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Wise Notes for Consumers

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Estate Planning

Estate planning is a critical process to protect your assets and your loved ones during your life and after your death. To assist Wise County residents in accomplishing the goal of estate planning, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension – Wise County is hosting an Estate Planning seminar on Tuesday, October 29th from 9:30 – 3:00 pm at the Decatur Conference Center.

Dr. Jason Johnson, Professor and Extension Economist with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will cover essential concepts and documents everyone should consider as a part of an estate plan. Just a few of the topics include:

- Estate planning overview;
- What happens without a will;
- Documents you should consider;
- Brief overview of estate tax;
- Setting up a trust; and
- Insurance.

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This Estate Planning workshop is designed to allow individuals to consider many of the important issues associated with preserving and/or passing their assets to their desired beneficiaries. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is in the unique position to deliver this information because the workshop is purely educational, with no specific products or services are being sold. Participants will gain information that they can use to make decisions and better communicate their intentions with the professional team of trusted advisors and attorneys of their own choosing.

The seminar is sponsored in part by First Financial Bank, First State Bank, and Texas Farm Bureau. Representatives will join us in the afternoon to discuss and answer questions related to proper titling of assets, uses of various trust accounts and utilizing life insurance as an estate planning tool.

The registration fee is \$15 per person and helps to cover the cost of class materials, facility use, refreshments and lunch. To register, contact the Wise County Extension office at 940.627.3341. Make plans to join us to gain information on how to put a plan into place to settle your affairs.

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