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TOPEKA'S CAR CARE PROS

Celebrate Car Care Month with a Free Safety Inspection

April is National Car Care Month, and at Yingling's, that means food, fun and a free vehicle checkup at our Car Care Clinic. Stop by Yingling's on Saturday, April 25, and we'll make sure your car is in tip-top shape for spring with an end-to-end safety inspection. This complimentary examination will make sure your vehicle is in good working order and will give you the peace of mind of knowing your family is safe when you're on the road.



We'll also have great entertainment for you while you're waiting for your car's clean bill of health. There will be food, games and prizes for our guests. We have also invited a representative from Shawnee County Safe Kids to come and share information about safely installing child passenger seats. Country Legends 106.9 FM will also be here to join in on the fun, with a remote broadcast live from the event.

The Car Care Clinic is a free, easy way to make sure your car is as safe as it should be. Stop on by anytime from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and we'll take care of you. Hope to see you there!

Yingling's Car Care Clinic
 Saturday, April 25, 2009
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 2525 N. Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66617
 785.232.4451

Why Get a Safety Inspection?

A safety inspection can catch maintenance needs that might otherwise go undetected—preventing major repairs down the road. As part of National Car Care Month, the Car Care Council ran vehicle inspection lanes, checking cars for problems and recording the issues. Overall, 80% of vehicles failed the inspection for at least one part or system. Some of the Car Care Council's findings were:

- 32% of vehicles had low, overfull or dirty motor oil
- 23% had inadequate washer fluid levels
- 23% had low, leaky or dirty coolant
- 8% had at least one unsatisfactory belt
- 8% needed new air filters
- 12% had worn tires
- One out of every 10 vehicles had the "Check Engine" light on

To make sure your vehicle is not part of that 80%, **visit the Yingling's Car Care Clinic on April 25** and take advantage of our free vehicle safety inspection.



I am a very loyal customer of Yingling's. I drive clear across town to have them service my car. They are fantastic !!!

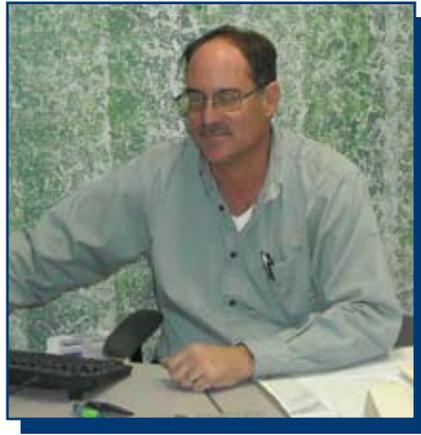
—C. Kuhn

Employee Spotlight

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

Clay Meyers

Clay Meyers is the part owner of the Yingling's Body Shop. He has been at Yingling's since October 16, 1995. Clay's responsibilities include all daily operations of the shop such as opening/closing, writing estimates, assigning jobs, ordering parts, paying bills and overseeing work in progress.



Q *What do you like best about your job?*

A I like being around cars and helping customers (friends).

Q *Tell us about your family. Are you married? Do you have children?*

A I have been married for 26 years and would not change that for anything. It's been a good 26 years. I have two children, a boy, 18, and a girl, 15. They are both good children.

Q *Who inspires you the most?*

A My family and friends inspire me.

Q *What kind of car do you drive? What do you wish you were driving?*

A I drive a 1997 F-150 X-Cab. I wish I was driving a new F-250 X-Cab.

Q *What is your favorite thing to do now that the weather is getting nicer?*

A I like to go camping at the lake with family and friends as much as I can.

Q *What's your favorite kind of music? Your favorite musical group?*

A My favorite music is country music. I like both Barbara Mandrell and Reba McEntire.

Q *What is the biggest accomplishment so far in your life?*

A My biggest accomplishment in life thus far has been having the support of my family and friends whether it is a joyful or tragic event. They have always supported me.

This place has been in business forever. Still owned by Mr. Yingling himself, it has become quite a family business with everyone down to his grandsons working there. They can tackle anything from transmissions to electrical to the shop in back that can do the body work. Quality work with a decent price.

—Dan H., Topeka, KS

DRIVING GREEN

The Clean Way to Clean Your Car

As the mercury climbs, one of our first inclinations is to pull the car into the driveway and start scrubbing off the salt and scum from the long winter. But the do-it-yourself option may not be the greenest way.

When you wash your vehicle, the dirty water, which contains detergents and other residue, usually runs into the nearest storm drain. Most storm drains then carry that water into the nearest waterway. Once the leftovers from your car wash enter a body of water, they cause pollution and can have a big negative impact on the creatures living there.

An independent study conducted in Seattle found that car wash runoff from non-professional car washes can be harmful to the environment. The study compared the effects of two samples of water on fish. The car wash runoff sample killed all the fish, while all the fish survived in the drinking water sample.

Professional car washes are more environmentally friendly because federal law requires that they use a separate sanitary sewer or have the water treated and recycled. When you pull your car out to banish that grime, consider continuing on to the local car wash instead. The fish and other water dwellers will appreciate your kindness.

The *Perils* of Potholes

Ah spring...the time of rebirth, warmer temperatures and potholes popping up everywhere and threatening to swallow our cars whole. Chances are, you've already bumped across several, and now that it's prime pothole season, there are even more just waiting to give you and your vehicle a jolt. And you may not just have been jostled—potholes can seriously damage your car's ride control system.



How to tell? See if your road warrior has any of the following symptoms:

- » The vehicle rolls or sways on turns
- » The vehicle's front end dives when braking
- » The vehicle's rear end squats when accelerating
- » The vehicle bounces or slides sideways on a winding, rough road
- » The vehicle bottoms out or thumps on bumps
- » The vehicle sits lower in the front or rear
- » The vehicle is leaking or has signs of physical damage, such as rusting or dents
- » There's a loss of direction control when you bring the vehicle to a sudden stop

If you've noticed any of these signs, it's time to pay us a visit. We'll figure out what's up and make sure the issue doesn't cause big problems down the road.

April Showers *May* Mean New Wiper Blades



As we switch gears from snow to rain, you may notice that your windshield wipers are underperforming. If you're experiencing smearing and screeching or if you're straining your eyes trying to see through the glass, it's time for some new wipers.

The rubber squeegee part of the wiper wears out every six to 12 months, so if you've been using the same blades since before they started pushing away snowflakes, now's a good time to change them.



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KIDS' Corner

AND SUDDENLY SPRING

The winds of March were sleeping.
I hardly felt a thing.
The trees were standing quietly.
It didn't seem like spring.
Then suddenly the winds awoke
They raced across the sky.
They bumped right into April,
Splashing springtime in my eye.

—by Margaret Hillert

Spring Nest Dessert

INGREDIENTS:

- » 1 large can of chow mein noodles
- » 4 oz. semisweet chocolate chips
- » 2 tsp. shortening
- » "Peeps" (marshmallow chicks)
- » some sort of egg-shaped candy (jellybeans, M&M's, etc.)



DIRECTIONS:

1. Melt the chips and shortening in a glass bowl in the microwave (usually about 1 min. to 1 1/2 min.). Stir frequently to avoid burning.
2. Pour in the noodles and stir until coated.
3. Drop big spoonfuls on dessert plates. Form into "nests."
4. Add eggs and marshmallow chicks to decorate.
5. Place in fridge for 30 min. to harden.
6. Eat and enjoy!

Recipe makes 6-7 nests.

Note: You can also use butterscotch or white chocolate chips for additional variety.

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