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PDA, Penn State Unveil World-Class Facility In 'Sam's Valley'

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ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.)
— Call it Penn State's Valley, but

according to Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences Dean Robert Steele, it's "Sam's Valley as well."

Steele pointed to the work of a pioneer in promoting the importance of Pennsylvania agriculture to the world, a man who served

as the secretary of agriculture during the Ridge and Schweiker administrations — Sam Hayes.

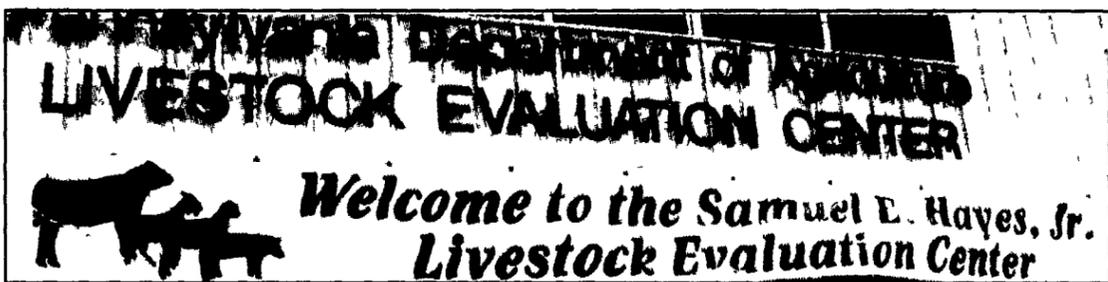
For his work, and in Hayes'

honor, the site of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's

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Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell, center, joins Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Dennis Wolff, left, and Robert Steele, dean of the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences, Wednesday before the luncheon in Rockspring. See story page A19.
Photo by Andy Andrews, editor



With assistance from state officials, former agriculture secretary Sam Hayes, center, cuts the ribbon to the Livestock Evaluation Center named in his honor. Joining him, at his immediate left, is Secretary of Agriculture Dennis Wolff, along with Dean Robert Steele, Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences, far left. At right of Hayes are Donald T. Cunningham, secretary of general services and Dr. John Enck, director, Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services. Photo by Andy Andrews, editor

Manheim Ag Teacher Wins National Award

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Special Correspondent

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — Deb Seibert is one teacher who doesn't get summers off and in addition to her weekly classes she works evenings and weekends.

Because of her dedication, Sei-

bert is one of six ag teachers named Outstanding Ag Ed High School Teacher by the National Association of Agricultural Education earlier this month. She will fly to Florida in December to accept the award.

"It is nice to be recognized for

positive things," she said. "Especially since my job helps the community."

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Bull Proofs!

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Deb Seibert, front center, joins her Manheim Central ag students and teacher Heather Anderson to promote milk for a contest to raise funds for the farm show.

Farmer, Businessman Team Up For Biodiesel Demo At Ag Progress

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ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — Matt Steiman was working on his own biodiesel project at Wilson College this spring when he heard that a Pennsylvania business group was exploring the possibility of building a commercial-scale biodiesel facility in the area.

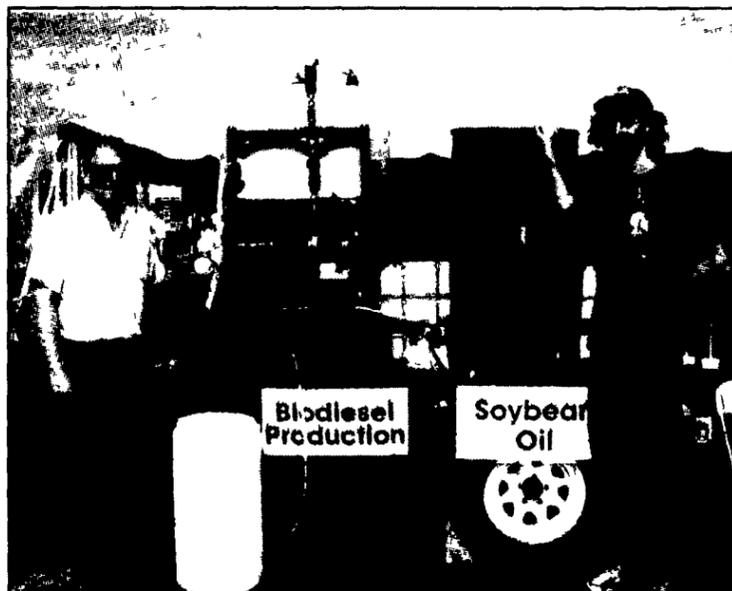
So Steiman contacted Mike Gerhart, a consultant with the Regional Economic Development District Initiative (REDDI) based in Harrisburg. REDDI is looking into how a facility making biodiesel from soybeans might help boost agriculture and the overall economy in the mid-state.

Steiman said Gerhart encouraged him to demonstrate his biodiesel-making apparatus at Ag Progress Days this week. Steiman just recently began producing biodiesel fuel from waste fryer oil in the 50-gallon tank equipped with a circulating pump that he and an engineer friend recently constructed.

As a result, Ag Progress visitors had the chance to not only learn about biodiesel fuel, but watch it being produced from soybean oil.

According to Steiman, making biodiesel from either soybean or

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Matt Steiman, right, demonstrates biodiesel production from soybean oil at Ag Progress Days this week. He is joined here by Mike Gerhart of the Harrisburg-based Regional Economic Development District Initiative, a group exploring the possibility of building a biodiesel plant in the area. Photo by Dave Lefever