damned lies and statistics...exposing the myths about beef sustainability"

**Break-** snacks

**11:00- 12:30pm** Temple Grandin- Low Stress Livestock Handling with Q & A period

#### **Move to Marias Fair Grounds**

**1:00 pm** Beef brisket Lunch cooked by Dick Kinyon,  
Temple Grandin book signing  
Mini Trade show and Beer booth.

**2:00-4:00** Curt Pate- Live Demonstration Low Stress Livestock Handling, Corral Panels, ally and chute provided by Morand Industries.

**4:00 -** Door Prize Drawings- (must be present to win)

### **Saturday, June 28, 2014**

#### **Comfort Inn and Suites**

#### **Foreign and Emerging Livestock Diseases**

**"These Livestock Diseases Could Put You Out of Business: Are You Ready?" Come and Learn How to Protect Your Livelihood!**

**8:30-9:30 am** Registration Coffee, Tea and Donuts

**9:30-9:35** Welcome and appreciation for sponsors

**9:30-10:30** Introductions to Foreign and Emerging Animal Diseases, International and USA Regulatory Authorities, Export Markets: Dr. Carla Huston, Mississippi State University Beef Extension Specialist.

**1030-11:00** PEDV-Porcine Endemic Diarrhea Virus-Now Reportable with Premises management. Dr. Jeanne Rankin MSU Extension Agro-Emergency Projects Coordinator

**11:00-11:15** Break- Snacks

**11:15-12:00pm** Foot and Mouth Disease- what is it and what regulatory actions are in place; FAD Prep. Montana Department of Livestock and APHIS: Veterinary Services

**12:00- 1:00** Foot and Mouth Disease in the United Kingdom-2001: Dr. Carla Huston, Mississippi State University Beef Extension Specialist.

**1:00 - 1:45** Lunch- Provided cooked by Big Ox Catering

**1:45-3:45** Real Life FMD Scenario, (table-top exercise) in Montana- Tommy Bass, MSU Extension, Livestock Environment Associate Specialist, Dr. Carla Huston, and Dr. Jeanne Rankin and regulatory veterinarians assisting

**3:45-3:50** Break

**3:50 -4:50** How can I protect my operation? Bio-Security Measures to limit any disease spread. Dr Jeanne Rankin MSU

#### **Ring Side Ribs, 439 Harding Ave**

**Letting Your Passion be Seen!**

**Share Your agriculture story via Facebook and Instagram.**

**(If you eat agriculture is part of your life.)**

**This program is geared towards people 13-17year of age.**

**9:00-9:30 am** Registration - refreshments

**9:30** Welcome and appreciation for sponsors

**9:45am – 2:00pm** Topics to be covered by Ryan Goodman, Dairy Carrie, Jude Capper

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**Jude Capper's** principal professional goal is to communicate the importance of livestock industry sustainability and the fact that it is sustainable. Jude presents at many national and international conferences (New Zealand, Canada, Norway, Ireland, Italy, UK) sharing her passion for agriculture. She has a well known social media presence and spends a considerable amount of time de-bunking some of the more commonly-heard myths relating to resource use and the environmental impact of livestock production.



**Temple Grandin** is a designer of livestock handling equipment which is used in many countries around the world. Grandin is also the author of books on Low Stress Livestock Handling, animal behavior and on Autism. She has authored over 400 articles in both scientific journals and livestock periodicals on animal handling, welfare, and facility design. Grandin speaks internationally and is a professor at the Colorado State University.

**Curt Pate** has conducted demonstrations and clinics on stockmanship, colt starting, horsemanship and safety for close to two decades. His abilities conducting both horsemanship and stockmanship demonstrations along with his ability as an effective communicator make him one of the most sought after clinicians on both the national and international scene. His lifelong experience in ranching adds credibility and enables him to communicate his methods effectively to cattle ranchers throughout the country.

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**Dr. Jeanne Rankin, DVM** is a Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician and is currently working with Montana State University Extension as the Agro-Emergency Projects Coordinator. Dr. Rankin has served the American Veterinary Medical Association as the representative of Small Ruminant Practitioners group on the Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee and as of July will be the Equine Medicine representative to the AVMA's Committee on Disaster and Emergency Issues.

**Dr Carla Huston DVM** has trained at both the USDA/ARS Plum Island Animal Diagnostic Center and the DHS Center for Domestic Preparedness in the detection and prevention of foreign animal disease (FAD) and biological weapons of mass destruction (WMD) hazards, respectively. Services in foreign animal disease outbreaks and natural disasters have given her experience in international level disease control, surveillance and monitoring, and national emergency preparedness and response. She responded to the 2001 Foot-and-Mouth outbreak in the United Kingdom, as well as the Exotic Newcastle Disease outbreak in California in 2003. Most recently, she spent several months in Vietnam studying the persistence of Foot-and-Mouth disease in cattle.



**Ryan Goodman** works continuously to share his story of ranch life through community outreach and social media, all while encouraging others in agriculture to do the same. Ryan's daily blog updates can be found at [www.AgricultureProud.com](http://www.AgricultureProud.com). He lives in Helena, MT and works as Manager of Communications for the Montana Stockgrowers Association.

**Carrie Mess @DairyCarrie**

I'm a cow, cheese, music & beer lover. Snarky. Authentically me. I am honest, frank and have the smallest brain to mouth filter known to man. I care too much. People pay me money to talk, that's weird. I love agriculture, in particular dairy cows, more than it is normal. Hubs and I are working with his parents on their 100 cow dairy farm in Wisconsin [www.dairycarrie.com](http://www.dairycarrie.com)



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**Justin Paulson** grew up in Nebraska and spent summers working for relatives in the Gallatin Gateway area of Montana. Justin moved to Bozeman where he found and he married his wife, Tiffany Lindseth. Over time they migrated to Northern Montana where they could be close to Tiffany's family and had the opportunity to run a cattle operation. With over 20 years of experience in the cattle industry Justin understands the AI process and genetics. Together with his wife Tiffany, he runs Precision AI, LLC, breeding 2000 + heifers/cows every spring. As a Independent Sales Rep for Accelerated Genetics he is more than glad to discuss the great line up of bulls that Accelerated Genetics has. He is proud to be a sponsor of the Gentle Hand Livestock Conference and hopes you will introduce yourself to him while at the mini tradeshow Friday, June 27th.



Leah, Justin, Tiffany and Anna Paulson currently live in Choteau where Justin is a Loan Officer at the Teton Bank in addition to running his artificial inseminating business and being a Sales Rep for Accelerated Genetics



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## Conference Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which sessions you plan to attend. Number of people attending and the total fees.

### Friday, June 27

Jude Capper, Temple Grandin, Kurt Pate, Lunch, mini trade show and book signing by Temple Grandin

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday, June 28

Foreign and emerging Animal Disease by Jeanne Rankin DVM and Carla Huston DVM

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Show You Passion - Social Media for 13- 17 year olds with Ryan Goodman, Dairy Carrie, and Jude Capper

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Registration Fees: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please send check & completed form to:

Lana Shock - Gentle Hand Livestock Conference  
 Box 402  
 Sunburst, MT 59482

# AR 15s for FWP

by Maggie Nutter

No! It isn't gearing up a Swat Team for antler raids or suppression of a Bundy style revolution. FWP Enforcement is looking to purchase new rifles for the Game Wardens to carry.

Mike Korn, MFWP, Assistant Chief of Enforcement, reported to the Environmental Quality Council (EQC) May 15<sup>th</sup> that the current rifles that Wardens carry are surplus M14 from the Korean War that the Department acquired as surplus property from the Department of Defense in 1990. The weapons are 13 1/5 lbs and have been used by FWP wardens for over 22 years. The parts for these rifles are quickly becoming obsolete and difficult to find as the Department of Defense is not able to provide them. The rifles themselves are, in fact, becoming collector's items.

Because the federal government owns the guns and the agreement with them states that Enforcement may not cannibalize one gun to repair another it limits the ability to keep the weapons in safe and usable condition. FWP is also no longer able to get the mandatory armorer training on the M14s which is required for weapons carried for law enforcement. (Armorer School is where individuals are formally instructed and certified in the maintenance and repair of specific weapons.)

Korn stated that the only other current weapons available through surplus are M16's of the M1 model from the early Vietnam War. To retrofit them to be issued to wardens for their work would cost approximately \$700 and they would still be property of the federal government. The weapons would need to be returned at the end of use and cannot be sold.

A committee comprised of game wardens who are firearms instructors were called together to evaluate possible replacement weapons for durability, longevity and ease of use. An AR style rifle was found to fit the bill and to be adaptable, with parts and ammunition easy to come by, and armorer training readily available. The guns would be expected to be in service for the foreseeable future.

Members of the EQC found the approximately \$175,000 price tag to be a bit jaw dropping and were concerned about where the money would come from and if new funds would need to be appropriated. There was also a question as to why this had not been mentioned in the budget of the last legislation session.

In a phone call with Mike Korn, he stated that the money would come from the agency's current budget and was money that had already been appropriated. He stated that he believes safety is a key issue. The guns are used for self defense, putting down wounded or injured animals such as bears or elk and other wildlife management work. As such, it's critical that firearms wardens use be in good repair and reliable.

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who will be taking the  
"Show Your Passion"  
Social Media Workshop  
Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>  
At Ring Side Ribs





The Coyote Club and Event Center wants to welcome all the Gentle Hand Livestock Conference attendees to Shelby.

The Coyote Club will be offering a \$5.00 Nacho and Taco Bar and Live Dance Band Friday, June 27th



## Science says?

This is an excerpt from "The Interim Newsletter" which speaks to what the Legislative Committees do between legislative sessions.

*"The EQC voted to send a letter to the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks as well as the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) asking that the IGBC and all appropriate state and federal agencies immediately update the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan and other related resource management plans and agency activities so that they are based upon the best available science related to grizzly bears.*

*The EQC wrote that the use of current scientific information is expected to better inform resource managers of bear habits and provide evidence that could lead to improved management and expedited removal of the grizzly from the endangered species list, bringing much-needed relief to resource managers and people in affected communities."*

So what is that all about? During the May 15, Environmental Quality Council meeting, Sen. Jennifer Fielder expressed concern that there were going to be closures to roads on public lands because the science used in the current bear management plan was based on information reports from the 1970's and not the current information on bear travel that has been done using GPS collars with satellite tracking. The old information suggested bears avoided roads. The new information shows that bears do not seem to avoid roads, so closing roads based on the old 70's information would not be proper bear management. Go! Senator Fielder for taking the time to read and research not only where but WHEN the science is from.

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## Wolf Stamp for Non-Consumptive Use

There had been rumblings about this, about how non-hunters, non-consumptive users of wildlife... the bird watchers, the grizzly bear lovers, the wolf advocates could somehow be financial contributors to the FWP's wildlife management without actually purchasing a hunting license. Oh sure they could donate to the FWP but how could they ensure that the money they gave when to the services or management act they believed as priority?? How could they give with strings attached? How could they feel that they would be recognized as a valid participant at the decision table??

Well, Commissioner Dan Vermillion and Zack Strong, of the Natural Resource Defense Council have forged a plan and presented to the FWP Commissioners at their May 22, meeting at the Fort Peck Fishery. The Commissioners voted 5-0 to move forward allowing the FWP to make up administrative rules and put them out for public comment. Because this is a "Voluntary Donation" not a tax, fee or license there is not further Commission oversight.

So here I'd like to add a few words from Zack Strong's blog

"Here's how it would work. After covering the costs of administering the program, revenue generated by the purchase of wolf stamps would be equally allocated and spent in three ways:

- One third would be made available to Montana livestock owners to help pay for nonlethal ways to protect their animals from predators like wolves, bears and mountain lions. By keeping both livestock and large carnivores alive, this would be a good deal for ranchers and wolves alike.
- Another third would be used to pay for studying wolves, educating the public about wolves, and improving or purchasing suitable wolf habitat. This would benefit everyone, by increasing our knowledge about wolves, ensuring the public has access to accurate information about wolves, and securing habitat in which wolves and other wildlife can thrive.
- The final third would be used to hire additional FWP wardens—essentially, wildlife police—in occupied wolf habitat. This would enhance enforcement of our wildlife management laws as they pertain to wolves and other species, and reduce incidents of poaching, trespassing, wasting animals, unlawful use of or failure to check traps, and other violations. This is something every Montanan and every American—hunters, non-hunters, property owners, public land users, agency officials, recreationists, and wildlife enthusiasts alike—should encourage and support.

And what's more, the wolf stamp would be available to everyone. Just as FWP allows non-residents to purchase and use hunting and trapping licenses in the state, the wolf stamp

# zoetis



would be available to any wildlife or conservation supporter, anywhere in the country.

If you care about wildlife in the northern Rocky Mountains, including wolves, we believe this is truly a chance to make a difference. Please spread the word about this proposal. And please thank FWP for its leadership and willingness to create this unique opportunity to directly support and contribute to conservation and sound wildlife management in Montana."

I think the part about one third of fund helping with preventative measures is awesome if it is run through the DOL Livestock Loss Board, but in reality predator management does and should involve lethal removal of problem animals. I really think that funds for Wolf Habitat is a very very bad idea unless they intend to fence them in. The additional "wildlife police" in wolf habitat (which is like everywhere now) sounds a little sinister. It just seems to me that FWP is deciding to take money with pretty strong strings attached. Ponder this and be ready when the FWP put the ARMs rules out for public comment.

Currently there is a comment period for the taking of wolves by landowner without a tag if they feel livestock or people are threatened. You need to go to [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) and comment because you can be sure Zack Strong and his fellow advocates will be making their voice be heard.

## Best Western Best Beds

Recently having stayed at Shelby's newest hotel, I have to say the beds are nice. I mean really nice. The breakfast had real hot food such as waffles and eggs and every staff member we encountered was friendly. What more could you ask for?? How about a fitness room and swimming pool? They got it!

The Best Western Shelby Inns and Suites has sponsored this special edition of the Post Rider so that we could remind everyone of the Gentle Hand Livestock Conference that is coming up June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The Best Western has also put out great room rates queen bed rooms for two people. Just mention the conference when you call to make a reservation. They also have an RV park which may interest you if you plan to travel on to Glacier Park after the Conference.

A side bonus of staying at the Best Western June 27 & 28 is that some of the presenters for the conference will also be staying there and perhaps you can stumble upon them at breakfast.

Anyway hats off to Best Western for their support of the Marias River Livestock Gentle Hand Livestock Conference.

## News Bites

You have seen it in every ag magazine and newspaper. Please remember to comment on the EPA Clean Water Act.

I think we as Livestock Producers who pay brand fees, brand inspection fees and per capita tax on our livestock have a right to be concerned about the Audit Committees finding on the Department of Livestock. For the leadership of the State Department of Livestock to knowingly break State Law and inappropriately spend \$197,000 and spend money that should have been held in short term investment is very concerning. I am going to say names.... Christian McKay and George Harris need to be held accountable. A simple "Don't break the State law anymore" does not seem firm enough for the largeness of the indiscretion. For both of these gentleman to step down and let cleaner leadership come in would be a kindness and wise new start for all.

The Board of the Marias River Livestock Association invites members and supporter of the Association to take part in Marias Fair Saturday Parade this year. We would love to see you all show up either horse back or on whatever machine you use for livestock gathering to ride with the team and wagon sporting the Association Banner. We thought it would be nice to wear pink shirt to raise awareness of breast Cancer or blue plaid to simply say "Hey we are here!" More details next news letter.

Watch for the Marias River Livestock Association promotions for the Gentle Hand Livestock Conference on KRTV Northern Ag's Russell Nemetz noon report on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and again on June 11 with Art Taft's program in the morning.

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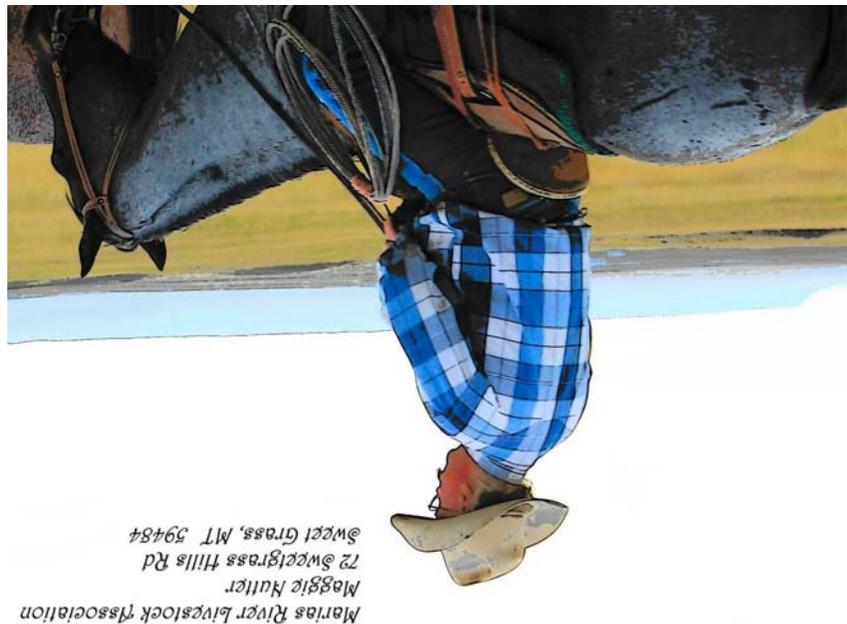
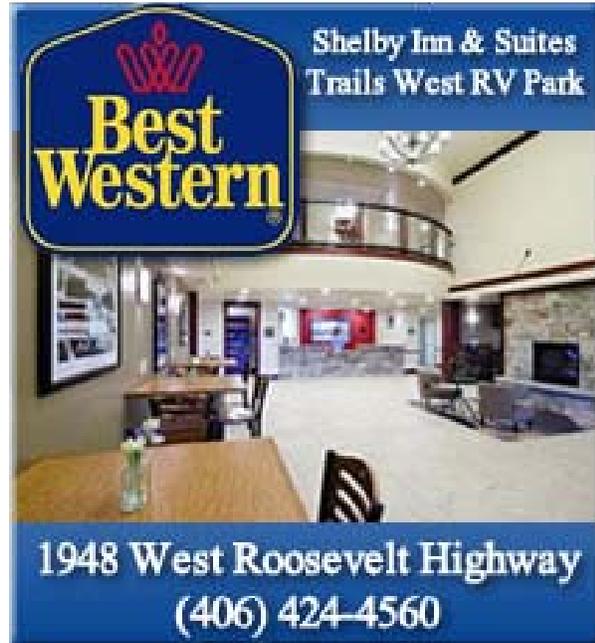
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