

# Blue Jacket Journal

The official newsletter of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter

January – March 2019

## Parent-Member Banquet Planned

Please check your mailbox for your invitation to the annual 60th annual Parent-Member Banquet on Sunday, April 7th. The FFA Alumni Silent Auction will be start at 5:30 and the program with dinner will start at 6:30. Reminder that FFA members are to be in official dress. This is a mandatory (graded) event. Highlights of the evening will be the slide show, cake auction, and awards. Each member was mailed 3 admission tickets - 1 for themselves and 2 for additional guests. If additional tickets are needed they are \$10 and need to be purchased by Wed, April 3rd.

## Quarter Auction Donations Needed

The FFA Alumni are seeking donations for their upcoming Quarter Auction fundraiser on Sunday, April 28th at 2pm. They would appreciate any donation - business services, crafts, personal passion projects, or the like. 100% of profits support senior scholarships and various FFA activities, leadership development, and competitions. Please bring your donation to the Ag Room by Wed, April 24th. They truly appreciate your support!

## Miami East FFA Alumni

### Quarter Auction



**Sunday, April 28th, 2pm**

Miami East High School Lecture Hall  
3925 North State Route 589, Casstown  
Enter door #12

\$2 per paddle  
3 paddles for \$5

**Play for anything and  
everything prizes donated by  
local businesses!**

Concession stand available.  
50/50 raffle

Free paddle drawing with \$5  
pay-in

*All proceeds benefit the ME-MVCTC  
FFA Chapter and its graduates  
through scholarship opportunities.*



**Sponsored by:  
Miami East FFA Alumni**

For information contact us at 937-335-7070 ext. 3212

## Busy Judging Season Wraps Up

The Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter members wrapped up a spring season of Career Development Events. A special thank you goes to the practice sites for the teams. The Livestock Team practiced at Double E Dorset Farm, Team Sutherly Goats, Cron Show Pigs, and Shane Show Cattle.

On March 2 at the Marysville/Champaign County Invitational in Marysville the General Livestock team placed 21st out of 119 teams with members Isaac Beal, Samuel Sutherly, Chloe Gump, Libby Carpenter, Kylie Blair, Ethan Paulus, Ethan Fine, and Lauren Wright. Isaac Beal was the highest placing individual from Miami East at 69th out of 639 contestants.

On March 9 at the Miami Trace Invitational in Washington Courthouse, the Equine Management team consisted of Marisa Savini whom placed 19th out of 127 individuals. The General Livestock Judging Team consisted of Isaac Beal, Ethan Paulus, Adam Bensman, Lauren Wright, Samuel Sutherly, Chloe Gump, and Paige Pence. The team placed 14th out of 81 teams. Isaac Beal placed 33rd out 510 contestants and was the highest placing individual from Miami East.

On March 16 at the Mercer County Invitational in Celina the Equine Management Team consisted of Jessica Copeland and Marisa Savini. The team placed 18th. Jessica Copeland was the highest individual from Miami East placing 3rd out of 97 individuals. The General Livestock Team placed 12th out of 61 teams. Team members were Isaac Beal, Libby Carpenter, Chloe Gump, Lauren Wright, Ethan Fine, Jarrett Winner, Ethan Paulus, and Blake Boggess. The highest individual from Miami East was Isaac Beal who placed 7th out of 321 individuals.



At the  
State Spring  
Career  
Development  
Event on March  
23 at the Ohio  
Expo  
Center/State



Fairgrounds in  
Columbus the season  
finished. The Equine  
Management Team  
consisted of Jessica  
Copeland, Liza Bair,  
and Marisa Savini. The  
team placed 72 out of

118 teams. Jessica Copeland was the highest placing individual from Miami East and placed 54 out of 425 individuals. The General Livestock Team consisted of Emma Sutherly, Paige Pence, Jarrett Winner, Lauren Wright, Libby Carpenter, Sam Sutherly, Chloe Gump, Kylie Blair, and Adam Bensman. The team placed 35 out of 175 teams. Emma Sutherly was the highest placing individual from Miami East and placed 180 out of 978 individuals.

## Regional and State Evaluations Held

State FFA Evaluations were recently held at the Ohio FFA Center in Columbus, Ohio. Several members of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter competed in various competitions. Members became eligible for State Evaluations by placing at District Evaluations in February.

**Chapter Officer Books** - Three 2018-19 Chapter Officers that submitted books for review. Ethin Bendickson



submitted the Secretary's Book and earned a perfect score and gold rating. Jarrett Winner submitted the Treasurer's Book and earned a perfect score and gold rating. Lauren Wright

submitted the Reporter's Book and earned a perfect score and gold rating. All three will be recognized at the State FFA Convention in May.

**State FFA Degrees** – Juniors Michael Bair, Ethin



Bendickson, Lucas Gilliland, Savannah Holzen, Kearsten Kirby and seniors Liza Bair, Kaitlyn

Hawes submitted applications to receive the State FFA Degree. Their applications were approved, and they will receive their Degrees in May at the State FFA Convention in Columbus.

**Star State FFA Degree** – Maci Krites applied for the Star State in Agribusiness Award. Maci began her own business of designing 20 different metal productions using horseshoes and metal where she markets them at the Troy Farmers Markets and through social media. She was named a Top 4 in the state and will be interviewed at her welding shop. She will be recognized at the State FFA



Convention in May.

**American FFA Degrees** – Graduates Dylan Hahn, Carly Gump, and Alex Isbrandt applied to receive the American FFA Degree. Their applications were reviewed and will now be submitted to the National FFA Organization. If approved by National FFA they will receive their degree at the National FFA Convention in October.

**Proficiency Awards** – Members applied for a district and state proficiency award. They were recognized for having an outstanding Supervised Agricultural Experience program in one of 47 areas. Four members applied placed in the state and will receive an interview. They just received notice of interviews for being Top 4 in



the State candidates. They will now prepare a display of their project, be interviewed by an industry panel of judges, and be recognized on

stage at the State FFA Convention.

**Agricultural Sales Placement** – Kylie Blair has job placement at Family Farm and Home in Piqua where she assists customers and operates the cash register. She is diverse in her understanding of the business and uses the inventory system.

**Beef Production Placement** – Lucas Gilliland has job placement at Stone Springs Shorthorns in Casstown. He works with the production of beef animals, feeds livestock, and assists with other farm production practices.

**Dairy Production Placement** – Michael Bair works on his family's organic dairy farm. He assists in milking cows and caring for calves following organically raised farm practices. He attended rotational grazing clinics and mixes feed.

**Diversified Livestock Production** – Michael Bair has job placement on his family's dairy and poultry farm. He is responsible for milking cows, feed and caring for livestock, and gathering eggs to be sold. He also raises and markets his own market chickens.

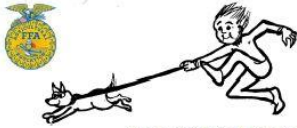
**Poultry Production** – Michael Bair raises and markets "Michael's Pasture Raised Poultry" through his on-farm sales and a local virtual market. He earned a National FFA Grant to purchase a freezer to store his product in. He also works for his family's organic egg sales.

**Small Animal Care and Production** – Zach Kronenberger operates Zach's Huskies in which he breeds and markets Huskie puppies. He utilizes a wellness plan to care for the mothers and their offspring. He markets his puppies through his website.



## 5K-9 Sponsors Needed

You are invited to the FFA's 5K-9 for the Miami County Animal Shelter on Saturday, May 11th at 9am at the Miami County Fairgrounds. 100% of the profits will support the Miami County Animal Shelter. Come walk/run and bring your dog! Pre-race registration ends May 1 (there will be onsite registration, too). If you would like to be a sponsor a \$50 donation will get your business logo/name on the race T-shirt.



## 5K-9 Run/Walk

to benefit the  
Miami County Animal Shelter  
Coordinated by the Miami East & Milton-Union FFA Chapters

**Saturday, May 11, 2019**

Registration begins at 7:30am  
5K-9 begins at 9:00am

**Dogs on leashes are welcome!**  
*Please clean-up after your pets.*

**Race Location:** Starts and ends at the Miami County Fairgrounds, 650 N. Co Rd. 25A, Troy, Ohio

**Pre-Registration & Entry Fee:** Online registration: [www.cantstoprunningco.com](http://www.cantstoprunningco.com)  
Pre-registration postmarked by May 1, 2019. Payment to "Miami East FFA" and send forms to: Miami East High School, 3925 N State Route 589, Casstown, OH 45312

\$10 Pre-registered – without shirt	\$20 Pre-registered with shirt
\$15 Day of race – without shirt	\$25 Day of Race with shirt

**Awards:** Top 3 male and female in each age group and Top male and female overall

<b>Age Groups:</b>	10 & under	11-14	15-19	20-29
	30-39	40-49	50-59	60 and older

**Race Timing:** Can't Stop Running. Chips are not disposable. Runners not returning their chip will be billed \$10.

**Course:** A flat 3.1 run/walk through the Miami County Fairgrounds. There will be water stations for humans and dogs along the route. **All dogs must be on a leash the entire time.** Doggie bags will be available but please clean-up after your pets.

**Post Race Events:** Join us immediately following the race for awards, refreshments, and a doggie health fair.

### Miami County Animal Shelter 5K-9 Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Age (as of race) \_\_\_\_\_ Circle: Male Female  
T-Shirt Size (circle) Small Medium Large XL XXL  
T-shirts are only guaranteed with pre-registration by May 1. Late or day of race registration will be \$20 but T-shirt is not included nor available.

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I for myself, my executors, and my assignees, do hereby release the Miami East-MVCTC FFA, Milton-Union-MVCTC FFA, Miami County Animal Shelter, Miami County Agricultural Society, tournament officials, sponsors, and volunteers from all claims to damages, demand actions, whatsoever in my manner arising of my participation in said event. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event and I am physically fit and use of my name and/or photo taken at the race for use in any news media or any form of publicity.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(All entries must be signed. A parent or legal guardian signature is required participant is under 18 years of age.)

## Follow us on Facebook and Twitter

Besides Remind.com, FFA will be posting announcements to 1) Twitter (@MiamiEast\_FFA) and 2) NEW FaceBook (Miami East FFA Alumni & Supporters). Please feel free to follow and like these pages for updates!

## Success at Ag Power Diagnostics CDE

Luke Gilliland and Jarrett Winner recently competed in the State Agricultural Power Diagnostics (formerly known as Tractor Trouble Shooting) Career Development Event hosted by the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima. Luke and Jarrett earned the spot to represent District 5 after winning the District Contest earlier in the month.

During the contest the team troubleshot two bugs in each of five tractors. They had to identify the problems



and fix them in less than twenty minutes. Prior to the contest they took a test over tractor maintenance and repair.

A special appreciation goes to coaches and helpers for the training of the team. The lead coach was Denny Zerkle, Lost Creek Repair. The team also had practice sessions with Wagner Farm Service, Koenigs Equipment in Greenville, Apple Farm Service in Covington, Mr. Dan Schmeising, and Koenigs Equipment in Anna.

The team attended the recognition banquet at the University of Northwestern Ohio and were joined by parents and family members.

The team placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the state out of 15 teams. For their placing, both Luke and Jarrett will receive a \$3,000 scholarship to the University of Northwestern Ohio.

## State FFA Officer Visits AFNR Classes

Recently, Ohio FFA State Sentinel Mallory Caudill came to visit the members of the Miami East-MVCTC



FFA Chapter. She spent the day in the two Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources classes sharing with them about how to thrive in the FFA organization by finding ways to

ways to take advantages of opportunities in FFA and helping others in the school and community.

Mallory is a graduate of West Liberty Salem High School and is currently serving as a State FFA Officer. She is a freshman at The Ohio State University-Lima majoring in Agricultural Communication. Her duties require her to travel throughout the state conducting chapter visits, presenting speeches on behalf of Ohio's FFA members, and facilitating conferences and conventions.

The FFA members at Miami East greatly appreciate that Mallory could take time out of her busy schedule to come and visit with the FFA members at Miami East High School.

## County and District Public Speaking

The County and District 5 FFA Public Speaking Career Development Events were held in February. The county contest was hosted by Upper Valley Career Center and the district contest was hosted by Houston High School. FFA Chapters competing in the District Event



were from Auglaize, Darke, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Shelby counties.

FFA members competing in the FFA Creed

Speaking Event memorized and recited the FFA Creed and answered questions on their interpretation of the FFA Creed. This contest is open to first year freshman members only. Emma Sutherly placed first in the county and sixth in the district.

Rylee Puthoff competed in the Advanced Creed Speaking Event. She memorized and recited the FFA Creed and answered questions. Her competition was open to first-year FFA members that are sophomores or older. Puthoff placed second in the county and third in the district. She received a plaque from the District 5 FFA Chapters.

The Extemporaneous Speaking Event members are given an agriculture topic then have 30 minutes to prepare a 4 to 6 minute speech and follow-up answer questions. Evan Massie placed first in the county and seventh in the district.

### Congrats FFA Members of the Month

January 2019 – Emma Sutherly and Samuel Sutherly

February 2019 – Rylee Puthoff

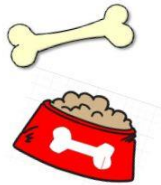
March 2019 – Elizabeth Bair

### ATTENTION ALL ANIMAL LOVERS!!!

From April 8th to April 18th, Miami East FFA will be holding a drive for dog and cat supplies that are needed at the Miami County Animal Shelter. **Treats and food must be unopened!**

#### Supplies needed:

- Dog food
- Puppy food
- Dog and cat treats
- Cat food
- Kitten food
- Kitty litter
- Dog and puppy shampoo
- Flea spray
- Cat toys
- Cat beds
- Combs, brushes, flea combs



All donations can be dropped off in the Ag shop.

Be a pal and help out our local animal shelter!



### Chili Cook-Off Challenge

At the January FFA Meeting the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter held its annual Chili Cook-Off



Competition. Members were given the challenge of working in teams or as individuals to create a chili to submit to the judges for


evaluation. They had to submit their recipe and be evaluated.

Winners of the competition included two categories. The Judges Choice Winner of the traditional chili was Justin Hawkins and Jacob Sweitzer. Second place went to Rylee Puthoff. First place in the non-traditional chili and winner of the People's Choice was Carter Gilbert and Jeffrey Blackford for their dessert chili. Second place Michael Bair and Ethin Bendickson.

All winning teams received an FFA T-Shirt or FFA hat. Judges for the event were the Miami East High School custodial staff Les Kinder, Hannah Ivey, and Sandy Welker and parents Darla Hawkins and Jackie Winner.



Scared to babysit? Come learn about:

-  Safety Skills
-  Child Care Skills
-  First Aid & Rescue Skills
-  Life & Business Skills

Where? HS Lecture Hall

When? April 17th

2:45pm - 4:45 pm

No Fee! It's Free!!

Drinks and Snacks Included!

Limited space to 20 participants.

RSVP to [mcarity@miamieast.k12.oh.us](mailto:mcarity@miamieast.k12.oh.us)

or 335-7070x 3212





### Three Local FFA members receives \$1,000 grants from National FFA Foundation

Three \$1,000 grants have been awarded to Miami East-MVCTC FFA members Michael Bair, Jarrett Winner, and Lauren Wright by the National FFA Organization. The



SAE Grant is designed to help FFA members create and enhance their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE), a requirement that all FFA members must complete.

Michael Bair is the son of David and Annette Bair. He received a \$1,000 grant from the CCOF California Certified Organic Foundation. Bair will use the grant monies to develop his own pasture raised chickens. He will purchase a meat cooler to store harvested chickens until customers are able to purchase the product. He also plans to build his own portable pasture chicken pens that will be used to rotate around his family's organic farm.

Jarrett Winner is the son of Doug and Jackie Winner. He received a \$1,000 grant from Seitz Endowment to National FFA Foundation. Winner will use the grant funds to purchase a tractor splitting stand to separate the front and rear half of a tractor during repair and/or maintenance. Winner operates JDW Tractor Repair and provides repair and maintenance on tractors and farm equipment.

Lauren Wright is the daughter of Eric and Jill Wright. She received a \$1,000 grant from Rabo Finance. Wright owns Wright's Sweet Corn in which she raised almost an acre of sweet corn that she marketed through social media, a self-serve stand, and at local farmers markets. She will use her grant monies to purchase an upright cooler to keep the corn fresh and two large portable coolers to take to the farmers markets.

### Alumni Needs Help!

The Alumni is in need of new members. Anyone can get involved, regardless of your enrollment at Miami East or previous membership of FFA. The Alumni was started in 1971 and is open to anyone interested in supporting FFA and Agricultural Education. Annual dues are \$20 (for local, state, and national). Lifetime dues are \$200.

Additionally, the Alumni are collecting empty 2- or 3-liter bottles. They do not need to be cleaned out but do need the lids. If you have any please drop them off in the Ag Room.

The Alumni is supportive to the FFA through financial support and physical labor. If you are interested in participating talk to Les Kinder by phoning him at 937-368-2569.

### Quality Assurance Trainings

All market and lactating dairy animal exhibitors must attend a Quality Assurance Session within the State of Ohio in order to exhibit an animal at the Miami County Fair. The session must be conducted by a qualified instructor.

Junior Fair exhibitors must complete Quality Assurance not less than 45 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition in which they will participate. The Miami County Fair Quality Assurance completion deadline is June 21. For the Ohio State Fair, QA must be completed by June 9 (goats, June 2).

**Session Times are:** 10am and 2pm on Saturday, May 4  
**\*\*Miami East FFA is asked to attend this training session.** 3pm on Sunday, May 5 and 6:30pm on Monday, May 6



## Miami County Tire Recycling Day

# MAY 15th, 2019

### REGISTRATION WINDOW: April 10th - MAY 10th, 8 AM-5 PM

**SPONSORED BY:** Miami Soil & Water Conservation District, Miami County Ag Society, Kelbley Transport & Miami East FFA

**FOR MIAMI COUNTY RESIDENTS, FARMERS, MUNICIPALITIES & TOWNSHIPS**

We CANNOT accept tires from junk yards, garages, auto repair shops, tire, car, truck, farm-equipment dealerships or motorcycle/ATV repair shops or dealerships.

**HOW DO I REGISTER TIRES?**

## 4 EASY STEPS!

1. From 4/10 to 5/10, stop by Miami SWCD @ 1330 N. CR 25A, Troy
2. Tell us the number & size of your tires
3. Set up your drop off time for MAY 15th
4. Make your Payment!

**THEN** at your assigned time on MAY 15TH, enter **Miami County Fairgrounds (650 N. CR 25A, Troy)** via **NORTH GATE** & unload at the semis at the **DUKE LUNDGARD** parking lot.

**PASSENGER TIRES** (up to 17 inches)  
**.50¢ PER TIRE**  
**FARM/SEMI TIRES**  
**\$5.00 PER TIRE**

- Miami East FFA students & volunteers will be on hand to help unload vehicles.
- 10 tires limit per each participant.
- REMOVE ALL RIMS.**  
ACCORDING TO THE OHIO REVISED CODE
- Tires should be **SECURED, TARPED or ENCLOSED.**
- Right of Refusal may be used.
- Sorry, check or cash only.
- No Phone Registrations**
- First come first served
- We are limited to collect an estimated **1600-2000 tires**



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT  
937/335-SOIL OR  
WWW.MIAMISWCD.ORG

MIAMI SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
1330 N. CR 25A, TROY

## Upcoming Events

### April

- 4/7 – Parent-Member Banquet, 6:30pm
- 4/8 to 4/12 – Donation Drive for the Miami County Animal Shelter
- 4/10 to 4/18 – Project WILD training with Plant & Animal Science Students
- 4/11 – State FFA Convention payment due
- 4/17 – FFA Alumni Scholarships due
- 4/17 – Safe Sitters Program for Jr High students
- 4/18 – FFA Camp \$50 payment due
- 4/23 to 4/26 – MEHS Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week

4/26 – MEHS Relay For Life for American Cancer Society  
(during school)

4/27 – State Meats Evaluation CDE

4/28 – FFA Alumni Quarter Auction

### May

5/2 & 5/3 – State FFA Convention

5/10 – Ag Day at the Miami County Fairgrounds (FFA members with good grades, good attendance & good attitude)

5/11 – 5K-9 at the Miami County Fairgrounds

5/15 – Tire Recycling Day at the Miami County Fairgrounds

5/28 to 5/30 – Chapter Exchange Program with Sleepy Eye, Minnesota (we are hosting them this year)

### June

6/3 to 6/7 - FFA Camp

## Chapter Challenge

If anyone is interested in more information regarding this event please contact Mrs. Carity.

# MIAMI COUNTY ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATION 2019 HOOKED ON PULLING CHAPTER CHALLENGE

The Miami County Antique Power Association is sponsoring a Chapter Challenge open to all surrounding FFA Chapters. The challenge is to build a Garden Tractor "Pulling Tractor" to compete against other members and Chapters in a friendly competition. The winning competitor will receive a trophy to display and \$ 250.00 donated to their Chapter, which will be presented at our Annual Banquet.

**12  
Horsepower**

**1050  
Pounds**

## FFA Camp Approaching

FFA Camp is June 3 to 7. This is a fun week of connecting with nature.

The facilities are awesome. The program is an accredited. Agriculture Teachers, State Officers, and Camp Staff provide an educational, caring, and safe environment. The food is delicious. More information on camp is being provided in class in the near future.

The cost is \$50. This includes transportation from MEHS to Camp (Carroll County) and return, camp registration, and all meals at camp. Students will be responsible for the fast

**FFA Camp**  
**Monday, June 3rd to**  
**Friday, June 7th**  
(1<sup>st</sup> session of camp with old state officers)

Payment by: April 18th

**\$50**

Includes transportation to and from camp,  
registration, all meals at camp

food meals to and from camp and any souvenirs they wish to purchase (T-shirts, etc.) Everyone is welcome at Camp!!!

## Dairy Cattle Team Competes at State

The Miami East-MVCTC FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation team members wrapped up a spring season of Career Development Events. A special thank you goes to the practice sites. The Dairy Cattle Team practiced at Quietcove Holstein Farm in Wapakoneta, Knoop Holstein Farm in Fletcher, Hershberger Jersey Farm in Troy, Buschur Dairy Farm in New Weston, and Bair-Trax Farm in Troy.

On March 3 at the Marysville/Champaign County Invitational in Marysville the Dairy Cattle Team placed 19th out of 45 teams and consisted of Michael Bair, Carter Gilbert, Elizabeth Bair, and Makayla Brittain. Michael Bair was the highest placing individual from Miami East at 12th out of 189 contestants.

On March 10 at the Miami Trace FFA Invitational in Washington Court House the Dairy Cattle Team placed 8th out of 30 teams and consisted of Jayden Gates, Ethin Bendickson, Michael Bair, Elizabeth Bair, Carter Gilbert, and Makayla Brittain. Jayden Bair was the highest placing individual from Miami East at 26th out of 93 individuals.

On March 16 at the Mercer County FFA Invitational in Celina the team placed 17 out of 72 teams. The team consisted of Elizabeth Bair, Jayden Gates, Carter



Gilbert, Michael Bair, and Ethin Bendickson. Elizabeth Bair was the highest placing individual from Miami East and placed 24 out of 128 individuals.

The State Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event was held March 28 at the Ohio State Fairgrounds/Expo Center. Team members were Carter Gilbert, Michael Bair, Jayden Gates, Elizabeth Bair, Makayla Brittain, and Ethin Bendickson. The team placed 17 out of 72 teams. The highest individual from Miami East was Carter Gilbert placing 33 out of 395 contestants.