



# Ties to the Land



## Your Resource Partners in Kenosha and Racine Counties:

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Farm Service Agency Office

Kenosha County Land & Water Conservation  
Natural Resources Conservation Service

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## 2005-2007 CROP DISASTER PROGRAM

As of the writing of this article no sign up deadline has been announced for the Disaster Program or Livestock Compensation Program.

To qualify for the Disaster Program your farm(s) must have sustained losses that have exceeded 35% of the farm(s) INSURED actual production in any of the years 2005, 2006 or 2007.

The Livestock Compensation Program is a program to help defray the costs of pasture lost during the drought of 2005. Please call this office if you pasture your animals and think you may be eligible for this program.

## 2007 FARM BILL UPDATE

Many of you have stopped by the office and asked about 2008 programs. As of the publication of this newsletter, the Farm Bill has not been passed.

Thus, the details and determinations of future programs are still unknown. We hope that by the time you read this we have an optimal Farm Bill that takes into account all of the stakeholders affected by its policies.

Without knowing what the new Farm Bill will bring, we still do not know if the 2007 Landowner Statements will roll forward for 2008. If you want to play it safe and guarantee yourself an advance payment, you can pass by the office and pick some up, and mail them to landowners along with your rent payments.

## REPORT FARM AND PERSONAL CHANGES TO FSA

If there are changes in the land you own or operate, changes in your address, your bank account (for direct deposit), or any changes in the structure of your operation, it is very important that you report these changes to the FSA office immediately. Special



emphasis needs to be placed on the requirement to report to your local FSA office any changes as a result of the creation of trusts, LLCs, partnerships or other entity. The change of land ownership or contract shares from an individual to one of the above mentioned entities, could impact your eligibility and other contract requirements. Contact your FSA office for additional details.

## **COMMODITY LOANS AND LDP'S**

FSA wants to remind you that the deadline to apply for loans and loan deficiency payments (LDP) for unshorn pelts, wool and mohair produced in calendar year 2007 is January 31, 2008.

The deadline to put 2007 crop wheat, small grains, many minor oilseeds, and honey under a 9-month loan or apply for a LDP is March 31, 2008. And, the last day to request a 9-month loan on your 2007 corn or soybean crops is May 31, 2008.

The interest rate for November, 2007 was 5.125%. Loan rates are:

2007 Crop	Per Bushel Rate
Corn	\$1.93
Soybeans	\$5.03
Wheat/Racine	\$2.47
Wheat/Kenosha	\$2.52
Oats	\$1.38
Barley	\$1.65

## **NAP COVERAGE DEADLINE**

March 15, 2008 is the deadline for producers to apply for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, or NAP, at the county FSA office. The application and service fee must be filed by the application closing date of March 15th for 2008 spring seeded crops, including vegetables. **March 15th is also the sales closing date for many spring seeded crops for Federal Crop Insurance** – check with your local crop insurance agent for additional details and deadlines.

The service fee for NAP coverage is \$100 per crop per county or \$300 per producer per county. The fee cannot exceed a total of \$900 per producer with farming interest in multiple counties.

Limited resource producers interested in obtaining NAP coverage on their Perennial Crops acreage should visit their local USDA Service Center as soon as possible to complete an application for their 2008 acres. Perennial

Crops include apples, grapes, blackberries, blueberries, cranberries, raspberries, strawberries, honey, and maple sap.

Producers are reminded that NAP coverage is only available for crops where coverage is not available under the Federal Crop Insurance Program (FCIC).

Notices of losses on crops covered by NAP must be filed with the local FSA Office within 15 days of the date of the disaster. Notices of loss must be filed for each loss related weather event or condition that causes damage to the crop.

## **CONTINUOUS CRP AND CREP AVAILABLE**

Environmentally desirable land devoted to certain conservation practices may be enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) at any time under continuous sign up provisions. Offers are automatically accepted provided the land and producer meet certain eligibility requirements.

To be eligible, cropland must have been planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity 4 of the 6 crop years between 1996 and 2001, and is physically and legally capable of being planted to an agricultural commodity. Also, certain marginal pastureland is eligible for enrollment as a riparian buffer.

Eligible conservation practices for the CRP continuous signup include riparian buffers, wildlife habitat buffers, wetland buffers, filter strips, wetland restoration, grass waterways, shelterbelts, living snow fences, contour grass strips, and shallow water areas for wildlife.

For additional information or to set up an appointment to determine if your land is eligible, contact your local FSA county office.

## **COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS**

Every year producers in our counties elect a committee member from their peers to help deliver federal farm programs in their rotating LAA area.

Our County Committee here in Racine Kenosha County is composed of four members, who are elected by fellow farmers to serve farmers. There are two committee seats up for election this year. However, as of the writing of this article the ballots for this year's election have not been counted and the results cannot be announced. We will inform you of the election results as soon as possible.



## **FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE MINORITY ADVISORS**

USDA firmly believes county committees should represent the interests of all agricultural producers of a county or area. Thus, in addition each committee may have a COC Advisor. The advisor's responsibilities are to serve as a representative of under-served communities in the county and ensure that their interests are fairly represented. This is a paid position including credit for the time the County Committee meets, as well as paid mileage. The meeting usually amounts to three or four hours per month. To be eligible to be a minority advisor you must be a landowner or operator in Racine or Kenosha County.

Please call the FSA office at 262-87-3353 #100 if you would be interested in service as an advisor or would like more information about this position.

## **RETIRING COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

At this time we would like to focus on two County Committee members who will be retiring at the end of 2007. They are retiring because they have served the maximum nine years as County Committee members.

### **JOHN VYVYAN**

John is a dairy/cash grain farmer in the town of Yorkville. John has served as County Committee Chairman in the recent years. John has been very proactive and a great advocate of farmers, the program and the office and staff. Overall we could count on him for anything we needed at the drop of a hat. We thank John for his time and dedication during these past nine years.

### **CAROL LOIS**

Carol was the first female elected to the Racine/Kenosha County Committee. She is married and works closely with her husband on a milking operation in Wheatland Township. It has been a standing joke that it was promised to Carol that she would never win the upcoming election, but we needed a female on the ballot. Well, the farmers in her area knew of Carol and they knew she would be a great asset to the committee and she was elected. Carol has also been a great advocate of program, farmers and our office and staff. We thank Carol for her time and effort during these past years.

## **FOREIGN LANDOWNER NOTIFICATION**

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. FSA administers this program. Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in these counties are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25% of the fair market value of the property. County government offices, realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements. It is the foreign person's responsibility to report the land transactions.

## **GUARANTEED LINE OF CREDIT LOANS**

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides loan guarantees to commercial lenders up to 90% on lines of credit. Lenders in turn assist credit worthy applicants that otherwise would not meet the lender's credit standards. Producers interested in an FSA guaranteed line of credit to address their annual operating credit needs should discuss them with a commercial lender. Information is available from local USDA Service Centers, or on the FSA website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/>

## **E-SIGN ON**

Are you too busy in the farm to come to the office? Are you confused about how much money you are receiving from USDA? Do you need USDA financial documentation to file your 2007 income taxes? The USDA Customer Statement brings you unprecedented **free** access to your business activities with USDA 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

Your Customer Statement allows you to view:

- Participation and application status in various conservation programs.
- Payments associated with commodity and conservation programs.
- Information on farm loans.
- Conservation plan and land unit information.

You can access the secure, confidential report online, any place, and any time. You are also able to print the report. Remember this report is **FREE** of charge, and is a very convenient form of keeping track of your finances. If you are interested in acquiring a Customer Statement please visit the website listed below, or contact the FSA office.

*<http://customerstatement.usda.gov/>*







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### **Racine County Tree Orders**

February 22, 2008 is the last day to order trees through the Racine County Land Conservation Division. Order early to ensure the trees you've selected will be available. Please make sure to include: the order form, tax in the total cost, a personal check payable to Racine County, and a daytime phone number if questions arise or if tree stock is unavailable. If you have any questions, contact our office at 262-886-8479.



Tree pick-up is anticipated for mid-late April at the Racine County Fairgrounds in Union Grove. A notice will be sent with information about the exact dates and times of pick-up. **Tree order forms are available on-line** at [www.racineco.com](http://www.racineco.com) under the Land Conservation Link, or under "T" for Tree Order Blank.

### **Land and Water Resource Funds Available**

Are you considering any conservation practices for you land this year? Do not hesitate to apply for **your** cost-share funding today! The Racine County Land Conservation Division may cover 70% of the cost of your project. Our office has over \$75,000 in grant monies to distribute to Racine County landowners with eligible conservation projects in 2008. Contact our office to apply for the program at 262-886-8479.



*Wetland Restoration*

*Grassed Waterway*

*Barnyard Runoff Control*

### **Well Decommissioning**

Are there any unused wells on your farm or rural property? You may be eligible to receive cost sharing up to 70% to cover the cost of properly filling and sealing the well. Visit the Wisconsin DNR website for information on properly abandoning your well at [www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/dwg/Forms/wellabandonment.pdf](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/dwg/Forms/wellabandonment.pdf) or contract our office at 262-886-8479 for more information.



### **Nutrient Management Classes Scheduled for Walworth, Racine and Kenosha County Farmers**

Farmers who are interested in writing a nutrient management plan for their farm can learn to do so through a class offered February 5-6th, 2008.

The classes will cover soil sampling and testing for nutrient management planning, updating farm conservation plans and farm maps, estimating annual livestock manure quantities, documenting and planning crop rotations, identifying fields with manure spreading restrictions, analyzing soil test reports and calculating nutrient credits for livestock manure and legumes. A portion of the class will be dedicated to teaching software tools that will assist farmers with nutrient management planning.

The information covered in the class will enable participants to write a nutrient management plan according to NRCS 590 Standard. Soil tests from participants land will be needed as part of the class.



Details are still being worked out; however, individuals interested in more information about the class should contact: Racine County Land Conservation, 262-886-8479; Kenosha County Land and Water Conservation, 262-857-1895; Racine County UW Extension, 262-886-8460; or Kenosha County UW Extension, 262-857-1945.



# KENOSHA COUNTY 2008 TREE ORDER FORM

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

19600 75TH STREET

P.O. BOX 520

BRISTOL, WI 53104

(262) 857-1895

*Selections were approved by UW Extension  
Horticulture Educator and Master Gardener  
to be well-suited for Kenosha County*

Office Use Only

COMMON NAME	SIZE RANGE	PRICE/25 TREES	QUANTITY	TOTAL PRICE
<b>EVERGREENS</b>				
COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE	12 to 16" – TP	\$20.00		
NORWAY SPRUCE	7 to 15" – TP	\$20.00		
WHITE FIR	7 to 15" – TP	\$20.00		
WHITE PINE	7 to 15" – TP	\$20.00		
EMERALD GREEN ARBORVITAE	12 to 18" – TP	\$20.00		
<b>DECIDUOUS TREES</b>				
AMERICAN HAZELNUT	18 to 24" – S	\$20.00		
AMERICAN PLUM	18 to 24" – S	\$20.00		
BICOLOR OAK	24 to 36" – S	\$20.00		
BLACK CHERRY	24 to 36" – S	\$20.00		
NORTHERN RED OAK	24 to 36" – S	\$20.00		
RED MAPLE	18 to 24" – S	\$20.00		
SUGAR MAPLE	18 to 24" – S	\$20.00		
WHITE SPIRE BIRCH	24 to 36" – S	\$20.00		
<b>SHRUBS</b>				
AMERICAN CRANBERRY	18 to 24" – S	\$20.00		
AMERICAN ELDERBERRY	24 to 36" – S	\$20.00		
BUTTERFLY BUSH	24 to 36" – S	\$20.00		
COMMON LILAC	18 to 24" – S	\$20.00		
DOWNY SERVICEBERRY	24 to 36" – S	\$20.00		
GRAY DOGWOOD	18 to 24" – S	\$20.00		
<b>OTHER ITEMS</b>				
WATER GEL	1 Bag / 400 Trees	\$3.00 PER BAG		

**S=Seedlings; TP=Transplants**

Kenosha County is offering both Seedlings and Transplants for you to select from. Seedlings are grown direct from seeds and typically are about 2 to 3 years in age. Transplants are seedlings which have been replanted, and are usually hardier, with a heavier stem, and more roots and branches.

**GRAND  
TOTAL**

NAME _____	PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____	EMAIL _____
CITY _____	STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING: FEBRUARY 29, 2008**

**ALL PRICES INCLUDE SALES TAX. SINGLE ORDERS OF 500 TREES OR MORE RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT**

**ORDER FORMS ARE ALSO ON THE WEB AT [http://www.co.kenosha.wi.us/plandev/conservation/tree\\_prgm.html](http://www.co.kenosha.wi.us/plandev/conservation/tree_prgm.html)**

**MAKE CHECK or MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: KENOSHA COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**ALL STOCK IS PERISHABLE, AND MUST BE PICKED-UP ON DELIVERY DAY, MID-APRIL (WILL SEND NOTICE)**

**PLEASE NOTE: PLANTS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR FORESTRY, WINDBREAKS, WILDLIFE, AND CONSERVATION**

**ORDER EARLY - LIMITED SUPPLY - CHECKS WILL BE RETURNED IF YOUR ORDER CANNOT BE FILLED**

**FULL PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE ORDER NO REFUND/WARRANTY ON ALL PRODUCTS**

**CHECK HERE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE NEXT YEARS ORDER FORM ( )**

COMMON NAME	DESCRIPTION AND CHARACTERISTICS
<b>AMERICAN CRANBERRY</b> GROWTH RATE- FAST	a.k.a. Highbush Cranberry - grows to 15' and rounded in shape. They make a great hedge or privacy screen. Flowers are very small, white, similar to other ornamental Viburnums. Yellow to red-purple fall color. The fruit is showy red and very persistent, remaining on the bushes well after frost and brightening the winter landscape. Use fruits in jelly, preserves or sauces.
<b>AMERICAN ELDERBERRY</b> GROWTH RATE – FAST	This native shrub is grown for its fruit (for use in jellies, pies or wine) or its use in landscapes for wildlife habitat (especially songbirds). Elderberries are both drought- and cold-tolerant, adapt to almost any soil type and most drainage conditions and have few pests. They grow 6 to 12 feet high in an oval or rounded shape. The white flower clusters are generally 6 to 10 inches in diameter and are showy with a nice fragrance.
<b>AMERICAN HAZELNUT</b> GROWTH RATE - MEDIUM	The American Hazelnut grows to be 15 to 18' in height, does well in full sun or partial shade and in a wide range of well drained soils. The tasty nuts are highly prized by people and wildlife, Hazelnut hedges can be used as windbreaks, visual screens, and to attract wildlife including; squirrels, deer, turkey, pheasants, grouse, quail, and jay.
<b>AMERICAN PLUM</b> GROWTH RATE - MEDIUM	Medium to tall tree/shrub for farmstead windbreaks, highway and riparian plantings. Adapted to a wide variety of soil types. Fair to good drought tolerance. Full sun to partial shade. Bears white flowers in spring, and yellow to red edible fruit in June-July.
<b>BICOLOR OAK</b> GROWTH RATE – FAST	a.k.a. Swamp White Oak - Long-lived Oak with a height and spread of 50 to 60'. It is found in lowlands, along edges of streams, and in swamps subject to flooding. It is rapid growing and long lived, reaching 300 to 350 years. The hard strong wood is commercially valuable and is usually cut and sold as white oak. Many kinds of wildlife eat the acorns, particularly ducks.
<b>BLACK CHERRY</b> GROWTH RATE FAST	The Black Cherry may grow to 60-80 feet tall by 30 feet wide (or larger) when it is found in an open field and live as long as 150 years. The fruit is a reddish-black cherry, which is edible although quite acidic. This species is found on a wide variety of soils. The black cherry is one of the largest cherries and, as such, its wood can be very valuable.
<b>BUTTERFLY BUSH</b> GROWTH RATE - FAST	Grows best in well-drained soil with full sun. Called the summer lilac due to its similar fragrant flowers that bloom all summer. A magnet for all the butterflies who pass through your garden seeking nectar. A fast growing shrub that matures to 10-15' if not cut back.
<b>COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE</b> GROWTH RATE - SLOW	Grows best in full sun, in moist, well-drained, fertile soils. Grows over 35' and needles are stiff, short, and silvery blue to greenish blue in color. Tree is conical shaped.
<b>COMMON LILAC</b> GROWTH RATE - MEDIUM	The Common lilac is noted for its showy, fragrant bloom in the late spring. Flowers come in many colors ranging from white, pink, blue, lavender to reddish-purple. Grows best in well drained, fertile soils, under full sunlight. Average height is 15'.
<b>DOWNY SERVICEBERRY</b> GROWTH RATE - FAST	a.k.a. Shadblow Serviceberry is a large shrub, eventually reaching 20 to 25' It has the pure white, glistening flowers appearing very early in the spring. Following the blooms are many small, luscious, dark red/purple, sweet and juicy, apple-shaped fruits, and which are quickly consumed by birds and other wildlife who seem to find their flavor irresistible. The Serviceberry got it's name from the custom of cutting the branches in winter and forcing them into bloom for Sunday church services. Height: 25-30 feet. Sun to partial shade.
<b>EMERALD ARBORVITAE</b> GROWTH RATE - FAST	a.k.a. White Cedar - Shimmering emerald green foliage. Great for hedges or screens. Narrow, pyramidal form. Limited pruning necessary. Attractive in all seasons. Grows best in full sun, in rich, moist soil, and can tolerate a high calcium content. Grows 15 to 25' tall and is 3 to 5' wide.
<b>GRAY DOGWOOD</b> GROWTH RATE- FAST	Gray Dogwood grows 6 to 10' in height and has attractive 2-3" clusters of creamy white flowers in late spring. The mature fruit is white and red and is eaten by birds. Fall coloration is a deep maroon. It is well adapted to either full sun or light shade. Tolerant to wet, dry, or low fertility soils.
<b>NORTHERN RED OAK</b> GROWTH RATE – MEDIUM	Grows best in dry, fertile soils, in full to partial sun. Average height is 70'. Foliage turns red in the fall and it produces acorns that have a smooth cap.
<b>NORWAY SPRUCE</b> GROWTH RATE – FAST	The fastest growing spruce, has dark green needles and draping branches. Grows well under most soil conditions. Grows over 35'. Pyramidal in shape. Good ornamental or windbreak tree.
<b>RED MAPLE</b> GROWTH RATE – FAST	Brilliant fall coloring is one of the outstanding features of Red Maple. Grows best in moist to wet soils, with full sun. Average height is 80' with winged seed in the spring. Leaves have a silvery underside and turn a pale yellow in the fall. Has very soft wood, and is not well suited to plant near buildings.
<b>SUGAR MAPLE</b> GROWTH RATE – MEDIUM	Grows best in moist, fertile soils, with full to partial shade. Average height is 70', and produces winged seeds in the fall. Has brilliant red, orange, and yellow fall color.
<b>WHITE FIR</b> GROWTH RATE – FAST	a.k.a. Concolor Fir - Needles vary from green to blue-green. Used as a Christmas tree, ornamental or timber. Prefers well-drained, moist soils. <b>Will do well in heavy clay soils.</b> Plant in full sun. Mature height 35'.
<b>WHITE PINE</b> GROWTH RATE - FAST	The White Pine is a hardy, valuable tree. Clustered soft blue-green needles. Ideal screen or windbreak. Likes moist, well-drained soils. Grows 50' to 80' with a 20-40' spread.
<b>WHITE SPIRE BIRCH</b> GROWTH RATE – MEDIUM	a.k.a. Gray Birch reaches 20 to 40'. Leaves turn a lovely yellow color in autumn before dropping. For the first four or five years, the bark is dark brown but later takes on a smooth, chalky-white appearance but does not peel as readily as the bark of white birches. The White Spire Birch is heat tolerance and disease resistance. Grows well in full sun and under a wide range of soil types.



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## **PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING**



It's that time again! Every 5 years, pesticide applicators that use restricted use pesticides must get re-certified.

Anyone who has been certified in the past and has a license that will expire in 2008 should have received notification of

the training/testing through the mail. Costs for the program are \$30 which includes the training manual. It is recommended that applicators purchase the manual at least one week before the training and/or testing.

General Farming manuals can be purchased at the county UW Extension offices. Anyone wishing to receive certification in the Greenhouse/Nursery or Fruit Crops categories needs to purchase the training manuals through the state. Cards are available at the county UW Extension offices that can be used to send for those training manuals. The manuals can also be purchased on-line by going to the following website: <http://ipcm.wisc.edu/>. Click on the Pesticide Applicator Training program link on the left hand side.

General Farming Private Applicator trainings will take place in two locations in 2008:

**Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 9am**

Walworth County Health & Human Services Auditorium  
W4051 County Road NN, Elkhorn, WI 53121

**Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 9am**

Kenosha County Center, 19600 75<sup>th</sup> St (Hwy 45 and 50)  
Bristol, WI 53104

There will also be a testing only session available for individuals who wish to take the test without attending the training session. It will be held on:

**Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 5:45pm**

Racine County Public Works Building (Ives Grove)  
14200 Washington Avenue, Sturtevant, WI 53177

Individuals wishing to take the test on their own other than on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February are invited to call any UW Extension office to schedule a time to take the test.

The test is open book. Applicators who attend the training must get 50% correct or better to pass. Those choosing the self-study option must get 70% correct or better to pass.

## **NEW BOOK HIGHLIGHTS WISCONSIN'S VIBRANT RURAL AREAS**

Renewing the Countryside—Wisconsin tells the stories of 39 people, organizations and businesses that are leading the nation in forward-looking, sustainable solutions to the challenges facing today's rural economy.

The book provides firsthand accounts of people who are revitalizing farming, community life, tourism, the arts, culture, conservation and education.

Renewing the Countryside—Wisconsin demonstrates that people who adopt environmentally friendly and community-oriented approaches are able to earn a living by doing so, as well as shows the basic connection between country residents and their urban counterparts.

For example, local farmers are the source of popular urban farmers' markets that have also become social and cultural events. The arts and recreation are another link as smaller communities attract city-dwellers for art tours and concerts, and enterprising business owners offer lodging and activities for people who come to enjoy Wisconsin's outdoor recreation.

Distributed by the University of Wisconsin Press, the book includes many color photographs that focus on Wisconsin's innovative people and interesting places.

For more information, call 1-866-378-0587 or visit [www.renewingthecountryside.org](http://www.renewingthecountryside.org)



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**January 21<sup>st</sup>: Martin Luther King Jr. Day.** FSA/NRCS office closed

**February 5-6<sup>th</sup>:** Nutrient Management Planning Classes

**February 18<sup>th</sup>: Presidents Day.**  
FSA/NRCS office closed

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Last Day to order trees from Racine County Land Conservation Tree Program

**Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>: Good Friday:** All county offices closed. FSA/NRCS office open.

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**U.S. Postage & Fees Paid**  
**Permit # 49**  
**Union Grove, WI**

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