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Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce Hosts Ag Luncheon

The Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce will host its 38th Annual Ag Luncheon on Thursday, March 21 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds Pavilion. This year's program will once again feature Dr. David Kohl, who is heralded as a speaker that is full of energy, wisdom, and is requested year after year. Dr. Kohl, Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Finance and Small Business Management and Entrepreneurship at Virginia Tech, brings his personal involvement with agriculture and interaction with key industry players to provide a unique perspective into the future trends of the agricultural industry and economy that you won't want to miss.

The day will start out at 10:00 AM with coffee and a seminar as Dr. Kohl talks about "Agriculture: The Road Ahead", bringing some insight into the ag economy, the current economic transition and what managers can do to be proactive as well as what he sees as trends national and globally. The morning session will end around 11:00 and lunch will start promptly at 11:30 with the keynote presentation starting at noon.

The keynote consists of the presentation of the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce's Friend of Ag Award, the presentation by the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners Conservation Awards and Dr. Kohl's keynote message titled "The Top 10 Reasons to Be Optimistic About Agriculture Today".

Tickets are \$14 and are available from the Ag Luncheon sponsors or from the Chamber of Commerce at 563-927-4141. Sponsors for this year include: Delaware County Bankers Association, KMCH, Delaware County Farm Bureau, Alliance Pipeline, American Family Insurance-Tadd Moorman Agency, American Trust & Savings Bank, BARD Materials, Boubin Tire, Citizens State Bank, Community Savings Bank, Consolidated Energy, Delaware County Cattlemen, Delaware County Dairy Council, Delaware County Fair Society, Delaware County Pork Producer and Porkette Association, Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation, Delaware County Value Added Ag, Delhi Insurance Agency Inc., Dolan Insurance Agency, F&M Bank and F&M Iowa Realty, Farm Credit Services of America, Farmers Savings Bank, Fidelity Bank & Trust, GNB Bank, Edwin Geers, Heritage Bank, Hutchison Lumber & Building Products, Iowa State Extension and Outreach-Delaware County, Jim Fisher-Edward Jones Investments, KDST, Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce, Monaghan Financial Services, Maquoketa Valley Electric Cooperative, Norbys Farm Fleet, NICC Manchester Center, Simon's Grain & Feed Service, Three Rivers FS

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