

2019 Montana Winter Fair

Farm Forum Day 1

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Eagles Grand Hall

124 W Main Street

Lunch will be provided free of charge

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Speaker:

Marsha A. Goetting is a Professor and Extension Family Economics Specialist at Montana State University in Bozeman. During the past seven years she has presented over 450 educational sessions reaching over 13,000 Montanans with financial and estate planning information. She has received state, regional and national state awards for her programs. Dr. Goetting received her Bachelors and Master's degrees in Family Economics and Adult Education from Kansas State University. Her Ph.D. is from Iowa State University.

Session 1 - 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Families and Legacies: Challenging Decisions

While everyone owns some type of property—saving accounts, stocks, mutual funds, automobiles or a home—many are unaware how the wording on accounts, titles, or deeds determines who receives them upon the owner's death. *"Most people have strong feelings about who gets the property we have worked so hard to accumulate,"* says Dr. Marsha Goetting, Montana State University Extension Family Economics Specialist. She has combined her career-long emphasis in legacy/estate planning with her recent passion for wildflowers in a creative presentation. Regardless of your age, financial situation, or marital status you will learn facts that will help you jump-start your legacy/estate planning preparations.

Session 2 - 1:00-3:00 pm

Succession Planning for the Next Generation of Montana Farmers and Ranchers

An important goal for many Montana farm/ranch family enterprises is to transfer land and business to the next generation. The process is challenging because it includes a complex web of economic, legal, and family decisions. Some families avoid the process completely and die without a will, trust, or any type of transfer plan in place. Other families confess they started the process but found they did not want to deal with the conflict that arose because of the differences among members regarding goals, values and perceptions of fairness and equity. Dr. Marsha Goetting, Montana State University Extension Family Economics Specialist will explore what happens when a farmer/rancher dies without a plan, equal vs. equitable division of property, ways to avoid probate and ideas for conversation starters.

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Session 3 - 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Agritourism Panel

This panel will be comprised of representatives from the Central Montana Tourism Office and businesses currently engaged in agritourism. The panel will explore topics such as possible agritourism activities in Central Montana, getting started in agritourism, and options for marketing this type of enterprise.

Session 4a - 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Dealing with wildlife on private property: A look at bears and big horn sheep population growth

Dave McEwen, Rancher – Galata, MT

I grew up in Great Falls, Montana and graduated from CM Russell High School. I continued my education at Colorado State University, where I received a degree in general Ag with a Vocational Agriculture teaching endorsement. Throughout my career I have worked on many ranching/livestock operations in Colorado and Montana. In 1987 I married my wife and partner, Lenora. In 1992 we signed a contract for deed on 9,700 acres in the Sweet Grass Hills of Montana, where we currently run 300 cows and 800 ewes. In my “free time” I serve as a liaison to the Montana Woolgrowers Association on issues including but not limited to grazing, endangered species and continuing education. I also serve on the Legislative Committee for ASI.

Session 4b - 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Livestock Protection: A look at guard and herding dogs

5R Stock Dogs

Marvin Dunster & Carrie Bigelow – Breeders, Billings, MT

Billings is home to 5R Stock Dogs, owned and operated by husband and wife team Marvin Dunster & Carrie Bigelow. They have been raising guardian and herding dogs since 1990. Through hands on research and experience 5R Stock Dogs has gained a reputation for reliable working dogs. Currently they have dogs placed on over 3,000 ranches with sheep, cattle and goats across 28 states, 4 provinces and Austria.