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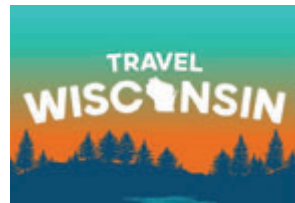
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"Our community's commitment to preserving and promoting our natural assets has been instrumental in this statewide success," said Tim White, Executive Director of Visit Wausau. "We are dedicated to enhancing our outdoor offerings to continue attracting adventurers and nature enthusiasts to the Wausau area."

The growth in Wisconsin's outdoor

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## Gov. Evers, DNR Announce \$444 Million to Improve Municipal Wastewater Infrastructure for Wisconsinites in 50 Municipalities

Funding provided through the Clean Water Fund Program will help small and disadvantaged communities upgrade wastewater equipment

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Gov. Tony Evers, together with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), recently announced that \$444 million has been allocated for financial assistance through the Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) to 50 Wisconsin municipalities to improve their wastewater infrastructure. The funding

will help municipalities across the state construct needed wastewater infrastructure, including projects that reduce phosphorus discharges and address aging equipment, with a focus on small and disadvantaged communities.

"We're working to make sure Wisconsinites have safe, clean water straight from their tap to drink and that community

water systems are safe, reliable, and can help effectively prevent harmful contaminants from being in our water supplies. Thanks to programs like the CWFP and help from the Biden-Harris Administration, these investments will go a long way toward building the 21st-century infrastructure we need to ensure Wisconsinites have access to clean and safe

water across our state," said Gov. Evers.

The CWFP provides financial assistance to municipalities throughout Wisconsin for wastewater and water quality-related urban stormwater infrastructure projects that protect and improve public health and water quality for current and future

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generations. The DNR and the Wisconsin Department of Administration have administered the CWFP

since 1991, providing over \$6.1 billion in financial assistance to Wisconsin municipalities. Additional information about the CWFP can be found online here.

Through this round of funding, the DNR is allocating \$399.9 million in subsidized loans and \$44.1 million in principal forgiveness funding to support wastewater improvement projects. The CWFP subsidizes municipalities to buy down the market rate on program loans (reduced-interest rate loans). The principal forgiveness funding is comparable to a grant because the municipality will not have to repay those funds.

Thanks to President Joe Biden and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), DNR Environmental Loans programs like the CWFP are receiving more than \$900 million in additional funding in Federal Fiscal Years 2022-2026. The BIL also appropriates \$1 billion over Fiscal Years 2022-2026 to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund specifically to address emerging contaminants, including perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in wastewater, stormwater, and nonpoint source pollution nationwide. The

CWFP Funding List for state fiscal year (FY) 2025 represents the third year of Supplemental Wastewater BIL funding.

Additionally, for the first time in CWFP history, loan demand has exceeded capacity. Total CWFP demand in state FY25 equaled more than \$535 million. Due to recent spikes in demand for funding, the CWFP has exhausted available revenue bonding authority and can only allocate funding to some applicants. Additional funding will be allocated to unfunded projects if it becomes available.

Since taking office in 2019, identifying and remediating contamination in ground, surface, and drinking water has been a top priority for Gov. Evers and the Evers Administration. Gov. Evers declared 2019 the Year of Clean Drinking Water to highlight the need for meaningful investments to ensure Wisconsinites have clean, safe water that is free of harmful contaminants like PFAS, lead, and nitrate. More information regarding the governor's efforts to ensure every

Wisconsin family has clean, safe water straight from their tap is available here.

A full list of preliminarily approved projects by municipality for state FY25 is available here. Examples of preliminarily approved projects include:

**Athens | \$2,117,680**

The village of Athens is receiving \$2,117,680 in CWFP funding, of which \$1 million is phosphorus reduction priority principal forgiveness and \$391,188 is general principal forgiveness. The remaining funding will be a loan with a subsidized interest rate. This funding will be used to upgrade the local wastewater treatment plant to comply with phosphorus limits.

**Rockdale | \$3,189,190**

The village of Rockdale is receiving \$3,189,190 in CWFP funding, including \$2,232,433 of regionalization priority principal forgiveness, with the remainder serving as a loan with a subsidized interest rate. This funding will be used to construct a pumping station and redirect wastewater to the village of Cambridge's wastewater

treatment facility.

**Winchester | \$4,920,000**

The Larsen-Winchester Sanitary District in Winchester is receiving \$4,920,000 in CWFP funding, of which \$892,980 is general principal forgiveness and \$91,020 is phosphorus reduction priority principal forgiveness. The remaining funding will be a loan with a subsidized interest rate. The Sanitary District will use the funding to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant to comply with ammonia and phosphorus limits.

The funds will be awarded to municipalities over the next year and disbursed as eligible costs are incurred. The funding is a combination of \$354,700,000 of the DNR's revolving CWFP loan funding and funding from federal capitalization grants, including:

- Base Clean Water State Revolving Fund: \$22,070,000;
- Supplemental Clean Water BIL funding: \$61,481,000; and
- Emerging Contaminants (PFAS) Clean Water BIL funding: \$5,749,000.

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1:00pm	Mosinee Senior High Band Presented by Mosinee Chamber of Commerce	7:00am	Christmas in America with Mannheim Steamroller Presented by RAJ Services LLC/Kathy-Mac Tax Service in Merrill
2:00pm	Stevens Point Pacelli High School Band and Choir Presented by Maher Water Corporation in Stevens Point	8:00am	Christmas in America with Mannheim Steamroller Presented by Wave 100.5
3:00pm	Christmas in America with Mannheim Steamroller Presented by Wave 100.5	9:00am	Christmas in America with Mannheim Steamroller Presented by Wave 100.5
4:00pm	Marathon High School Band and Choir Presented by Menzner Hardwoods in Marathon	10:00am	SPASH Senior High School Band Presented by Maher Water Corporation in Stevens Point
5:00pm	SPASH Senior High School Choir Presented by Maher Water Corporation in Stevens Point	11:00am	Merrill Senior High School Band Presented by Courtside Furniture of Merrill
6:00pm	Wausau East Orchestra and Band Holiday Concert Presented by The Pickle Jar Grinds and Finds	12:00pm	Wausau East Senior High School Choir Presented by Helke Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Wausau
7:00pm	Merrill High School Choir Presented by Courtside Furniture of Merrill	1:00pm	Newman Catholic Band, Choir and Jazz Band Presented by Coral Lanes
8:00pm	D.C. Everest Senior High School Band and Orchestra Presented by Coral Lanes	2:00pm	SPASH Senior High School Orchestra Presented by Maher Water Corporation in Stevens Point
9:00pm	Christmas in America with Mannheim Steamroller Presented by Firefly Lodge Showroom in Merrill Sheet Metal Works	3:00pm	Horace Mann Middle School Band and Orchestra Presented by The Pickle Jar Grinds and Finds
10:00pm	Christmas in America with Mannheim Steamroller Presented by Firefly Lodge Showroom in Merrill Sheet Metal Works	4:00pm	Wausau West High School Orchestra and Band Holiday Concert Presented by Coral Lanes
11:00pm	Christmas in America with Mannheim Steamroller Presented by Whelihan Glass in Stevens Point	5:00pm	Stevens Point Pacelli Junior High School Band and Choir Presented by Maher Water Corporation in Stevens Point
		6:00pm	Prairie River Middle School (Merrill) Holiday Concert Presented by Merrill Parks and Recreation

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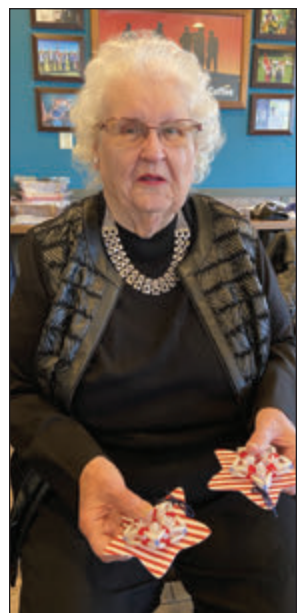
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# Road Map: Assessing and Funding Wisconsin's Transportation Needs

## WISCONSIN POLICY FORUM

Wisconsin policymakers are nearing a crossroads on how to fund the state's transportation system, as transportation revenues lag, project costs sharply increase, and a growing reliance on the state's general fund may prove unsustainable, a new Wisconsin Policy Forum report finds.

The report finds the state has funded a series of massive highway and bridge projects over the past two decades, improving conditions on its busiest highways. Yet the quality of local roads and reach of transit services has declined, and a still-considerable list of future megaprojects looms.

Mounting transportation budget constraints are linked to slow growth in revenue, aging infrastructure, inflation, and other factors. Thus, if policymakers wish to put the state transportation budget on a sustainable path, they likely will face difficult decisions involving real tradeoffs. "Either the state will have to forego spending and sacrifice road quality over time, or it will have to tap one of a few available funding sources such as the gas tax, vehicle fees, general tax dollars, mileage fees, or local taxes and fees" the report finds.

**Lagging transportation revenues; mounting costs**  
Growth in state transportation fund revenues slowed following the 2005 repeal of the state law linking the gas tax rate to inflation. Rates for the fund's other key revenue source - vehicle registration fees - were increased in 2008 and 2019, but this only partially offset the gas tax trend.

Policymakers responded by tapping the state's general fund, which relies on state income, corporate and sales taxes. From fiscal year 2012 through June 2025, \$2.6 billion will have flowed from the general fund to the transportation fund, including \$749.7 million in the 2023-25 state budget alone.

Meanwhile, the cost to support the state's transportation network has increased in recent years. Between 2020 and 2023 alone, total state transportation spending increased by 5.3%. Yet national road construction costs grew by 56.8% during this period. State construction costs rose much less, but still considerably—26.6%—while the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 17.7%.

Meanwhile, transportation debt payments increased rapidly between 2011 and 2018. Since then, these payments have leveled off as a share of transportation revenues as borrowing has slowed. Yet they still comprised about 16.6% of total transportation spending as of 2022, and debt may rise again if the state does not act to increase transportation revenues or control new spending.

**A look at other states**  
Wisconsin's combined state and local spending averaged \$821 per person,

compared to the national average of \$811, the three most recent years with available Federal Highway Administration data show. Wisconsin ranked 19th in the country and third in spending among a group that also includes five neighboring states. On a per-lane-mile basis, Wisconsin's spending falls to fourth among its neighbors at \$20,166 per mile, well below the national average of \$26,203. Notably, the state faces higher costs from snowplowing and the impact of freezing and thawing on pavement.

Compared to its nearest neighbors and the U.S. average, Wisconsin relies more on transportation taxes and fees to fund roads, and less on general tax revenues. States vary in their chosen revenue mix of registration and title fees, tolls, or gas

taxes. Wisconsin outpaces its immediate neighbors in its share of total vehicle-related revenues coming from motor fuel taxes, at 53.7%. As of 2022, the state's gas tax rate ranked 19th, or 8.4% above the national average.

**Options for the future**  
To assist policymakers and the public, the report outlines three spending scenarios for transportation and examines the potential revenue gap for each. Under the first belt-tightening scenario, transportation spending would be reduced across the board and no new revenues would be needed, but projects would also be delayed and road quality would be affected.

Next, we modeled a "shrink the highway program" scenario in which highway and local road aid spending continues

increasing at its current pace and spending for highway megaprojects is cut, which overall would require an additional \$88 million annually to sustain; and a "fix the roads" scenario, in which highway and local road aids receive larger annual increases and large highway megaprojects are fully funded.

This scenario would improve road conditions but require about \$413 million per year in additional revenue. We also examine a series of options to boost transportation revenues to close the potential funding gaps under the latter two scenarios. They include:

- Increasing transfers from the state's general

fund, as the state has done in recent budgets. This approach would provide additional funds for roads without increases to taxes and fees paid by drivers. But it would impact other key priorities such as education, health care, and

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**IN MEMORY OF**  
**Kathie G. Reissman**  
Sept. 27, 1952 - Dec. 20, 2022

This is year number two,  
how it still pains me so...  
Feels like it was yesterday,  
when I let your hand go.

I thought time was the healer,  
for pain they say...  
I'm so sorry Kathie,  
mine just won't go away.

Everyday, I still say,  
that it just isn't fair...  
To not have you here,  
to love and to care.

At night in my dreams,  
it's like you're still here...  
Upon awakening you're not,  
and I shed another tear.

Kathie my dear I wish you were here,  
I need to hear your voice...  
I know you would if you could,  
and that you love me so,  
and not being here wasn't your choice.

What a beautiful life of memories we made,  
I do remember them all...  
It's what get's me through life, here on earth,  
"MEMORIES" to catch me when I fall.

Sadly, and deeply missed,  
Love,  
Louie

### PUBLISHER'S LETTER

## A New Year With New Beginnings

Dear Reader,

As the calendar turns to another New Year, we find ourselves at a familiar crossroads, a time for renewal and reflection. It's a time when we take stock of our lives, weighing the good against the bad, and consider the impact we've had on the world around us. The New Year offers a chance to set new goals and make resolutions in the hopes of becoming the best versions of ourselves.

Yet, as many of us know, the resolve we feel on January 1st can be fleeting. How often do we revisit our resolutions a year later, only to find they've been forgotten, buried under the weight of daily routines and unexpected challenges? Despite our best intentions, life has a way of diverting our focus, and those grand plans can slip away unnoticed.



But perhaps that's okay. The beauty of the New Year lies not just in our ambitions but in the grace we grant ourselves when we fall short. It's a time to acknowledge our humanity, to understand that growth is not always linear, and that the journey itself—full of missteps and lessons—is what truly matters.

So as we step into this New Year, let's embrace the opportunity to dream, to set intentions, and to strive for better. But let's also be kind to ourselves when we stumble, and remember that each new day brings with it the possibility of renewal.

Wishing you a joyous New Year, full of hope, reflection, and the endless potential of new beginnings.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**, Publisher  
Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.

*Reflections* by Patrick Wood is Now Available at Janke Book Store, Wausau

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  - Irregular in botanical parlance
  - Cease standing
  - "American Horror Story" actress
  - Grow milk teeth
  - Plant parts
  - Snow house
  - Most contemptuous
  - Note to repay
  - Old English
  - Wings
  - Financial institutions
  - Parks and Lopez are two
  - Mr. T's "The A-Team" character
  - Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
  - Give off
  - Semitic alphabet letter
  - Farm state
  - Actress Sarandon
  - Back parts
  - Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
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  - One point north of due east
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  - Seriously considered
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  - Asian wild dog
  - Old English letter

- Young domestic sheep
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- Dormant Peruvian volcano
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  - Indicates location
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  - Midsection
  - Jewish calendar month
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  - A small quantity of anything
  - Mountain Time
  - Affirmative
  - Word element meaning ear
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  - Newborn child

- Sword
- Groups of people
- Prickly, scrambling shrubs
- Become less intense
- Polishes
- Indicates position
- Songs sung to one's beloved
- The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
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# One Paw Helping Another

SUBMITTED BY PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB

The Paper Cities Kennel Club host an annual dog show in September. At the dog show they have a basket raffle to help raise money that they give to another Wisconsin canine non-profit organization. Every year the PCKC decides who they will make a donation to.

The kennel club recently found out that the Marathon

County Sheriff K9 program, Paws Enforcing Laws is completely funded by donations and not a single tax dollar goes towards this program.

After finding this out the PCKC immediately knew this was the organization that they wanted to donate to this year. The PCKC raised enough money from the raffle and proudly donated \$2000 to Paws Enforcing Laws.



Pictured left to right: Deputy A. Thompson and K9 partner Joker, Chief Deputy W. Millhausen, Sarah Beaumont, Sheriff C. Billeb, Deputy J. White and therapy dog Bodhi.

## ROAD MAP from page 3

corrections, and also put upward pressure on income and sales taxes.

Increasing the state's gas tax and vehicle registration fee. This approach would help keep transportation funding from competing with other state priorities. However, vehicle registration fees were increased relatively recently (in 2019). A gas tax increase would link costs for motorists with how much they drive, but such increases fall more heavily on rural residents and generally have proven unpopular.

With the long-term outlook for the gas tax murky amid the rise of electric vehicles, state leaders could choose to consider a mileage-based fee on motorists. Thus far, this approach has only been implemented on a limited scale in Oregon, Utah, and Virginia. These little-used programs show mileage-based fees are technologically feasible, but remain relatively untested nationally and seemingly unpopular with motorists.

Other potential revenue options could include tolling, extending the state sales tax to motor fuel; providing local governments a sales tax or other revenue source for transportation; changing state vehicle registration fees from a flat fee to one based on the vehicle's value or weight; allowing public-private partnerships, in which companies could invest in and operate highways and collect tolls to pay for them; or right-of-way development fees.

## OUT & ABOUT

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# Quilters Stitch Up \$1,930 in Support of The Highground

## THE HIGHGROUND VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

On Tuesday, December 3, hopeful quilt ticket holders joined staff members in the new Welcome Center as 32 winning tickets were drawn for The Highground's Annual Patriotic Quilt Raffle. It was great to have quilters and ticket holders from all across Wisconsin participate in this unique fundraiser.

The Highground received 32 creative, handcrafted quilts of assorted sizes. Not all were red, white, and blue, but all of them reflected their patriotism. Over 590 tickets were sold, which raised \$1,930. This special fundraiser supports various necessities that will allow The Highground to continue to provide veteran programming.

This fundraiser continues to be successful because of the generosity of many talented quilters and everyone who purchased raffle tickets. The 32 unique quilts were created and donated by: Joan Vande Castle, the Sunshine Group, Delia Chy & Louise Wagner, Crazy Hearts Quilters, Deb Berg, Roxie & Carl Kringle, Barb Schneider, Janice Brady, Beck Mauch & Betty Laskowski, Joanne

Hanson, the American Back, Carol Kaufmann, Legion Elroy Auxiliary, Shirley Fairfield, Charity Linda Berg, Nancy Brown, Listers, and the 1st Mary Lou Kirchner, Lutheran Church Quilters Marge Rohland, Cheri of Prentice.




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- Oversee the work of other custodial staff to ensure their assigned area has been cleaned properly.
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- Daily clean assigned rooms, hallways, offices, entrances and bathrooms.
- Empty trash receptacle and collect recycling.
- Maintain security by locking doors, closing windows, turning off lights.
- Assist teacher needs; such as moving desks, and replenishing soap, paper towels and other supplies.
- Occasionally assist with snow and ice removal.
- Maintain good public relations by demonstrating a positive and willing attitude in dealing with staff and the community.
- Any other duty as requested by supervisor or administration.

Successful candidates must be self motivated and have the ability to follow written and oral instructions as well as the ability to give written and oral instructions.

**To apply:** Send completed district support staff application to Jill Resch in the District Office at 400 West Grand Avenue, Wittenberg WI 54499, or email application to jeresch@wittbirn.k12.wi.us

Application Deadline: January 2, 2024

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- Assist teacher needs; such as moving desks, and replenishing soap, paper towels and other supplies.
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# Alzheimer's Association Offers Holiday Gift Guide for People Living with Dementia and Their Caregivers

Holiday shopping and gift-giving can often be challenging, but even more so when shopping for a person living with dementia.

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There are nearly 7 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease. Depending on the stage of disease, some well-intentioned gifts may no longer be appropriate or practical for the person.

For the holiday season, the Alzheimer's Association has released its 2024 Holiday Gift Guide, offering gift ideas for individuals living in the early, middle and late-stages of Alzheimer's disease. The guide also includes gift suggestions aimed at keeping those living with dementia engaged and involved in everyday tasks, as well as gift ideas for the 11 million family members and friends across the country serving as unpaid caregivers for these individuals.

5 gifts for people living with Alzheimers - in the early-stages

• Dry-erase calendars and whiteboards are a perfect way to list reminders or day-to-day activities.

• Label makers can help people with memory challenges stay organized and keep track of everyday household items and belongings.

• Gift cards for ride-sharing services or a favorite activity (golf, movie, restaurant) allowing the person to remain active.

• GPS trackers (bracelets, watches, keychains) can keep people living with dementia safe while allowing them to stay independent.

• A "memory" calendar featuring family photos - write-in special family occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries.

5 gifts for people living with Alzheimers - in the middle-to-late stages

• Music playlists that include the person's favorite artists or songs.

• Comfortable, loose-fitting clothing that is easy to put on, remove and wash, such as sweat suits, slip-on blouses/shirts, non-slip socks, Velcro shoes, wrinkle-free nightgowns, night shirts or a fluffy bathrobe.

• Framed photographs or a photo collage created specifically for your loved one. Insert the names of the people in the photos to help with identification.

• Soothing gifts that can help with anxiety like a handheld massage ball or a soft blanket.

• Adaptive dining accessories such as no-spill cups, plate guards and silverware with specifically designed handles that enable greater

independence during meals.

5 gifts to help with everyday tasks and keep the person living with Alzheimer's engaged:

• A memory phone that can store pictures with the names and contact information of family and friends.

• Puzzle and activity books are a great way to keep a person living with dementia cognitively engaged.

• Card/Board games offer an opportunity to involve other family members and friends, allowing others to spend time with the person living with dementia.

• An outing to a movie, play or concert, sporting event, museum or an organized holiday shopping trip with friends and family.

• Engage your loved one in making homemade gifts for the family, painting ornaments, decorating stockings, table setting,

scrapbooking or other activity gifts.

5 gifts for dementia caregivers

• Time is the most important gift you can give a dementia caregiver. Spend time with the person living with dementia and allow the caregiver a chance to run errands, go to their own doctor's appointment, participate in a support group or engage in an activity that helps them recharge. Even one hour could make an enormous difference in providing the caregiver with some relief.

• Self-made coupons for cleaning the house, cooking a meal, mowing the lawn or shoveling the driveway.

• Gift cards and certificates for restaurants or meal delivery, laundry/dry cleaning services, lawn care services, computer/technology support, house-cleaning services,

and personal pampering services such as massages and pedicures.

• Books - In addition to giving novels on the caregiver's "must read" list, there are many books on caregiving and maintaining self-health.

• Self-care items such as a bundle of personal care items (moisturizers, bath bombs and soaks, foot creams, scrubs, soaps).

For more holiday gift ideas, visit ALZ Mission Marketplace:

Purchase with Purpose. With each item purchased, a portion is donated to the Alzheimer's Association, funding critical research, care and support and awareness initiatives.

For more tips on how families affected by Alzheimer's and other dementia can safely enjoy time with family and friends during the holidays, visit the Alzheimer's Association website.

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