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TOPEKA'S CAR CARE PROS

Yingling's Throughout the Years



1930's



Adrian, Missouri

Brian's grandparents, Darwin and Sarah Yingling, owned a garage/gas/cafe. Their home was upstairs, and they ran their business downstairs.

1946



North Topeka, Kansas

Grandpa Darwin Yingling, needing a garage to ply his trade, fixed up an old chicken coop behind his house. Brian's father, Larry Yingling, was around 11 years old.

1956



North Topeka, Kansas

Larry Yingling started the original Yingling Oil company, a Champlin gas station which ran as a gasoline and electrical repair station.

1976



North Topeka, Kansas

After outgrowing the original building, Larry moved his business to a new location. His son, Brent, came to work with him in 1989 to help the business grow. And grow it did!

1990



North Topeka, Kansas (before)

Business was so good that Larry moved again to a new location. Brian Yingling now joined forces with his father to help manage the operation.



North Topeka, Kansas (after)

After giving it a Yingling's look, this would be home to Yingling's until the latest move in 1993.

1993



North Topeka, Kansas

Yingling's current home at 2525 N. Topeka Blvd. Today, Yingling's is the largest locally owned and operated independent auto repair facility in Topeka.

Employee Spotlight

Take a quick peek into the life of one of Yingling's Auto Service's employees:

Brian Tefft

Brian has worked for Yingling's Auto Service for over ten years. Brian is their Driveability and Suspension Specialist. He also does car repair and customer service. Brian has been married for 17 years to Tammy and has 2 great children, Brittney and Brian.



Q: *Who do you admire most?*

A: NASCAR crew chiefs—how they can take a driver and team to championships from the work done in the shops.

Q: *If you could live in a different time period, when would it be and why?*

A: I'd like to be 18 in 1965 to enjoy the muscle car era.

Q: *What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?*

A: I get 2 awesome meals. One on Thanksgiving with my wife's family and then we head south on Saturday to enjoy dinner with my family.

Q: *What kind of car do you drive?*

A: I drive a 71 Chevy El Camino.

Q: *What do you enjoy doing as a family?*

A: Going to watch my son run track and watching my daughter dance.

Q: *What are you thankful for?*

A: Good kids, a good supportive wife and a good job working with friends and customers.

Q: *Are you involved in any community activities?*

A: I'm a supporter of Seaman Athletic Booster club where my son ran cross country and made varsity as a freshman. I also support Fuzian School of Dance where my daughter competes and got gold ratings at Regionals and Nationals, all in her first year.

ON THE HORIZON

Nanotechnology

Across the world, automobile makers have begun focusing their attention on incorporating nanotechnology into their construction and manufacturing. Nanotechnology is the development of functional structures by manipulating the molecular form of different substances. Nanotechnology allows scientists to alter these substances' physical properties to improve vehicle performance.

One of the most promising directions in automotive innovations is the use of nanotechnology to create lighter, stronger car doors, bumpers, hoods and trunks. In 2001, Toyota introduced nanocomposites into their bumpers that were 60% lighter than their plastic predecessors and twice as hard to dent. What does this mean for the consumer? Stronger bumpers and better fuel efficiency since lighter vehicles need less fuel to get around.

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Any Service of \$400 or More in December and Get a Free Aquapel® Glass Treatment



Aquapel Glass Treatment is a long-lasting rain repellent that:

- Remarkably improves vision in the rain
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- Makes it easier to clear ice, snow, dirt and bugs

Using technology innovated for the aviation industry, Aquapel Glass Treatment forms a chemical bond with the glass, which increases water repellency, causing it to bead and easily shed off the glass. These fluorinated compounds apply in just minutes to a clean, dry windshield or any exterior glass surface, and last up to six times longer than silicon-based products. Additionally, Aquapel Glass Treatment remains highly effective after months of normal use, including driving in rain and snow, car washing and glass cleaning.

Your Car Is a Comfortable Place to Be...Until...a Breakdown

Most motorists breakdown due to one of five common causes. They are: out of gas; the engine has stalled and won't start; the car has a dead battery; a flat tire or an overheating engine.

The encouraging aspect is that all of these difficulties are avoidable with common sense and a little effort by following these simple preventive measures that could help you avoid a breakdown:

1. Periodic mechanical checkups, especially when engine stalling, hard starting or other such symptoms are signaling trouble.
2. Regular tire inspection to spot damage, unusual wear or under-inflation that can lead to tire failure.
3. Seasonal checks and preventive maintenance of the cooling system, a frequent factor in roadside breakdowns.
4. Keep the tank half full at all times. This also safeguards against condensation in the tank. If moisture in the gas line freezes, the engine can stall.



5. A cellular phone is invaluable in cases of emergency.

If you do happen to find yourself on the roadside, follow these tips:

- Try to move the car out of traffic to a safe location.
- Turn on the emergency flashers.
- If at all possible, stay inside the car with the doors locked until help arrives.
- Ask anyone who stops to offer aid to call Yingling's Auto Service for roadside assistance.

Stop by Yingling's Auto Service and we'll perform an inspection for you.

Technicians Needed for Hi-Tech Careers

Did you know that the automotive industry is experiencing a shortage of qualified technicians? The latest reports estimate that the industry is down 60,000 to 80,000 individuals, and those numbers will likely keep rising as a greater number of today's technicians grow older and retire.

Why the shortage of young people entering the automotive industry? Experts point out a few possible causes. First, as vehicles become more technologically complex, fewer young people attempt do-it-yourself repairs, thereby limiting their exposure to the mechanical workings of vehicles—as well as their interest in the profession. Second, this seemingly dirty, hands-on job is often simply overlooked as a potential career path, despite the good pay and abundant job opportunities. Lastly, many schools end up being forced to cut auto mechanics classes for various reasons that include tight budgets and a lack of qualified instructors. This means that fewer and fewer young people are ever introduced to the profession, let alone offered the opportunity to gain valuable, entry-level experience.

If you are mechanically inclined and are interested in learning more about this hi-tech field, take action today! Right now, the CTI Technical Institute right here in Topeka is offering a variety of night classes covering various automotive topics.

In addition, if you or someone you know is interested in becoming a certified technician or is already qualified and would like to jump-start their automotive career, please call Brian Yingling at Yingling's Auto Service for advice.





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Yingling's Donates to the Prairie Advocacy Center, Inc.

During the month of September, Yingling's Auto Service teamed up with the Prairie Advocacy Center and donated \$1.00 for every oil change. All of the proceeds went toward servicing child victims in Shawnee County.

Each year, child victims of crime and their families come through the doors of the Prairie Advocacy Center seeking help and support. A safe place is provided where law enforcement, district attorneys, case workers and child advocates investigate crimes without subjecting the children to repeated interviews.

From Our Customers

"need new"

—Ed Schwerdt

"need new"

—Rosalie Behnke, MS, DVM

KID'S CORNER

Need a tasty treat that you and your parents can toss together for holiday driving trips? Here's one that's so yummy, you may need to make two batches!

Cinnamon Snack Mix for 4 Kids

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup honey graham cereal
- 1/2 cup bear-shaped graham cookies
- 1/3 cup ramen noodles, crushed
- 2 tablespoons sliced almonds
- 2 or 3 tablespoons golden raisins
- 2-3/4 teaspoons butter
- 2-3/4 teaspoons honey
- 1/8 teaspoon orange juice

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. In a large bowl, mix honey graham cereal, bear-shaped graham cookies, ramen noodles, almonds and golden raisins.
3. In a small saucepan over low heat, melt butter and blend in honey and orange juice. Spread over the cereal mixture and toss to coat.
4. Spread mixture onto a large baking sheet. Bake 10 minutes in the preheated oven.
5. Cool. Bag into small sandwich bags.
6. Enjoy during your car trip!