Hardin County Extension News Release
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Lamb Banquet March 4

*Hardin County* - The Hardin County Sheep Improvement Association will hold their annual Lamb Banquet on Saturday, March 4 at St. John’s Evangelical Church in Kenton at 6:30 pm. Tickets for the banquet can be obtained from the Extension office at 1021 W. Lima Street, Suite 103, Kenton. Adult tickets are $15, Children $7, and 2016 Hardin County Junior Fair Sheep Exhibitors FREE with a reservation given at 419-674-2297 by February 24. Banquet guests are asked to arrive early to participate in the silent auction bidding for various items that were donated to provide funds for the scholarship program.

Tickets can be purchased until February 24 from the following county Sheep Improvement Association Directors: Dave Ramsey, Megan Burgess, Scott Elliott, Cory Wagner, Dave Burkhart, Kristie Fay, Max Garmon, Don Haudenschild, Kenny Williams, Jeff Bowers, Bruce Oberlitner, Peter Previte, or Russell Senning. Tickets can also be purchased from Madelyn Lowery. The banquet entertainment will consist of dinner music provided by the band ‘In a Jam’. A dinner will be prepared with various cuts of lamb for the banquet guests to enjoy.

The Hardin County Sheep Improvement Association is looking for 2017 Lamb & Wool Queen contestants and scholarship applicants. A queen applicant and her parent/guardian must be residents of Hardin County or a Hardin County School District prior to entering the contest, and live on a farm where sheep are produced or have a sheep project in the Hardin County Junior Fair to be eligible. Applicants must be 15 to 20 years of age as of January 1, 2017. Contestants must complete an entry form. For further information about the Lamb & Wool Queen contest, please contact the Sheep Improvement Association Queen Committee Chair, Kristie Fay at 419-673-8264.

The Hardin County Sheep Improvement Association is also offering two five hundred dollar scholarships to students entering/attending college for the 2017-2018 school year. An applicant and his/her parent/guardian must be residents of Hardin County or a Hardin County School District prior to entering
college, and must have had a sheep project and shown at the Hardin County Fair. The applicant must be maintaining a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

For more information about the scholarship, please contact the Sheep Improvement Association Scholarship Committee Chair, Peter Previte at 419-634-2202. Applications and rules for both the Hardin County Lamb & Wool Queen and the Scholarship are available from your school’s FFA advisor, high school guidance counselor, or can be obtained from the OSU Extension office and its website at hardin.osu.edu. Applications must be received at the Hardin County Extension Office by February 24, 2017.