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The Woman in the Mirror

Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings

by Lisa Parham

It's truly no wonder that the holiday season is the most wonderful time of the year. There is so much to celebrate, so therefore no matter how you celebrate or observe the holidays you can always find a message that resonates with you and your family. Christmas is also said to be a time of celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I would also like to grab this opportunity as well to celebrate another Christmas with you and your families.

So many of you our readers have shared with us over the year some of your own personal challenges. We don't take that for granted you have allowed us in your space – your homes, your cars, your place of business, even your churches through the pages of The Racine Mirror Newspaper. You have shared so many things, and just so you know it has really touched us in more ways than you will ever know. This Christmas you have helped us feel the true and wonderful meaning of it. So my prayer and wish is that all of you will enjoy and truly feel the spirit of the season. I hope that this holiday you're met by everyone with a high and cheery heart.

We should all take a day or two off just to relax and join the joyful celebration of Christ this season. To my staff I truly appreciate the efforts and hard work you've shown this past year. Each and every one of you has shown exceptional and commend-



able work performance and I wish you all the best Christmas ever.

So, in my closing from my family to yours my wishes are that you and your families will experience a happy Christmas celebration. Please remember Christmas is not just about receiving gifts, new clothes. Christmas is about the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and spreading the love of Christ to others so that they might have the same right as you and I of the gift of Christ.

Christmas also celebrates the awesome and amazing fact that God is grander and wiser and more mysterious than we could have ever imagined. We do not rejoice because of better things come, but we rejoice because Christ has come and it's final. The heart of God is Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Sincerely,

Lisa Parham
President & Chief Executive Officer

"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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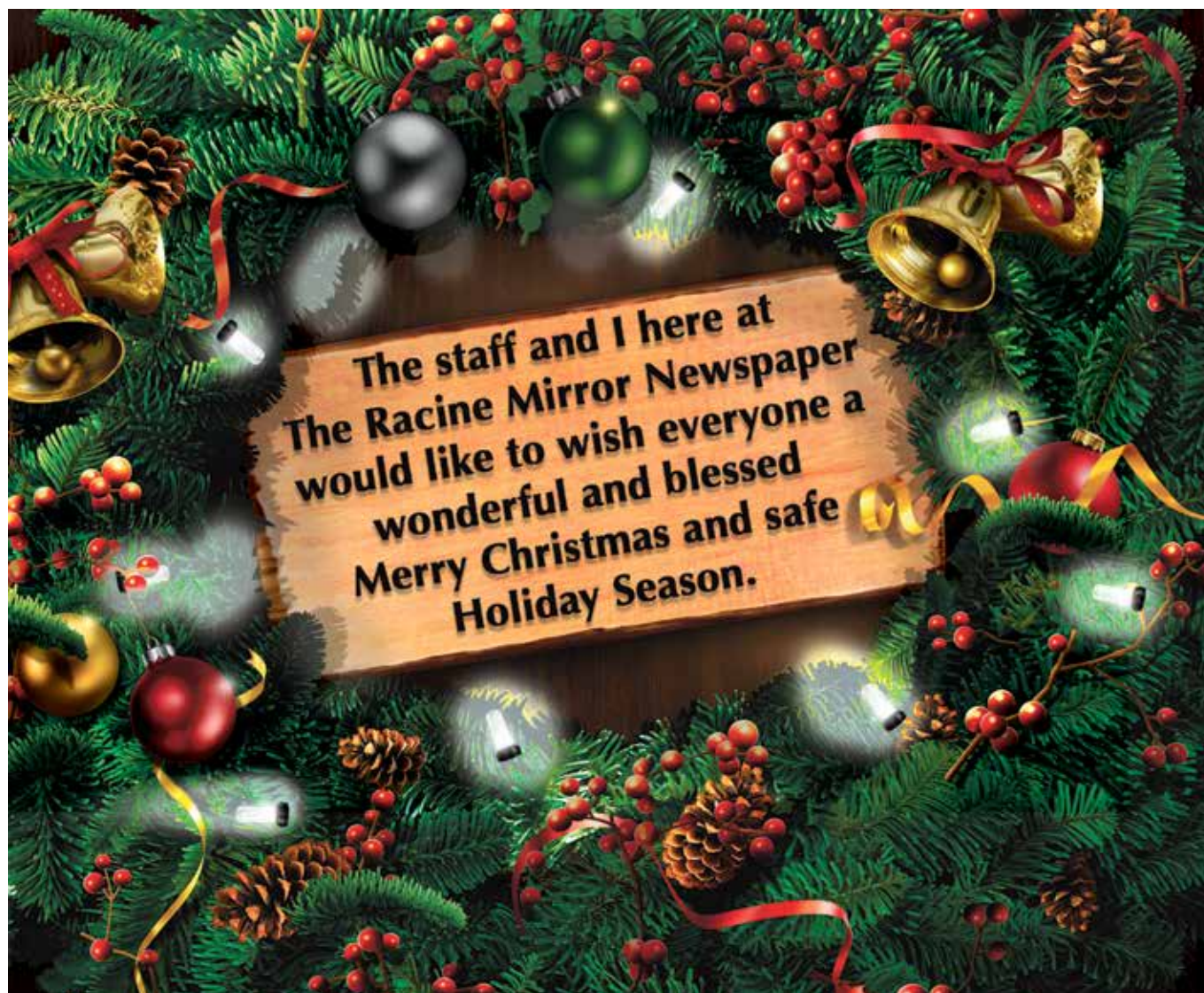
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How will the REAL ID Law Affect You?

by Anita Johnson

VoteRiders is the leading national organization providing non-partisan voter ID education and assistance. Voters are confused about REAL ID and the effect it will have on them at the polls.

Beginning on October 1, 2020, residents of every US state and territory will need to present a REAL ID-compliant license or ID card, or another acceptable form of identification such as a passport, to access Federal facilities, enter nuclear power plants, and board commercial aircraft.

The REAL ID Act of 2005 established minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards. It was enacted by Congress following the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the Federal Government "set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses."

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What does REAL ID mean for Wisconsin residents?

Wisconsin offers both REAL ID-compliant and non-compliant driver licenses and ID cards.

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Applying for a REAL-ID compliant driver's license or ID card involves appearing IN PERSON at your local DMV with supporting documents to prove your identity.

- If it's time to renew your driver's license or ID, you can upgrade to a REAL ID-compliant card for no additional fee only if the upgrade takes place at the same time as your renewal.

- If your current driver's license or ID will not expire before 2020 and you wish to obtain a REAL ID-compliant card, the cost of a duplicate card will apply.

Children 17 years and younger do not need a REAL ID when traveling with parents.

People who want to get the REAL ID-compliant license will need to bring these documents:

- Social Security card
- birth certificate (original or certified copy)
- proof of any legal name change (original documents or certified copies – certified marriage certificate, certified record of divorce, certified court order, OR valid unexpired US passport in your current name)
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RACINE, WI - Saturday, December 7, 2019 – The 2nd Annual Tree Festival organized by the Branch and Visioning Greater Racine and sponsored by The Branch and Uptown BID, will be taking place in Uptown.

The Tree Festival is an annual affair which gathers the community of Racine

together. Local Non-Profit Organizations of not only Uptown but the Greater Racine Area creatively decorate a Holiday Tree that is on display in the storefronts that line Washington Ave.

These decorated trees will be on showcase in windows of businesses for members of the public to view and enjoy. The community will be given one free ticket per person to vote for their favorite decorated tree and help the winning organization earn \$500 towards their cause. Additional tickets will be available for purchase.

Activities for the Tree Festival begin the evening before with a Pop-Up Gallery which hosts local artists works. All pieces on display will be under \$300 for holiday shopping. Artworks can be viewed at The Branch until the 20th of December.

The day of the Tree Festival, Santa will make his first appearance of the season at The Branch at 1501 where hot chocolate, s'mores and adult beverages will be available for purchase. A Vendor's Market and Artists Gallery will be present for your viewing pleasure.

One of the highlights of the Tree Festival will be a free trolley that goes up and down the streets of Uptown. No one likes to be cold so why not take advantage of the warmth and view the trees in style! In addition, to the Trolley there will also be a horse-drawn carriage from Black Tie Carriage Service which will cost \$1 for kids and \$2 for adults.

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Superb Grill

by **Dominique Lambricht**

For six months, Superb Grill has stationed themselves in a home. Antonio chose a gas station right in his price range. Usually, Antonio takes off the winter months and cooks around town during festivals and catering events in the other seasons. This

year he chose to deliver his food to us in the cold. There's a lot of cooking that goes on during the festivals and events he caters to that Antonio needed a home kitchen to prepare food. For now, the flow of people has been a little slow, but he is hopeful that people will frequent the home kitchen more in the coming weeks.

Antonio feels very blessed when it comes to food. Residing in Kenosha, between Chicago and Milwaukee, there are many food places around him, but people come from all over to visit him. He says that it is a good feeling. People come down to the Marina to eat his food in the summer months. He is very dedicated to what he does and has a great passion for cooking. He lives in Round Lake, IL, but has set up shop in Kenosha.

In 2006 Antonio started Superb Grill. He had a restaurant in Zion, but the location was too big. It sat over 100 people. On the weekends, he would turn it into a party night. The food

he is most known for is BBQ. Brisket and jerk chicken are his bestsellers, and rib tips are favorites. Antonio claims, "I can't do anything normal." He has too much fun creating new things and discovering new ways to make food. He and his daughter would cook together when she was younger, and she would learn to create new foods. He states that their relationship is close to best friends. Their relationship revolves around the fact that whenever each said they would do something, they were held to that. There is a respect between them as a father and daughter should have, and knowing what to expect on both sides. He also makes his seasonings: Superb Rub, Brisket Juice, and Jerk Around Marinade. They're delicious.

When Antonio was younger, he would invite people over on Sundays to try the food he made. In the Navy, he was never a cook but always cooked for fun for his fellow mates. His real job was an airplane mechanic, a different end of the spectrum. Nineteen years into the Navy, his brother in law said that he should make money off of cooking. It was a hit right away. No struggle. For his first event, he catered for 300-400 people, and then in Waukegan, IL, at the boat arena he catered for 1000 people. He was astonished at the outcomes.

Back then, Antonio only did private catering, but now he loves going to the festivals. He has one helper named Anthony. In the summer months, he hopes to hire more people to help out during events and even in the home location. Antonio loves working with kids and does hope to take one under

his wing to teach them about cooking and things in relation. He would love to give knowledge as someone did to him in his younger days. Knowledge is everything and the more you have, the more opportunities you can have access to.

He has had the opportunity to do events in Wisconsin Dells, Indiana, and Iowa. One of Antonio's favorite places is the Harbor Market. They always have a steady business, even in bad weather. So, you can imagine how busy they get in the nice months. Antonio has gone through a lot to get to the place he is now. No one would help him out when he started. No one would give him any helpful information, nothing.

Antonio is a person who believes significantly in giving back. The gift is not receiving but giving. The more you give, the more you receive. Antonio likes to be different and help those even if he is the person who let the person go. After letting go of a person working for him, Antonio helped him find a new place to work. Another way Antonio feels he likes to give back is going around and buys all those other vendors' food at the event as a way of sharing the love. He is a wonderful person and very kind to those he encounters. Many customers seemed like they enjoyed waiting for their food because they engage in conversation with Antonio. Visit Superb Grill for some good food and great conversation.

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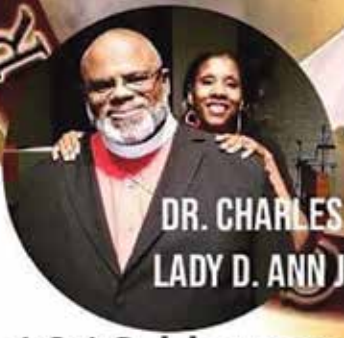
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Trane named WTCS Futuremaker Partner for strong work with Gateway Technical College

Gateway Technical College and the Wisconsin Technical College System have named longtime college business partner and champion Trane Corporation as a recipient of the WTCS Futuremaker Partner award.

The award recognizes the unique and dynamic partnerships forged between Wisconsin's technical colleges and their employer partners.

"Trane's forward-thinking approach to talent development is a model for others to follow," said Becky Levzow, WTCS board president. "The company's dynamic, visionary and long-standing collaboration with Gateway, other Wisconsin technical colleges and many more K-12 and postsecondary partners makes this recognition very well-deserved."

Trane is a world leader in heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems as well as related services and solutions. It has invested time, financial resources and industry knowledge to advance and support Gateway's strong HVAC programming.

"On behalf of Trane USA, we are honored and grateful to be partnered with Gateway Technical College," said Jeff De Vor, Infrastructure Solutions for Trane. "Gateway Technical College is on the 'cutting edge' of developing the skilled talent we as a corporation need to be successful, and, as our industry changes and the needed skills become more complex, Gateway advances

their programming to keep pace with our industry."

Trane has also been a consistent generous philanthropic supporter of the college's Foundation to help students reach their academic and career goals.

"Trane Corporation and the professionals who serve our college community exemplify the values and commitment held within the Futuremakers Partnership Award," said Gateway Technical College President and CEO Bryan Albrecht. "Gateway Technical College has benefited from the leadership and technical experience of Trane in our building automation systems and student training programs."

Student technicians are trained on Trane-supported, industry-leading equipment in the college's nationally known Building Automated Systems Lab which numerous colleges across the country have modeled their own facilities after to ensure students can successfully enter high-tech HVAC careers.

Trane annually holds Trane Day at Gateway, a time when Trane employees engage with students to discuss the day-to-day work of an HVAC professional. It also supports the college's commitment to sustainability in many ways, including the new C3 Green Energy System to reduce energy surges at the SC Johnson iMET Center.

"Trane exemplifies the statewide commitment to supporting a Wisconsin Technical



Left to right: Bryan Albrecht, president and CEO, Gateway Technical College; Jeff De Vor, Infrastructure Solutions, Trane; Becky Levzow, president, Wisconsin Technical College System Board; Morna Foy, president, Wisconsin Technical College System

College's through student and program training support," said Albrecht.

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Gateway holds dedication ceremony for Arthur F. Mahone Atrium

Gateway Technical College dedicated the atrium on its Kenosha Campus as the Arthur F. Mahone Student Atrium at a celebration today honoring the legacy of the late welding instructor and community leader.

It was also announced there will be an endowed scholarship established in his name,



Tim Mahone shares a laugh with the audience during an event celebrating the dedication of the Arthur F. Mahone Student Atrium on the college's Kenosha Campus. Tim is the late Arthur Mahone's father.

the Arthur F. Mahone Memorial Scholarship.

Mahone family members, college officials, community members and former students offered their thoughts on the legacy of Arthur Mahone, focusing many of their comments on his caring attitude, concern for community and work to teach the next generation of welders.

"It is an honor for Gateway to have this special place dedicated to the enduring spirit of service that Arthur F. Mahone demonstrated through his gift of teaching," said Bryan Albrecht, Gateway Technical College president and CEO. "The entire Gateway community is grateful for the Mahone family's support, and generous support through the Arthur F. Mahone scholarship."

Arthur's son, Tim Mahone, said the scholarship and atrium reflect the values of his father. He pointed out that the atrium is a hub for the many services and resources students engage with to reach their career and personal goals, adding it is a place where community members also gather for a number of events held throughout the year.

"Right here, at this atrium, students and families gather to discuss the challenges of life – and it will be happening here, in my dad's name," said Mahone.

Stephanie Sklba, Gateway Technical College vice president, Community and Government Relations, offered similar thoughts on the atrium.

"Gateway is truly honored to be a part of the legacy of Arthur F. Mahone through the naming of the student atrium, a place where services and activities come together and where our students gather," said Sklba.

Jennifer Charpentier, Gateway Technical College Foundation executive director, indicated the scholarship will be used to support students enrolled in a Gateway welding program.

"We are grateful the Mahone family and the Mary Lou and Arthur F. Mahone Fund of the Kenosha Community Foundation have chosen to honor their father's and grandfather's legacy through an endowed scholarship and naming of the Kenosha Campus atrium," said

Charpentier.

"What a wonderful way to commemorate the dedication their dad had to generations of Gateway students by endowing a scholarship for generations of Gateway students to come."



Mahone family members and Gateway college leaders official unveil the Arthur F. Mahone Student Atrium at its dedication.

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People that give \$100 will be recognized on the agency's web site, and they can have their good deed posted on the organizations Facebook and Instagram pages with a selfie when they drop off a donation at its 3131 Taylor Avenue headquarters, or the Chit Chaat restaurant 550 State Street in downtown Racine. The restaurant has free parking.

Funds raised will help develop programs that will remove children from the agencies waiting list due to the lack of adult mentors. "Many of these children (Littles) have been anxiously waiting for a mentor (Bigs); some for more years," said Sonya Thomas, BBBS executive director.

"It's a high goal, but I know that the Racine and Kenosha area is filled with lots of super heroes to answer the call," Thomas added.

"Chit Chaat is honored to assist Big Brothers Big Sisters because they do so much good in the community. We welcome the opportunity for people to come to our restaurant on behalf of Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Also, the staff at Chit Chaat looks

forward to taking selfies with those who walk through our doors in order to help the organization soar toward its goal," said Angela Downs, who owns Chit Chaat with her husband Junaid Shafique. Chit Chaat is a homestyle restaurant that provides home made Eastern Indian food and drinks and a chai an espresso bar.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Racine & Kenosha Counties helps dozens of children throughout the area, providing mentorship support, so at-risk youth can thrive and find success in life.

The mentoring program have proven, positive academic, socio-emotional and behavioral outcomes for youth in areas linked to high school graduation, avoidance of juvenile delinquency and college or job readiness. Studies show that after a year of mentoring:

- 84% of Littles sustained or improved their grades. Higher grades are linked to higher school graduation rates.
- 88% of Littles report feeling they have a more understanding and respectful relationship with their parent or guardian. Strong



Nearly 100 minority children are waiting for a mentor.

parental relationships have been associated with improved grades and attendance and reduced substance abuse.

- 90% of Littles report that having a special adult in their lives, which is associated with improvements in school performance and mental health, as well as decreased delinquency.
- 92% of Littles plan to graduate high

school and college. Mentoring has been linked to higher educational and vocational aspirations, which have been shown to predict long term school performance and standardized test scores.

- 92% of Littles maintained or improved their confidence in doing school work. Researchers often see increases in scholastic competence and improvements in grades.

- 93% of Littles maintained or improved their sense of belonging by peers or feeling socially accepted. Mentoring can help facilitate peer relationships and social acceptance, which have been linked to a range of positive outcomes, including school achievement, improved conduct, and a lower likelihood of dropping out.

- 97% of Littles report maintaining or improving their attitudes toward risky behaviors. How a child feels about others their age engaging in certain risky behaviors such as using tobacco, skipping school or hitting someone is associated with actual negative behaviors and violence.

To donate, stop by Big Brothers Big Sisters headquarters, 3131 Taylor Ave. from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Chit Chaat restaurant 550 State Street (free parking) from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (don't forget to take a selfie for BBBS social media). You can also give online by visiting the Big Brother Big Sister website at www.beabignow.org or mailing a check to the Taylor Ave. location.

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Real Talk Therapy: The Sound of Silence

by D. White

As I write these words I believe there is relative significance and it is significantly relevant that my wife and I just returned from the library at UW-Parkside. The library, a generally quiet setting, is one of my favorite places. In fact I'm known to frequent multiple libraries on the same day. I appreciate the peaceful and tranquil environment that allows me to think, process, and then think some more. Have you ever listened to the sound of silence? It may sound, no pun intended, like an oxymoron but the sound of silence is sweet to the listening ear. Unfortunately many rarely hear that sound because they're too busy talking just for the sake of hearing themselves' talk.

I have worked with adolescents both voluntarily and professionally my entire adult life and I still haven't gotten used to the way youngsters get right in each other's faces and talk at the top of their voices. Not because they're angry but they act as if they're afraid of not being heard. To some extent this is understandable with adolescents who've not matured enough to both listen and speak with a purpose. I'm more concerned about adults that grandstand and ramble on with superficial gibberish trying to convince themselves and others how "important" they are. How about the public figures that posture and pose for publicity while making presumptuous promises in their preposterous presentations yet when it comes to providing practical solutions for problems of the poor in spirit and those who



are poor literally, they are pathetic. Unfortunately in this society people talk without saying much if anything at all of substance and gullible people just keep drinking the flavorless Kool-Aid because they get caught up in the hype. Have you ever been in a meeting where people monopolize the time with a lot of sizzle but very little steak? Or have you attempted a conversation with someone that talks so loud and rapidly that you don't get a chance to say anything and they don't even pause long enough for you to process what they're saying? It's an interesting paradox that those most outspoken are often the least experienced. Has anyone met the 18 year-old with one semester of college that knows everything? The only person worse is the high school drop out that knows everything.

As I get older and gain more experience I have more knowledge to share. Unfortunately many people won't shut up long enough to listen to that which may benefit them. May I submit to you that the Bible values silence? Jesus said, "But let your communication be, Yea, yea; and Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil" (Mt. 5:37). In other words Christ

warns against the evils and pitfalls of talking too much. A fool uttereth all his mind; but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards (Prov. 29:11). Jesus spoke very few words himself but when he did speak he spoke with a purpose. In fact Jesus even held his peace and kept silent at times when he was being tested and/or falsely accused even though he had every right to say something (Jn. 8:6, 8). To those that perceive silence as weakness, when I was very young a wise person told me that I have 2 ears and 1 mouth therefore I should hear twice as much as I say.

The rap group Run-DMC said it best, "You Talk Too Much" (1985). The world would be a better place if we could block out the noise and keep silent long enough to hear what God has to say. If we would just take the time to listen we would learn that what we have to say is insignificant in comparison to what God has to say to us. When God speaks things begin to happen. God spoke light into existence (Gen. 1:3). God spoke heaven into being (Gen. 1:6). Nature is a beautiful thing and it does what it does silently. Grass, flowers, and trees all grow silently. The sun, the moon, and the stars all shine brightly and they do it in silence. Silence can touch souls.

Multiple times people have expressed their appreciation for me, both professionally and personally, because I simply shut up and listened to what they had to say. During a season when we sing songs like Silent Night, Peace on Earth, and Do You



Hear What I Hear, take time to consider the beautiful sound of silence. Silence is safe. Silence is secure. Silence is something to behold. Did you know that L-I-S-T-E-N and S-I-L-E-N-C-E are spelled with the exact same letters arranged in a different order? Please learn to listen and appreciate the soul-soothing sound of silence. Have a healthy and happy holiday season!

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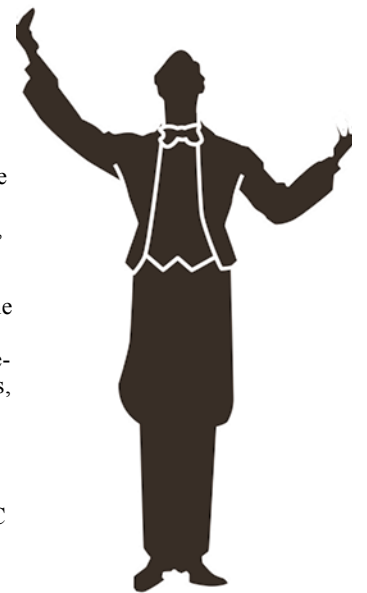
**Racine Symphony Orchestra
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The Racine Symphony Orchestra (RSO) is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for our 2020 Young Artists' Competition. To be held on Sunday, February 9 at 1:00 pm, the Competition is open to high school age orchestral instrument and piano students residing in Racine, Kenosha and Walworth counties, as well as students of RSO musicians.

The Competition winner will perform alongside the RSO at our April 5, 2020 Masterworks Concert. Cash prizes of \$800, \$600 and \$400 will be awarded to first, second and third place finishers, respectively. Applications must be postmarked by Friday, January 10. Application materials and additional information on the Competition are available at racinesymphony.org.

For more information on the Young Artists' Competition, including applications and specific requirements, please visit www.racinesymphony.org, call 262-636-9285 or email beth@racinesymphony.org.

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The gifts God gives aren't just for us. He gives us gifts to help build other people. You have a specific role to play in the body of Christ. That doesn't mean God's going to send you to a third world country or make you preach. But, there are people all around you that only you can reach. Are you using your gifts to build the kingdom? Are you serving in your local church? Even if you are still discovering what your gifts are, you can simply take a step and volunteer.

Everyone has something to give. You can give a smile, a handshake or an encouraging word. When you step out and serve others, that's how you develop your gift and move forward in the destiny He has for you!

Father, thank You for equipping me to fulfill my destiny. Thank You for walking with me and guiding me. Show me ways to develop the gifts You have given me so that I can be a blessing everywhere I go in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Holiday Recipes

Shepard's Pie

by Sherika Parham

Ingredients

- 2 Tbsp olive oil, separated
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cups mirepoix (mix of carrots, onion, & celery), finely chopped
- 1.2 pounds of ground chuck round
- ¼ cup white flour
- ½ cup frozen sweet peas or corn
- 1 can (14.5 oz) fire-roasted diced tomatoes, undrained
- 2 Tbsp tomato paste
- 1 and ¾ cups beef stock
- ½ cup 100% grape juice
- 1 beef bouillon cube
- 2 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- 3 bay leaves, separated



Topping

- 2 and ½ lbs potatoes
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ½ cup sour cream
- 6 Tbsp unsalted butter
- Fine sea salt and freshly cracked pepper

Instructions

1. Pour 1 and ½ Tbsp olive oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add garlic cloves and finely chopped onion and cook, stirring frequently for about 1 minute. Add the finely chopped carrots and celery and cook for another 2-3 minutes or until veggies are softened.

2. Increase heat to high and add in the beef. Cook, breaking up the beef, until browned through. If there is excessive grease, drain off that additional fat. Add in the flour and cook an additional minute to cook off flour taste. Reduce the heat to medium high and add in the frozen peas or corn, can of diced tomatoes, tomato paste, beef stock, grape juice, beef bouillon cube, Worcestershire sauce, dried thyme, and 2 bay leaves.

3. Bring the mixture to a simmer then reduce heat to medium and bring the mixture to a rapid simmer. Cook for 25-35 minutes at medium heat, stirring every 5 or so minutes, until you have a good thickened gravy. Remove from heat, cover, and refrigerate until ready to bake. If making immediately, place in the fridge until potatoes are done (you want the mixture to chill for as long as possible so the layers stay separate when baking, 15-20 minutes at a minimum) If you didn't prepare in an oven-safe skillet, transfer to a 2 quart oven-safe dish.

4. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Peel and then cube the potatoes into golf-ball



sized pieces. Place in a strainer and rinse under cold water until the water rinsing through comes out clear. Place in a large pot and cover with cold water. Add 1 tablespoon fine sea salt and 1 bay leaf, stir, and bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer until the potatoes are fork-tender; about 15-20 minutes. When a potato can easily be pierced, drain the potatoes in a strainer and make sure you get rid of ALL the extra moisture. Let them dry for about 3 minutes. Discard the bay leaf.

5. While the potatoes are drying in the strainer, add the heavy cream, sour cream, and butter to the pot. Melt on low heat and stir to combine. While potatoes are still hot, put them through a ricer and add right on top of the butter/sour cream mixture. Stir with a wooden spoon until smooth. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Cover and place in the fridge until ready to assemble pie! OR add these mashed potatoes to top the pie in an even layer.

6. Use a fork to add marks into the surface of the potatoes. Drizzle with remaining 1/2 tablespoon olive oil.

Bake in preheated oven for 25-30 minutes or until the potatoes are golden brown and the edges are bubbling. Broil for 1-2 minutes on high to get the very tops of the potatoes crispy! Remove from heat and garnish with fresh thyme or fresh parsley as desired. Serve hot.

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Holiday Gift Guide: Financial Gifts with a Lasting Impact

by Yvette Stewart

The gift-giving season is fast approaching. So, if you are like a lot of people, this means you are spending time trying to brainstorm gifts to give your loved ones – something that they will use and appreciate. For those disillusioned with giving gifts that are quickly used up or forgotten the moment the wrapping paper comes off, consider a financial gift designed to make an impact. Here are a few financial gift ideas you can feel good about giving:

Start a savings account. Help instill the importance of saving with the gift of a partially funded savings account. A variation on this gift idea would be to open a Roth IRA if your loved one is working full time but hasn't yet established a retirement account. Roth IRA investment earnings grow tax-free, which make them a good option.

Purchase a savings bond. Give someone you care about a secure way to save. Savings bonds are low-risk investments backed by the U.S. government. There are no fees or expenses, and bonds do not trigger state or local taxes.

Donate to charity in the recipient's honor. A charitable donation is a thoughtful way to acknowledge a cause your loved one cares about. As you research charities to support, look for ratings that indicate how efficiently these organizations use donations.

Buy socially responsible stocks. This is another way to support something that is bigger than both of you. Choose your criteria and look for companies that exemplify the values that matter most to you and your loved ones. Stock has the potential to



increase in value over time, so your gift also represents savings that double as financial security.

Fund an education savings plan. Your generous gift can help a grandchild start saving for future college costs.

There are several types of savings accounts designed to help parents and students save for future education expenses. Every little bit helps.

Help chip away at a debt. Many young adults are burdened by student loan debt. Juggling work and loan repayments can be challenging. Your loved one will be pleasantly surprised when you relieve them of loan payments.

Help with a down payment. Purchasing a car or a first home may be out of reach for many young adults. If you have loved ones who could use a little help, your financial gift can assist them as they get settled and on their way to greater financial stability.

Give the gift of cash. Everyone appreciates a cash infusion. If you're so inclined, you can suggest how the money is spent, especially when recipients are not inclined to treat themselves.

Gift an appointment with a financial advisor. Help your loved ones establish a financial plan with the assistance of an advisor you know and trust. This thoughtful gesture has lasting value by helping lay the foundation for future financial security.

Take Steps Now to Save on Your 2019 Tax Return

2019 is winding down, and before you know it, you'll be pulling together everything needed to file your federal income tax return for the year. Federal income tax returns for 2019 are due on or before April 15, 2020. But if you're interested in potentially saving on taxes, you should plan now, before 2019 comes to an end. Talk to your tax professional about whether the considerations below apply to you.

How you claim deductions affects the steps you can take to save. You have the option to either take the standard deduction (an amount set by law and adjusted for inflation) or itemize deductions. However, fewer people may benefit from the itemized deduction option due to changes in the tax law that took effect in 2018. The standard deduction nearly doubled from 2017 to 2018. For 2019, the general standard deduction is \$24,400 for married couples filing a joint return and \$12,200 for single tax filers¹. At those dollar amounts, it may not benefit you to itemize your deductions, but thankfully there are still potential tax-saving steps you can take.

Steps to consider regardless of how you claim deductions. Here are potential tax-saving opportunities that may apply to you:

- Save more for retirement: One priority if you are still working and contributing to a workplace retirement plan is to maximize your contributions to that plan. Dollars contributed to the plan on a pre-tax basis reduce your taxable income, which reduces your tax bill.

- Take advantage of other pre-tax savings options: You may be able to contribute money from your paycheck to fund a Health Savings Account or HSA (if your current health plan offers that option). This builds funds that can ultimately be available on a tax-free basis if used for qualifying medical expenses while reducing taxable income. What's more, any HSA money not spent this year can continue to grow on a tax-advantaged basis and be used in the future to offset out-of-pocket medical expenses.

- Offset investment gains with losses: If you have taxable investments that are currently in a loss position, you can sell those investments and deduct those capital losses from your capital gains on a dollar-for-dollar basis, reducing your tax liability. To the extent your capital losses outpace capital gains, you may also deduct losses against up to \$3,000 of ordinary income. Unused losses are carried forward.

Maximize deductions if you itemize. If you can benefit from itemizing deductions,

some key steps to consider include:

- Make your January mortgage payment before the end of December as you may be able to claim the interest portion of the payment as a deduction this year.

- Make donations to qualified charities by December 31.

- Keep track of state and local taxes, up to \$10,000 may be eligible to be deducted from your federal income taxes.

As part of your planning process, consider if your total available itemized deductions are nearing the amount of the standard deduction. If they are, contemplate taking steps to qualify for additional or increased deductions. Donating to charity, making an additional house payment with mortgage interest or paying medical expenses (subject to an AGI floor) are common itemized deductions. Incurring these expenses in this calendar year may allow you to reduce your taxable income by more than the standard deduction. However, be aware of certain limitations and deductions that are no longer available as a result of the new tax law.

If you believe you'll be closer to the itemized deduction threshold in 2020, you may want to delay deductible expenses until next year to the extent you are able. Going forward, it might be beneficial to bunch deductible expenses in alternating years to utilize the itemized deduction option when you can.

As always, be sure to consult with your tax advisor. Also check with your financial advisor to make sure any decisions you make are consistent with your long-term financial plan.

¹ Internal Revenue Service, 2019

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Holiday Recipes

Poppy Seed Cheddar Turkey Sliders

by Sherika Parham

Ingredients

- 1 15 oz package 12-count slider rolls (i.e. Pepperidge Farms)
- 1 lb thinly sliced roasted turkey
- 16 slices sharp cheddar cheese
- ½ cup cranberry sauce
- 6 Tbsp butter
- 3 Tbsp spicy brown mustard
- 2 Tbsp honey
- 1 Tbsp poppy seeds
- 1 Tbsp grated sweet onion
- ½ tsp Worcestershire sauce
- ½ tsp garlic powder

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Using a serrated knife cut through the middle of the slider rolls. Place the bottoms side by side on the pan. Set the tops aside.
3. In a small saucepan over medium heat, melt together the softened butter, mustard, honey, poppy seeds, grated onion, Worcestershire sauce and garlic powder. Whisk until fully combined and slightly thickened then remove from the heat.
4. Brush the bottoms of the sliced rolls with about 1/3 of the seasoned butter.
5. Layer ½ of the cheese on the bottom, then arrange the turkey over the cheese. Break cheese slices when needed to fit.



6. Spread the turkey with cranberry sauce.
7. Top with the final layer of cheese. Brush liberally with butter mixture.
8. Place the tops over the cheese.
9. Brush the remaining seasoned butter on the top of all slides.
10. Cover loosely with foil. Bake covered for 20 minutes then uncover and bake for an additional 10-15 minutes or until the tops are lightly golden.
11. Cut apart and serve immediately with additional cranberry sauce, if desired.



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Real Life, Real Faith

RUTS

by Lauren Lamoreaux

Ruts. Yes, ruts. We all get into them. And some are worse than others... But some can actually be good; think of irrigation ditches. I find that so many times in my day-to-day, I get into many, many ruts. You would think a few hours isn't enough time to get into a rut, but it is with some things. And anything can produce a rut.

I was watching MythBusters the other day as Kari, Grant and Tori tried to use dental floss to break out of jail. Of course I thought right away, 'no way, now how, no chance.' But after hours and days of running floss across a steel bar, there was a noticeable rut! Now, the method of flossing was mechanized and there was a ton of control over the experiment, but it still proved plausible. Amazing: dental floss had carved a rut into a steel bar.

A while back, I got a new computer and the transferring of music and data, while simultaneously learning the new system became very time-consuming. I found my normal daily activities had started suffering and my children were eating lunch at 1:00... all because of this particular rut I had gotten myself into. Thankfully, the music got transferred, and the data... well, the data is still in progress--slow, painful progress, but at least it isn't sucking my time away like the spoiled child that data transfer usually is.

All this got me thinking along the lines

of ruts and how useful or useless they can be in our lives. It seems the things we can fall into that are not beneficial are the things that are made of the softest substance--easily rutted. And the things we should be happy to fall into habits with are made of steel--and we only have some dental floss to make the impression.

Living a life that is full of genuine faith is a great example of one of those steel bars. We can go to church, get pumped up by some explosive worship time, or a dazzling teaching from the pulpit, but the real test comes when our feet hit the pavement: We get in our car and someone cuts us off while throwing out expletives and gesturing wildly; the company where we worked for 15 years decides it doesn't need us anymore; someone whom we loved decided they didn't love us back anymore; the list goes on. And it seems that these are the places where we can get stuck... in a rut. The soft, pliable substance that each of these trials are made of allows for many people to get lost in their own little ruts--some for many years.

I believe that with God, all things are possible; even climbing out of the canyons we have carved over the years from clinging to the hardships and strongholds of life, and turning back to triumphing and living victoriously in Him, is possible. In my life, in my faith, I pray that I will cling only to what is good and pleasing to my Savior,

Jesus Christ. This is what living a real life, with real faith, is all about: looking for the positive and beautiful areas in our lives and growing in these things, not in negativity and sadness.

There is one thing that MythBusters has taught me: it IS plausible. It takes hard work, determination, and precision to make those ruts, but it CAN be done. So this is my goal: to 'make dental floss ruts in steel bars,' by living a useful and productive life with a lasting impression on the

world around me. On my dying day, my life won't be defined by the hardships I've endured, but by the lifestyle of real faith that I lived. I want to trust in God's word, when He says that He has plans to prosper, and not to harm me. I want to trust that I am making a difference in the lives of those around me. This is living a real life, with real faith.

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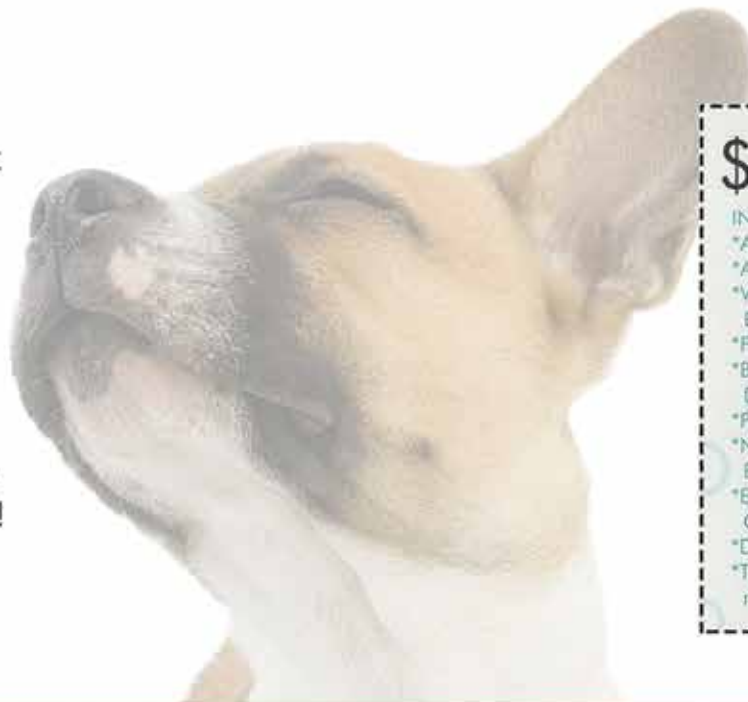
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Note the Agenda and how much it is all about you; what you need/want, and real, significant change making the improvements or break-throughs you want most of all.

Not to mention the ongoing topics, discussion; support, assistance and accountability.

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS

Below are tips, pointers and resources for having and keeping healthy during the Holidays.

1 BEFORE YOU GO OUT

♥ Eat before you go. Don't go out with an empty stomach. Before setting out for a party, eat something first so you don't arrive famished. If you're worried about resisting the delicious but unhealthy foods at the event, eat a nutritious snack before you go. It will take the edge off your appetite and keep you from overeating.

♥ Do not skip meals. A popular strategy for holiday eating is skipping breakfast and lunch to save your appetite for the big, special Holiday dinner. That typically leads to overeating. Instead, have a good balanced, satisfying breakfast and lunch.

2 EATING

♥ Start simple. Fill your plate with veggies, fruits, green salads, and lean meats. Chances are, after filling up on all

that healthy food, you won't be too hungry. You'll be better able to resist the casseroles and gravies that looked so good at first.

♥ Use a small, smaller plate. We tend to fill our plates, no matter what size they are. So choose a small plate and you won't be able to fit as much on it.

♥ Eat mindfully. Savor each bite. Don't eat fast or gobble the food down. Put your fork down between bites. Focus on the flavor and enjoy what you're eating.

♥ Take a break before taking seconds. It takes a few minutes for your stomach's "I'm getting full" signal to get to your brain. After finishing your first helping, take a 10-minute break before taking seconds. Make conversation. Drink some water. Then recheck your appetite. You might realize you are full or want only a small portion of seconds.

3 DRINKING

♥ Limit alcohol. When you get to the party, start off with a low-calorie, non-alcoholic drink, such as sparkling water or a diet soda. This will help quench your thirst.

♥ Avoid alcohol on an empty stomach. Alcohol increases your appetite and diminishes your ability to control what you eat.

♥ Try alternating between water and alcohol. If you're going to drink, try to alternate between water and alcohol to minimize alcohol calories intake and stay hydrated. The calories that mixed drinks can add ranges from 150 to 225. You can really cut down your alcohol calories by using seltzer water as a mixer for hard liquor.

4 KEEP PHYSICALLY ACTIVE

♥ Go for a walk or run. Instead of heading for the couch after the big meal,

bundle up and head outdoors for some fresh air. Walking is one of the healthiest habits you can have during the holidays, especially after a big meal. A brisk 15- to 20-minute walk after a meal can help ease digestion and stabilize blood sugar levels.

♥ Play to win. Start a new tradition of an annual family game of touch football, basketball, mini-golf or whatever your family's favorite sport is.

♥ Make it move. Add movements and gestures to your favorite card or board games.

♥ Play in the snow. Go sledding, ice skating, skiing or snowshoeing. Build a snowman or snow fort. Team up for an epic snowball fight.

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- ♥ Prescriptions, medications needed to keep us going, alive, and that compromise beyond repair proper functioning of our body's organs!

What's your reaction, feeling---disbelief, disgust, outrage; care, concern and wanting to do something about it?

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You Auto Know If You'll Grip or Slip

by Tom Kral

Ah, 'tis the season once again. The holidays are here. "Over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house we go!" And if you're still driving those raggedy tires from last summer, chances are you'll be spinning off the roadway and into the fields very soon as well.

Yes, we Wisconsinites know that winter poses some very special challenges to safe driving. The Federal Highway Administration says that 41 percent of vehicle collisions involve snow, sleet, ice or slush, resulting in some 150,000 injuries and 2000 deaths each year. Clearly, winter driving conditions present serious threats to occupants and their vehicles.

So what actually works in giving an edge? Front-wheel drive? Four-wheel? All-wheel? Any of these?

Consumer Reports investigated the options and found some answers. In a sense, all of the above and yet none of them. Huh?

CR publishes videos on a wide range of products and services including auto-related subjects. In one such recent video they compared the snow driving performance between an all-wheel drive Honda CR-V and a front-drive Camry. Both vehicles were factory-equipped with all-season tires. All-season tires are an attempt to offer reasonable handling across the widest variety of road conditions. For the most part they are jacks of all trades but masters of none—in other words, they are a compromise at best. Where all-season tires can provide acceptable performance in dry, wet and lightly snowy conditions, they are often completely out of their element (so to



speak) in deep snow and especially on that most treacherous of all surfaces, ice.

Ok, so what does work?

Winter tires, and not just on front-wheel drive vehicles.

Comparing all-season tires against winter tires CR uncovered impressive differences. Vehicles with winter tires were able to stop on a snow-covered test

track in about 300 feet from 60 mph. Mind you, the distances were nearly identical for both the front-drive Camry and the all-wheel drive CR-V! The same vehicles running all-season tires took more than 650 feet to stop from 60 mph—over twice as far! That's an extra football field! Two things are apparent: one, that snowy/ icy conditions make a huge difference in your ability to control your vehicle; and two, that winter tires can make a dramatic, if not a life-saving difference.

What makes winter tires so effective? Aren't they the same as good old, noisy snow tires? And why isn't four-wheel drive or all-wheel drive all that it's cracked up to be?

Snow tires and winter tires are very different technologies. Aggressive-looking, deeply cleated snow tires work well in deep snow. The open tread design invites snow to build up in the tires. Snow can then stick to snow.

That's particularly useful in relatively wetter snow. Think of making a snowball. Snow-on-snow works. It adheres to itself. However, when temperatures drop and snow gets dry and ice starts to build up, snow-on-snow doesn't work so well.

So again, what does work?

Suction cups.

The tread of a dedicated winter tire is honey-combed with pores that act like tiny suction cups, sticking to smooth surfaces. In addition, they have open cleats and zig-zag siping that helps snow traction. Very importantly, the tread material on winter tires is designed to stay soft and flexible even at very low temperatures. The tread compounds in non-winter tires are usually formulated for durability or maximum grip on dry surfaces, losing flexibility and grip as temperatures plunge.

Four-wheel or all-wheel systems are most advantageous when accelerating on slippery or heavily snowed surfaces, particularly uphill when weight transfers to the rear axle. However, four- or all-wheel systems may only marginally aid in cornering on slick surfaces and simply do not help stopping power. In fact, driving an all-wheel vehicle can instill a sense of over-confidence in a driver, sometimes with catastrophic results.

There are drawbacks. A set of winter tires must be

rotated with three-season tires twice a year—removed in the spring, mounted in fall. The soft rubber compounds will wear badly if left on for a hot summer. And of course there is the initial cost and the nuisance of storage for half a year. The good news is that if you buy a set of winter tires your original tires will last twice as long, effectively canceling the overall cost through extended use. Another aspect to consider is that if the alternative is to buy an all-wheel drive vehicle, a set of winter tires will cost you a fraction of that upgrade. Most all-wheel systems run at least \$1400 or more, and will reduce year-round fuel economy.

So in an effort to get you and your loved ones safely to Grandma's house and back, consider investing in a set of winter tires.

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This distinction recognizes the determination, dedication and effort necessary to attain this level of academic success. All hometowns are from Wisconsin unless otherwise listed.

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