

Blue Jacket Journal

The official newsletter of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter

January to March 2020

Parent-Member Banquet Planned

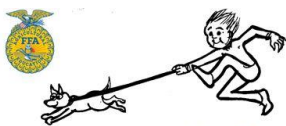
Please check your mailbox for your invitation to the annual 61st annual Parent-Member Banquet. **Our re-scheduled date is Sunday, April 19th.** The FFA Alumni Silent Auction will be start at 5:30 and the program with dinner will start at 6:30. Reminder that FFA members are to be in official dress. This 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 15th.

Silent Auction Donations Needed

The FFA Alumni are seeking donations for their upcoming Silent Auction fundraiser on Sunday, April 19th at 5:30pm. 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 15th. They truly appreciate your support!

5K-9 Sponsors Needed

You are invited to the FFA's 5K-9 for the Miami County Animal Shelter on Saturday, May 10th 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-MVCTC FFA Chapter

Saturday, May 9, 2020

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

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

Pre-registration postmarked by May 1, 2020. Payment to "Miami East FFA" and send forms to: Miami East High School, 3925 N State Route 589, Castown, OH 45312

\$10 Pre-registered - without shirt
\$15 Day of race - without shirt

\$20 Pre-registered with shirt
\$25 Day of Race with shirt

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

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter

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

Egg Hunt Scheduled!

Come one come all! All Miami East children are welcome to the first-ever Egg Hunt coordinated by Carter Gilbert. Please note the date change!!!

EGG HUNT

REGISTRATION AT 10AM • HUNTS BEGIN AT 11AM

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020

Age Groups:
Age 2 and under - 11:00 Preschool and K - 11:15
1st and 2nd grade - 11:30 3rd thru 5th grade - 11:45

Miami East Football Stadium
Rain Location: Miami East JH/Elementary Gym

Miami East Community Wide • FREE with no registration needed

4,000 Eggs • Easter Bunny • Face Painting
Candy • Special Prizes

Questions Contact: Carter Gilbert at gilbertcarter2@gmail.com OR
Marie Carity at (937) 335-7070 ext. 3212 or mcarity@miamieast.k12.oh.us

Congrats FFA Members of the Month

January 2020 – Dustin Winner

February 2020 – Jillian Niswonger

March 2020 – Isaac Beal

At the January FFA Meeting the Miami East-MVCTC FFA

The 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 cooking directions.

Winners of the competition included two categories. The Judges Choice Winner was Kylie Haught and Keyara Davis. Second place went to Alivia Wade and Jillian Niswonger. Third place went to Justin Hawkins. Winner of the People's Choice was Ethan Paulus and Kendal Staley. Additional entries were from Matthew Osting, Adi Richters, Ella Demmitt, Sumsaar Thapa, Luke Brunke, and Michael Bair.

All winning teams received an FFA T-Shirt. Judges for the event were the Miami East High School custodial staff members Hannah Ivey and Sandy Welker and parent Jeff Carpenter.

FFA Camp Approaching

FFA Camp is June 1 to 5. 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 food meals to and from camp and any souvenirs they wish to purchase (T-shirts, etc.) Everyone is welcome at Camp!!!

FFA Member Places at State



On Saturday, March 7, Emma Sutherly competed in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest held at Marysville High School. Emma is a sophomore and second year member of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter.

Emma competed in the Beginning Prepared Public Speaking Career Development Event and placed 4th overall in the state competition. She

advanced to the state contest after placing first at the county and second at the district contests earlier in February.

Emma's speech was entitled, "Could Chevron Save the World's Food Supply?" Emma's speech addressed the possibility of goat meat to fit the growing food security needs of the an increasing population. Her speech was 5-7 minutes in length and answered questions related to her speech.

State FFA Evaluations Held

The 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.

Officer Books - Three 2019-20 Chapter Officers that submitted books for review. Kearsten Kirby submitted the



Secretary's Book and earned a perfect score and gold rating. Michael Bair submitted the Treasurer's Book and earned a perfect score and gold rating. Emma Sutherly 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 Natalie Bair, Adam Bensman, Makayla Brittain, Libby Carpenter, Paige Pence, Rylee Puthoff, Lauren Wright and senior Elizabeth Bair 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.



American FFA Degrees – Graduates Liza Bair, Kylie Blair, and Zach Kronenberger 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.

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.

Vegetable Production – Lauren Wright owns and operates Wright's Sweet Corn, a 1 acre sweet corn patch. She markets her sweet corn through a roadside stand and at the Troy Farmers Market.

Agricultural Power Diagnostics Team Competes



Luke Gilliland and Ethin Bendickson recently competed in the District Agricultural Power Diagnostics (formerly known as Tractor Trouble Shooting) Career Development Event hosted by the Shelby County FFA Chapters

and held at Koenig Equipment in Ann. Luke and Ethin are both members of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter at Miami East High School. The team placed 3rd in the district out of 22 teams.

During the contest the team troubleshooted 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 appreciate goes to coaches and helpers for the training of the team. The lead coach was Denny Zerkle, Lost Creek Repair. The team also had a practice session with Wagner Farm Service, Koenigs Equipment in Greenville, Apple Farm Service in Covington, and Dan Schmeising Farms.

Let ME FFA recycle your old car, truck and/or farm machinery batteries!



All batteries will be recycled with the profits benefiting the Farmer-Veteran Coalition.

Contact **Samuel Sutherly** at (937) 903-6476 to arrange removal and/or pick-up by April 30, 2020.



Or, contact Marie Carity at mcarity@miamieast.k12.oh.us to drop off at Miami East High School Agriculture Room (MEHS Door #4) during the school day (7:30am-2:30pm).

Chapter Competes in County and District Public Speaking Career Development Events

The District 5 FFA Public Speaking Career



Development Event was held Wednesday, February 12, hosted by Memorial High School in Saint Marys. 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 FFA members only. Representing Miami East-MVCTC was Isaac Beal. Beal places fifth.

Emma Sutherly competed in the Beginning Prepared Speaking Event. She wrote and presented a five to seven minute speech then answered questions. Her speech topic was the important of goat meat to feeding the world's growing population. Sutherly placed second, received a plaque from the District 5 FFA Chapters, and advanced to the State FFA Speaking Event in March.

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. Representing Miami East-MVCTC was Evan Massie. He placed eighth.

MIAMI EAST FFA

GOLF SCRAMBLE

Saturday, April 25, 2020, 9am (rain date of April 26)
 Lakeland Golf Course, 1772 Kiser Lake Road, St. Paris, Ohio

4 Person Team, 18 Hole Scramble.....**\$240 (per team)**
 Entry includes....

Round of Golf, Cart Fees, Lunch, and Awards

Sponsorships Available
 (see sponsorship form)

Registration.....**8AM**
 Shotgun Start.....**9AM**
 Dinner & Awards...Immediately Following Round of Golf

Cut along line

Team Information/Payment

Team Name: _____

Player Names:

1: _____

2: _____

3: _____

4: _____

Team Entry Fee (\$240)

Check Enclosed for \$ _____

Sponsorship Forms Available

Please Make Checks To: **Miami East FFA**

All profits to benefit the March of Dimes

Team Captain (Point of Contact)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Mail Entry to:

Miami East FFA Chapter
 3825 N. State Route 589
 Casstown, OH 45312

For questions or info text or call:
 Kearsten Kirby (937) 570-2492 OR
 mcarity@miamieast.k12.oh.us

FFA Members at Agricultural Sales Competition

Recently several members of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter competed in the District 5 FFA Agricultural Sales Career Development Event hosted by Preble Shawnee High School.



The Agricultural Sales team consisted of Ashlee Deaton, Alex Fergerson, Emma Sutherly, and Braden Zekas. The team members each completed a test on agricultural sales, prepared a team sales presentation, and demonstrated their ability to sell an agricultural product.

Braden Zekas was the highest placing individual from Miami East. The team placed ninth out of 15 teams.

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

Three \$1,000 grants have been awarded to Miami East-MVCTC FFA members Emma Sutherly, Samuel Sutherly, 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.

All three are members of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter and were selected as recipients of only 149



grants out of over 2,100 applicants nationwide.

An SAE requires FFA members to create and operate an agriculture-related business, work at an agriculture-related business or conduct an agricultural research experience. Upon completion of the grant fiscal year, grant recipients must submit a comprehensive report regarding their career development experience.

Emma Sutherly is the daughter of Sam and Laura Sutherly. She received a \$1,000 grant from Domino's via the National FFA Foundation. Sutherly will use the grant funds to purchase goat kidding pens to be used in her ownership and the operating a goat production operation with her twin. She markets her goat's offspring through social media and annual production sale.

Samuel Sutherly received a grant from Rabo AgriFinance via the National FFA Foundation. Samuel is the son of Sam and Laura Sutherly. He received a \$1,000 SAE Grant to purchase goat kidding pens to be used during the birthing season and viewing of prospect kids in his goat production operation. He owns the business in partnership

with his twin and markets via social media and an annual production sale.

Lauren Wright is the daughter of Eric and Jill Wright. She received a \$1,000 grant from Domino's via the National FFA Foundation. 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 a system to protect her sweet corn from predators such as raccoons and deer.

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.

Contact Mrs. Carity!

1) If you want to have chrysanthemums as an SAE please get your order to Mrs. Carity soon. The minimum order is 100 mum plugs. They will be ready for planting early-June.

2) If you want to take an animal to the 2020 Miami County Fair through FFA (not 4-H) please let Mrs. Carity know so she can add your name to the list.

3) If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Carity (mcarity@miamieast.k12.oh.us or cellphone 937-417-3087).

Upcoming Important Dates

These dates are subject to change and all updates will be made as soon as they are available.

April ?? – Safe Sitter Training Program (date TBD)

April 11 – ME Community Egg Hunt

April 15 – State FFA Convention Payment due

April 15 – ME FFA Scholarship Applications due

April 19 – ME FFA Parent-Member Banquet

April 25 – ME Golf Scramble to benefit the March of Dimes

April 25 – State Meats Career Development

April 30 – Battery drive to benefit the Farer-Veteran Coalition ends

April 30-May 1 – State FFA Convention

May 8 – Ag Day at the Miami County Fairgrounds

May 9 – 5K-0 to benefit the Miami County Animal Shelter

May 13 – Miami County Soil and Water Conservation Tire Recycling Day (details to follow)

May 26 – 28 – Minnesota-Ohio Leadership Exchange

June 1 – Miami County Junior Fair nomination forms due (Quality Assurance for all market and lactating female exhibitors to be completed.)

June 1 to 5 – FFA Camp

*****Please note that State Equine, Livestock, Poultry, and Dairy Cattle will most likely be rescheduled for the summer. KEEP STUDYING!!!**

FFA Jackets For Sale



“Only Blue Will Do,” seems to be what FFA Chapters are saying nationally. Through the 90+ years of FFA the once national blue has seemed to turn to more of a shade of purple. The once corn gold of the jacket has now turned to a shade of orange.

The jackets style has been revised. FFA jackets can be purchased for a cost of \$40.00. The same jacket can be worn all the years of agriculture education. Make checks payable to Miami East FFA.

Remind Reminders

ME FFA has a Remind.com account for texting reminders for parents and members. Please join!



Qualities of a GOOD M.E. FFA Member

1. Approved Supervised Agricultural Experience with completed record books (this will be your Ag Experiences grade for your grade card).

2. Maintain average grade level in respected agriculture class.

3. Participation in at least one contest during the school year.

4. Attend chapter banquet in Official Dress.

5. Attend 75% of all regularly schedule chapter meetings and participate in one committee.

6. Have FFA dues paid by October 1 (\$20.00) and fruit sales by Christmas break.

7. Participate in various chapter activities.