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Deputy Secretary of Agriculture to Speak at Women's Leadership Series

MASON CITY, IA – Iowa Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Julie Kenney is presenting at the Chamber's popular ***Breaking Glass Leadership Series*** scheduled at 8AM on Thursday, February 25 at the North Iowa Regional Commerce Center. Offered by the Chamber's Program Committee, this session is sponsored by Clear Lake Bank & Trust.

Breaking Glass offers a unique learning experience to help women stretch their leadership potential, drive their careers with vision and purpose, and make a greater impact within their organizations. These workshops challenge attendees to optimize their role as women in the workforce.

Julie Kenney grew up on her family's crop and livestock farm in rural Iowa. She spent nearly 15 years in the agribusiness, serving in marketing and communication roles for private industry, state, and national associations, before being appointed Deputy Secretary of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship in 2018.

Deputy Kenney has been an advocate for Iowa agriculture through her work to remove the misconceptions and myths surrounding farming and food. She regularly hosts international visitors and media influencers on her farm.

In an industry perceived as predominantly male, Deputy Kenney will share obstacles she's faced along and way, and the unique perspective women bring to agriculture.

Tickets are \$10 each for employees of Chamber member businesses and \$20 for non-members. In-person attendance is limited to 25, however, a virtual option is also available. Register online at masoncityia.com or contact Allyson Krull (akrull@masoncityia.com) at the Chamber for more information.

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