



Pennsylvania State Grange

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### **PA GRANGE CELEBRATES FAMILY WITH NEW REPRESENTATIVES**

The month of July has been a busy one for the PA State Grange and its members. The month began with Youth Camp, held July 1-3 in Howard PA. This lead right into Junior Grange camp, July 3-9. Most recently they held their 9<sup>th</sup> annual Family Festival in Centre Hall PA. At each of these events, the Grange named its new representatives for the coming year.

The Youth members (age 14-21) will be represented by Samantha Gourley of Hookstown Grange #1980 in Beaver County and Tyler Sattazahn of Marion Grange #1853 in Berks County, both were named 2011-12 Youth Ambassador at youth camp. Gourley will be a junior at Shippensburg University; she is majoring in middle school education. Sattazahn recently graduated from Conrad-Weiser Jr./Sr. High School and is currently working for Dutchway in Myerstown PA. Samantha and Tyler will represent the youth of Pennsylvania at events across the state in the coming year.

The Junior Grange also chose their "royalty" at their annual camp in July. Katarina Darmofal, a member of Kutztown Jr. Grange in Berks County and Derek Snyder from Valley Jr. Grange in York County were named the 2011-12 Jr. Grange Princess and Prince. Katarina is the daughter of Steve and Jane Darmofal of West Chester PA and will be in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Rustin High School in the fall. Derek is the youngest son of James and Susan Snyder of Boiling Springs PA; he will be a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Boiling Springs. Katarina and Derek are both very excited to serve the Grange as the Jr. Grange representatives and look forward to attending as many events as possible to spread the Grange message.

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July ended with the PA State Grange's 9<sup>th</sup> annual Family Festival at the Centre Hall Grange Fairgrounds in Centre Hall PA. The event is a time for Grangers from across the state to come together and spend time together without the pressures of the fast paced world in which we live. This event is for the whole family and members from age 90 to 9 months enjoy the fun and fellowship of the weekend. Events of the weekend include workshops, crafts, day trips, the talent contest and the naming of the PA State Grange Young Couple. This couple will represent the Grange at events across Pennsylvania over the coming year. This year that honor goes to Matt and Miranda Irons of Watson Grange #1068 in Warren County.

Matt and Miranda have been married just over 2 years and reside in Warren PA. Matt is a high school science teacher at Tidioute Community Charter School and Miranda is employed by Northwest Savings Bank. Miranda has been a lifelong member of the Grange and Matt became a member when he met Miranda. Both are active in their local Grange and serve in positions at the State level. For Mat and Miranda, this is a great honor and they look forward to meeting many new people during their travels.

The Grange is a fraternal organization, present in communities across Pennsylvania. All across the country, the Grange is dedicated to improving the American way of life through community service, legislation, education and fellowship.

The PA State Grange is an organizations dedicated to supporting the local Granges in PA to help their members grow as individuals unify their communities and create opportunity through legislation and service.

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