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PRESS RELEASE:

PLATTEVILLE DAIRY DAYS PARADE MARSHALLS ANNOUNCED

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The Platteville Dairy Days Committee would like to announce the Parade Marshalls for our 74th Platteville Dairy Days Parade taking place on Saturday, September 11th. Each year the group tries to recognize a person, family, or group that has played a significant role in building the quality of life for our Platteville community in regards to agriculture in general, or has been instrumental in the growth of our Dairy Days event. This year, we are honored to have the Ellis Family represent our 74th Annual Parade as Parade Marshalls.

Terri, her late husband, Barry, and children Sarah and Dan, have played prominent roles in developing music in and around the Platteville area for approximately two decades, and will be recognized for their achievements. The Ellis Family entered our community in 1991 with Barry serving as a Professor of Music at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville for 27 years. Barry served as conductor of the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and University Orchestra. During his tenure, Barry also directed the Marching Pioneers, Basketball Pep Band, Symphony Band and served as a private instructor in bassoon, saxophone, and oboe. He was the director of

UW-Platteville Summer Band Camp, and Founder and Director of the UW-Platteville Tri-State Honors Band Festival. There are numerous other accolades bestowed upon Barry, too many to mention, but he was also the director of the City Band, and played an important part in the Music in the Park series for many years.

Terri, is a retired music educator currently serving as an adjunct flute instructor at UW-Platteville. She taught general music in the Darlington Schools from 1997-2003, and in Dodgeville from 2003-2019, where she taught general music, middle school band, and orchestra. Her teaching career spanned 29 years overall. She often brought her Marching Bands to compete in the Dairy Days Parade. Terri was involved with the event in other ways as well, organizing the Dairy Days Talent Showcase for many years. She continues to be active musically, performing with many groups and ensembles, singing with the Platteville Chorale, and serving as President of its Board. Last holiday she coordinated carolers for the Downtown Friday nights. She is also a volunteer for the PCA and a member of the Platteville Optimist Club and will be serving up delicious cheese curds at the Dairy Days stand.

Daughter Sarah is an NYC-based actor, concert artist, creator and a producer with a passion for community building across the visual and performing arts. Son Dan, was born and raised in Platteville and participated in band, choir, and orchestra and performed in many high school musicals. He studied oboe at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, and continues performing at a distinguished level throughout the country, residing in Taylors, SC.

The Ellis Family is honored to be recognized as Marshalls of the Dairy Days Parade. It has been 3 years since Barry's passing and the family has been graciously honored with expressions of admiration for Barry from former students, colleagues, and friends. They would

like to thank all those that already have, and continue to donate to the UWP Music Scholarship in his memory and support the department through the Barry L. Ellis Swinging for Scholarships Golf Outing each year.