

Halton Dairy Princess enjoyed her reign

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Halton's Dairy Princess, Jennifer Livock, said she's happy she did well at one of the most "nerve-wracking" experiences of her life - the Ontario Dairy Princess Competition at the Canadian National Exhibition - even though she didn't make it to the finals.

The Oakville 19-year-old was one of 13 young ladies competing in the third day of preliminaries for the Ontario Dairy Princess title in the Fraser Pavilion at Toronto's CNE. From her group, Wendy Robinson of Dufferin County, Shelley Conklin of Grenville County and Birgit Wand of Nipissing East/Parry Sound region were chosen to compete against six other preliminary winners from Thursday and Friday's competition for the Ontario Dairy Princess crown. The winner was chosen Tuesday (her name wasn't available at press time).

The new Ontario Dairy Princess will replace the reigning princess, Kelly Little, 23 of Markham, as a full-time employee of the Ontario Milk Marketing Board during a one-year reign undertaking public relations duties on behalf of On-

tario's dairy farmers.

Miss Livock knew she'd be facing tough competition and said she was very nervous entering the competition but felt the personal interview and speech she gave in front of many onlookers went well.

"When a bagpipe player pipped us in the ring where we would say our speeches, my heart really started to beat," she remembers. "I was very nervous but my speech went off better than expected."

Prior to the competition, all the competitors are given six topics and required to write a minute-and-a-half speech on each. The topics included dairy farming as a business, market responsiveness for consumers desire to low-fat dairy products, how the dairy industry is a determining force in Ontario's economy, dairy product choice and quality and dairy farming as a leader in sustainable agriculture.

Minutes before they're required to deliver their speech in front of bleachers full of people, the competitors pull a topic out of a hat and are required to present that topic. Miss Livock was required to speak about dairy farming as a leader in sustainable

agriculture.

Aside from the speech, all the girls are interviewed by a panel of judges.

Miss Livock said the interview went very well since the judges asked a lot of personal questions about her opinion on issues facing Ontario's dairy farmers and how her family's farm operates.

Having helped out on her parent's Jersey farm on the 6th Line in Oakville, she was able to handle the questions easily.

Many of these questions were asked by the judges who chose Miss Livock as Halton's Dairy Princess on Oct. 26 at the Mohawk Inn in Campbellville.

Since winning this title, she's represented Halton's dairy producers while promoting milk and the dairy industry at approximately 30 classrooms in Halton, including classes at George Kennedy and Park Public School, in Georgetown.

She's also spoken to the Georgetown IODE ladies group,

Cub and Scout organizations across Halton and passed out promotional material from a milk booth at the Health and Leisure Show in Georgetown.

During her reign, the aspect of her public relations position she's enjoyed most is teaching public school children about milk and dairy farming.

"When they find out a princess is coming, they get really excited," she said. "They're easy to work with because they really want to learn."

From school to school, she found the level of knowledge about dairy farming varies. "Some school students knew absolutely nothing and asked questions such as what's the difference between beef cows and dairy cows. But at other schools, I had questions about butterfat levels in Jerseys vs. Holsteins and questions about BCA."

Miss Livock said she loves talking about cows because she's a cow fan herself.

"I collect anything that has cows on it," she admits. "Even my wallpaper has cows on it."

She's also very interested in all aspects of agriculture and home-making and has taken 4-H projects to cover a wide spectrum of these interests. So far, she's completed 35 4-H projects and is a member of the 4-H members council which plans social events for Halton's 4-H'ers.

Now that the Ontario Dairy Princess competition is behind her, Miss Livock has only a few more duties left, such as appearances at the Georgetown and Acton Fall Fairs, before she gives up her crown at the next Halton Dairy Princess competition Oct. 12 at Hugh Foster Hall in Milton.

She's enjoyed her year so much, she's thinking about running for the title again in a few years time. For now, she's eagerly looking forward to beginning her agriculture studies at the University of Guelph.



Halton's Dairy Princess co-ordinator, Gwen Brander, adjusts the sash on Halton's Dairy Princess, 18-year-old Jennifer Livock of Oakville before she goes off to be interviewed by a panel of judges in the Ontario Dairy Princess competition. The competition was held at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. Miss Livock had an excellent interview and delivered a flawless speech but was not chosen to advance in the competition. (Photo submitted)

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