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Bruce County dairy princess Carolyn Strang begins her second term

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She'd won the year before, but Carolyn Strang was still surprised Saturday night when she was chosen Bruce County Dairy Princess for the second time.

"I was totally surprised," she said Sunday, explaining that the calibre of speeches of the other four contestants was "really impressive".

Carolyn, 18, of RR 2 Allenford, gets another chance next summer to compete in the Ontario Dairy Princess Competition at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto.

Runner-up was Sandra Benninger, 16, of RR 2, Mildmay. Daughter of John and Geraldine

Benninger, Sandra is a student at Sacred Heart high school in Walkerton.

Other contestants were Joanne Zevenbergen of Hepworth, Pam Kestner of Mildmay and Carolyn Benninger of Teeswater.

The competition, sponsored by the county's milk and cream producers, was held in conjunction with the Holstein Club's annual dance at the Teeswater community centre.

Her parents, Bill and Barbara, own a dairy farm just west of Alvanley and Carolyn has been in 19 4-H clubs. Her year as dairy princess last year, however, helped her learn even more about the dairy industry.

Carolyn has represented the milk and cream producers at sev-

eral local fairs, annual agricultural meetings and has visited public schools to speak to children.

"There's a lot of work involved," she said. "It's like anything else — you only get out of it what you put into it."

The best part of being county dairy princess is meeting new people and travelling throughout the county, Carolyn said.

She knows the local countryside really well now, even though before she won the competition last year she'd never been to Kincardine or Ripley.

Speaking in schools has also helped her decide to become an elementary school teacher. Carolyn plans to study at York University next year, studying