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

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## **Lamb Banquet March 3**

*Hardin County* - The Hardin County Sheep Improvement Association will hold their annual Lamb Banquet on Saturday, March 3 at St. John's Evangelical Church in Kenton at 6:30 pm. Tickets for the banquet can be reserved from the Extension office by calling 419-674-2297 and paid for at the door the night of the banquet. Adult tickets are \$15, Children \$7, and 2017 Hardin County Junior Fair Sheep Exhibitors FREE with a reservation given to the Extension office by February 23. 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 23 from the following county Sheep Improvement Association Directors: Dave Ramsey, Megan Burgess, Scott Elliott, Cory Wagner, Dave Burkhart, Kristie Fay, Max Garmon, Kenny Williams, Jeff Bowers, Bruce Oberlitner, Peter Previte, or Russell Senning. The banquet entertainment will highlight the California Sheep Production Tour Experience as shared by OSU Extension Educator Mark Badertscher. 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 2018 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, 2018. Contestants must complete an entry form and prepare a three to five minute talk on the "Role of Youth in the Sheep Industry." 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 2018-2019 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 online at the [hardin.osu.edu](http://hardin.osu.edu) website. Hard copies of the applications can be obtained from the OSU Extension office if needed at 1021 W. Lima Street, Suite 103, Kenton. Applications must be received either online or at the Hardin County Extension Office by February 23, 2018.