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# AS THE WHEELS TURN

The Official Newsletter of PD&S



## Employee Appreciation Day!

Here at PD&S we truly believe that our drivers are the reason for our success! If it wasn't for the hard work you all put in each and everyday we would not be where we are today!

So please stop in the office on Friday, March 4th for a free lunch & a gift.



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"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself"

- Henry Ford

# The Dangers of Speeding

By Amanda Barr

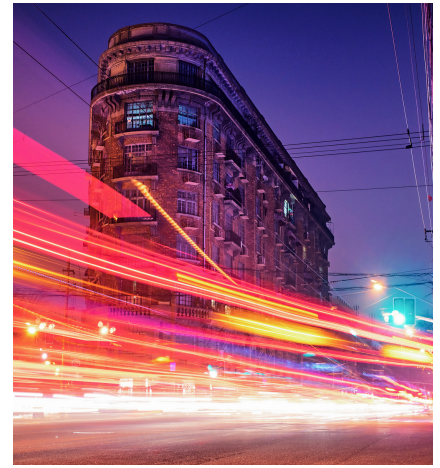
We all know that it's not safe, or legal, to speed behind the wheel. Yet, many drivers do it anyway without even realizing they are speeding.

Driving above the posted speed-limit increases the likelihood of a collision with other motorists, pedestrians, or other objects. Everyone can do their part to follow the speed limits and in doing so reduce the number of speeding related accidents nationwide.

Over 50% of the five million yearly car crashes in the United States are caused by aggressive drivers, with speeding being the most prevalent contributor to this statistic.

Drivers tend to speed for the following reasons;

1. In a hurry to reach their destination
2. Not paying attention to how fast they are actually going
3. They don't feel that speeding is really that dangerous
4. They enjoy it.



What you may not know is that the risks of speeding are far greater than breaking the law. Speeders are more likely to lose control and get into an accident, which due to the speed of the vehicle will be more severe, as speed reduces the effectiveness of safety equipment installed in the vehicle. Speeding also increases the time you need to stop, as well as the fuel costs.

Best course of action is to follow the posted speed limit and lower your chances of getting a citation or into an accident.



## Tips to help you follow the speed limit

1. If your vehicle is equipped with cruise control, take advantage. This lets you set how fast your car travels, so it can help reduce the risk of speeding.
2. Depart Early - If you find yourself constantly rushing to get from point A to point B, give yourself extra time for travel. This may help you feel less pressure as you drive — and can help you resist the urge to speed. It can be beneficial to check local weather and traffic reports before you depart for a destination, too. With these reports, you can find out how weather and traffic conditions may impact your ability to reach your final destination on schedule.
3. Remember the Consequences of Speeding - It only takes a second to cause a fatal car accident, particularly if you are speeding.



# Important Dates this month!

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## Happy Birthday!!

Greg M. March 2  
Brian S. - March 12  
James M. - March 24  
Ryder B - March 27  
Jodie Y - March 30

## Happy Workiversary!

Tony T. - February 26 (**8 Years**)  
Michael G - March 2 (2 Years)  
Ryder B. - March 18 (3 Years)

March 4 - National Employee Appreciation Day  
March 17 - St. Patrick's Day  
March 20 - International Earth Day



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## Your Opinion Counts!

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The real purpose of our company newsletter is to help all PD&S employees better connect with each other & management. One of the best ways to accomplish this is simply by asking for your opinions & ideas!

In each issue we plan to include a survey question along with the results from the previous survey.

### What is something you would like to see happen here at PD&S?

You can submit your answer or suggestions by writing it down & turning it in with your paperwork, texting 812-422-8700, or emailing [accounting@pdsagent.com](mailto:accounting@pdsagent.com).





## Photos & Content

A big thank you goes out to Jayson, Greg & Amanda for the photos included in this article. If you have any photos or content ideas for next months newsletter or our social media, please submit to Amanda by texting 812-204-0031 or emailing [accounting@pdsagent.com](mailto:accounting@pdsagent.com).

Thank you for all you do to help make PD&S an incredible company to work with!



## Employee Spotlight

Our January 2022 Driver of the Month is John Anderson!

John has been a Driver at PD&S for over 2 years now and is consistently performing among the top drivers when it comes to safety and fuel economy!

Congratulations John thank you for all you do, we are Proud to call you a member of the PD&S family.

With the rise of self-driving vehicles, it's only a matter of time before we get a country song where a guy's truck leaves him too.



# Live Well, Work Well

## February 2022

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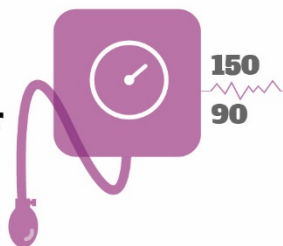
### Reducing Your Stress During American Heart Month

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. In fact, half of all Americans are currently considered “at risk” for heart disease, and that figure continues to rise. Due to the prevalence of the disease, February is recognized as American Heart Month to raise awareness about heart disease and prevention. To celebrate, you can focus on dialing down your stress level.

#### Stress and Heart Health

While there are risk factors that contribute to heart disease that you can't control, there are many things you can do to maintain your heart health. One of those things is to reduce your stress. Having too much stress for too long is bad for your heart.

**Chronic stress may lead to high blood pressure, which can increase your risk for heart attack and stroke.**



Some people may handle their stress with poor health behaviors—such as smoking, eating unhealthy foods and drinking alcohol. Such behaviors can put you at an increased risk for heart disease and stroke.

### Take Charge of Your Stress

Managing stress is good for your health and well-being. Taking steps to reduce your stress will improve your overall health. Try these tips:

- **Simplify your schedule.** If you're feeling rushed or too busy, prioritize essential items on your calendar and to-do lists.
- **Practice relaxation techniques.** Try listening to relaxing music to help you calm down or look into stress management or relaxation classes.
- **Get enough sleep.** Adults should strive for seven to nine hours of quality sleep each night.
- **Exercise regularly.** Movement can get your blood and endorphins flowing, relieving stress, tension, anxiety and depression.
- **Maintain social connections.** It's important to make time for friends and family and talk with people you trust.

If the stresses in your life become more than you can bear or manage with these techniques, consider seeking professional assistance.





## Benefits of Reducing Your Alcohol Intake

Excessive alcohol use is responsible for 1 in 10 deaths among working-age adults every year, according to the CDC. Excessive alcohol consumption has immediate effects that increase risks associated with injuries, motor vehicle crashes and alcohol poisoning. It can also cause serious long-term health problems like liver disease, high blood pressure, stroke, depression and cancer.

In addition to lowering your risk for those short- and long-term impacts, there are multiple health benefits for drinking less. By eliminating or cutting back on alcohol, you may experience:

- Increased energy
- Better sleep quality
- Improved mental health
- Boosted immune system
- Healthier complexion

After weighing the risks and benefits of alcohol, you may be considering reducing your alcohol consumption. If you or a loved one are concerned about alcohol use, talk to a doctor or use the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) National Helpline by calling 800-662-HELP (4357).

## What's a Standard Drink?

Drinking in moderation means drinking up to one drink per day for women and no more than two drinks for men. Actual alcohol by volume (ABV) varies by product, but here are standard drink guidelines:



**12 ounces of beer  
(5% ABV)**



**5 ounces of wine  
(12% ABV)**



**1.5 ounces of  
distilled spirits  
(40% ABV or 80 proof)**

## Should You Take Daily Aspirin for Your Heart?

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recently changed its guidance on aspirin use, stating that most adults do not need to take aspirin to prevent first heart attacks or strokes. This change to a long-standing recommendation is based on new evidence that the potential harms of aspirin—including major bleeding—cancel out the benefits. Here's an overview of the new guidance:

- Adults ages 40 to 59 who are at a higher risk for cardiovascular disease but don't have a history of it should decide with their health care provider whether to start taking aspirin.
- Adults 60 years and older shouldn't start taking aspirin to prevent heart disease and stroke.
- Adults who are already taking aspirin for a previous heart attack or stroke should continue to do so unless told otherwise by their clinician.

Talk to your doctor if you have questions about taking aspirin.

## Whole Grain Strawberry Pancakes

Makes: 7 servings

### Ingredients

- 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups whole wheat flour
- 3 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. salt
- 3 eggs
- 6 ounces low-fat vanilla yogurt
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup water
- 3 Tbsp. canola oil
- 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups sliced fresh strawberries
- 6 ounces low-fat strawberry yogurt

### Preparations

- 1) Heat griddle to 375 F.
- 2) Mix flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a large bowl.
- 3) In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs, vanilla yogurt, water and oil.
- 4) Pour egg mixture into the flour mixture. Then, stir until moistened.
- 5) For each pancake, pour slightly less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup batter onto the hot griddle. Cook pancakes until bubbly on top (1 to 2 minutes) and dry around the edges. Turn and cook other sides until golden brown (1 to 2 minutes).
- 6) Top each serving (2 pancakes) with  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of sliced strawberries and 1 to 2 Tbsp. of strawberry yogurt.

### Nutritional Information

#### (per serving)

Total calories	260
Total fat	9 g
Protein	9 g
Sodium	390 mg
Carbohydrate	36 g
Dietary fiber	4 g
Saturated fat	2 g
Total sugars	16 g

Source: MyPlate