

Orangeville Fair Ambassador semifinalist at CNE



Orangeville Fair Ambassador Emily Manzerolle was a semifinalist in Sunday's Ambassador of the Fairs competition at the CNE.

By Bill Rea

She made not have won the big prize, but a radiant Emily Manzerolle did the Orangeville Agricultural Society proud Sunday at the Ambassador of the Fairs competition at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto.

The Orangeville Fair Ambassador was among 73 young people vying for the honour, and she was one of seven who made it to the semifinals.

The contest was eventually won by Amy Natyshak, representing the Comber Agricultural Society.

'This is quite a surprise,' Manzerolle commented after the contest, 'but a fantastic honour to be able to represent Orangeville in this way and on this stage.'

She said she got involved in the program through some people she knows in the agricultural society.

In making it to the semifinals, Manzerolle was given the chance to make the speech she had prepared.

She noted in her remarks that agricultural fairs have seen a lot of changes over the years, with more of a focus on entertainment and community involvement, as the societies have to focus on things that are not very related to agriculture. She said it's hard top bridge that gap, but it can be done.

'We can do a lot to bridge the urban-rural divide,' she said.

Manzerolle is about to enter her third year at Carleton University, studying public affairs and policy management.