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## **Oregon Cattlemen Welcome Temple Grandin**

***The Public is Invited to Hear her Speak Dec. 4 at OCA's Annual Convention – Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM in Cascade Ballrooms CDBEFG***

**(Nov. 9, 2010)** The public is invited to hear Temple Grandin, named one of the 100 most influential people of 2010 by TIME Magazine, Dec. 4 at The Riverhouse in Bend. The world-renowned cattle care advocate whose HBO story won seven Emmys, will be the featured speaker at the Oregon Cattlemen's Association's Annual Convention. Tickets for the 10:30 a.m. presentation will be sold on site.

Dr. Temple Grandin is a legendary designer of livestock handling facilities, a professor of animal science at Colorado State University and one of the world's highest functioning autistics. The HBO movie "Temple Grandin" starring Claire Danes swept the 2010 Emmys.

"We are honored to have a nationally renowned speaker on autism and animal welfare address our members, and we're very pleased to open up this opportunity to the public," said Kay Teisl, OCA executive director. She added that the Cattlemen's Cowboy Christmas Gift Show being held on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Riverhouse is open to the public free of charge.

In its list, TIME Magazine singled out Dr. Grandin as one of 25 "Heroes" among the top 100 most influential people. Earlier this year she also received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. She has authored more than 400 articles on animal welfare, livestock handling and facility design. Her books, *Animals in Translation* and *Animals Make Us Human* were both on the New York Times best seller list.

Dr. Grandin is recognized as having redefined society's thoughts on what is possible for individuals with autism. She has dramatically changed livestock handling by tapping her ability to see the world in a different way to develop a deeper understanding of animal behavior. Her insights are used to teach low-stress handling techniques on farms and ranches across the country.

### About the Oregon Cattlemen's Association

The OCA was formed in 1913 in Baker County by 12 individuals who sought to advance the economic, political and social interests of the Oregon Cattle Industry. OCA's mission is to promote environmentally and socially sound industry practices, improve and strengthen the economics of the industry, and protect its industry communities and private property rights. For more information, visit OCA's Web site at [www.orcattle.com](http://www.orcattle.com)

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