

# MAPLETON AG LLC NEWSLETTER

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## BIRTHDAYS

NOV. 8: TOM GULLIVER  
NOV. 13: MELANIE QUINN  
DEC. 3: BETHANY SCHENCK  
DEC. 9: WAYNE WHEELER  
DEC. 11: STEVEN QUINN  
DEC. 16: AMY GULLIVER  
DEC. 21: SETH MALONE  
DEC. 25: DICK WOOD  
DEC. 28: TOM SMITH  
DEC. 30: SHAWN BUCHANAN  
DEC. 31: LORRIE JONES

## 10 WINTER DRIVING TIPS

See page 2 for more information.

## SALT SEASON REMINDERS

Salt season is upon us! Please make sure trailers are **swept out** when switching products.

If you are hauling salt, please complete your "**Mandatory Driver Requirements for Loading at Cargill**" form. Forms are located on the shelf in Mike's office.

## OTHER REMINDERS

**Milk plants** still require the use of face masks and proper social distancing! Additional masks are available in the Dispatch Office.

It pays to watch your speed! Don't forget, you can **earn \$100** each month for driving the speed limit. See Melanie for more information about the bonus.

## MANDATORY SAFETY TRAINING

See sign-up dates on page 2.

## MANDATORY SAFETY TRAINING:

Saturday, Dec. 12 @ 7:00 am

or

Monday, Dec. 14 @ 6:00 am

or

Wednesday, Dec. 16 @ 2:00 pm

The sign-up sheet and topics will be posted in December.



## WINTER DRIVING TIPS

1. **Inspect Your Vehicle:** Check the tire pressure, engine oil and antifreeze levels before you hit the road.
2. **Slow Down:** You may need to compensate for poor road traction by reducing your speed. It also gives you more reaction time.
3. **Give Yourself Extra Space:** Leave extra room between the vehicle in front of you so you can move out of harms way, if needed.
4. **Stay Smooth:** Refrain from sudden braking, acceleration, cornering, etc.; Pump your brakes & maintain a consistent speed.
5. **Pay Attention to the Tire Spray:** Observe the water coming off the tires of nearby vehicles; less spray = possibility of freezing
6. **Let There Be Light:** Keep your trailer lights bright and clean for improved visibility
7. **Take Evasive Action:** Consider decelerating your truck slightly and maneuvering around obstacles instead of hard braking
8. **When in Doubt, Pull Over:** If the weather condition is too severe, get off the roadway and wait until the weather gets better
9. **Be Prepared:** Travel with warm clothes, road flares, a flashlight, a shovel, etc. in case you run into trouble on the road
10. **Check Twice:** Traffic lights and signs can be difficult to see in a blizzard. Make sure to look twice before proceeding through an intersection or making a turn.

## UPDATES & INFORMATION

### Happy Thanksgiving!

Enjoy the holiday with your friends and family!

### COVID-19 Reminder:

Please stay vigilant in using hand sanitizer and disinfectant. Both are available for your use, in addition to masks.



### New Employees!

Welcome Tom Smith and Bethany Schenck! Tom is a full-time driver for Mapleton Ag, and Bethany will be assuming Karen's responsibilities when she retires in January.

