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**Inside Edition on Building Bluebird Houses – submitted by Agriculture Services senior, Christopher Mullins**

**Clayton, Ohio-** March 6, 2012- the Agriculture Services lab at Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) has been working on assembling bluebird houses. The class learned the right ways to measure, how to read a tape measure, and how to use a framing square. In power tool safety, the class did a safety test and they had to do safety training with the power tools and the saws. The power tools that they were using included a drill, sanders, table saw, arm saw, circular saw, and band saw. The bluebird house construction included countersinking the holes for the screws, measuring exactly where the holes go, cutting the wood with proper measurements, and putting it together the correct way. Students also had to learn blueprint reading, which involved reading off the blueprint and following the directions. The last step was the finishing process, which included using wood filler to fill in the nail holes, sanding and painting or staining.

For more information about MVCTC, visit [www.mvctc.com](http://www.mvctc.com). Applications are being accepted now for the 2012-13 school year.

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**Photo:** The MVCTC senior Ag Services program learned to construct bluebird houses. Pictured left to right. Back row – *Dylan Jones (Northridge), Adam Petrofes (Tipp City), Eddie Saunders (Mississinawa Valley), and Cole Johnson (National Trail).*

*Front Row – Ashley Kissinger (Milton-Union), Chelsie Ashburn (Wayne), Christopher Mullins (Wayne), and Lacy Reece (Preble Shawnee).*