



THE FARMSTEAD

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ANNUAL BENEWAH FB MEMBERSHIP MEETING

You are invited to join us!

The end of another fiscal year is here for Benewah Farm Bureau®. Please come and see what we have been up to for the past year. You will also enjoy lunch while you hear our guest speaker speak about the transfer of public lands.

Date: November 16, 2013

Time: Noon

Location: Assembly of God Fellowship Hall
23rd and Washington St. Maries, Idaho

Guest Speaker: Ken Ivory, President of the American Lands Council.

R.S.V.P Susie: 245-5568 prior to November 13th



WHO IS KEN IVORY?

He is the president of the American Lands Council and a proponent of returning the federal lands to the states. He has been visiting many of the western states to discuss land management issues, inform the people about their state's rights, and to show how states can better manage the land in multiple ways.

BE A PART OF THE FARMSTEAD

Do you have some information or news that is pertinent to Farm Bureau members or farmers in general? Why don't you write an article for us to publish and send out to your fellow members? Please submit directly to our county office or via email to spatterson@idfbins.com. We will try to make it fit into our newsletter. Also, feel free to send us local photos to share.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT INFORMATION

There is a lot of confusion about the Affordable Care Act, nicknamed ObamaCare.

There are two ways to obtain coverage: 1) go to your local agent and fill out a little paper work, 2) go online to "yourhealthidaho.org." Online you will be linked to the federal government's website. This is where you find out if you qualify for a government subsidy to help pay your health insurance premium.

Idaho Blue Cross is offering their plans both inside and outside the exchange. Regence Blue Shield is not offering plans inside of the exchange.

If you go online to have a look, once you get

in, you can compare different plans and costs. If you obtain a plan inside the exchange and want to see if you qualify for a subsidy, you will need to input your information, such as, your name, date of birth, social security number, address, etc. This information then goes to various government agencies such as the Social Security Administration, Homeland Security, Internal Revenue Service, and Health and Human Services. You will then receive an answer about any subsidy and can also choose your plan.

For coverage to be in effect Jan 1, 2014 you must apply by December 15, 2013.

~Bob Stowell, Farm Bureau Insurance Agent

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**BENEWAH COUNTY FARM BUREAU
IS STARTING ITS OWN WEBSITE**

Benewah County Farm Bureau® is starting up their own website. It should be viewable on the internet by November. It will include information such as news pertinent to Farm Bureau members and notification of our local activities.

An important part of the site will be our Benewah Code of the New West (CotNW) document and related information. All the pages associated with the CotNW are planned to be released in mid to late November. Related pages will include community links to local organizations and businesses who have supported the effort to inform the public. There will also be a page called "county information" where you can find important county documents that are associated with the CotNW and its purpose.

Also, we would like to invite all of you to send us photos of Farm Bureau events, local farming activities, or scenery so we can keep the website looking fresh. Please note that all photos must be sent electronically and that by submitting a photo to us you are agreeing to have it used on the website. We won't be able to use all the photos we receive, but we wanted to give you all the chance to be apart of your local Farm Bureau.

So please visit our site in November and feel free to contact us on the site with your questions and comments. The site address is benewahcountyidaho.org.

STATE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Ladies mark your calendars!

The 2014 Statewide Women's Conference will be held the 28th and 29th of March in Boise. There will be a tour, speakers and workshops. If you have never attended a Women's Conference, please consider going.

Below: Carole Rust and other women leaders at the 2012 Lewiston Conference.

Transportation to and from Boise will be provided by the State F. B. Women's Leadership Committee. It is a good opportunity to meet farm and ranch women from across this great state. You will have a chance to share information and life styles on the diversity of agriculture in our state.

For more information call Carole Rust at 208-568-1051.

