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Dear Farmers Appreciation Day supporter,

Iowa County Farmers Appreciation Day will be celebrated for the 38th consecutive year on **Sunday, July 14**. Again this year, we are hoping we can count on your support to make it a successful event.

A variety of activities are being planned for the weekend. On Saturday night, we are teaming up with Upland Hills Health for their annual Sip & Savor event at Harris Park. The night will feature tasty food and drinks from the best restaurants, bakeries, breweries and wineries in southwest Wisconsin. Live music will provide a fun and social atmosphere before the spectacular City of Dodgeville fireworks show.

Sunday will kick off with a parade, followed by entertainment, activities and food in downtown Dodgeville. The after-parade festivities will be held in the parking lot behind the Iowa County Courthouse. It is our hope that more parade goers take advantage of participating in the after-parade fun and support our local organizations and businesses. Iowa County Farm Bureau among others will have food stands while the Dodgeville Lions Club will be serving their famous deep fried cheese curds. Local 4-H clubs will be selling ice cream and the Dodger Food Locker will have several sweet treats available. The ladies of the Upland Hills Health Auxiliary will of course have a variety of pies on hand for dessert as well. There will be activities for the youngsters and plenty of fun for people of all ages!

The event is Iowa County's way of saying thank you to farmers and agribusinesses for their positive impact on the communities in which we live. The committee also uses funds to award college scholarships, support youth programs at the Iowa County Fair, and contribute to local 4-H clubs, FFA chapters and other community groups. This year's event will honor the late Bob McNeill and Dave Ladd. Two of the original founders of the event, Bob and Dave were avid supporters of the rural community and true servant leaders giving much of their time to local organizations and the people they cared so deeply about.

The organizing committee has worked hard to make this a family-oriented event, and to do so, has kept costs of the day's food and activities to a minimum. We are able to do this each year with the help of supporters like you. All contributions, regardless of the amount, are sincerely appreciated. Please use the enclosed envelope to send your monetary contribution by **June 25**. All sponsors will be appropriately recognized.

If you have any questions or input, please contact one of the committee members listed below. We thank you in advance for your continued support of Farmers Appreciation Day!

Sincerely,

Farmers Appreciation Day Committee

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