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Delaware County Commissioners Honor 100th Anniversary of Cooperative Extension

Delaware, Ohio--The Delaware County Board of Commissioners, during today's session, congratulated the Delaware County office of The Ohio State University Cooperative Extension on the 100th anniversary of its founding legislation.

"The Delaware County Board of Commissioners is proud to honor the Delaware County OSU Cooperative Extension Office and their outstanding ability to serve our community," shared Commission President Gary Merrell.

May 8, 2014 marks the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act establishing Cooperative Extension, the education system operating through land-grant universities in partnership with federal, state, and local governments. The OSU Extension Office in Delaware County prepares people for healthy, productive lives through sustained education, helping to break the cycle of poverty and reducing expenditures for federal and state-assisted programs, and educates families in the consumer sciences.

Commissioner Dennis Stapleton commented on the Extension Office's outstanding efforts to encourage a strong 4-H program among the Delaware County youth, helping to prepare them for responsible adulthood.

According to Rob Leeds, Director, the OSU Extension Office engages with rural and urban learners alike to strengthen the profitability of animal and plant production systems, protect natural resources, help people make healthful lifestyle choices, and encourages community vitality.

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