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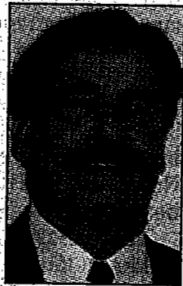
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## Compost center opens in Delaware

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WALTON  
— Recycling  
is state of  
the art in  
Delaware  
County with  
completion  
of the \$21  
million  
Municipal  
Solid Waste  
Co-Compost-  
ing Facility,  
officials said.



Eisel

"Delaware County has made

a commitment to recycle, not land-bury, our garbage and to extend the life of our landfill," Delaware County Board of Supervisors Chairman James Eisel said Monday. "We have upgraded to this high-technology system. This is the only one like it in the state and maybe the nation."

Eisel said processing will begin this week.

"I was involved in this project from the beginning," Eisel said. "If there was a giant switch, I would like to be the one to throw it."

Jeffrey H. Heath, vice-president/program manager of Con-

porec/S&W Services Inc., the company that designed the facility, said that 70 to 75 percent of every truckload of

trash that is processed will be recycled and reused.

"No other county in the state is meeting that goal," Heath said. "This facility has the largest

processing capability of any facility in the world — not just the state or the country, the



Utter



world.

"This is a factory that will produce a fully compostable ready-to-sell product," Heath said. "We should all be very proud."

The three-acre processing building was dedicated to the late Bovina Supervisor Charles LaFever during a ceremony Monday at the facility, which is at the county's Solid Waste Management Center in Walton.

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LaFever was the chairman of the county's Public Works committee when the co-composting project was launched in 1991, Middletown Supervisor Len Utter said.

"I had a lot of respect for Charlie, and it's a great honor to try to follow in his footsteps to see this project through to the end," said Utter, who is the Public Works chairman.

Wayne Reynolds, county Public Works commissioner, said the only way the county could afford to build the co-composting facility was to use the county's workforce.

"There are 8,000 yards of concrete in this building that were

placed by our staff," Reynolds said.

He added that the workers who built the center "showed ingenuity that is second to none. The layout and craftsmanship have been super."

LaFever's wife, Leona LaFever, and son, Ray LaFever, were at the ceremony to witness the unveiling of the proposed plaque that will adorn the building.

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