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CURWENSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Clearfield County, PA



Curwensville Area Junior/Senior High School students tasted fresh ears of sweet corn thanks to their classmate, senior **Dylan Henry**. Dylan, also known as "The Corn Man," took over the family business, Henry's Sweet Corn, after his grandfather passed away in 2019.

Along with being a full-time student, Dylan is a multi-season farmer. He begins planning for sweet corn season in February and doesn't stop until the end of October when the last ear of sweet corn is picked.

"The district is attempting to use more local products," says **Vickie Bunnell**, Director of Cafeteria Services at Curwensville Area School District. It can't get more local than purchasing from a current student! "By [purchasing local], we are supporting local farmers and helping to grow the local economy."

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Vickie says that Dylan's sweet corn will also be served in the elementary school this fall. "It [is] a great opportunity to showcase [Dylan and his family's] talents and for our students to experience the taste of fresh sweet corn," says Vickie "We will continue to establish these connections with local farmers and organizations."

'CORN MAN' BRINGS LOCAL CORN TO FELLOW STUDENTS





Submitted Curwensville Area Jr./Sr. High School students enjoyed fresh ears of sweet corn grown by a fellow student, Dylan Henry, as part of their school lunch on Wednesday. Director of Cafeteria Services Vickie Bunnell said "The district is attempting to use more local products. By doing so, we are supporting local farmers and helping to grow the local economy. Dylan, who is a senior here, is the owner of Henry's Sweet Corn. It was a great opportunity to showcase his and his family's talents and for our students to experience the taste of fresh sweet corn. I reached out to the Henry's over the summer in hopes of coordinating this. Fortunately for us, Dylan was able to pick enough for students' needs. Dylan got to see the end result of his hard work from ordering seed, growing, harvesting, delivering to sharing a spectacular product with his friends and classmates," Bunnell said. The district also Plans to offer corn-on-the-cob to elementary students. Bunnell said, "We will continue to establish these connections with local farmers and organizations."



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