

# Warren Resident to Represent Columbia County in Dairy Princess-Ambassador Contest

Warren resident Kiara Single is among four young women vying for the title of 2017 Oregon Dairy Princess-Ambassador. Single will represent Columbia County during the Oregon Dairy Women's 58th annual Oregon Dairy Princess-Ambassador Coronation Banquet, Saturday, January 21, 2017 at the Salem Convention Center.

The evening will begin with an opportunity to meet and greet 2016 Oregon Dairy Princess-Ambassador Sara Pierson, and 2016 First Alternate Oregon Dairy Princess-Ambassador Gina Atsma, along with the other 2017 finalists. The event begins with a cheese reception at 5:30 pm with the banquet immediately following.

Single will arrive with the other contestants and judges Friday morning for a full two days of interviews, speeches and prepared commercials promoting dairy products. The winner will be crowned at the conclusion of Saturday's banquet.

For the past year, Single has been busy representing Columbia County, promoting dairy products, educating the public about nutrition and enlightening her community about life on a dairy farm at local schools, fairs and events.

Single is the daughter of John and Suzie Single. John is the Production Planner

at Kroger Swan Island Milk Processing Plant.

Single is currently studying Elementary Education at Concordia University. During high school, she was active in 4-H participating in everything from foods and nutrition to raising poultry. Recently, she works as a classroom assistant and tutor. Following graduation she hopes to become a second grade teacher.

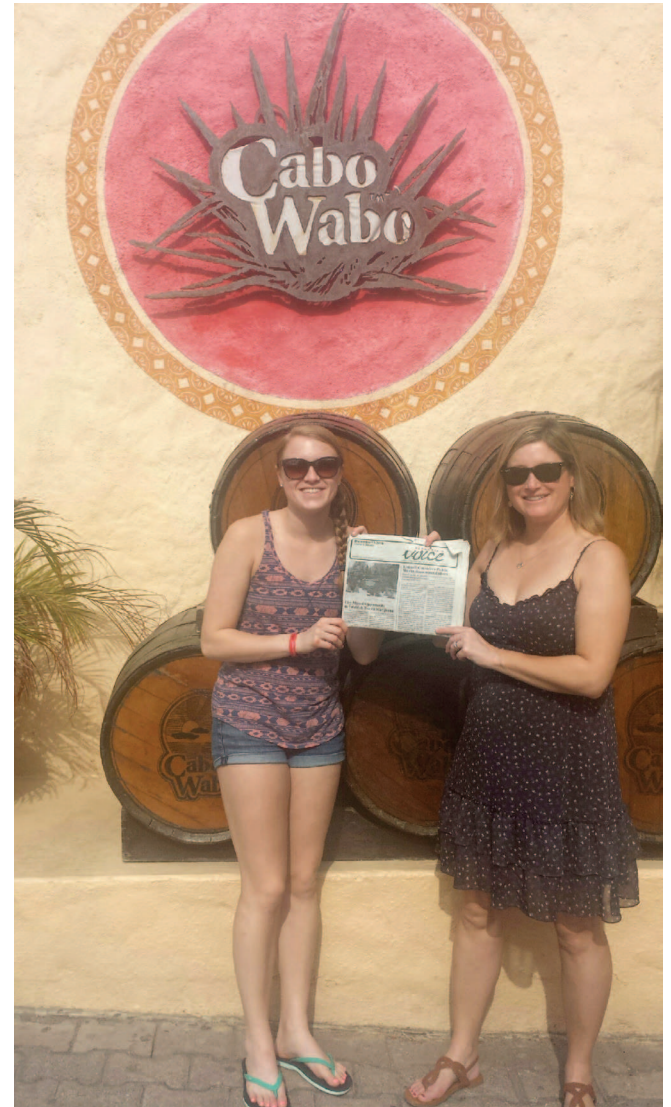
"It would be an honor to travel and share information about the dairy industry and the nutritional benefits of dairy products," says Single. "It is also an opportunity that would help me develop the skills that I will need as a teacher." She looks forward to hundreds of elementary school presentations, civic organization speaking engagements and public appearances if chosen for the 2017 title.

The other state finalists include: Faith Wilson of Linn and Benton Counties, Emma Coleman of Marion County and Kortni Ragsdale of Washington County.

*Oregon Dairy Women (ODW) is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization with the main objective to promote the dairy industry. The ODW mission is to promote greater use of all dairy products through outreach and educational programs.*



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