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

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## **Pork Banquet March 12**

*Hardin County* - The Hardin County Pork Producers will hold their annual Pork Banquet on Saturday, March 12 at St. John's United Church of Christ, 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 2015 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 7 from the following county Pork Producers Directors: Grant Mizek, Kevin (Dewey) Skidmore, Steve Searson, Doug & Christine Heilman, Tim Holbrook, Mark Watkins, Luke Underwood, Rob Wilson, Dick Cronley, Matthew Holbrook, Lavern & Nancy Weaver, Mike Martino, Rob Underwood, Nathan Weaver, Tyler & Tiffany Sparks, and Lane Ritchey. Tickets can also be obtained from the Extension office at 1021 West Lima Street, Suite 103, Kenton.

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. For an application, please contact the FFA Advisor or high school guidance counselor at any of the county schools. You can also download an application from [hardin.osu.edu](http://hardin.osu.edu) or pick one up at the OSU Extension office. Completed applications are to be mailed to Douglas Heilman, 10333 County Road 265, Kenton, Ohio 43326. The deadline for returning the completed scholarship application is March 1, 2016.

The Pork Producers are also looking for 2016 Pork Queen Contestants. Eligible candidates for the title of Hardin County Pork Queen must be age 15 through 19 as of January 1, 2016. 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 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 2016. Contestants must complete an entry form to enter the contest.

For further information or an entry form, please contact the Ohio State University Extension office, call 419-674-2297, or visit [hardin.osu.edu](http://hardin.osu.edu) to download an application. Entries should be mailed to Nancy Weaver, 9380 County Road 265, Kenton, Ohio 43326 by March 1, 2016. Selection will be held before a panel of judges at the Pork Banquet on Saturday, March 12, 2016.