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Tammy Baldwin Comes to St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church for Women’s History Celebration

On Sunday, March 18th US Senator Tammy Baldwin visited St. Paul Baptist Church. She addressed the congregation, speaking of the 160-year presence of the church within the community and how love and service are what make a positive impact in the lives of others. Senator Baldwin also paid special recognition to Mother Rosa Wiggins for her many years of faithfulness to St. Paul Baptist Church and the Racine community.
A Lesson Taught

by Lisa Parham

Have convictions and fight for them. We all possess a moral compass and an ability to evaluate right and wrong. Do what’s right and don’t stand for other’s wrongdoing. In other words, live with purpose. Don’t be afraid to make a difference. Sometimes you may upset the status quo. Don’t remain complacent about a bad situation, job, relationship, social issue, etc., because you are scared to push toward an uncertain future.

Readers, please understand that we are all humans and will make mistakes. I’ll go as far as to say, we are all complicated individuals with a history of diverse experiences that will color our decision making. For all of the strength of conviction we possess and the tremendous sacrifices we’ve made, we are not impervious to the challenges any of us might face.

Listen, allow your mistakes to make you stronger and to inform your future decisions. Know that no one can take your dignity from you. I’ve learned in the past couple of years to maintain my sense of self despite what others say or think. I believe in the very cause of my existence and in myself. Life has a profound lesson for us all as we will face those who wish to make us feel inferior or unworthy, but always let your behavior reflect your pride in who you are and what you stand for. So in my closing forgive and move forward, always be ready to emerge, be ready to reconcile and negotiate with your captors. Anyone can ignite a war by seeking vengeance. Instead just be ready to display forgiveness, this will give you credibility, authority, and moral superiority. So remember this, it is oppressive and soul destroying to be motivated by hate, and it will do more harm to your body and spirit than the revenge you seek could ever do to your enemy. Carrying anger around will just make you relive the pain daily, and you’ll never be free to explore everything that life has in store for you. Forgive those who hurt you and move on. Plan to effect Positive Change in your life and in your Community. “Every little bit Counts.”

Lisa Parham
Editor-in-Chief

“I feel that we should all work to continue to make Racine a positive atmosphere for our Younger People. Thank you for helping to be a positive influence in our Community.”

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SOMERS – The public is invited Wednesday, April 11, for an evening of dialogue to help foster better communication and understanding between rural and urban communities in southeastern Wisconsin. The University of Wisconsin-Parkside hosts “Building Bridges as We Talk: Knowing Our Neighbors” in the Student Center Ballroom. A reception begins at 5 p.m., followed by a presentation and dialogue from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

UW-Madison Professor Dr. Katherine Cramer, author of “The Politics of Resentment: Rural Consciousness in Wisconsin and the Rise of Scott Walker,” will share lessons she learned after spending years talking with people across the state. After the presentation, Dr. Cramer, along with Dr. Peggy James, dean of the UW-Parkside College of Social Sciences and Professional Studies, and students from her political science course will facilitate small-group discussions between campus and community participants.

Debra Karp, UW-Parkside director of Community Engagement, describes “Building Bridges As We Talk: Knowing Our Neighbors” as an interactive event that addresses a goal of UW-Parkside’s Civic Action Plan - Build and Sustain a culture that appreciates, fosters and supports a diverse, inclusive campus and regional community.

“It is an opportunity to bring together people from diverse backgrounds to discuss their views in a respectful manner,” Karp said. Following the model of Dr. Cramer’s research throughout the state, UW-Parkside political science students gathered viewpoints of people in a variety of rural and urban settings in the communities surrounding UW-Parkside as well as on campus. The students will share their experiences alongside Dr. Cramer during the presentation.

Dr. Cramer is a professor of political science at UW-Madison and an affiliate faculty member in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, the LaFollette School of Public Affairs, the Elections Research Center, the Wisconsin Center for the Advancement of Postsecondary Education, the Center for Community and Nonprofit Studies, the Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems and the Institute for Research on Poverty. Her work focuses on the way people in the United States make sense of politics and their place in the political process.

“Building Bridges As We Talk: Knowing our Neighbors” is part of UW-Parkside Dignity and Respect Campaign, and is sponsored by the College of Social Sciences and Professional Studies, Community Engagement Office, and Wisconsin Campus Compact.

For more information on the event, and to RSVP visit: https://www.uwp.edu/connect/communityengagement/building-bridges.cfm.
Growing a Tribe for Change in Racine’s Black Community

By Yolanda Hodges

As a result of a November 2017 article in USA Today citing Racine as the 4th worst place for blacks to live in the nation, a new group was formed in Racine. The group goes by the name of Tribe-Racine. A tribe is comprised of numerous families, clans or generations with common ancestry and interests. Members of Tribe Racine come from all walks of life for the common purpose of making Racine a better place to live for its black residents. The Tribe’s mission is to Awaken, Build-up and Connect Racine’s black community. In order to accomplish their mission the group will be focusing their efforts in the following areas: Strengthening Family; Employment & Entrepreneurship; Criminal & Social Justice; Civic & Community Engagement; Education; and Health & Wellness.

The intention of the group is not to duplicate the efforts of other groups, non-profits and/or organizations that are already in existence and successfully serving the needs and interests of Racine’s black community. Rather, the Tribe’s plan is to partner with these organizations and identify and fill-in any gaps where there may be some and/or advocate for diverse perspectives and representation in segments of the community that lacks racial diversity. This grassroots movement provides a platform and opportunity for Racine’s black community to come together in unity to help and better themselves, each other and their communities.

 Tribe Racine held its first meeting back in December of 2017 and has held monthly meetings since that time. While attendance has been fairly good at the meetings, it will take more participation to effectively address the many issues plaguing Racine’s black community. Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it will also take a village to positively impact our community. The Tribe is calling for Racine’s residents that are passionate about making a difference in the black community to join the movement by volunteering their talent and time. Interested individuals can participate by requesting to join the Tribe – Racine Closed Group on Facebook or coming to a scheduled meeting. Dates and times are posted on the Group’s timeline. The Tribe also has a Facebook page called Reclaiming Our Legacy in Racine. The Facebook page was created to keep Racine’s black community connected and informed of important information such as, jobs, events, educational programs, scholarships, etc., that people should be aware of. The Tribe is requesting that the black community like and share this Facebook page, even if you chose not to join the Tribe, so that a black network can be established in which everyone is knowledgeable of opportunities and important community information.

It is Tribe Racine’s belief that together they can reclaim the victory of the past to live better in the present and to generate hope for the future. The time is now to reclaim that legacy and create and leave a new legacy for those future generations to come.

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Five Ways the New Tax Law May Impact You

by Yvette Stewart

The most sweeping tax reform legislation in decades was enacted into law at the end of 2017. If you pay federal income taxes, you are likely to see an impact this year. As you plan your 2018 tax strategy, here are five key changes to know about the tax reform law:

1. Tax rates and brackets have changed

Federal income tax rates progressively increase as your income rises. These are known as tax brackets. The new tax code reduces most of the ordinary tax rates and adjusts the tax brackets, applicable from 2018 to 2025. However, the number of brackets for individual tax filers and married couples filing jointly remains at seven. For instance, in 2018 the first $19,050 of taxable income for a married couple filing a joint return is subject to a 10 percent federal income tax. For income the couple earns between $19,050 and $77,400, the ordinary tax rate for 2018 (and through 2025), unless Congress acts to extend them.

2. Standard deduction is nearly doubled

When you prepare your tax return, you have a choice of either a standard deduction, or itemizing deductions such as mortgage interest, charitable gifts, or state, local and property taxes. Under the new law, more people will use the standard deduction. (Itemized deductions are changing as well – see item number three.) The standard deduction stood at $6,350 for a single taxpayer and $12,700 for a married couple filing a joint return in 2017. Under the new law, the standard deduction has increased to $12,000 for a single taxpayer and $24,000 for a married couple filing a joint return. These changes are effective from 2018 through 2025, unless Congress acts to extend them.

3. Changes in itemized deductions

For those who itemize deductions in 2018 (and through 2025), there are some significant changes, even considering the increased standard deduction. Among the most notable:

• The deduction for state and local taxes, including property taxes, is generally limited to a maximum of $10,000 per year. Under previous law, no maximum limit applied.

• The ability to deduct interest on home mortgages remains, but the $1,000,000 debt limit under previous law is generally reduced to a $750,000 debt limit for home mortgages created after December 15, 2017.

Also, deductions on interest paid on home equity loans (whether new or existing loans) is no longer allowed. This may make home equity loans less attractive as a borrowing option.

• Miscellaneous itemized deductions, such as investment expenses and tax preparation fees, are no longer allowed.

4. Personal exemptions are suspended and child tax credit is increased

Under long-standing tax law prior to the new legislation, individuals could also claim personal exemptions for themselves and their dependents when filing their tax return. That exempted a portion of income from taxes. In 2017, the personal exemption was $4,050 per person. Under the new law, effective in 2018 through 2025, the personal exemptions no longer apply. If you have children, you may qualify to claim a $2,000 tax credit per qualifying child beginning in 2018 (and through 2025), double what was allowed in prior law. That is a dollar-for-dollar reduction of the taxes owed. It’s expected that more people will be able to take the credits because income limitations have been raised. Another credit of $500 is now allowed for dependents you may claim who are not qualifying children.

5. Expanded use of 529 plans

To this point, 529 plans have provided a tax-advantaged way to save money for qualified higher education expenses, such as tuition, room and board, and fees. The new law allows you to withdraw up to $10,000 tax-free per year per child from a 529 plan to help cover the K-12 tuition at a public, private or religious school.

These are only some of the changes that may affect individual taxpayers. Consult with your tax advisor to understand how the new legislation may affect your circumstances. Keep in mind that many of the tax provisions have an expiration date, unless Congress acts to extend them.

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Real Talk Therapy: Know Problem

by D. White

No, there is not a typo in the title. My wife spent this past holiday season in her native Jamaica with her mother. She brought me back several nice gifts including a cool polo shirt with the popular phrase, “No problem” inscribed on it. All humans have problems in life from time to time. I believe that if you really want to have no problem then you have be willing get to know the problem. Have you ever been part of an organization with some serious issues but it seemed like no one was courageous enough to address; more less even talk about the problem, at least not in terms of providing real solutions? Refusing to talk about the problem and denying that it exists may not necessarily make it worse but it definitely won’t make the situation better. Judas hung himself after betraying Christ when he could have confronted the problem by repenting and asking Jesus to forgive him (Matt. 27, Luke 13:3).

A wise man said if you keep sweeping stuff under the rug then eventually you will trip. God sees everything including the stuff that’s been swept under the rug. The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good (Prov. 15:3). You have to identify a problem and have the willingness to acknowledge that it exists. You have to own the problem. You have to address the problem. Effectively resolving a problem requires collaboration. The Bible says that Paul planted, Apollos watered, and God gave the increase (1 Cor. 3:6-9). We need to get out of our feelings and get into real dealings. If we want to become capable problem solvers then here are some things that we need to know:

• Know defensiveness: Mechanisms to protect your position even if evidence proves it to be erroneous and/ or based on myth
• Know fragility: Taking the victim stance which shuts the communication process down
• Know denial: Don’t–Even–If–Now–It’s–A–Lie
• Know justify: Knowing that it’s wrong but trying to make it seem right
• Know superiority complex: Closed minded-narcissistic thought that your way is the only way; refusal to consider different perspectives: “My way or the highway”
• Know inferiority complex: Real talk…You just feel threatened!
• Know that God is able: …with God all things are possible (Matt. 19:26).

When a problem presents itself progressive people cannot ignore the “big elephant” in the room because silence is the voice of the oppressor. Even if you do not perpetrate the problem your passivity perpetuates its adverse effects. By failing to put the pressure of principle on its pundits you placate the problems most pervasive and prevalent participants. You may not verbally support the oppressor but your tacit approval gives audience to his or her oppressive devices. In such case if you are not part of the solution then you are indeed part of the problem. Although there may be no ill will or bad intentions, in reality, it’s the impact not the intent that is felt! For example, occasionally in a basketball game, a player goes up to rebound a missed shot and unintentionally taps the ball into the other team’s basket. Although not done purposely it still counts as two points for the other team. The intent was to secure the rebound but the impact was a score for the enemy. If you are not intentional about doing what’s right then your lack of proactivity supports that which is wrong.

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Family Storytime — Snuggle up for family storytime on April 4th at 10:00 a.m. for stories, songs, and finger plays, perfect for kids under five.

Preschool Dance Party — Get ready to wiggle and dance on April 5th at 10:00 a.m., in the Youth Services Department of the Racine Public library, for children ages 3-5.
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Milwaukee – Together, BloodCenter of Wisconsin and blood donors across the state make a life-saving impact through the gift of blood donation. Patients in need of blood tomorrow rely on the generosity of blood donors today.

This spring, BloodCenter continues to have a critical need for life-saving blood donations. Donors of all blood types are needed, but especially O negative blood donors who carry the universal blood type given to patients in emergency situations.

Milwaukee County blood donors can help patients in need at BloodCenter of Wisconsin’s upcoming blood drives:

- **Friday, April 6** from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Nicolet High School, 6701 N. Jean Nicolet Rd., Glendale
- **Tuesday, April 17** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at UWM Union Ballroom, 2200 E. Kenwood, Milwaukee
- **Wednesday, April 18** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Summit Place, 6737 Washington St., Milwaukee
- **Friday, April 27** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Oak Creek High School, 340 E. Puetz Rd., Oak Creek
- **Monday, April 30** from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center, 2901 Kimmswick River Pkwy., Milwaukee

During April, all attempting blood donors at BloodCenter of Wisconsin community drives and donor centers will receive one coupon redeemable for four free outdoor waterpark passes to Mt. Olympus Water & Theme Park in Wisconsin Dells. Donors can schedule an appointment by calling 1-877-BE-A-HERO (1-877-232-4376) or visiting bcw.edu.

Anyone 17 or older who is in good health and meets eligibility requirements is encouraged to donate blood. Appointments are preferred, but walk-in donors are also welcome. Parental consent is required for 16-year-olds to donate. The entire process takes about an hour. Donors should bring a photo ID that includes birth date.

**About BloodCenter of Wisconsin**

BloodCenter of Wisconsin, part of Versiti, is a not-for-profit organization headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis., that specializes in blood services, esoteric diagnostic testing, organ, tissue and stem cell donation, medical services and leading-edge research. We advance patient care by delivering life-saving solutions grounded in unparalleled medical and scientific expertise. The collective efforts of Versiti affiliates result in improved patient outcomes, expanded access to care, and cost efficiencies for healthcare systems nationwide. For more information, visit versiti.org.

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Do you need a change? Maybe a new job or a better job?

Racine County Workforce Solutions, in partnership with The Journal Times, is hosting its annual Spring Hiring Event on Wednesday, April 25. From 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., job seekers can visit Fountain Banquet Hall, located at 8505 Durand Avenue in Sturtevant, to engage with employers from throughout Southeastern Wisconsin.

This event is your chance to meet with employers who are seeking to fill a wide variety of jobs. Don’t let this opportunity pass you by. Nearly 40 employers, ranging from healthcare and hospitality to retail and production, have already signed up and the list is growing daily. Prepare for this event by visiting Racine County Workforce Solutions to get your resume tuned up at no cost.

The Spring Hiring Event will feature a host of other resources you can tap into as you prepare for your new job. Those resources include food and insurance assistance, behavioral health information and educational resources. Visit our community resource table for information and guidance on how to access those resources. Additional resources that will be onsite include:

- The 5.09 Program table has information on a unique opportunity to earn your high school credential in 20 weeks. Visit that table and meet Katie, the GED Coordinator. She is a great guide for this journey.
- Dress for Success will be there to fit you with the right job-seeking/interview clothes – at no cost to you.
- Veterans Services has information on employment assistance and benefits for veterans and their families.
- The Gateway Technical College table has information on one and two-year degree programs to prepare you for in-demand jobs.
- Stop at the Workforce Solutions table to learn about its many employment-related services, such as on-site recruitments, resume preparation assistance, unemployment insurance filing assistance, career exploration, workshops on topics like interview preparation, and ProTech, a networking group for professional/technical job seekers.

For more information on the upcoming Spring Hiring Event or the no-cost services of Racine County Workforce Solutions, call 262.638.6312 or visit us online at racine-county.com/workforcesolutions.
(StatePoint) As more women feel emboldened to raise their voices and fight for workplace issues that matter most to them -- from equal pay and development opportunities to sexual harassment on the job -- it’s important to both reflect on progress made and recognize there are many more milestones to be attained.

Only one-third of women feel they have as many or more opportunities than men at their current companies, according to a recent survey by Randstad US. And, 58 percent cited the lack of promotion to leadership roles as a top reason for gender inequality in the workplace.

If you are a working woman looking to advance, expand your responsibilities, or launch a new career, here are four tips that can help you achieve success.

• Pursue mentorship opportunities
Having a mentor can create lasting value when working to become a leader. Mentors can be your support system, whether it’s providing encouragement to pursue growth opportunities or identifying blind spots and areas of improvement. Coming from experience, mentors can bring a wealth of knowledge to move you in the right direction.

• Embrace failures
In your professional life, there will be successes and failures, good days and bad. Don’t allow one negative interaction or misstep to ruin your day, and don’t let fear prevent you from moving forward. However, you should briefly reflect to learn from failures: What made you miss that project deadline? Why did a presentation fall flat? Use these moments as opportunities to develop short- and long-term goals to overcome any potential barriers.

• Step outside your comfort zone
Taking risks can lead to great rewards. While certain scenarios, such as initiating a conversation with your boss, can be daunting, it can also lead to stronger trust and a better relationship. In uneasy moments, such as public speaking, you have the opportunity to build self-esteem and strengthen underused skills. Every uncomfortable situation elicits something gained.

• Own your professional growth
Ask your manager to assign you to projects in which you’ll have the opportunity to learn something new -- whether it’s on your own through research, or through interaction with other team members and departments. Go beyond what’s asked of you by taking online courses and reading books (hint: your mentor can likely give you some recommendations). Lastly, make it apparent to your manager and colleagues that you are willing to contribute or lend a hand when needed. The bottom line: own your development. Don’t leave it in the hands of your employer. If you’re a working woman, more tips and advice can be found at randstadusa.com.

"Invest in a plan and know where you want to go. Take steps toward people who will help you on your journey," says Kristin Kelley, chief marketing officer, Randstad North America. “Meet as many people of influence as you can and stay top of mind with them. Ask for help when you need it -- whether it be from managers, peers, sponsors or mentors -- and drive those personal connections."
Notice is hereby given that the City of Racine, on behalf of the Racine area public transit system, doing business as RYDE or The BUS, is applying to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for a capital grant under Section 5307 of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, as amended. The FAST Act is the 2015 law that authorizes federal transportation funding.

The grant application requests up to 80% of $1,804,000 to fund the purchase of four full-sized city buses and up to 80% $166,215 for a hydraulic in-ground lift. The buses and lift facility will replace worn out vehicles and equipment.

Opportunities to comment on this grant application will be provided at a public hearing at the Racine Transit and Parking Commission meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2017 at 4:30 p.m., Racine City Hall, 730 Washington Ave., Room 303. Please call (262) 636-9480 if you require any special accommodations to attend the meeting.

You may also send your comments via U.S. Postal Service to the address above or by email at michael.maierle@cityofracine.org.

This public hearing will be held in compliance with 49 U.S.C 5323(b). Title 49, Chapter 53 of the U.S. Code (law) concerns public transportation. Section 5323(b) states, “The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.) shall apply to financial assistance for capital projects.” No persons, families, or businesses will be displaced and the environment will not be impacted by projects potentially funded by this grant.
Child Harbor Learning Center’s Team

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Beginning Dec. 1st, Child Harbor will start a 4K program entitled New Beginnings Pathway

To the Community of Racine: I am the new Director of Child Harbor Learning Center, Ms. Anita Hardin. Thank you for allowing my staff and I to better serve your child care needs. I have resided in Racine all my life and I believe in education and serving the community. I come from a history with Racine Unified School District of 35 years. My experience with the district: Educational Assistant, Teacher certification for grades PK3 – 9th grade, Assistant Director of Lighted School house program, and Assistant Principal. After retiring, I spent 3 years as a Director of Kimberly Daycare Center and three years as an extended day teacher for Acelero Learning Head start program. I look forward to meeting all of you and thanking you in advance for the opportunity to serve you and your children.

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I was walking down 6th street in Racine, WI and as I was crossing Wisconsin Street I stumble and almost hit the ground. I then realize that I must be getting older. I then looked up and I saw this sign that read “BUTCHER & BARREL GASTRO-PUB”. As I entered this small restaurant I was greeted with a very warm smile. The atmosphere was warm and delightful and made you feel welcome, it would be what I would elegant simple.

The menu was not over crowded with a lots of food items, but good selections. One of the items I notice on the menu was a 2 lb. Prime bone in Ribeye Steak, call THE TOMAHAWK. I ordered THE URBAN COWBOY, a 16oz. PRIME RIBEYE STEAK top with chipotle bourbon butter. It was cooked as requested and veryt ender. It was not as tender as a Kobe Steak, but very tender.

The back of the menu listed all of their wines and cocktails. I can truly say this is the place to take that special person for casual or formal dinner.

As I was walking out of the door I stumbled again, this time I knew it was not from age, but I just ate too much. Enjoy.
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And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David. And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David. (Matthew 20:30-31)

Today’s verse talks about two blind men that no one really paid attention to. No one gave them much of a chance — but Jesus did! All through scripture we see that He had such great compassion and mercy, everywhere He went and He still has it today. Maybe you feel like life has overlooked you. Maybe you feel like the people around you don’t really see what you are going through. Today, know that God sees you.

He’ll never overlook you even when people overlook you. He is good and no matter what has happened in your life, remember that His mercy endures forever. Notice what these men did — they called on Jesus. Even when people tried to quiet them, they called even louder. They had confidence that He would hear them and you can have confidence, too! Be old and step out in faith, call on Him and trust that He sees you and hears you and He will have mercy!

Father I thank You for Your mercy and grace. Today I have the confidence to trust and call on you. Thank you for hearing me in Jesus Name. Amen.

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Tips to Protect Birds in Your Yard and Garden

(StatePoint) One of the best parts of backyard living in the warmer months is all the potential for bird watching that comes with it. You may have even installed a bird-feeder in your garden in an attempt to attract more birds to your property.

But did you know, your home poses dangerous risks to the birds that visit your yard and garden? Window strikes are common among many species of migrating birds, and millions of wild birds are killed annually flying into windows.

Whether you are an avid amateur ornithologist or just a casual observer of feathered friends in flight, by taking precautions your home need not be part of the problem.

Take advantage of the fact that birds can see certain light frequencies that humans cannot to make windows visible to birds in a way that won’t obstruct your own view. Doing so can be a simple home project completed in just an afternoon.

Try applying UV decals and UV liquid to your home’s windows and sliding glass doors. Those from WindowAlert, for example, have been proven to effectively alter the flight path of birds to prevent window strikes. While the coating will look like etched glass to the human eye, it will look very visible to a bird. As UV reflectivity may fade over time, it’s important to replace the decals and liquid every four months. Application techniques can be found by visiting WindowAlert.com.

“Turning your home into a refuge for birds is a simple way to save lives and protect the creatures that beautify your yard and, in the case of hummingbirds, pollinate your garden,” says Spencer Schock, founder of WindowAlert.

Schock also recommends planting trees, shrubs and flowers that provide birds with nourishment and shelter, as well as paying attention to pet cats when they are outdoors, to ensure they don’t hunt the birds that visit.

This season, be a better friend to birds by taking a few simple measures in your home and garden.
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What is the Family Resource Center?
The Family Resource Center will offer RUSD families with students attending Title I schools a full range of services and supports to enrich student learning, enrollment in free workshops and certificate training programs, access to community resources, participation in school volunteer opportunities and more.

What Title I Schools are eligible?

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Contact Tsaira Abrams
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For a complete listing of Family Resource Center hours, monthly programs and activities log onto www.rusd.org/frc
Partners offer Free Homebuyer Education Class for Greater Uptown Residents

Housing Resources, Inc. (HRI), the Racine Revitalization Partnership (RRP), and Johnson Bank are teaming up to put residents of Uptown on the path to homeownership.

Housing Resources, Inc. is a nonprofit HUD approved housing counseling organization that offers monthly classes and ongoing credit counseling to transition renters into homeownership. The normal cost of a class and counseling is $50 per person. The Racine Revitalization Partnership is revitalizing the Uptown neighborhood by merging community building activities with housing and economic development. To support the work of both agencies, Johnson Bank is sponsoring homebuyer education opportunities that will be free to residents in the greater Uptown neighborhood.

Sponsored participants must attend a two-part class on Wednesday April 11th & April 18th, June 13th & June 20th, or August 15th & August 22nd from 5pm-8:30pm at the Racine HRI office at 500 Wisconsin Ave. Suite 205. A Spanish language class is also being offered on Saturday April 21st from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Each class will include presentations by real estate professionals including a mortgage lender, Realtor, home inspector, and insurance agent. Pre-registration and address verification is required for people requesting sponsorship due to their Greater Uptown area residency. Upon class completion, prospective owners will make individualized appointments with HRI counselors and an action plan is developed. Credit counseling is ongoing as long as the participant remains engaged in the process.

The Greater Uptown Neighborhood is designated as a HUD Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). To qualify for free attendance, participants must currently reside within the identified boundaries. To register or for more information, call Housing Resources, Inc. at 262-636-8271.

Democratic Party of Racine County Announces Annual Banquet Awards Winners; US Senator Tammy Baldwin to Keynote

Racine, WI – The Democratic Party of Racine County will hold their annual awards banquet on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at Infusino’s Banquet Hall. The Party will present two annual awards, and will feature Wisconsin Senator Tammy Baldwin as keynote speaker.

The Democrat of the Year Award recognizes the person who has supported democratic principles, promoted the Democratic Party of Racine County (DPRC) to the community and beyond, supported Democratic candidates for elected positions, participated in related political events in a positive way and who lives by the principles of our organization. The 2017 Democrat of the Year is Sam Peete. A professional educator in his private life, Sam finds time to be front-and-center for nearly every event the DPRC undertakes. He is in charge of the DPRC booth at June-tenth Day, works on our events committees, helps candidates, and makes everyone feel welcome at meetings. He is an asset to the community as well as to the DPRC.

The Phyllis Dresen Award honors a person who has worked to further democratic principles by his/her efforts in the community, state and/or nation. The person selected need not be a member of the Democratic Party. The Phyllis Dresen Awardee is Betty Brenneman. Betty is an ordained pastor and a retired teacher, and her activities are directed at helping and encouraging people with serious needs - the homeless, immigrants, prisoners (both in the penal system and returning to society), the mentally ill, and children needing mentors. She ably demonstrates the qualities of furthering the democratic principals of equality, justice, and peace.

WHAT: Democratic Party of Racine County Annual Awards Banquet
WHEN: Sunday, April 22, 2018
Social Hour: 4:00 p.m., Dinner 5:00 p.m.
WHERE: Infusino’s Banquet Hall, 3201 Rapids Drive, Racine
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- **Our Order of Service**
  - **Sunday**
    - Prayer – 8:30 a.m.
    - Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
    - Worship Celebration – 10:30 a.m.
  - **Thursday**
    - Prayer and Bible Study – 6:00 p.m.

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