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National Officer Visit

From the National Officer Team, The Millville FFA chapter got to meet Jack Lingenfelter. He is the National FFA Vice President from Georgia. The FFA chapter traveled to the Southern Columbia High School and participated in two leadership workshops. The stations were about knowing your value and how a Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) can give a jump start into a chosen career.

Here is what some of the participants had to say:

"It was very engaging and a great opportunity to meet with other nearby chapters in the county." - **Ella Shultz**

"It was a great experience to get to see more from our local FFA's and just a lot of fun! And there was good BBQ for lunch!." - **Jocelynn Little**

"I really enjoyed the officer visit, It was a great experience to meet and talk with the National Officer, Jack." "I also enjoyed meeting the Southern Columbia class hamster named Jerry. Maybe one day Millville can have a class pet!" - **Sierra Barton**

This event was a once in a life time opportunity for FFA members to host a National Officer during National FFA Week. This event allowed our chapter to be recognized within Pennsylvania as well as nationally.

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Members during a leadership workshop playing Human Scrabble.

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PA Farm Show

The Millville FFA Chapter went to the Pennsylvania Farm Show, Tuesday January 7th. Although we did not get to participate in the Mid-Winter Convention, due to snow, members still had a lot of fun.

New this year, the Millville FFA Chapter also invited seventh and eighth grade students who are not officially FFA members yet, but active members of Ag Club during Activity Period. Our goal was to give these members a taste of the opportunities within FFA and excited them about taking agriculture courses as a freshman.

All students competed in a scavenger hunt which focused on the main attractions like the butter sculpture, different agricultural commodities, and iconic photo locations. Students also got to attend the Ag Career Fair and learn about the wide range of careers available in agriculture. We also had several members recognized for their projects and FFA achievements. These achievements are listed on the next page.



MEAT STICK FUNDRAISER

The FFA Chapter is selling Country Meats Sticks to raise funds for upcoming leadership conferences and competitions.

We have limited flavors left: Buffalo, Sweet Fire, Sweet BBQ, Pepperoni, and Hot Cajun

\$1.50 each and make great snacks or gifts!

To place an order, contact Mrs. Hall (nhall@millsd.us) or an FFA member.



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PA Farm Show Achievements

Keystone Degrees

Sierra Barton and **Karissa Dunn** received their Keystone Degree at the Mid-Winter Convention. The Keystone highest degree an FFA member can receive from the Pennsylvania FFA Association. To earn a Keystone Degree, a member must first earn the Greenhand and Chapter Degrees, complete 25 hours of community service, participate in at least 15 FFA activities, demonstrate leadership skills, advocate for agriculture and the FFA, and have 300 hours outside of school and \$1,000 invested in a supervised agricultural experience (SAE).

PA FFA Alumni Jacket Scholarship

Four Millville FFA members, **Kaylie Egli**, **Jocelynn Little**, **Tavon Force-Miller**, **Nathan Hemsarh** were awarded with FFA jackets based on their submitted essays and community sponsorships. We would like to thank **Millville Insurance**, **the Columbia County Farm Bureau**, **Horizon Farm Credit**, and **the Woolcock Family** for their sponsorship.

PA Farm Show Contests

Jocelynn Little - 2nd Place Coloring Contest, 2nd Place Rabbit Poster, 5th Place Floral Arrangement

Maddie Evans - 2nd Place Chicken Poster (Reserve Grand Champion)

Ella Shultz - 1st Place Chicken Poster (Grand Champion)

Rowan Weaver - 4th Place Chicken Poster, 6th Place Video Public Speaking

Emily Morris - 7th Place Video Public Speaking

Sierra Barton - 3rd Place Chicken Poster

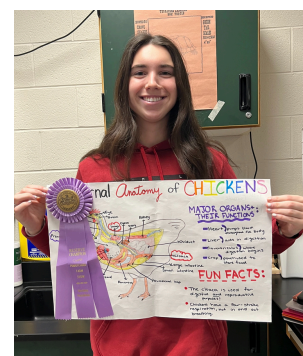
Kaylie Egli - 3rd Place Chicken Poster, 4th Place Rabbit Poster, 4th Place Floral Arrangement

Sam Shuman - 5th Place Video Public Speaking

Millville FFA Chapter - 8th Place Educational Display (Ag Around the World)



Sierra and Karissa also received honorary citations from Rep. Robert Leadbeter and Senator Lynda Culver for their accomplishment.



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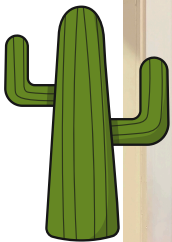
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ACES Conference

On February 1st and 2nd, the Millville FFA Chapter participated in Agricultural Cooperation Establishes Success (ACES) Conference which is a 24-hour leadership workshops with our State Officers. Our members did four workshops themed in the "Wild Wild West". Some of the workshop topics included: FFA Official Dress, communication skills, developing a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) and more!

The members who attended are **Jocelynn Little**, **Ella Shultz**, and **Nathan Hemsarh**. These members enjoyed their experience and absolutely loved the famous Harrisburg-Hershey Sheraton Hotel mashed potatoes!



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Fran's Community Garden Clean Up

On November 15, the Millville FFA Chapter sent its members to winterize the Fran's Community Garden, which the FFA Chapter built and installed last spring. The members who participated were **Olivia Sylvester, Lyrica Stock, Saphyra Stock, Emily Morris, and Ella Shultz**. The members cleared out the garden beds using teamwork and used tools to turn the soil. These members also drilled holes into the beds to stick in holders for pamphlets about the community garden and prepared the signs and posts for installation. Be sure to check out the community gardens when they are back in action this May!



Friendsgiving

On November 22nd, our FFA members celebrated Friendsgiving by coming together with food, games and drinks. The members who participated in this event were **Samantha Shuman, Ella Shultz** and her mom, **Sierra Barton, Azzy Hughes,** and **Grace Fink**. The advisor, Mrs. Hall, was also there. The FFA members enjoyed a game of Cards Against Humanity (Family Friendly Edition) and Spoons. They also shared a delicious pumpkin roll made by Ella Shultz. The event was quite a success and it allowed these members to get to know each other more while sharing things they loved.



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National FFA Week

From February 15th to the 22nd, The Millville FFA Chapter celebrated National FFA Week. Everyday during this week was a themed dress up and students could vote for the best dressed teacher and student at lunch. The themed dress up days are as follows: Tuesday Blue and Gold, Wednesday Cowboys vs Cowgirls, Thursday Taylor Swift Eras, and Friday USA! Some of the Best Dressed winners are pictured below.

On Wednesday, the FFA chapter hosted Ag Olympics in the gym during Activity Period. There were three teams, The Kangaroos, The Band Besties, and The Somethings. The Kangaroos won 1st Place!

On Thursday, the FFA Chapter delivered a muffin, orange juice and chocolate milk to the teachers, staff and administrators to say thank you for all their support during the year. Mrs. Hall also hosted Ag Trivia during lunch. The winners were **Samantha Shuman**, **Kayle Egli**, and **Tavon Force-Miller** won a free drink at the Coffee Cart.

On Saturday, Mrs. Hall, the Keystone Degree recipients, and their families attended the North Branch Area Keystone Degree Breakfast at Benton.



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Wreaths Across America

On December 13, 2025, The Millville FFA Chapter participated in the Wreaths Across America program in collaboration with the Millville Legion and National Honor Society. This event was held at the Millville Cemetery to remember and honor our veterans through the laying of remembrance wreaths. Together, the group laid 300+ wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and said the names of each and every veteran aloud. Thank you **Maddie Evans** for participating in this community service event on behalf of the Millville FFA Chapter.



Christmas in the Park

The Millville FFA Chapter helped coordinate volunteers to dress up and pass out tickets and toys to kids. The participants were **Samantha Shuman**, Ayla Manning, Miah Hughes, and Azzy Hughes. The volunteers enjoyed their time, greeting people and going home with Fran's ice cream and hot chocolate. Thanks to all who volunteered and came out for Christmas in the Park.



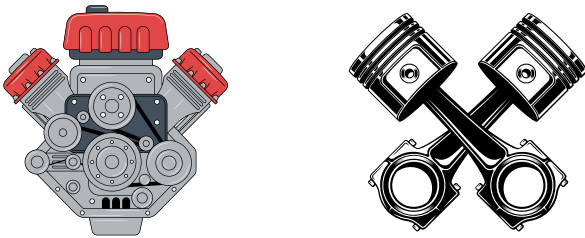
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Winter CDEs

The Millville FFA Chapter sent its members to compete in the Winter Career Development Events (CDEs) on January 24th at Danville High School. **Sawyer Yordy** and **Eddy Blenkinsop** competed in the Small Gas Engines competition as a team. They placed 7th in the North Branch Area against local schools.



Area Public Speaking LDEs



The Millville FFA Chapter competed in the North Branch Area Public Speaking Contest during the last week of February. The members who went are **Ella Shultz**, **Jocelynn Little**, and **Olivia Sylvester**. Jocelynn and Olivia competed in the Prepared Public Speaking category, which required writing a manuscript prior to the competition. Jocelynn's speech was about genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and Olivia's speech was about climate change. Ella competed in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Category. For this contest, she randomly drew a speech topic on contest day, was given 30 minutes to prepare her speech, and then delivered a 3-5 minute speech to the judges. This contest involves a lot of thinking on your feet!

Congratulations, Ella for placing 4th in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest!

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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!



The Horticulture Class made Valentine's Day bouquets for the Quaker Station. (Right)

The PA FFA State Officers do a leadership workshop with the Building Trades Class. (Left)



8th Grade students play "Battle of the Beaks"



Sierra's SAE is about horse training, riding, and halter making!



LIVING TO SERVE!

If you are interested in donating any of the following items, please contact Mrs. Hall at nhall@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
- Masking Tape
- Your time - We are always looking for classroom guest speakers!

Coming Up!



- March 7th - Columbia County Activity Night
- March 11th - Farmers Care Supply Drive
- March 17-21st - Ag Literacy Week
- March 19th - Temple Grandin Presentation
- March 22nd - Col. Co. Farm Bureau Ag Trivia Night
- April 4th - Area ENR CDEs
- April 29th - Envirothon
- May 2nd - Chapter Awards Banquet



Happy FFA Week!

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Congratulations!

Mrs. Hall was named the Northern Region Golden Owl and will compete for the state Golden Owl award in June!



*Congratulations
Northern Region Golden Owl Award
Winner*

Mrs. Nicole Hall

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AGRICULTURE AWARENESS DAY



Saturday, April 5th / 10am - 1pm

Bloomsburg Fairgrounds
Industrial Arts Building

Over 50 interactive,
hands-on activities &
learning opportunities

Many new groups
from Columbia County
Human Services

The Village Donut
will be on-site
beginning at 9 am (\$)

REBZ Pizza &
Big Dan's BBQ will
be on-site for lunch (\$)

FREE
ADMISSION!



FREE
PARKING!

Please bring one or more non-perishable, non-expired
canned goods to donate to the Bloomsburg Food Cupboard.



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