

MILLVILLE FFA NEWSLETTER

Fall 2023



Meet your 2023-2024 Officer Team!

The Millville Agricultural Sciences Program is excited to begin its third year of learning by doing! Read more about our student leaders below:

Rowan Weaver, Vice President

Rowan, a junior, takes care of her many cats and dogs as her SAE project. Rowan is currently taking Horticulture and Ag Careers this school year.

Karissa Dunn, Chaplin

Karissa, a senior, works at Comfort Keepers for her SAE project. Karissa is currently taking Horticulture this school year.

Sierra Barton, Reporter

Sierra, a sophomore, works at RRS Equine facility for her SAE project. Sierra is currently taking Building Trades and Wildlife Management this school year.

Samantha Shuman, Sentinel

Samantha, a sophomore is breeding goats and raising them as a part of her SAE. She is currently taking Large Animal Science this school year.

These students are led by Nicole Guise, their Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor. Ms. Guise teaches 10 unique classes about a variety of agricultural topics!

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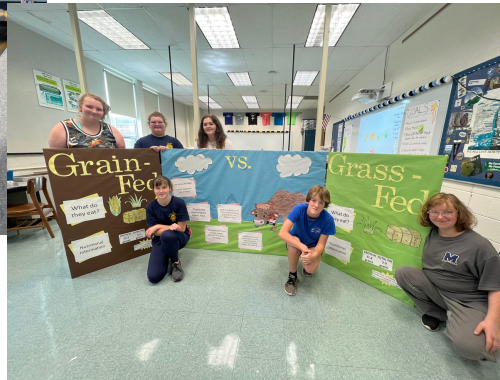
Summer Recap

The Millville FFA Chapter was busy over summer, too!

Millville July 4th Parade: Bailey Brown walked in the parade with Ms. Guise to celebrate our nation's independence and our amazing community!

Susquehanna Valley Watershed Festival: Ms. Guise attended the festival and had information about our FFA Chapter, the Eels in the Classroom Program, and food webs for kids!

Officer Training: Our Chapter Officer team gathered for two days over the summer to plan the FFA calendar for the year. We also learned about our teammates and strategies for working together. The team also created an educational display booth about grain-fed vs. grass-fed beef for at the Montour-Delong Fair.

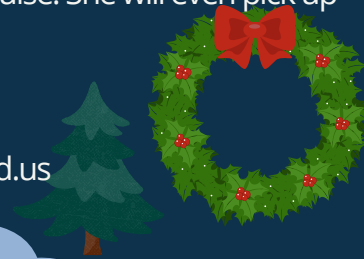


CHRISTMAS TREES

The Horticulture class has an upcoming project making holiday wreaths and door decorations with evergreen trees.

If you would like to donate an evergreen tree or branches (pine, spruce, or hemlock) towards this project, please contact Ms. Guise. She will even pick up the tree!

Ms. Guise
nguisse@millsd.us



Montour-Delong Fair Results

- Educational Display - 2nd Place
- Scrapbook - 1st Place
- Cucumbers (Sierra) - 1st Place
- Zucchini (Rachel) - 1st Place
- Green Beans (Bailey) - 1st Place
- Wood Working (Rachel) - 1st Place
- Agriscience Fair (Rachel) - 1st Place
- Agriscience Fair (Rowan) - 2nd Place
- Painting (Bailey) - 2nd Place
- Painting (Sam) - 1st Place
- Record Book (Rowan, Bailey, Chris, & Rachel) - 1st Place
- Record Book (Alyssa) - 2nd Place
- Record Book (Sam) - 4th Place

Working in the
French Fry Stand



Alumni Spotlight:
Mady and her Res.
Grand Champ Market
Lamb



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Bloomsburg Fair

At the 168th Bloomsburg Fair, our FFA Chapter entered over 70 projects in the education building. Overall, the Millville FFA Chapter exhibited over 70 projects and received 18 1st place ribbons, 19 2nd place ribbons, and 13 3rd place ribbons

Cole's Hardware Best-in-Show Award: Tommy Wary, Cutting board

Dish Garden (Chloe) - 1st Place

Tomatoes (Bailey) - 1st Place

Officer Record Book (Bailey) - 1st Place

Floral Arrangement (Ella) - 1st Place

Welding - Hay Hook (Daniel) - 1st Place

Spaghetti Squash (Rachel) - 1st Place

Concrete Project (Rachel) - 1st Place

Officer Record Book (Rowan) - 1st Place

Environmental Poster (Zach) - 1st Place

Big Game Mount (Tommy) - 1st Place

Officer Record Book (Rachel) - 1st Place

Welding - Misc. (Daniel) - 2nd Place

Several Welds (Daniel) - 2nd-5th Place

Environmental Poster (Olivia) - 2nd Place

Eggs (Alyssa) - 2nd Place

Eggs (Bailey) - 2nd Place

Floral Arrangement (Karissa) - 2nd Place

Floral Arrangement (Robert) - 2nd Place

Woodworking - Wooden Spoon (Daniel) - 2nd Place

Floral Arrangement (Jocelynn) - 2nd Place

Horticultural Planter (Jocelynn) - 2nd Place

Environmental Poster (Sydney M.) - 2nd Place

Floral Arrangement (Zoe) - 2nd Place

Floral Arrangement (Sydney M.) - 3rd Place

Floral Arrangement (Bailey) - 3rd Place

Floral Arrangement (Tobias) - 3rd Place

Pumpkin (Bailey) - 3rd Place

Floral Arrangement (Chloe) - 3rd Place

Corsage (Rachel) - 3rd Place

Floral Arrangement (Alyssa) - 4th Place

Floral Arrangement (Georgia) - 4th Place

Cucumbers (Chloe) - 4th Place

Floral Arrangement (Kaylie) - 4th Place

Floral Arrangement (Sydney R.) - 4th Place

Woodworking - Birdhouse (Daniel) - 4th Place

Environmental Poster (Van) - 4th Place

Environmental Poster (Tommy) - 4th Place

Floral Arrangement (Collin) - 4th Place

Floral Arrangement (Rowan) - 4th Place

Floral Arrangement (Willow) - 5th Place

Floral Arrangement (Chris) - 5th Place

Floral Arrangement (Emily) - 5th Place

Woodworking - Birdhouse (Isabel) - 5th Place

Environmental Poster (Zander) - 5th Place



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Bloomsburg Fair Continued...



Cole's Hardware Best-in-Show Award
Tommy Wary



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Bloomsburg Fair Continued...



During the Bloomsburg Fair, 23 students competed in Career Development Events (CDEs) as a part of the Skill-A-Thon. They used their skills and knowledge from their agriculture courses to compete in the categories of dairy judging, livestock judging, equine judging, floriculture and horticulture. For each contest, there is a knowledge exam and a hands-on practicum that students participated in. The results are below!

- Jocelynn Little - 1st Place Floriculture
- Daniel Stackhouse-Hemsarth - 1st Place Dairy Judging
- Olivia Sylvester - 2nd Place Horticulture
- Tommy Wary - 3rd Place Horticulture



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Fall Leadership Conference and Northern Region Leadership Conference

On October 3rd, our chapter sent 5 members (Sydney McWilliams, Olivia Sylvester, Collin Weaver, Jocelynn Little, and Emily Morris) to the Fall Leadership Conference in Blair County. In the morning, the students learned the history of FFA, the official dress, and opportunities in FFA. After lunch, they participated in a team building exercise.



On October 5th, we sent Olivia Sylvester, Collin Weaver, and Karissa Dunn to the Northern Region Leadership Conference. The students started their evening off meeting other FFA members and some interesting facts about each other. Then, they were split into groups for their workshops where they learned about other people's agricultural experiences and how FFA helped them in their careers. They also learned about ways they could advocate for agriculture using social media.



Eels in the Classroom (EITC) Update

The eels are back! This year, Millville Agricultural Sciences is one of 22 schools in Pennsylvania to be a part of the Eels in the Classroom (EITC) project sponsored by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. Throughout the school year Ms. Guise's Wildlife Management and Natural Resource Management Classes will share the responsibilities of caring for the 7 elvers, or young eels. In the spring, we will release the eels into a tributary of the Susquehanna River.

Did you know? Eels are a keystone species, an organism which ecosystems heavily depends on. Without eels our waterways would be in trouble!



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Agriculture Class Happenings

Have you ever wondered what being in an agriculture class is like? Check out some of these AG-mazing activities!



(Left) Alyssa Brown completed a Global Teach Ag internship over the summer with Brian Campbell Farms.



(Right) Having fun at the National Convention Pizza Party!



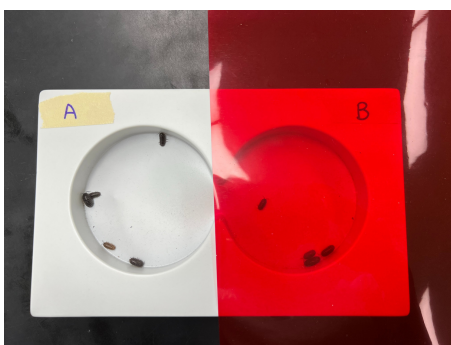
Making brain hats to learn about the nervous system!



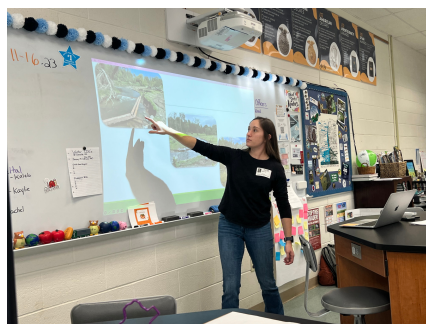
Celebrating National Teach Ag Day!



Community Service at the Food Cupboard!



Large Animal Science studying animal behavior



Guest speaker from the Conservation District

Coming Up!



- December 1st-2nd- XMAS at the Montour-DeLong Fair
- December 5th - Fruit/Pastry Fundraiser Pick Up
- December 14th - College & Career Night
- January 6th-13th - PA Farm Show
- January 8th - Mid-Winter Convention
- January 19th - Ag Mechanics CDEs at Danville

LIVING TO SERVE!

If you are interested in donating any of the following items, please contact Ms. Guise at nguisse@millsd.us.

- Black dress pants (girls or guys)
- Black dress shoes (girls or guys)
- White, collared shirts (girls or guys)
- Black nylons
- Scrapbook paper & supplies
- Glue sticks
- Your time - We are always looking for classroom guest speakers!



We have started worm composting to reduce cafeteria food waste!

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COLLEGE & CAREER NIGHT

Do you want to learn more about career & technical education?
Are you thinking about going to college or joining the workforce
after high school?

Join us for an informational, interactive presentation focused on
career path planning.



Thursday

14 December, 2023



Start At :

6:00 -7:00pm

**All Students
& Parents are
welcome!**



Millville Jr/Sr High School Auditorium

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