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### **Hardin County Extension News Release**

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## **Beef Banquet March 26**

*Hardin County* - The Hardin County Cattle Producers will hold their annual Beef Banquet on Saturday, March 26 in the Community Building at the fairgrounds, starting at 6:00 pm. Pre-sale Adult tickets are \$13, Children (ages 7-18) \$6.50, and 2015 Hardin County Junior Fair Beef Barn Exhibitors FREE with a reservation given at 419-674-2297 or through any Cattle Producers Director by March 25th. Tickets at the door will be \$15. Children 6 and under are admitted free.

Tickets can be purchased from the following county Cattle Producers Directors: Holli Underwood, Rick Royer, Adam Billenstein, Paige Guenther, Deana Gibson, Dane Jeffers, Derek Dunson, Marcia Hoovler, Stacia Hall, Tracy Deckling, Aaron Hensel, or Wade Gibson. Tickets can also be obtained from the Extension Office at 1021 West Lima Street, Suite 103, Kenton.

The Hardin County Beef Ambassador Program (HCBAP) provides an opportunity for youth to educate consumers and students about beef nutrition, food safety and stewardship practices of the beef industry. The Beef Ambassador Team will promote the beef industry as they develop skills of leadership, communication and self-confidence. The Beef Ambassador Program seeks to educate team members about the beef industry so that they may be better prepared to tell their own story regarding agriculture.

To compete in the HCBAP annual contest, participants must be 14-19 years of age as of January 1, 2016. Participants or their families do not need to be actively involved in the beef industry; however, the participant must be a member of the Hardin County Cattle Producers at the time of application. Upon entrance into the HCBAP, contestants must prepare a short statement (30 words or less) outlining their message to consumers and submit the statement with the application. This statement will be used to compliment further performance during the contest to determine the program's strongest contestants.

Individuals may compete for a place on the ambassador team as long as they are eligible. Contestants may not enter any competition to serve as an ambassador for a competitive commodity group while serving as a Hardin County Beef Ambassador. Applications must be returned by March 18 to the OSU Extension Office, Hardin County, or to Marcia Hoovler at 17838 County Road 65, Belle Center, OH 43310 or email applications to [marciahoovler@hotmail.com](mailto:marciahoovler@hotmail.com).

The Hardin County Cattle Producers are offering up to five-\$500 scholarships to qualified students for the 2016-17 school year. Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who themselves or their parents are current members of the Hardin County Cattle Producers or currently have a beef cattle project in either 4-H or FFA. For an application, please contact the FFA Advisor or high school guidance counselor at any of the county schools. You can also download an application from [hardin.osu.edu](http://hardin.osu.edu) or pick one up at the OSU Extension office located at 1021 West Lima Street, Suite 103 in Kenton. Completed applications and transcripts are to be submitted to the Hardin County Extension Office by March 18. Questions regarding the scholarship process can be directed to Paige Guenther at 937-243-5315. The Hardin County Beef Banquet will be held March 26, starting at 6:00 pm in the Community Building at the fairgrounds.

## **Lamb Banquet Silent Auction**

This year there will be a new feature added to the Lamb Banquet on March 5 at St. John's Church, starting at 6:30 pm. The directors have decided to have a silent auction to help raise funds for the Sheep Improvement Association Scholarship. Please come prepared to place your written bids on a table the evening of the banquet. The highest bidder will take home the items, provided by various agribusinesses and individuals. Another great reason to attend this year's banquet in addition to the food, program, and company.