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Beef Banquet March 7

Hardin County - The Hardin County Cattle Producers will hold their annual Beef Banquet on Saturday, March 7 in the Community Building at the fairgrounds, starting at 6:00 pm. Pre-sale adult tickets are \$15 (\$20 at the door), youth ages 6-12 are \$7.50 (\$10 at the door), kids under 6 years old are free, and 2019 Hardin County Junior Fair Beef Barn Exhibitors are free with a reservation given to any Cattle Producers Director. Please request pre-sale tickets by February 26.

Tickets can be purchased from the following county Cattle Producers Directors: Marcia Hoovler, Adam Billenstein, Jeff Oestreich, Holli Underwood, Stacia Hall-Boughan, Derek Dunson, Dane Jeffers, Traci Jolliff, Deana Gibson, Dick Cronley, Mark Badertscher, and Heather Searson. Reservations can also be made by calling the Extension office at 419-674-2297 by February 26 and pay at the door.

The new Hardin County Beef Ambassadors will be announced the night of the banquet. The Hardin County Beef Ambassador Program provides an opportunity for youth to educate consumers and students about beef nutrition, food safety, and stewardship practices of the beef industry. The Beef Ambassador Team will promote the beef industry as they develop skills of leadership, communication and self-confidence. The Beef Ambassador Program seeks to educate team members about the beef industry so that they may be better prepared to tell their own story regarding agriculture. Applicants for the Beef Ambassador Program can go to go.osu.edu/hardinbeefambassador to download an application which must be completed and turned into the OSU Extension office with a recent photo by the March 4 deadline.

Scholarship winners will also be announced the night of the banquet. The Hardin County Cattle Producers are offering \$500 scholarships to qualified students for the 2020-21 school year. Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who themselves or their parents are current members of the Hardin County Cattle Producers or currently have a beef cattle project in either 4-H or FFA. Applicants for the Cattle Producers scholarships can go to go.osu.edu/hardinbeefscholarship to apply by the March 4 deadline. Printed copies of these applications can be obtained from the OSU Extension office.

The Cattle Producers Service Award will be presented as well at the annual Beef Banquet. The Service Award is presented to a person or organization that has demonstrated dedication to the mission of the Hardin County Cattle Producers.