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Chamber Hosts 38th Annual Ag Breakfast

MASON CITY, IA – The Mason City Chamber of Commerce will host the 38th Annual Ag Breakfast at 7AM on Thursday, March 19th at The Music Man Square. The 2020 event theme is, “Forecasting for the Future.” In addition to the educational programming, guests will enjoy made-to-order omelets prepared by local business people.

A recent Ag study revealed a big shift in farmer ages. For the first time, growers who are older than 65 outnumber those younger than 45. This significant shift raises major implications for the future of agriculture. Farming is no longer sustainable as a ‘one-man show.’ Instead, farms must operate as medium to large size businesses.

Former Iowa Legislator Josh Byrnes will moderate a panel comprised of local experts on the future of modern agriculture. Byrnes was a member of the Iowa Agriculture Education Committee during his time in the legislature. Panelists include local farmer Steve Strasheim with Twisted River Farm; Extension Economist Alejandro Plastina; and Landus Cooperative Grain Marketing Advisor Ashley Smeby. Attendees are asked to submit questions for the panelists prior to the breakfast. Forecasting the future of agriculture is crucial for North Iowa’s economic success.

Tickets are available for Chamber members in full tables (10 seats) for \$100, or half a table (5 seats) for \$50. Individual tickets are \$12 each and student tickets are \$5. Non-members can contact the Chamber for pricing details. Purchase tickets online at masoncityia.com.

The Mason City Area Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based organization with a mission to promote progressive community and economic development to benefit Chamber members and the North Iowa region.

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