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Seif, Hayes Honored At Grange Luncheon

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CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) - For 127 years, the Pennsylvania State Grange has provided service to state rural citizens. And the celebration of this accomplishment was held at the annual legislative luncheon program Monday, during State Grange Day.

The featured speaker was James Seif, state secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection. Seif, along with Samuel Hayes Jr., secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, was part of the opening day ceremonies at the Pennsylvania Farm Show last January, when Gov. Tom Ridge unveiled the Growing Greener program for farmland protection and environmental initiatives to make Pennsylvania the most environmental sensitive state in the nation.

"Growing Greener is the stewardship of the environment," Seif said. "When I stood with Sec. Hayes at the Pennsylvania Farm Show to unveil this wonderful program initiated by the Ridge administration, we not only heard of the commitment to excelerate the preservation of farmland, the conservation of natural resources was also included.

"From 800 applications, we have recently awarded 250 grants for environmental projects from all parts of Pennsylvania including municipalities, environmental groups, and education institutions," Seif said. "These (Growing Greener) programs get money out to real people for real work in real



Sunday is Mother's Day. At the Lancaster County home of Richard and Peg Kreider, it's hard to determine who appreciates who the best — mother or children. Turn to pages B12 and B14 for stories about mothers' influences upon their children. Stories and photos by Lou Ann Good

watersheds in your communities. This is not money for environmental advocates who just tell us what to do. It's money for real environmental stewards like you to improve the environment."

Seif likened the new DEP as not a police force but more like an extension service.

Hayes brought greetings from Gov. Ridge and read a proclamation designating May 16-22 as Grange Week and May 8 as Grange Day in the state. He thanked the Grange for the help

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Fungus Controls Pesky Beetles In Poultry House

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MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — A fungus that literally pokes holes in poultry house beetle pests has proven about as effective as a commercially available insecticide.

That's the message delivered to about two dozen poultry producers and agri-industry representatives Monday afternoon at the Penn State-sponsored Poultry Management and Health Seminar at Kreider's Restaurant in Manheim.

According to J. J. Arends, president of JABB of the Carolinas in Pine Level, N.C., the fungus, *Beauveria bassiana*, a pathogen of arthropods, works well to control beetles in poultry houses.

The fungus can be seen on dead insects that look like "little rice grains," said Arends.

When exposed to the fungus after three to five days, poultry house darkling and hide beetles are killed by the fungus or by pathogenic bacteria and viruses in the environment.

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Members of the Penn State Poultry Science Club enjoyed national recognition by receiving the U.S. Poultry Science Club of the Year Award. From left in the front row are Jessica Hoffman, Heather Lehman, Kristen Kauffman, Heather Wolford, Tracy Lindgren, Heather Gates, and Matt Molnar. From left in back are Mike Burns, Josh Elliott, Robert Miller, Luke Zerby, and Tom Karr. Photo by Gail Strock, Mifflin Co. correspondent

Penn State Poultry Science Club Wins National Awards

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Penn State Poultry Science Club conducted its 10th annual awards banquet the end of April at the Ramada Inn in State College.

Club Advisor Dirk Wise said his group traveled to the Atlanta International Poultry Exposition to earn the U.S. Poultry Science Club of the Year and Scrapbook awards. The club competed against university poultry science clubs from all

over the U.S.

At the banquet, several members came forward to accept club awards. Heather Lehman from Mechanicsburg earned the club's highest grade point average award. The highest grade point average in the poultry science major went to Tom Karr of Millersville. He also won the most active club member award. The most active new club member award went to Josh Elliott from Newburg.

The club elected Heather Lehman as president, Josh Elliott as vice president, Robert Miller

of Huntingdon as secretary/treasurer, and Luke Zerby of Beavertown to the Ag Student Council.

Guest Speaker Bill Robinson of Kreamer Feed spoke about how the family company has evolved since founded in 1947.

"We're not a typical feed company," Robinson said. "We're providing a product to consumers based on whatever the consumer wants."

Kreamer Feeds provides conventional feeds as well as or-

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James Seif, secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and Samuel Hayes Jr., secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, receive awards of recognition for positive accomplishments made in the Growing Greener farmland preservation and environmental program in Pennsylvania. The awards were made at the Grange Week legislative luncheon Monday by William Steel, Pennsylvania Grange Master. Photo by Everett Newswanger, editor