

*Letter to the Editor from John Yakabuski, MPP*

**Muriel Verch one of three finalists for “Country Woman of the Year”**

I was very pleased to hear that Muriel Verch, from Rankin, had been selected from hundreds of applicants as one of the three finalists for “Country Woman of the Year,” and that she was the only Canadian to be named in this group of outstanding country women. I have known the Verch family for many years and consider Muriel to be an ideal candidate for this award.

Muriel’s daughter, April, read about the contest being offered by the *Country Woman* magazine and nominated her mother for her great love and unselfish giving of her time and talent to her rural community

The Grand Prize Winner is the finalist that receives the most votes and I encourage all residents of Renfrew County and indeed all of Canada to show their support for our very own country woman and cast your vote for Muriel Verch.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Yakabuski', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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The voting deadline is October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Muriel is finalist No. 3. You can vote on-line at [www.countrywomanmagazine.ca](http://www.countrywomanmagazine.ca) or you can send a postcard stating that “**I vote for No. 3**” and mail to “Country Woman of the Year” contest, Country Woman, 5925 Country Lane, Greendale WI 53129.

The Grand Prize winner will be announced in the Jan/Feb 2007 issue of Country Woman.