Factors to focus on when discussing driving with seniors



Around 45 million licensed drivers on the roads today are age 65 and older.

Driving is one way for seniors to stay independent and live fuller lives, but traffic crashes are a leading cause of injury and death for older adults, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Older adults are more than twice as likely than younger drivers to report having medical conditions that make it difficult to drive, and usage of certain medications can further affect the ability to drive safely.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration urges older drivers, friends and family to talk about driving safety. The following are some points to emphasize during such discussions.

Physical fitness: Driving is more than just understanding road signs and how the car works. Safe driving requires sufficient physical fitness to operate a vehicle. Exercising and being active by walking daily, stretching and performing strengthtraining exercises can make it easier to steer and get in and out of the

Seat belts: Seat belts save countless lives. Some older drivers may have grown up during a time when seat belts were not standard on vehicles and may not recognize the importance of wearing them. However, seat belts are crucial each and every time drivers get behind the wheel.

Vision checkups: The CDC recommends that adults have their vision checked by an eye doctor at least once per year. Corrective lenses or glasses also should be worn if they are needed to improve vision.

Medications manage-

ment: Individuals should exercise caution when taking medications, especially sleep and pain medications. Even cold remedies can affect driver safety, advises the Mayo Clinic. Always read medication labels and pharmacy inserts to determine if it's safe drive while on a given medication.

Limitations and modifications: Getting older may come with certain physical limitations that can be remedied with a few modifications. An occupational therapist may be able to recommend assistive devices, such as steering wheel covers that make gripping the wheel easier, or a swiveling seat pad to make getting out of a vehicle less strenuous.

Aging drivers and their families can focus on various factors to keep such motorists safe when they're behind the wheel.

Don't Let Your Thanksgiving Road Trip be a Turkey

One way to avoid a turkey of a Thanksgiving road trip is to make sure the vehicle you will be driving is running well. A 10-minute pre-trip check is a quick and easy way to help avoid the inconvenience of a breakdown many miles away from home, says the non-profit Car Care Coun-

The Car Care Council suggests the following pre-trip check to help ensure safety and reliability on the road:

Check all fluids, including engine oil, power steering and brake and transmission, as well as windshield washer solvent and antifreeze/cool-

Check the hoses and belts that can become loose, cracked, brittle, frayed or showing signs of excessive wear. These are critical to the proper functioning of the electrical system, air conditioning, power steering and the cooling system.

Check the tires, including tire pressure and tread. Uneven wear indicates a need for wheel alignment. Tires should also be checked for bulges and bald spots.

Check lighting to iden-

tify any problems with exterior and interior lighting as the chance of an accident increases if you can't see or be seen.

Check wipers. Wiper blades should be replaced every six months. Make sure the windshield wipers are working properly and keep the reservoir filled with solvent.

"A pre-trip vehicle check provides peace of mind," said Nathan Perrine, executive director, Car Care Council. "Taking proper precautions provides an opportunity to have any repairs performed by one's own trusted technician before hitting the road, reducing the chance of costly car trouble away from home."

To save on fuel costs during the trip, the Car Care Council suggests that

motorists avoid aggressive driving, observe the speed limit and avoid excessive idling. Gas caps that are damaged, loose or missing should be replaced to prevent gas from spilling or evaporating. The council also recommends that car owners restock their roadside emergency kit.

The non-profit Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers. For the latest car care news, visit the council's online media room at http://media.carcare.org. To order a free copy of the popular Car Care Guide, visit the council's consumer education website at www.carcare.org.



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How drivers can handle suddenly unsafe driving conditions



The chance to take in idyllic landscapes and sun-soaked views is a big part of what makes road trips so appealing. When traveling during certain times of year, such as spring and fall, landscapes seasonal dotted with vivid colors can be especially stunning.

Prior to embarking on a road trip, travelers can't be blamed for getting caught up in the sights they're on the cusp of seeing. But it's equally important that drivers take steps to prepare for unsafe driving conditions. Even if the forecast is nothing but sunny skies, driving conditions can suddenly take a turn for the worse. The following are a handful of unsafe conditions drivers may encounter on the road, and what they can to do to make it through such situations safe and sound.

Aggressive drivers: Aggressive driving or road rage is a significant issue, more so than some drivers may recognize. A 2016 survey from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that nearly 80 percent of drivers expressed significant anger, aggression or road rage behind the wheel at least once in the previous 12 months. The insurance experts at Geico® recommend that motorists who encounter aggressive drivers do their best to stay away from them. Consider safely changing lanes, gradually slowing down or even exiting the highway. Geico® advises against stopping, as that can lead to potentially dangerous confronta-

Bad weather: Bad weather can include anything from snowfall to driving rain to thick fog. Though it's wise for drivers to consult the

weather forecast prior to hitting the road, no forecast is 100 percent accurate, which underscores the importance of knowing what to do when conditions suddenly take a turn for the worse. If inclement weather appears unexpectedly, slow down and be sure to leave extra room between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you. The automotive analytics firm J.D. Power notes that many experts recommend drivers double the cushion between their vehicles and the ones in front of them when driving in rain, snow, sleet, and other adverse weather conditions. Doing so can help to offset the slower brake time that occurs when driving in bad weather.

Debris: Road debris can include anything from materials that get blown away from roadside work sites to falling rock to tire treads to items that fall off of other vehicles. The suddenness of and the potentially serious consequences of being hit by or hitting debris is why a proactive approach is ideal. Avoid tailgating so you have ample room to maneuver should anything fall into the road. It's also important to leave room on the side of your vehicle so you can swerve out of the way. On especially long road trips, share driving duties so whoever is behind the wheel is fresh and alert. Alertness improves reaction time, making it much more likely drivers can avoid debris.

The open road has its hazards. But drivers who plan ahead and know what to do when encountering adverse conditions can ensure road trips are memorable for all the right reasons.

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How drivers can reduce and avoid traffic

Traffic is every driver's nemesis. Even when vehicles are moving along at a steady pace, a slowdown can occur seemingly out of nowhere. Traffic can turn an enjoyable trip into one overcome by frustration. In addition to those headaches, idling on roadways contributes to air pollution, negatively affecting the environment. But is there anything drivers can do about traffic? In fact, there is.

Avoid rush hours

Certain times of the day see more vehicles on the road than others. This occurs when people are traveling to and from work and school. If possible, alter your schedule so you are not driving with the masses. The National Safety Council says morning rush hour tends to fall between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. and afternoon rush hour is between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Take alternative routes

Learn other ways to get around so that you know how to avoid traffic if need be. Alternative routes can help drivers circumvent an accident that could derail their plans. Consider using a traffic app through your dashboard GPS system or smartphone. This way you can check for congested roads before leaving home and alter the route accordingly. Certain apps enable drivers who are on the road to send real-time information to other users about current traffic conditions.

Push for increased traffic safety measures

Oftentimes traffic is the result of an accident that was caused by distractions or speeding. According to the legal guide Avoo, there are more than six million car accidents each year in the United States. A report issued by the Canadian Transportation Safety Board says more than 300,000 car accidents happen every year in Canada. Advocating for safety measures, including a "road diet," may help. A road diet is narrowing of a road that makes drivers instinctively slow down. Roundabouts and speed humps also can cause drivers to slow down, as do speed en-

Carpool or use public transportation

Establish a carpool or plan to use a train or bus to get around. This reduces the number of vehicles on the road, which is better for the environment. It also can be less expensive to take public transportation or split the ride with others, leading to less wear and tear on a vehicle and fewer fuel fill-ups. Plus, letting others drive on occasion frees you up to read, nap or catch up on social media.

Traffic is a concern across the country.

forcement cameras.

As Days Get Shorter, Check Vehicle Lights, Wipers

Winter is quickly approaching and that means fewer hours of daylight. To be sure you can be seen by others and your visibility is not compromised, check your vehicle's lights and wipers, says the nonprofit Car Care Council.

"The days are getting shorter, so it is a good time to check that your vehicle's wipers and lighting are working properly because the chance of an accident increases if you can't see or be seen," said Nathan Perrine, executive director, Car Care Council. "From the driver's seat you may not notice a light that isn't working, so check all of your car's lights and replace those that are out. Also, be sure to inspect and recan see clearly when wet weather hits."

The wiper system keeps excessive water, snow and dirt from building up on the windshield, maintaining clear visibility. Many factors can accelerate the replacement interval of wipers, including operating conditions (winter conditions are tough on wiper blades), frequency of use, material and type of wipers and sunny weather. In fact, wiper blades can deteriorate faster and need more frequent replacement in desert states.

Lights are normal wear items that require periodic inspection and replacement. The lighting system provides nighttime visibility; signals and place wiper blades so you alerts other drivers; and

supplies light for viewing instruments and the vehicle's interior. In addition to replacing dimming, rapidly blinking and nonfunctioning lights, the following tips can help keep you safe:

If there is any doubt on whether or not your headlights should be on, turn them on. Lights not only help you see better in early twilight, they also make it easier for other drivers to see you.

Keep headlights, tail lights and signal lights clean. External dirt and debris can dim operational lights from being seen by others.

Make sure that your headlights are properly aimed. Misaimed headlights blind other drivers and reduce your ability to see the road.

Don't overdrive your headlights; you should be able to stop inside the illuminated area, otherwise you are creating a blind crash area in front of your vehicle.

For more information about keeping your vehicle in safe, dependable operating condition, visit the Car Care Council website at www.carcare. org.



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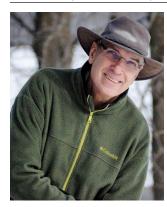
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Naturally By Al Batt

Water witching

watched a great blue heron following its bill in flight. A brisk wind moved milkweed seeds around. Rivers of blackbirds flew resolutely to a destination at least one bird knew. Red berries were evident on highbush cranberry and hawthorn. Rose hips were another red color seen easily.

Dandelions bloomed in the yard. They bloom profusely in April-June, but when the days are long in the middle of summer, flower initiation lessens. In fall, when the days shorten, they might bloom a second time, weather permitting. Flowering is initiated by day length and temperature. This second flowering ceases as days shorten or with severe frosts. Lilacs sometimes bloom twice. Some say the second blooming is due to stress, but there are varieties and hybrids of lilacs that are meant to do so. Lilacs are native to Eastern Europe and Asia.

Hardiness has made ginkgo trees a popular choice for landscaping and urban planning. Ginkgos lose all their fanshaped leaves in one massive, simultaneous leaf drop. Buckthorn clings to its leaves and sports black

I put a canoe in the longest river in the US near Great Falls, Montana. Nicknamed "Big Muddy," the Missouri River is the fourth longest river in the

world, starting in Montana's Rocky Mountains and traveling 2,341 miles through Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri (according to the Montana Office of Tourism) before joining the Mississippi River near St. Louis.

Q&A "Do raccoons hibernate?" They don't. What they do has been called going into torpor, winter sleep, partial hibernation or becoming dormant. They retire to a den where they sleep for long periods, waking occasionally to hit the snooze button or to leave the den for lunch. Mating occurs in February and March. If the temperature drops below 27°, raccoons retreat to their dens, usually in hollow logs and trees. They can have more than one den and sleep in the one they determine is most secure. They can burrow underground to make dens and it isn't unusual

for raccoons to hibernate

together and they've been discovered in chimneys, under decks and in abandoned buildings.

Leon Schoenrock of New

Richland wrote, "I did see a golden eagle this fall. When I see them, I think they seem bigger than a bald eagle. Are they?" Golden eagles and bald eagles are of similar size. Female eagles are up to 25% larger than males. Most resources have found that, on average, a bald eagle is slightly larger than a golden eagle. According to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, a golden eagle is 27.6 to 33.1 inches long. A bald eagle is 27.9 to 37.8 inches long. A golden eagle weighs 105.8 to 216.1 ounces and a bald eagle 105.8 to 222.2 ounces. Young bald eagles can be larger than adults because a young eagle's tail and wing feathers are longer than an adult's. The young eagles still weigh less than adults.

"What trees produce the best branches to use for dowsing or water witching?" My father favored a forked branch cut from a live willow tree. You could use any kind of tree, but Y-shaped sticks from willows, witch hazel (not common in much of Minnesota), and various fruit and nut trees are the most popular. Cut a Y-shaped stick from a tree, making sure that all three sections of the Y are 12-16 inches long. Grab both the top ends of the Y in an underhanded grasp with your palms facing toward the sky, and hold the dowsing rod horizontally so that it points in front of you. Maintain a loose grip as you walk slowly in search of water. As you approach a water source, the bottom of the Y of the dowsing rod should bend towards the ground. Dad also used wire coat hangers and wire rods. I

I guess seeing isn't always believing. Barb Lamson of Manka-

watched a tiler use a pair

of pliers for that purpose.

Does dowsing work? I'm

not sure. I've seen it done.

to asked, "What happens to young offspring of deer-do they stay with their mother, do they become independent? How do they survive?" Although they may drift away for periods of time, female fawns could stay with their mothers for two years and young bucks leave after a year. If a doe dies, it's believed by some researchers that a fawn could survive on its own if it had reached eight weeks of age.

Thanks for stopping by "I would rather be the man who bought the Brooklyn Bridge than the one who sold it."-Will Rogers.

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Cardinal Girls Soccer

Big South All-Conference: Carissa Saxton, Mackenzie Householder, Sami Lenort, Rayah Quiring. Big South All-Conference Honorable Mention: Cadee Becker. Team Awards co-most valuable players: Cadee Becker and midfielder Ellie Schultze. Cardinals offensive MVP: Rayah Quiring. Defensive MVP: Carissa Saxton. Most Improved: Kalie Hanna. Rookie of the Year: Kennedy Becker. Coaches' Spirit Award: Alyssa Wiederhoeft.



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CROSS COUNTRY VIKING – Laura Thompson signed a letter of intent to run at Augustana University, Sioux Falls, SD last Friday. Pictured with Laura are her parents Michelle and Jared Thompson along with Fairmont head cross country coach Bob Bonk, back left, assistant coach Stew Murfield, middle, and assistant coach Holly Neusch. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



Chargers' Ground Game Runs by Cardinals

The Chargers offense dominated in the second half in Dassel Cokato's 41-13 win over the Cards in the Class 3AAA state quarterfinals last Saturday in Prior Lake. Dassel-Cokato's Eli Gillman scored two touchdowns in each half to lead the Chargers' ground game.

The Cards got on the board first. Eli Anderson's 70-yard catch and run set up Gavin Rodning's 5-yard score. Owen Burmeister's extra point made it 7-0. Gillman's 2-yard and 57-yard TD runs put the Chargers up 13-7 after a quarter of play.

A long pass play to Levi Pooley and Eli Anderson's reverse carry to the one-yard line ended in a Charger interception. Hank Artz's fumble causing sack was scooped up by Dustin Olson and returned 5-yards to tie the score 13-13 with 5:49 to go in the second quarter.

The Cards couldn't capitalize on Sawyer Tordsen or Zach Jorgensen's fumble recoveries. The latter led to a drive that stalled with 51 seconds to go in the half. Hank Artz's bone jarring sack on Charger quarterback Gregory Clark ended the half.

Keyton Johnson's 18yard run for a touchdown led to a Charger 20-13 lead just 46 seconds into the second half. Two more Gillman and Johnson scores led to a 34-13 third quarter lead. Several second half Cardinal drives ended with punts or turnover on downs. Gillman's 53yard touchdown run in the 4th quarter rounded out the Chargers scoring.

Coach Mat Mahoney honored seniors in the waning seconds of the contest by substituting for them and gave a congratulating good season hug.

The Section 3AAA Champion Cards and seniors Zach Jorgensen, Eli Anderson, Gavin Rodning, Hudson Artz, Jake Harris, Dustin Olson, Klay Brown, Tyson Kube, Noah Rahm, Hayden Clabaugh, Evan Meade, Adam Petrowiak ended their season with a 9-2 record.



TD HAND OFF – Quarterback Zach Jorgensen hands off to Gavin Rodning who busted his way for a 5-yard score. Cards Gavin Junkermeier throws a block on the Chargers Hayden Hoernemann to open a hole on the play for the first touchdown of the game against Dassel Cokato. The #1-ranked Chargers (12-0) downed the #2-ranked Cards in the Class 3AAA state quarterfinals last Saturday in Prior Lake. The Cards finished their season with a 9-2 record. *Photos courtesy fairmontsports.com*



OFF AND RUNNING – Eli Anderson's 70 yard catch and run past Charger defenders #4 Kyan Lynk and Elijah Aamot set up the Cards first score.



FIRST DOWN GRAB – Cards Levi Pooley hauled in a long pass from Zach Jorgensen and signals first down.



BIG SACK – Defensive end Hank Artz sacks and causes a fumble by Dassel Cokato quarterback Gregory Clark as Card teammates # 64 Gavin Junkermeier #27 Gage Cyphers and #5 Dustin Olson follow up the play. Olson scored on the play.



SCOOP AND SCORE – Dustin Olson scooped up a fumble caused by teammate Hank Artz and cashed it in for the Cards second touchdown. The game was tied 13-13 at the half. Teammates #27 Gage Cyphers, #62 Klay Brown and Sawyer Tordsen trail the play.

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- Extra Extra
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- Light Ranch Dressing

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 Mayo

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Sandwich
Hash Brown Patty
Extra Extra
Fresh Carrots
Chilled Diced Pears
Milk & Condiments
While Chocolate Skim Milk
Chocolate Skim Milk

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Crispy Chicken Patty
Sandwich Hash Brown Patty
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STANDING BEAUTIFUL ON THE HILL

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer

f a building can offer a sense of visual importance, it is the Martin County Court House in Fairmont, Minnesota. All know that it is important because it contains all the records of the land and families. It was wisely placed on a hill near the shoreline of a lake. It stands stately beautiful to see from any distance.

Both of our families are early Martin County settlers. My history comes down through the true (1866), Anthony (1881), and Howerter (1923) fami-lies. Bev's comes from her Swedish immigrant grandparents, Andrew and Britta Peterson (1885). The True family settled in Center Creek Township, Anthonys in Rutland Township and the

Howerters also in Center Creek. The Petersons settled in Cedar Township of Martin County. There-fore, the Martin County courthouse carries special meaning for it contains the records of my family. We, like many other families of Martin County, can sense its importance.

I visit the courthouse several times a year. A certain sound comes forth when walking through its halls. It offers an echoing and remembering sound. There are display areas that speak of Martin County History in a real and visible way. An open area allows a visitor to look up all the way into the dome. Seeing such long-ago architectural planning brings a sense of appreciation.

Therefore, a restoration project on the courthouse is of great interest to people interested in Martin County history. The large copper dome, gi-ant clocks, and the outside of the building have been receiving the needed restoration. The copper dome was covered with a fabric cover and the mystery of the work being done created interest. The scaffolding surrounding the building allowed the work to be visible.

What has become obvious is that a trust was rightly placed with the decision makers to do the right thing. Such restoration will allow us to continue seeing something of history STAND-ING BEAUTIFUL ON THE HILL.

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