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SPRING/SUMMER 2010 NEWSLETTER

TOPEKA'S CAR CARE PROS

A Day of Car Fun and Safety at Yingling's 2nd Annual Car Care Clinic

Yingling's held our 2nd annual Car Care Clinic on April 24, and it was at least 100 times as fun as anything with "car care" in the name has any right to be. The Topeka area residents who attended our car care clinic left armed with new knowledge on how to care for their cars, full stomachs and, thanks to a remote broadcast from Country Legends 106.9 FM, great country songs on their lips.

In addition to the inspection line, where our expert techs scrutinized cars for safety issues, the clinic featured free food, a classic car show and complimentary child seat safety inspections by Shawnee County Safe Kids. Thank you to all who took the time out of your busy schedules to attend. We hope to see even more of you at the 3rd annual clinic!



Ladies' Night Was Car Care Night at Yingling's

This month, the Yingling's staff and the lovely ladies of Topeka rolled up their sleeves to tackle some serious car maintenance business at Yingling's first-ever Women's Car Care Clinic.

On May 18, we kicked the guys out and held a clinic just for our female customers who wanted to learn more about regular car care and how to recognize problems. Some of Yingling's expert technicians and representatives from AC Delco led the session, giving advice and using vehicles in the shop to give a hands-on demonstration. Everyone walked away with practical car knowledge, and we all had some fun, too. Thank you to all the ladies who made the event such a success.



Local Students Win Yingling's Fourth Annual Art Contest



The next time you visit Yingling's, be sure to take a moment to take in the new pieces of art hanging in our lobby/gallery.

This new exhibition, "Circus Cars," is made up of the winning artwork from our 4th annual Kids' Art Contest. We think our gallery

of works by young artistes is on par with anything you'd find at the Mulvane Art Museum!

Youngsters from North Fairview Elementary, Pleasant Hill Elementary, Rochester Elementary and West Indianola Elementary participated in the art contest, and the winners were announced during an awards ceremony on May 13 at Yingling's Auto Service. (The ceremony was originally scheduled for May 12—we moved it back a day when a tornado warning made a surprise appearance!) A grand prize winner and a winner from every grade were each presented with a cash prize by WIBW TV's Ralph Hipp. And without further ado, the winners are:

Best in Show Casey Roma

Grade 5, Pleasant Hill Elementary

Grade 3 Winner Carly Bredow

West Indianola Elementary

Kindergarten Winner Megan Bloom

North Fairview Elementary

Grade 4 Winner Courtney Wohletz

West Indianola Elementary

Grade 1 Winner Ella Kelly

West Indianola Elementary

Grade 5 Winner Colton Sturgeon

North Fairview Elementary

Grade 2 Winner Larisa Ross

North Fairview Elementary

Grade 6 Winner Molly Mulqueen

Pleasant Hill Elementary

All the entrants received a certificate for one round of Putt-Putt golf. Thank you to all the students who participated—we are in awe of your creativity and colored pencil skills—and to the teachers and art teachers who helped us pull the contest off without a hitch. We look forward to seeing the artwork the students create next year!



Be a Change Bandit!

For the second year in a row, Yingling's is sponsoring Country Legends 106.9 FM's Change Bandit Challenge, and we want you to join in on the fun and giving, too! The Change Bandit Challenge raises money for the Children's Miracle Network through St. Francis Health Center.

To be a Change Bandit, "rob" your friends, family and coworkers of their loose change. At the end of the challenge, the coins you've liberated from your pals' pockets will go toward supporting the life-saving care and services the Children's Miracle Network provides for kids in need.

Official Change Bandit kits will be available through the radio station, but Yingling's will have two change collection jars at our shop in August for everyone else. One will be supporting Chris's team and the other will be supporting Lani's team. Stop by and show your support!



2009 Change Bandit Highlights

RULES OF THE ROAD Gone Ridiculous

Are you in danger of being pulled over for a DWDC (driving with dead chicken)? Read on for more silly, funny and just plain weird traffic laws.

- 1. No dead chickens sitting shotgun.** In Topeka, Kansas, it is unlawful to transport dead poultry along Kansas Avenue. But on Topeka Avenue? Transport all the deceased fowl your heart desires!
- 2. Set up your sleeping bag on the curb instead when you're in Eureka, California.** It's illegal there to use a road as a bed.
- 3. Cowboys, make sure you light up the night.** In Texarkana, Texas, it's illegal to ride a horse at night without taillights.
- 4. Keep your horn-honking hands inside the vehicle in University City, Missouri.** That fair town has a law against honking the horn of someone else's car.
- 5. Unclean at any speed?** In Moscow, Russia, police can ticket you if your car is too dirty. The acceptable level of dirtiness is up for interpretation. A recent newspaper survey found that more than half of respondents said the determining dirtiness factor is if you can't read the license plate, while nine percent said a car is too dirty if you can't see the driver.



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First-Time Customers Get the Shirts Off Our Backs

If you're new to Yingling's, mention this newsletter on your first visit and we'll give you a free Yingling's T-shirt!



Motorists vs. Potholes

Every winter, we drivers are tormented by the appearance of our perennial enemy—the potholes, which pop up all over our streets, avenues and highways to rattle our bones and damage our vehicles. But there is hope. Learn what causes potholes, how to avoid them and, if you find yourself on an unavoidable collision course with one of Satan's craters, how to drive through them in the safest way possible.

WHAT ARE POTHOLES?

Potholes are breaks in the surface of the roadway where some of the road material has broken away, leaving a hole. Most potholes form when pavement becomes worn down. Cracks form in the road surface in a pattern known as "alligator cracking." As vehicle after vehicle drives over the crack clusters, pieces of the pavement become loose and eventually are displaced, giving birth to a pothole.

Cold weather accelerates the formation of potholes. At night, water that entered pavement cracks during the day freezes and expands. The ice pushes the cracks apart, breaking up the pavement and forming a pothole. February and March are particularly nasty months for potholes because temperatures that bounce back and forth across the 32° F mark lead to a damaging cycle of freezing, thawing and refreezing.

CAN POTHOLES ACTUALLY DAMAGE MY VEHICLE?

Yes. Your car's tires, chassis, suspension and rims are all susceptible to a pothole's wrath. And potholes are sneaky. Even if there are no immediately noticeable problems, like a flat tire, your vehicle still may have sustained damage. After a serious pothole run-in, you'll want to get your vehicle re-aligned or at least inspected during your next oil change.

WHAT IF I CAN'T AVOID A POTHOLE?

Drive slowly. Some hooligans may have told you that you can "fly" over a pothole if you're going fast enough. False. Most potholes are big enough to wreak havoc on your car even if you're driving at highway speeds.

You'll also want to hold the steering wheel tightly. If you don't have a good grip, the force of your wheel hitting the hole can cause your car to snap left or right—and into another car or object, if you're unlucky.

Finally, don't brake into the pothole. When you brake hard, your car tends to nose dive, increasing the potential for damage. Right before you hit the hole, take your foot off the brake and let your vehicle absorb the impact.



SCENIC SUMMER DRIVING VACATIONS

Want to get away this summer but don't have room in the family budget for airfare? Why not drive to your destination? We found some cool summer hotspots you can get to by road trip. Driving is more affordable than taking a plane, and you'll enjoy some great sights along the way.

If these destinations are too far away for your family, check with the local tourism board for closer travel suggestions. Tourism boards often have great ideas for mini-vacations that are friendly on the wallet.

East Coast

Hancock Shaker Village in Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Have a history buff in your traveling party? Steer your vehicle toward this restored 200-year-old historic village and take a look back in time at traditional Shaker living.

The South

Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky

The world's longest cave system is a great place to stretch your legs after a long car trip. The national park offers hiking, boating and guided cave tours, and if you bring the tent, you can even camp onsite.

The Midwest

Galena in Illinois

Though a small town, Galena is bursting with history and classic architecture. It also boasts golf courses and resorts for a relaxing experience after you step out of the car.

Out West

Lake Mead in Nevada

Drive to the desert and participate in a variety of water recreation activities in the huge man-made lake formed by the Hoover Dam. Once you've had your fill of sun and fresh air, the casinos in Las Vegas are only a short drive away.

Happy and safe travels! Remember, make sure your vehicle maintenance is up-to-date and you have your emergency car kit before you head off on your fun-packed driving adventure.

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KIDS' Corner

Little Seeds

by Else Holmelund Minarik

Little seeds we sow in spring
growing while the robins sing,
give us carrots, peas and beans,
tomatoes, pumpkins, squash
and greens.

And we pick them, one and all,
through the summer, through
the fall.

Winter comes, then spring, and
then little seeds we sow again.



Spring Sprouts Garden

Fill clean eggshell halves two-thirds full with soil and plant a seed in each. Set the shells in an egg carton and moisten soil. Cover carton with plastic wrap and set in dark place.

When sprouts appear, remove wrap and place in sunny window. Plant entire eggshell garden in ground outside.

Crunchy Seed Candy

1 cup each:

- » sunflower seeds
- » honey
- » peanut butter
- » cocoa powder

Shape into balls and roll in sesame seeds to coat.

Chill and eat!



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