

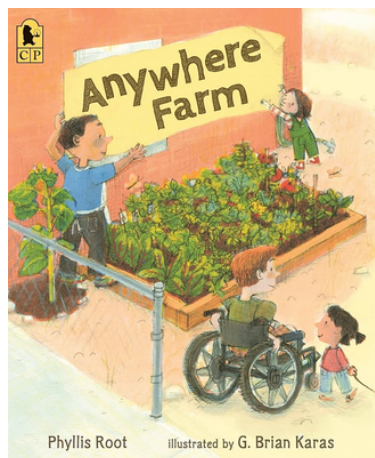
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Ag Literacy Week

Thanks to our partnership with the Columbia County Farm Bureau, every K-2 classroom participated in Ag Literacy Week during the month of March. Kaylie Egli, Lacey Egli, Olivia Sylvester, Sydney McWilliams, and Alyssa Brown read the book *Anywhere Farm* to the elementary students. The high school FFA members also shared with the students about the classes they take at the high school and answered their questions about agriculture. Each student was able to take home the supplies to plant their own seed - their own "anywhere farm"!



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Chapter Awards Banquet

Congratulations to all of our members for a fantastic year!



Millville FFA Seniors - Class of 2024!

(Right) **Emily Morris** and **Samantha Shuman** received the Advisor's Award



(Left) Rep. Robert Leadbeter received the Honorary Degree for his support of our FFA Chapter.



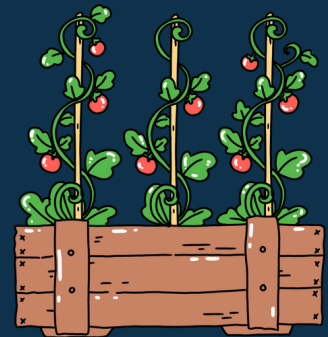
(Right) 2023-2024 Retiring FFA Officers: **Karissa Dunn, Rowan Weaver, Sierra Barton, and Samantha Shuman.**



Career Development Event (CDE) Top 5 Contest Winners!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported our second annual plant sale! Your support helps us keep the greenhouse going from year to year and send students to FFA events and conferences!



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Eel Release Day

ALL school year long, the students of the Wildlife Management and Natural Resource Management class were caring for seven elvers (baby American Eels) as a part of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission's Eels in the Classroom program. Students were responsible for feeding the elvers, monitoring the quality of the water in the tank, and completing lessons in their courses related to the eels.

In May, it was time for the big release! Millville Agriculture Education students were joined by members of the Fishing Creek Watershed Association, Columbia County Conservation District, and Susquehanna River Basin Commission. The day also consisted of several environmental education activities such as a water filtering challenge, macro-invertebrate study, and presentation about local watershed restoration projects.



Millville Jr/Sr High School was recognized as a Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) School of Excellence by the PA Association of Environmental Educators.!



Olivia Sylvester
and **Van Soltis**
releasing the
elvers!

Olivia Sylvester
and **Sierra Barton**
looking for macro-
invertebrates to
determine the
water quality of the
creek.



You can catch us talking more about American Eels at the Susquehanna Watershed Festival on July 27th from 10:30-3:30pm at Roaring Creek!

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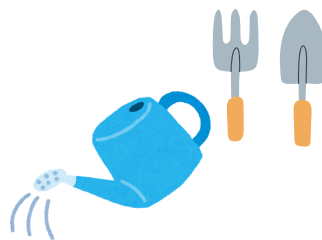
Cows and Cones

During June Dairy Month, our FFA Chapter hosted Cows and Cones at Fran's Dairy Bar! The day featured special ice cream sundaes on Fran's menu, a cow and calf petting zoo provided by the Hemsarth Dairy Farm, and a kids coloring station. FFA members were also available to answer questions about the cow and her daily care.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Hemsarth Dairy Farm for their continued support of this event and providing a hands-on dairy experience for consumers during June Dairy Month!



The same day, members of the FFA Chapter also finished assembling and unveiled our newest project... a Community Garden at Fran's! This project was made possible by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission's Watershed Enhancement Grant. This summer, stop by and check out the gardens, spend some time weeding or watering, and if you are lucky harvesting some peppers, tomatoes or flowers!



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State Convention



This year, the Millville FFA Chapter sent a delegation of six students to compete the 93rd Pennsylvania FFA State Convention held at Penn State University.

- National Chapter Award - Building Communities Winner, 3rd Place Overall
- Chapter Scrapbook, Silver Medal
- Samantha Shuman, Wildlife Bronze Medal
- Sierra Barton, Horse Judging
- Rowan Weaver, Wildlife
- Jocelynn Little, Floriculture
- Olivia Sylvester, Nursery Landscape
- Daniel Stackhouse-Hemsarh, Dairy Judging

The National Chapter Award Program is designed to recognize FFA chapters that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters improve chapter operations using the National Quality Chapter Standards (NQCS) and a Program of Activities (POA) that emphasize growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.

In order to qualify for a state or national award, your chapter must complete at least 15 activities: one for each of the five quality standards in each of the three divisions. Additionally, the chapter must meet the minimum requirements as outlined in the National Quality Chapter Standards.

(from the National FFA Website)

Our application will advance to the National FFA Convention (Indianapolis, IN) in October!

STATE CHAMPIONS

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD - BUILDING COMMUNITIES - 3RD PLACE



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CHAPTER!**

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Other Spring/Summer Events

Regional Floriculture CDE



Envirothon



Graduation Class of 2024



Women in Ag Conference



Ag Awareness Day

Keystone Degree Breakfast



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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) Chris and Alyssa working on building raised beds.



(Right) Olivia and Sydney dissect a reproductive tract in Livestock Care & Management.



State Officers visit our classroom!



Learning about embryology!



The Plant Sale crew hard at work!



Making corsages for prom!

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
- Coffee Mugs
- Silk Flowers
- Student Event Registration (\$50-\$150)
- Your time - We are always looking for classroom guest speakers!

Coming Up!



- July 22-27 - Montour-Delong Fair
- July 27 - Watershed Festival @ Roaring Creek
- August 6-7 - Officer Training
- August 22 - HS Open House 7-8pm
- August 26 - First Day of School
- September 20-28 - Bloomsburg Fair
- September 23 - Fall CDEs



The Wildlife Class practicing their scat ID!

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