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Barnwell County Career Center's FFA Wildlife Team Places 3rd in State Contest

The Barnwell County Career Center (BCCC) Future Farmers of America (FFA) Wildlife Team earned an impressive 3rd place finish at the South Carolina FFA State Wildlife Career Development Event (CDE), marking the chapter's first Wildlife CDE plaque in its history and its first chapter plaque since 2019.

The State Wildlife CDE challenges students to demonstrate their understanding of wildlife and natural resource systems, habitat management, and general wildlife management principles. Throughout the competition, participants identified a wide range of wildlife species—including furbearers, reptiles, amphibians, fish, game birds, and non-game birds—as well as tools, tracks, skulls, pelts, and plants. Competitors were also required to age deer by jawbone, score a deer's rack, and answer comprehensive knowledge questions covering topics such as habitat requirements and age/sex determination for species like wild turkey and quail.



The BCCC Wildlife CDE Team consisted of Davis Coble, Dottie Still, Jase Bridges, and Reese Yelton.

Career Development Events like the Wildlife CDE allow FFA members to apply the knowledge and skills gained through agricultural education. These contests strengthen critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and work ethic while preparing students for success in the 21st-century workplace. Students compete both individually and as a team, showcasing their leadership, dedication, and agricultural expertise.

Representing BCCC in this year's Wildlife CDE were Davis Coble, Dottie Still, Jase Bridges, and Reese Yelton.

“I am extremely proud of the dedication and commitment shown by this team to learn this material and prepare for this contest,” said Mrs. Desiree Still, Agriculture Education teacher and FFA Advisor. “Other teachers bragged on their behavior and respectfulness at the contest, which speaks volumes for the well-rounded students that we have in our FFA chapter.”

The BCCC chapter celebrates this achievement as a milestone in its growth and looks forward to continued success in future FFA competitions.