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**United Cooperative employee organizes Toys for Tots drop box in Hartford**

Dec. 7, 2009, BEAVER DAM – On Saturday, Dec. 12, U.S. Marines will visit United Cooperative and the Cenex convenience store on Highway 60 in Hartford. Beth Feldman, administrative assistant at the Hartford United Cooperative, has organized a Toys for Tots drop box in honor of her sons, U.S. Marines, who are currently serving this country in the war on terror.

“My son, Brian, who is 24, is in Iraq, and my son, Steven, who is 21, is in Afghanistan,” stated Feldman. “Toys for Tots is sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps, and Brian has been involved with the program for the last two years. Since he is over seas this year, I decided to step in and take his place,” she added.

Feldman organized a Toys for Tots drop box at the United Cooperative and Cenex convenience store in Hartford. New, unwrapped toys can be delivered to the Highway 60 location now through Dec. 16. However, on Saturday, Dec. 12, U.S. Marines will visit the store from 10 a.m. to noon. “Parents can bring their children to meet some real, live heroes and donate toys at the same time,” commented Feldman, “Brian absolutely adored participating in events like this, and the toys will stay local, too,” she noted.

In lieu of toys, monetary donations can be dropped off, also. “I will have a special box for money contributions; checks can be made out to “Toys for Tots,” said Feldman.

Formed in 1936, United Cooperative is a full-service cooperative offering feed, grain, agronomy, and energy products and services to south-central Wisconsin farmers and consumers.

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