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### **Estate Planning Workshop**

I have more details on the Estate Planning workshop that I talked about last week in this newspaper. We will have two locations for people who would like to learn more about the options for financial planning, the use of life insurance, long term health care, plus wills, trusts, LLCs, and more.

The first program will be offered on Wed. March 30 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hillsboro Campus of Southern State Community College and the session will be repeated at Eastern Brown High School at 6:00 p.m. On March 30 we will cover some of the basics dealing with transitioning the family business (farm) to the next generation, how to be “fair”, or maybe I should say what is “fair” when there are multiple heirs. Splitting it equally may seem fair, but is it if one or more of the heirs are involved in the family business while others have careers and/or lives away from the family business?

The first session will also discuss some of the financial planning when it comes to investments, long term health care or even the use of life insurance as part of the plan. These are just a few of the tools that may be used to help be fair, but not necessarily equal.

The second date will be April 6 at the same locations and same times. This date will include an attorney who specializes in Estate Planning and Agriculture. This session will get into more of the details about the tools like Wills, Trusts, and LLCs.

If you plan to attend either of these locations, please call and let us know. At this point we are planning to keep the cost at a bare minimum. If you plan to attend in Hillsboro, please call Tammy at the Highland Co. Extension Office at 393-1918. If you plan to attend the Eastern Brown HS location, call Cindy at the Brown Co. Extension Office at 378-6716.

### **Farm and Family Night is March 8**

The Farm and Family Night program will be held next Tuesday, March 8 at the Maysville Community and Technical College. The program begins at 5:00 p.m. and the meal is free if you have a ticket. Free tickets can be picked up at your local OSU Extension Offices in Adams, Brown, Clermont and Highland Counties while supplies last.

The program includes over 60 educational programs to choose from with topics for the entire family. There will also be a trade show. For a full list of educational programs and events at the Farm and Family Night go to your local Extension office or online at <http://adams.osu.edu> in Adams Co.; or <http://brown.osu.edu> in Brown and <http://highland.osu.edu> in Highland.



## **Southwest Corn Growers Annual Meeting**

Just a reminder that the Southwest Corn Growers Association will have their annual meeting on March 9 in Washington Court House beginning at 6:00pm in the Fine Art Building on the Fayette County Fairgrounds. Please RSVP by calling (740) 335-1150. There is no cost for the meal or meeting.

## **GAP Training Opportunities**

GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) is required of all tobacco producers who plan to market tobacco through a contract with a tobacco company, to the best of my knowledge. If you plan to raise a crop in 2016 you will need this training.

The remaining dates are March 7 at the Southern Hills Career Center Board Office at 2:00 p.m.; at North Adams High School at 6:30 p.m. and then on March 8 at Southern Hills Career Center Board Office at 10:00 a.m. There is no charge for this training, but space is limited. To reserve a seat you need to call Barbie at the Adams Co. Extension Office to register at 544-2339.

## **Small Farm Conference in Wilmington**

It is hard to believe it is already March. The Reds first spring training game is today. Time is ticking on getting registered for this outstanding event coming up in just a couple of weeks. The 2016 Southwest Ohio Small Farm Conference and Trade Show will be held on March 11 and 12. There will be sessions on Friday March 11 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. covering Meat Goat Management and Micro Irrigation Essentials and Management. Saturday will begin with the trade show and registration at 7:45 a.m. with the programs beginning at 9:30. There are several sessions to choose from throughout the day. The tracks, with several sessions geared toward these subjects, include: Marketing, Livestock Production, Business Management, Women in Agriculture, Crop Management, Thinking Ahead, and Miscellaneous.

Registration deadline is March 4. For registration information and a complete list of the sessions go to your local OSU Extension Office or log onto <http://agmr.osu.edu/small-farm-programs>. For those who do not have internet access, and would like to register, you may also contact any of the three local OSU Extension Offices in Adams, Brown or Highland Counties. Phone numbers are: Adams (937) 544-2339; Brown (937) 378-6716 and Highland (937) 393-1918. My cell is (937) 515-2314 and my email is [dugan.46@osu.edu](mailto:dugan.46@osu.edu)

## **Dates to Remember**

- Mar. 7      GAP for tobacco producers will be held at Southern Hills CTC Board Office in Georgetown at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration required and seating is limited. Call Barbie at 544-2339.
- Mar. 7      GAP at North Adams HS at 6:30 p.m. Pre-registration required and seating is limited. Call Barbie at 544-2339.
- Mar. 8      GAP at Southern Hills CTC Board Office at 10:00 a.m. Pre-registration required and seating is limited. Call Barbie at 544-2339.

Mar. 8 Farm and Family Night at Maysville Community and Technical College beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets are available at your local OSU Extension Office.

Mar. 11 Three hour Fertilizer Certification for those without a pesticide license at Wilmington College in Boyd Cultural Arts Center. To register contact Tony Nye at Clinton Co. Extension Office at 937-382-0901 or go to <http://pested.osu.edu>