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

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### **Pork Banquet March 17**

*Hardin County* - The Hardin County Pork Producers will hold their annual Pork Banquet on Saturday, March 17 at St. John's Evangelical Church, starting at 6:30 pm. The fun-filled evening will include selection of the Queen and Scholarship Recipients as well as amazing food and door prizes. Ticket prices are \$8, and half price for 2017 Hardin County Junior Fair Swine Exhibitors, as well as Fair Workers from the Food Pavilion, and children under the age of 12.

The banquet is open to all interested persons but advance tickets are required. Tickets can be purchased through March 9 from the following county Pork Producers Directors: Grant Mizek, Kevin (Dewey) Skidmore, Steve Searson, Doug & Christine Heilman, Tim Holbrook, Mark Watkins, Rob Wilson, Matthew Holbrook, Lavern & Nancy Weaver, Rob Underwood, Nathan Weaver, Tyler & Tiffany Sparks, Rusty Bingham, Wes VanScoy, and Jody Dye. Tickets can also be reserved from the Extension office by calling 419-674-2297.

The Hardin County Pork Producers are offering six \$500 scholarships to qualified students. Scholarships will be awarded to one student from each of the six county schools. Applicants must be a son/daughter of a Hardin County Pork Producer or have been a 4-H or FFA member who has/had swine projects at the Hardin County Fair. Questions about the scholarships can be addressed to Doug Heilman at 419-674-6267.

The Pork Producers are also looking for 2018 Pork Industry Queen Contestants. Eligible candidates for the title of Hardin County Pork Industry Queen must be age 15 through 19 as of January 1, 2018. In order to be eligible for State Pork Industry Queen contest, the entrant must be 17 prior to January 1 of the year they will be competing. Anyone qualified and interested can become Hardin County Pork Industry Queen, but only those who reside on a farm on which hogs are raised and is the daughter of parents now actively engaged in the production of pork will be eligible for the District III Contest in 2018. Selection will be held before a panel of judges

at the Pork Banquet on Saturday, March 17. Questions about the Pork Industry Queen can be addressed to Nancy Weaver at 567-674-0559.

Applications and rules for both the Hardin County Pork Producers Scholarships and Pork Industry Queen 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 March 1, 2018.