Lamb Banquet March 5

*Hardin County* - The Hardin County Sheep Improvement Association will hold their annual Lamb Banquet on Saturday, March 5 at St. John’s United Church of Christ 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 2015 Hardin County Junior Fair Sheep Exhibitors FREE with a reservation given at 419-674-2297 by February 29.

Tickets can be purchased until February 26 from the following county Sheep Improvement Association Directors: Adam Burbach, Megan Burgess, Scott Elliott, Barry Musselman, Cory Wagner, Dave Burkhart, Kristie Fay, Max Garmon, Don Haudenschield, Kenny Williams, Jeff Bowers, Bruce Oberlitner, Peter Previte, or Russell Senning. Tickets can also be purchased from Madelyn Lowery. The banquet entertainment will be a presentation on the International Sheep Tour to Scotland, England, Wales, and Ireland by retired Hancock County OSU Extension Educator Gary Wilson.

This year there will be a new feature added to the Lamb Banquet. 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.

The Hardin County Sheep Improvement Association is looking for 2016 Lamb & Wool Queen contestants and scholarship applicants. A queen applicant and their 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, 2016. 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 a five hundred dollar scholarship to a student entering/attending college for the 2016-2017 school year. An applicant and their 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 27, 2016.