

# LIA Briefs . . .



**Jamie Anderson, Class 24**, serves as a Boise County Commissioner and has recently been elected as the new chairman of the Boise County Commission. *Congratulations!*



Keeping it all in the family, State Representative **Jim Patrick, Class 15**, representing Legislative District 23, was called out of town for bank business. He selected as his replacement this week in the Idaho Legislature, his son, **David Patrick, Class 29**. When asked if politics was a passion for David, he replied, "It has and always will be". A hint that politics could remain in the Patrick family for a long time?



**LIA Class 31 member, Laurette Gaylord**, BLM, has accepted the Incident Business Specialist position on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and will report to Sparks, NV on March 14. Laurette writes, "I give LIA much of the credit for improving my speaking skills and broadening my horizons. My goal is to return to the great state of Idaho not only for retirement purposes, but to continue on with being an advocate for agriculture." Don't forget to come and visit us from time to time, Laurette.



**Kristen Thompson, Class 10**, will be arguing a case in the Idaho Supreme Court that greatly impacts agriculture in the state of Idaho. Kris' client believes the current Idaho Code allows for an **agricultural tax exemption** that includes the home site of the farmer or rancher. (I.C. 63-604). The State of Idaho, specifically Canyon County, is **removing the home site** which can include out buildings that store farm equipment, and assigning a residential designation for tax purposes. This increases the tax burden to agriculture significantly. **Kris' client, a Nampa farmer, is appealing** this application of the tax code and exclusion of the homestead from the Agricultural Exemption.



**Watch your mail** – this week 10 Grand Prize tickets were mailed to each LIA alumnus for the **trip to Ireland**. This is the first to two big mailings coming your way. There is also information about the Alumni Session program. Thanks to **Mitch Lucero, Class 28**, and his planning committee for an excellent program.



**We need CUPCAKE BAKERS** for the **Dessert Auction at the LIA Gala Dinner and Auction** – 10 people to bake and decorate 24 cupcakes each. These will be sold at the Alumni Auction on Tuesday, February 15. If you can help with this project, please contact Kay Johnson and leave your name. You can reach Kay by email at [kay@amgidaho.com](mailto:kay@amgidaho.com). The cupcakes will be sold \$1 each or 6 for \$5.



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**TREASURE VALLEY LIA ALUMNI:** Sunday evening, February 13, before the start of the Boise Session, the **LIA Alumni Family Taco Feed, sponsored by LIA Class 28** will take place at **6:00 PM**. We have moved location to allow for more space. Thanks to **Bob Hays, Class 28, and his wife Becky**, we will enjoy great food cooked on Bob's big portable grill. **The new location for the event is the Meridian High School Vo-Tech Complex**. This beautiful facility will allow you to see a state of the art ag shop in the Treasure Valley. We invite families to join us for this event and ask each Treasure Valley LIA Alumnus to **bring a dessert to share**. Special guests will be the **LIA Board of Trustees** and **LIA Class 31**.



The lineup of speakers and issues being discussed at the **2011 Idaho Ag Summit** is tremendous. I hope each of you will make it a priority to join the Summit activities – **February 14-15**. **Every lady** attending the **Legislative Strolling Supper on February 14** will receive a **special Valentine gift**. You can learn more about the Summit and registration by visiting the website – [www.idahoagsummit.org](http://www.idahoagsummit.org). There's a special rate for farmers and ranchers under the age of 40. This event precedes the 2011 LIA Alumni Session. The breakfast on Tuesday morning, February 15, will be **hosted by Leadership Idaho Agriculture Foundation**. You will want to be on hand as four individuals from the current class will speak that morning – their subject, "**Advocacy, Ambition and Idaho Agriculture**".