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Winter Livestock Banquets
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Hardin County – Hardin County has a rich tradition of active livestock commodity group organizations. There are organizations for each of the major livestock species, and these groups have royalty and scholarship opportunities to recognize the youth of the county. In addition, each livestock organization has directors that plan and lead activities for their membership throughout the year. Besides promoting the youth of the county who have livestock, each group provides programs and activities for the adult producers to help promote their respective species.

One of the most common programs offered to livestock producers during the winter months in Hardin County are the livestock banquets. Most of the banquets have a speaker or entertainment as part of the program, along with a meal and often door prizes sponsored by the generous donations of local agribusinesses and individuals. Most of the livestock banquets have been ongoing events for many years, with the exception of the Horse Banquet, which was new last year.

This year’s Horse Banquet will kick-off the winter banquet season on February 27. The banquet will recognize the equine industry, including the youth and adults who work with horses in the county. It will be held at the Kenton Moose Lodge starting at 6:30 pm.

The Sheep Improvement Association will be holding their annual Lamb Banquet on March 5. This event will be at St. John’s United Church of Christ in Kenton starting at 6:30 pm, and will feature different cuts of lamb on the menu.
Two livestock banquets are being held on March 12. The Dairy Service Unit will be holding their Dairy Banquet at the Plaza Inn Restaurant in Mt. Victory starting at 12:00 noon. This banquet will feature dairy products as part of the menu. The Pork Producers will also hold their annual Pork Banquet on March 12 starting at 6:30 pm. It will be held at St. John’s United Church of Christ in Kenton.

The Cattle Producers will wrap up the livestock banquets by holding their annual Beef Banquet March 26. This event will be held at the Community Building on the fairgrounds, starting at 6:00 pm. Tickets for the horse or livestock commodity banquets can be obtained from each organization’s directors or from the Hardin County Extension office, located at 1021 W Lima Street in Kenton. Get your tickets soon for your family to be able to enjoy these wonderful events that bring together the agricultural community.

For more information about this year’s livestock banquets, contact OSU Extension or visit the Hardin County OSU Extension web site at hardin.osu.edu, the Hardin County OSU Extension Facebook page, or call Mark Badertscher, Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator at 419-674-2297.