Hunting Traditions

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The real estate professionals at Live Water Properties are unique in the passions we have with hunting, fishing and the outdoors. I am an aspiring fisherman, with a passion for hunting that has not allowed much time for improving my fishing beyond the label of novice.

This fall, after many days spent in the hills chasing elk with my bow and having many shooting opportunities on bulls, I filled my tag with a small bull taken with my rifle on the second day of general season. It rates up there as one of my all-time special hunting memories. Standing with me as I took the bull were my 82-year-old mom and my 17-year-old daughter.

Our current ranch is located on the northern edge of the Little Belt Mountains in central Montana. I have developed the property for hunting, but the most special memories circle around time spent with family and friends. During the afternoon with my mom and daughter, we enjoyed telling stories of hunting and fishing trips throughout each of our lives. The oral history of my family most often includes the outings from our house in the morning darkness, or the nights when we were
expected shortly after dark and arrived home near midnight. As my dad died when I was 13, these tales are his grandchildren’s opportunity to know him through the retelling of our past adventures.

Purchasing a ranch in Montana provides the beginnings of a new base camp for adventures and a pinnacle moment in many of our lives as we are fulfilling a dream of owning a recreational property in the mountain west. In my initial perspective, the purchase of our property was about developing wildlife habitat and harvesting elk and deer. What I realize more and more is, it’s a place for families and friends to gather and develop a camaraderie that grows relationships far beyond the hunt.

As my daughter, mom and I rounded the corner in the road, I told them when we were set up, the elk would likely be moving from right to left across the meadow we were going to watch. As I explained “the plan”, my mom pointed ahead and said “there are two elk right there” running from left to right, obviously not aware of my plan or my amazing acumen as an elk hunter. More elk followed and as my daughter decided they were too far for her to shoot, I shot the last one still in the clearing. After my shot, more elk appeared quickly, much closer from the left until 80 animals stood in front of us, including a beautiful 6x6 that most of us would dream to mount on the wall. My hunt was done and my daughter, Casey, had more interest in watching the herd and visiting as the herd moved slowly towards timber. This special time is the moment my daughter will talk about with her children and grandchildren 40 years from now, and how those generations will understand my mom as the special mother and grandma we have known and loved.

My brothers showed up later as I was finishing field dressing the elk and helped load her into the pickup after a photo session with all three generations sharing in the experience of our adventure. The fact my mom had to spot elk for me to shoot was not lost on them, and I am sure the factual story may change in our retelling as my family once again shakes their heads at baby brother and how mom favors me.

That’s ok. It is all part of the continuing history of my family and the special times spent on our Montana ranch. It is a testimony to what is waiting for you.

**FEATURED AGENT**

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My passion for outdoor activities have interconnected with my interest in improving properties we have acquired, which are diamonds in the rough waiting to be polished. I enjoy bringing enthusiasm and acquired experience to add perspective to your real estate transaction. To speak with Jack McInerney please call 406.220.1696 or email jack@livewaterproperties.com.

**Affiliations:**

- CASA/Guardian Ad Litem Montana
  Sixth Judicial District
Shields Valley Future Farmers of America Alumni member/volunteer
- Shields Valley Business Professionals of America volunteer
- Small Business Management coach/judge
- Southern Crazy Mountain Watershed Group founding board member
- National Rifle Association member
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation member
- Ducks Unlimited member
- Red Cross of Park County past board member

**Montana Featured Hunting Properties**

- **Coyote Creek Ranch**
  - Grant, Montana
  - **Price:** $4,200,000
  - **Acreage:** 2,804 Acres
  - **Features:**
    - Fishing on Coyote Ck.
    - Homes, barn & corrals

- **Prickly Pear Mtn Ranch**
  - Canyon Creek, Montana
  - **Price:** $3,950,000
  - **Acreage:** 1,340 Acres
  - **Features:**
    - 4,987 sqft main home
    - Trophy elk hunting

- **Judith Mtn Hunting Ranch**
  - Lewiston, Montana
  - **Price:** $895,000
  - **Acreage:** 734 Acres
  - **Features:**
    - Big game/bird hunting
    - Endless mtn. views

**Wyoming Featured Hunting Properties**

- **Rome Hill Ranch**
  - Ten Sleep, Wyoming
  - **Price:** $13.95M, Was $15M
  - **Acreage:** 9,342 Acres
  - **Features:**
    - 20,342 diverse acres
    - Excellent elk hunting

- **Fall Creek Ranch**
  - Jackson Hole, Wyoming
  - **Price:** $10,700,000
  - **Acreage:** 164 Acres
  - **Features:**
    - 5,200 sqft log home
    - Equestrian facilities

- **Circle Lazy H on Fall Creek**
  - Wilson, Wyoming
  - **Price:** $10,000,000
  - **Acreage:** 160 Acres
  - **Features:**
    - Private mtn. setting
    - True inholding