



## Annual Meeting News

The evening program at the Junior Fair Building, located at the Auglaize Co Fairgrounds, honored Lane Hill Farm with the Outstanding H2Ohio Cooperator Award, along with awarding four scholarships to John Kohler, Alexandria Ott, Leah Walter and Laura Wilker. We would like to congratulate Lou Brown on his re-election. Emily Kramer with ODA gave an update on the H2Ohio program and speaker Peggy Kirk-Hall with OSU Extension gave a presentation on Planning for the Future for Your Farm. A slideshow highlighted the SWCD office, rain gauges were given away to everyone who attended, with door prizes rounding out the evening! Banquet meal was catered by Everyone Cooks. Thanks to everyone who attended—hope you enjoyed yourself!



Lane Hill Farms accepting the Cooperator Award



New location—Junior Fair Building



ODA has extended the date for the establishment of overwintering cover crops and the final date for manure incorporation within the program to November 1st! All other specifications still apply. If you have any paperwork to turn in for 2022 please mail, email to [cdavis@auglaizecounty.org](mailto:cdavis@auglaizecounty.org), or drop them off at our office at your earliest convenience.

### HELP THE MONARCH

### BUTTERFLY

Common Milkweed is the sole host plant for Monarch butterflies. This particular plant is lacking on the landscape and has a direct effect on Monarch populations. **Our office is collecting milkweed pods till Nov 15th.** It is best to pick them when they are dry, gray or brown in color. If the seam pops with gentle pressure, they can be picked. Collect the pods in paper bags. Harvesting pods from milkweed plants do not have any effect on the population of the established milkweed areas.



## SOIL JUDGING RESULTS ~ Congrats to the winners

Rural Team—Minster FFA = Keetan Sharp, James Boehnlein, Kaleb Sharp and Fletcher Luthman

Urban Team—Minster FFA = Max Knapke, Will Knapke, James Niemeyer and Conner Schmiesing

Rural—1st place Addison Albers—Knoxville FFA

Urban—1st place Max Knapke—Minster FFA

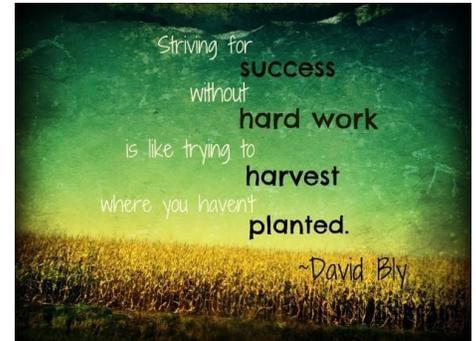
Rural—2nd place Keetan Sharp—Minster FFA

Urban—2nd place Will Knapke—Minster FFA

Rural—3rd place James Boehnlein—Minster FFA

Urban—3rd place James Niemeyer—Minster FFA

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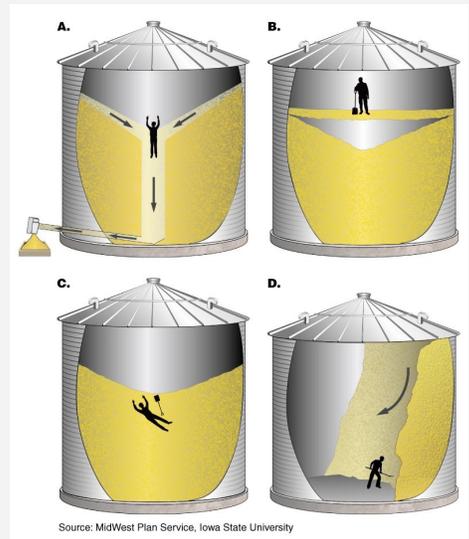
### Grain Bin Hazards!

Respiratory: dust from grain can affect people in a variety of ways. Reduce and prevent by wearing protective gear or ventilation equipment so you won't suffer breathing issues from the dust.

Fire or explosion: build-up of grain dust can be ignited by a heat source such as fire, sparks or hot bearings. Don't weld or smoke in a grain bin containing grain.

Falling: falls can occur as workers move from bin to bin, vertical exterior ladders, grain legs etc. Be aware of your surroundings while working.

Entrapment: flowing grain, which is a down and outward movement, forms a funnel when grain flows to the center of the cone. It only takes 3-4 seconds to be knee deep and become "trapped" or suffocated. Never enter a grain bin when grain is being removed. Always use a safety line or have two observers during grain bin entry.



Be safe, someone will be THANKFUL you did!



# Soil Judging 2022

Around 135 students from Minster, New Bremen, New Knoxville, and Waynesfield FFA were hosted by Kohler Acres with Dave Schwieterman Inc digging the soil pits and Turner Tents donating a tent for shade. Boogher Ag sponsored a lunch catered by Graze On Catering for the students! BIG THANKS to these individuals ~ the students had a great time!



# LAUGHTER



A good laugh has great short-term effects. When you start to laugh, it doesn't just lighten your load mentally, it actually induces physical changes in your body!

Stimulates many organs—laughter enhances your intake of oxygen-rich air, stimulates your heart, lungs and muscles, and increases the endorphins that are released in your brain.

Activate and relieve your stress response—a rollicking laugh fires up and then cools down your stress response and it can increase and then decrease your heart rate and blood pressure which can create a relaxed feeling.

Sooth tension—laughter can also stimulate circulation and aid muscle relaxation, both of which can help reduce some of the physical symptoms of stress.

Long term results include: improve your immune system, relieve pain, increase personal satisfaction, and improve your mood!

Here's to helping your mental health!

What did the ocean say to the sand? Nothing—it just waved.  
Why can't a nose be 12 inches long? Then it'd be a foot.  
Why is the grass so dangerous? It's full of blades.  
How do you fix a cracked pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch.  
How can you tell it's a dogwood tree? By the bark.  
How do snails fight? They slug it out.

## Woolly Worms . . . are not really worms!

The “woolly bears” are actually a caterpillar, known as the Isabella tiger moth, and have the reputation for being able to forecast the coming winter weather! Just how true is this lore? The legend states the wider the rusty brown section, the milder the coming winter. The more black there is, the more severe winter.

In terms of appearance, the caterpillar has 13 distinct segments of either rusty brown or black—referred to as a “woolly bear”. Often is black on both ends with rust-colored segments in the middle. **Note:** all black, all white, or yellow woolly caterpillars are not woolly bears. They are simply different species and are not part of the woolly worm lore. So if you spot an entirely black caterpillar—it is not forecasting winter!

Dr Curran (from New York) experimenting for 8 years, attempted to prove scientifically a weather rule of thumb that was as old as the hills. Woolly bears hatch during warm weather from eggs laid by the female moth. Mature woolly bears search for overwintering sites under bark or inside cavities of rocks or logs. (that's why you see so many crossing roads and sidewalks in the fall.) Between 1948 and 1956, Dr Curran's average brown segment counts showed the brownish band took up more than a good third of the woolly bear's body. The corresponding winters were milder than average, and Dr Curran concluded that the folklore had some merit and could be true. Most scientist discount the folklore saying; you'd have to look at an awful lot of the caterpillars in one place over a great many years in order to say there is something to it.

Caterpillars are most active during the day. After filling up on food—including violets, lambs quarters and clover, their goal is to find a place to hide for the winter. The woolly worm overwinters as larva, their entire body will enter a “frozen” state until May when it emerges as the moth!



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