

Youth Ambassadors Enthusiastic About Grange

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Pam will be a senior at Hamburg Area High where she is active in Latin, German, and Wilderness clubs. She has participated in softball, hockey, basketball, and cheerleading. She is vice president of the National Honor Society. The 125-acre Seidel farm has

been in the family since the 1800s. Parents Barbara and Ray farm 250 acres and milk about 40 cows. Pam feeds the cows in the evening and helps unload straw and hay.

Pam said she wanted to be an ambassador for the Grange because she wants to promote the values they instilled in her.

"It promotes family togetherness and respect for older people," she said.

Pam teaches Sunday school and Bible school classes at her church where she is also a member of the youth choir. This summer she works part time at a local Dairy Queen.

Pam is second in academic standing at her high school but said that money is tight on the farm and she is not sure she can afford college. She is considering options in interior design, math, languages, hair cutting, and daycare.

Pam and Floyd were chosen to represent their individual granges. They then took a 100-question test pertaining to the Grange. The top five females and males were chosen for the court. They were given personal interviews with the judges and during a banquet answered an impromptu question before an audience.

Hedy Chaffee, state lecturer, who served as one of three judges, said it took six hours to select the new youth ambassadors. The other

judges were Mellissa Baxter, National Grange Youth Ambassador from Colorado, and Dina Zug, state Grange secretary.

First runner-ups were Kristen Haas, Seipstown Grange, and Christ Straub, Stony Point Grange.

Other members of the youth ambassador court were Wendy Steffy, Alleghenyville Grange; Traci Mattern, Big Knob Grange; Kimberly Cummins, Big Beaver Grange; Mike Tau, Hayfield Grange; Brian Ebersole, Com-

munity Grange; and Leon Blatt, Virginville Grange.

The Pennsylvania State Grange is a rural agricultural organization with more than 35,000 members in 66 counties. The Grange is a voice for rural Pennsylvania in legislative issues and works to improve the quality of life through community service.

For more on the Grange, write to National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20006-4999 or call 202-628-3507.



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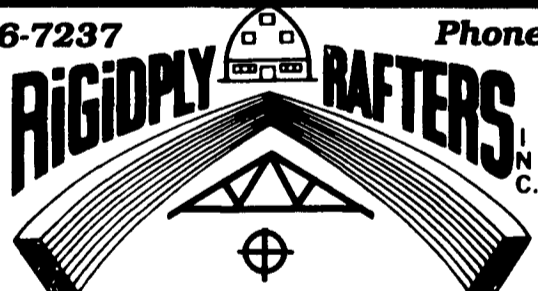
Buffington finds time between college and Grange responsibilities to take care of the animals on the farm.



Seidel's dairy farm has been in the family since the 1800s. Love for Grange activities has also been passed down through the family, and one that Pam promises to pass on to others.

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