



The Durham West Jr. Farmer of the Year award for 26-year-old Anne Vanderven did a lot to convince the recipient that she's really just a country girl a heart. The Uxbridge resident has been involved with the organization for four years and has served in just about every position available.

Jr. Farmer honor for 'country girl'

By JIM THOMAS
 Anne Vanderven's roots go deep in Uxbridge Township soil. So deep, not even a work location in Toronto can alter her love of country life.
 Anyone who could believe Anne might eventually be won over to the 'city side' had those ideas dashed Jan. 28.
 The 26-year-old secretary-word processor operator was named Durham West's 'Outstanding Jr. Farmer of the Year'.
 She was presented with an engraved plaque at a Jr. Farmers' banquet and dance in the Uxbridge Community Hall.
 "I knew I'd been nominated," Anne said, "but the selection came as a pleasant surprise."
 It was Ron Herrema, a neighbor, who initially urged Anne to give Jr. Farmers a try. That was four years ago. She's never regretted a day of this association.
 Anne's involvement has been

mainly at the county level where she's held just about every position including president, vice-president and secretary. She's currently an assistant provincial director.
 Anne has spent most of her life on a farm. She can turn her hand to just about any chore from milking cows to driving a tractor. "I'm still a country girl at heart," she stresses.
 She has two brothers, John and Bill, and a sister Mary. They reside with their uncle Ted (Keultjes), just north of Leaskdale.
 Anne appreciates the many friends she's made over the last four years.
 Although she claims "every minute is filled," she tries to find time to do a little knitting, rug-hooking and needlepoint.
 Bill Baxter, Agricultural Representative for Durham West, made the presentation Jan. 28.



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