

## 2011 Dairy Princess named Jan. 15

Jessica Budge, representing Clackamas County, was crowned 2011 Oregon Dairy Princess-Ambassador January 15, at the 52nd Annual Coronation Banquet hosted by the Oregon Dairy Women.

Ms. Budge was crowned by outgoing 2010 Oregon Dairy Princess-Ambassador, Hanna Emerson. There were four other Oregon County Princess-Ambassador finalists. The finalists were evaluated by a three judge panel over the course of two days. In addition to Saturday evening's onstage personal interview and four-minute dairy related speech, the judges conducted personal interviews, evaluated impromptu speeches, a creative commercial for a dairy product, and a mock classroom presentation. Each finalist was awarded points based on communications and speaking ability, knowledge of the dairy industry, appearance and poise, and extracurricular activities and scholarship.

Rebecca Thomas, representing Washington County, was named First Alternate Oregon Dairy Princess-Ambassador. Carly Hartenstein, representing Marion County, was voted to receive the Congeniality Award by the other finalists. Other candidates for the 2011 competition were Amanda Worman, representing Columbia County, and Emily Whalen, who represented Tillamook County.

The Oregon Dairy Princess-Ambassador scholarship program is available to qualified young women applicants with a family background in dairy farming, dairy 4-H or FFA experience, employed in the dairy industry or has a parent with involvement in dairy support industries who are interested in promoting the benefits of dairy farming and dairy products. For more information regarding qualifications, please contact DairyPrincessBiz@aol.com.

## Power of the People

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### WOEC Board Passes 2011 Budget

At its December Board Meeting, the WOEC Board of Directors approved the 2011 operating budget. The budget went through a rigorous review and cost cutting process by the Budget Committee, made up of management staff and three of the board members. The final draft was unanimously approved by the full board.

There are several points that are worth noting on this year's budget. After management staff had gone through its cost cutting process and reduced discretionary budget items by 4.12%, the Budget Committee went back through the entire budget and reduced discretionary spending by an additional 4.4% for a total reduction of 8.52%. These reductions included cuts in a wide range of areas from smaller items to larger items. For example, even the BBQ lunch we have been serving at our Annual Meeting, donations we make to community programs, travel, training, promotions, and outside services are some of the areas that were cut or reduced. Also salaried staff accepted a wage freeze, at 2009 levels, for

the second year in a row.

Though some of the smaller items did not have significant impact on the overall budget, it was the recognition that times are extremely difficult for our members, and we had a responsibility to our membership to do everything we could to reduce the overall budget. As our Board of Directors pointed out in our meetings, this is indeed a bare bones budget.

Staff at WOEC really took the challenge to reduce costs during 2010, not just in the voluntary wage freeze for all employees, but in constantly looking for ways to reduce expenses and costs. We scrutinized each purchase and cost as we went along and made some changes in the way we operated, as we could. These changes are still in place today, even on things as small as taking papers and documents that are one sided and using the blank side as scratch paper.

We are taking seriously the financial constraints and difficulties our members are having. We are doing what we can to be frugal and careful with the fiduciary responsibility we are entrusted with at WOEC. There are outside events and expenses, whether it be wholesale power costs, costs of goods and services, or weather related events that impact our ability to control costs and therefore rates. The things we do have some control over, we are committed to doing so.

# Apply for a controlled hunt and you could win a 2012 Sports Pac

Apply for a controlled hunt by January 31 and you will be entered into a drawing to win one of fifty 2012 Sports Pacs (a \$164.75 value).

For the second year, ODFW is awarding a total of 100 Sports Pacs to Oregon resident hunters among those who apply for and are issued a fall big game controlled hunt application before April 15. (Non-residents that apply early and are selected in the drawing will win a hunting license, a \$140.50 value.)

The purpose of the drawings is to encourage hunters to apply for controlled hunts early, well before the May 15 deadline. The sooner hunters apply, the better their chances of winning one of the three drawings:

50 Sports Pacs (or Non-Resident Hunting Licenses) will be awarded from the pool of hunters who apply between Dec. 1, 2010, and Jan. 31, 2011.

30 Sports Pacs (or Non-Resident Hunting Licenses) will be awarded from the pool of hunters who apply by March

15, 2011.

20 Sports Pacs (or Non-Resident Hunting Licenses) will be awarded from the pool of hunters that apply by April 15, 2011.

A Sports Pac includes a Combination Angling/Hunting/Shellfish License, a Combined Angling Harvest Tag, a Validation for Upland Bird and Waterfowl hunting, plus a General or Controlled Deer, General or Controlled Elk, General Cougar, General or Controlled Bear and Spring Turkey Tag.

The drawings will take place February 1, March 16 and April 18; winners will be notified by mail. Hunters unsuccessful in the first or second drawing will be re-entered into future drawings. Only one entry per hunter is allowed, meaning hunters who apply for several controlled hunts will still only be entered once. Controlled spring bear hunt applicants are not eligible for the drawing.

Hunters can apply for controlled hunts online, at a license sales agent, at ODFW offices

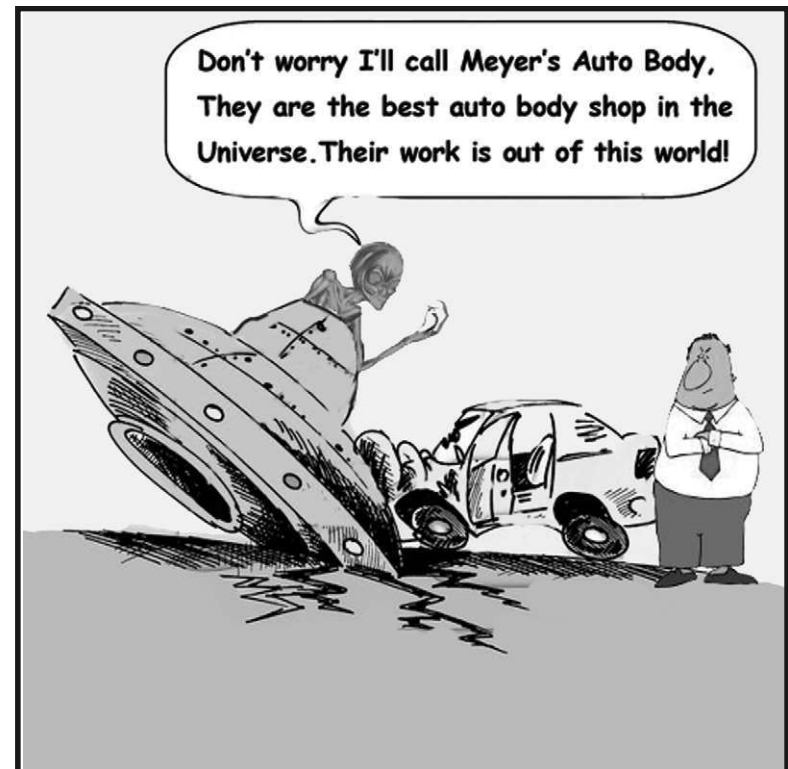
that sell licenses, or by mail or fax order using the fax or mail order application (also found on page 17 of the 2011 Oregon Big Game Regulations).

Mail order/fax applicants should allow 7-10 days for their applications to be processed and issued. Remember, to be eligible for the drawing, the controlled hunt application must be issued, not just received, by the drawing deadlines (January 31, March 15 and April 15). Controlled hunt applications can be processed and issued immediately online, at license sales agents or ODFW offices.

The deadline to apply for a controlled hunt is May 15 each year. In 2010, 79,861 out of 375,227 total applications (21 percent) were processed by April 15. The previous year, 68,849 out of 426,921 (16 percent) were processed by April 15.

Some of Oregon's big game hunts are limited entry, including almost all rifle hunting of deer and elk east of the Cas-

cades and pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat hunts. These hunts require a controlled hunt application.



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