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MVCTC FFA Students Win State Competition

Columbus, Ohio – Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Environmental & Natural Resources Tech Prep students recently competed in the Ohio FFA State Wildlife Management and State Nature Interpretation Career Development Events. With the Nature Interpretation Team winning First Place in the State and the Wildlife Management Team winning Second Place in the State.

The MVCTC winning team in the Nature Interpretation Event consisted of Seth Peele (Franklin-Monroe), Alex Kessler (Arcanum), Jessie Huntley (Patterson), and Brandy Mewbuorn (Northmont). Seth Peele (Franklin-Monroe) also won second place in the individual contest. The Nature Interpretation Career Development Event is set up to stimulate interest and to promote instruction in nature interpretation as well as to provide recognition for those who have demonstrated skills and competencies because of natural resources instruction. This contest is divided into three major sections:

1. Identification: Seventy-five specimens (mammals, birds, non-woody plants, reptiles, equipment) will be displayed for the contestants to identify by common name.
2. Practicums: Contestants will complete two practicums from the following rotated list. The list includes Identifying Animal Calls, Attracting Wildlife, Reading Nature Sign, Determining Water Quality, Understanding Nature Interpretation, and Controlling Problem Plants and Animals.
3. General Knowledge: Fifty multiple-choice questions from nature interpretation materials will be used for the test. This phase of the CDE will test the student's knowledge and understanding of basic principles.

The MVCTC winning team in the Wildlife Management Event consisted of Justin Bowers (Preble-Shawnee), Garrett Heasley (Wayne), and Chelsea Decker (Miamisburg). Justin Bowers (Preble-Shawnee) also placed third in the individual

contest at the state level. The Wildlife Management Event is set up to stimulate interest and to promote instruction in the areas of fish and wildlife management, as well as to provide recognition for those who have demonstrated skills and competencies because of natural resources instruction. The contest is divided into three major sections.

1. General Knowledge: Fifty multiple-choice questions to test the student's knowledge and understanding of basic principles.
2. Identification: Seventy-five specimens (mammals, game birds, fish, food and cover plants, equipment) from the lists located in these instructions will be displayed for the contestants to identify by common name.
3. Practicums: Contestants will complete two practicums from a list including: Reading Topographic Maps, Understanding Pond Management, Aging and Sexing Wildlife, Determining Habitat Management Requirements, Controlling Nuisance Animals, Identifying Game Laws and Safety.

MVCTC Environmental and Natural Resources Tech Prep instructor, Mike Buchanan, says, "Hard work really does pay off! While we only have up to two years to prepare to compete against students who may have up to four years to prepare, our students did very well in the state competition. In fact, several of the juniors did exceedingly well." All students will be recognized for the accomplishments at the State FFA Banquet in May.

MVCTC is very proud of our students and congratulates them on their great accomplishments. For more information about MVCTC and the 50 exciting career programs offered to high school juniors and seniors, or the career training opportunities offered to adult students, please visit www.mvctc.com or www.ctctube.com.

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