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## FFA Career Development Event Teams Complete Busy Judging Season

On Saturday, April 6 members of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter competed in the State Career Development Events in Columbus. They demonstrated their skills in different competitions.

Completing in the Equine Management Career Development Event were Casey Copeland and Danielle Danielson. The team placed 73 out 140 teams. Casey Copeland was the highest individual from Miami East and placed 21 out 409. Their contest consisted of placing classes of various breeds of horses, identifying tack, judging hay quality, and taking an equine knowledge test.

Competing in the General Livestock Judging Contest were Colin Gump and Trent Church. They evaluated classes of sheep, hogs, and cattle. They also selected reproductive females in keep-cull classes, completed a production scenario, and took a livestock knowledge test. The team placed 120. Colin Gump was the highest placing individual from Miami East placing 82 out of 753 individuals.

Prior to the State Contests, the teams completed at two invitationals. On March 16 at the Miami Trace Invitational in Washington Courthouse, the Equine Team consisted of Casey Copeland and Austin Rush. Copeland placed 9 in the entire contest with more than 115 competitors. The Livestock Judging Team consisted of Colin Gump and Trent Church. The highest placing individual from Miami East was Colin Gump who placed 26 out of 230 contestants.

On March 9 at the Marysville/Champaign County Invitational in Marysville the Equine Team placed 12. The team consisted of Danielle Danielson, Austin Rush, and Eliza Hershberger. The highest placing individual was Danielle Danielson who placed 23<sup>rd</sup> out of 170 individuals. The Livestock Judging Team placed 22 and the highest placing individual was Colin Gump. The team consisted of Colin Gump, Trent Church, Emma Rife, Brady Anderson, and Blane Wagner.

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