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

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## **Hardin County Dairy Banquet**

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*Hardin County* – The annual Hardin County Dairy Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 25 at 12:00 noon at the Plaza Inn Restaurant, Mt. Victory. Tickets this year are \$13.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 12 and under. Junior Fair Dairy Exhibitors from the 2016 Hardin County Fair are eligible for a complimentary ticket by contacting the Extension office.

Tickets are available until February 17 from the following county Dairy Service Unit Directors: Philip Bauer, Nate Cromer, Keith and Jean Dirkson, Corey Ledley, Chad Hazelton, Bret Rager, Larry and Janice Rall, Parry Rall, Vaughn Rall, Clair and Sue Sanders, Dan and Molly Wagner, or from the Extension Office at 1021 W. Lima Street, Suite 103, Kenton. The entertainment for the banquet will be Hope Hazelton sharing photos and experiences from her internship working on an Australian dairy farm.

The Hardin County Dairy Service Unit will be awarding a scholarship at their annual banquet. Funds raised from the association's semi-annual cheese sale are used to support higher education with this scholarship program. Eligible students must live on a dairy farm, have been raised on a dairy farm, work on a dairy farm, be pursuing a dairy related education, or have shown a dairy heifer or dairy cow project at the Hardin County Fair.

The Dairy Service Unit is also looking for a 2017 Dairy Princess. The Dairy Princess will represent the Hardin County Dairy Service Unit with promotion of the dairy industry at the county fair and other scheduled activities. Contestants must be unmarried, age 15 to 19 inclusive, or freshman in high school as of January 1, 2017. They must live on a dairy farm, must have a dairy project in 4-H or FFA and show at the fair, or work on a dairy farm.

Applications can be picked up at the Extension office for both the scholarship and princess at 1021 W. Lima Street, Suite 103 in Kenton or from Hardin County FFA advisors, high school guidance counselors, or download the application from [hardin.osu.edu](http://hardin.osu.edu). Both the dairy scholarship application and the dairy princess entry form must be completed and returned to the Extension office by February 17, 2017.