Wildlife Conservation Award Presented to Black River Audubon Society Co-Founder

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The Ohio Bluebird Society (OBS) awarded the late Jack Smith, co-founder of the Black River Audubon Society (BRAS), the prestigious Wildlife Conservation Award, for his numerous contributions benefiting conservation efforts throughout Lorain County and Ohio at the OBS Annual Education Conference on February 22, 2014 held at the OSU Fisher Auditorium in Wooster, Ohio .

The award was accepted by BRAS members, President Debbie Mohr and Education Chair Dick Lee. Mohr and Lee highlighted Smith's life and the influence he had on them personally along with the far reaching effects of his conservation work. Their short talks brought laughter, a few tears and a sense of knowing him personally as a humble, modest man who had a passion for life and the knowledge he shared with others.

The Wildlife Conservation award was created by OBS leaders and was first presented in 1995. The award recognizes a strong conservation ethic throughout Ohio and in selected locations elsewhere. The recognition is given to honor individuals and organizations who are committed to this concept but manage the expression of those concepts in many different ways.

For more information about the Black River Audubon Society call 440-225-7601.



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Jack Smith

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