

Cars

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and his younger brother Gail sitting in the 1924 Model T, when they were teenagers, and recently took the same photograph of themselves over six decades later.

Back then the Model T had metal wheels, whatever spare parts Reeves could find to keep it running and a Cape May High School emblem on its side.

Reeves said he finds more of a thrill restoring the vintage machines than he does in driving them. He said his beloved wife, Rhoda, who passed away last year at the age of 82, never had a problem with him putting his time and effort into restoring the classic autos.

"She didn't mind me working on them because she knew I loved it," he said. "I think she loved me driving her around in them too."

Reeves didn't have to do much restoration work to the 1928 Dodge Brothers Standard Six he bought about seven years ago, but fell in love with it when he saw it in a farm magazine he subscribed to. He picked up the sedan in Millville, knowing

it would be a great addition to his collection. The original style blue paint and sleek look caught his eye immediately. He said 1928 was the last year Dodge Brothers made their own cars before being bought out by the Chrysler Corporation.

Reeves said the 1928 Dodge is currently for sale because after suffering from two strokes he has trouble keeping up with the maintenance on all three cars. He said he doesn't have a set price on it but always welcomes offers and negotiation.

As for the Model T Fords, Reeves said he never plans to give up his childhood dream cars, as the 60 plus years of sentimental value and nostalgia runs deep within them.

Photos courtesy of Leroy Reeves

Above right, a shot of Leroy Reeves and his younger brother Gail sit in the 1924 Model T as teenagers. Right, Leroy and Gail Reeves in the same Model T, over 60 years later.



Christopher South/Cape May Star and Wave
Above, the new sign made for the entrance to Cape May Point was installed recently. The sign was paid for with donations, not tax dollars.

Drugs

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sometimes younger – who are dealing with drug problems. "In 2009, 9 percent of our (young) clients listed heroin as their drug of choice. Last year, 27 percent gave heroin as their drug of choice," she said.

As a result, she said, the crimes being committed by younger kids are more serious. Rather than typical kid crimes, which might involve taking money out of their mother's purse, younger people are now involved in home invasions and burglary.

"They are doing adult crimes when they are 15 or 16," Gibson said.

Gibson said kids find out they have few options for getting drugs or money to buy drugs, and they quickly turn to stealing, or perhaps dating drug dealers, or becoming drug dealers.

Mayor Mike Beck said law enforcement takes drug sales and drug use seriously, but it is not the answer to the drug problem.

"We are not going to arrest ourselves out of this problem," he said.

Lower Police Chief William Mastriano said the LTPD is making arrests.

"We have made 60 drug arrests this year. Last year we made 69," he said.

However, Mastriano said law enforcement plays a minimal part in correcting a drug problem.

"When it gets to us it is already a problem – it's often too late to do anything," he said.

Mastriano said, as a father, he sees education, awareness, talking to kids about drugs as being the best option. He said sheltering kids from knowledge of drug use is a mistake. "If you (parents) don't talk to them about drugs, someone else will," he said. "You are the first line of defense."

Mastriano said parents need to ask their children where they are going, who they are seeing, to look in their rooms, to question their kids. He said once they are involved with drugs, the law, or treatment, it becomes a very different and more difficult to deal with.

Taylor said parents have to become involved with educating their children about drugs, and he recommended talking to sixth, seventh and eighth graders about drugs. Michael DeLeon, an ex-offender who served 12 years in prison, recommended talking to kids even younger about drugs.

"The solution starts at home – talking to your third, fourth and fifth graders," he said. "This is not something you are going to talk to high school students about."

DeLeon started an organization called Steered Straight, and developed a video documentary about drug addiction called "Kids Are Dying." DeLeon, who lives in Cumberland County, said he attended 32 funerals last year for drug addicts, the oldest of whom was 26.

DeLeon commended the township and the county for trying to bring the drug problem into the open and dealing with it head on.

"Cape May County is the most honest county in New Jersey," he said, referring to its dealings with drugs and gangs, which are often related. "In the town of Elizabeth the mayor said they have no gang presence."

DeLeon also said there is an 80 percent recidivism rate for ex-offenders. He said New Jersey releases 11,000 drug offenders each year and 80 percent of them go back into the penal system. He said he has gotten involved because he doesn't want other youth to have to go through what he has.

"I don't want my past to be their future," he said.

Lower Cape May Regional School District Superintendent Chris Kobik echoed others' remarks about talking to kids in the home. He said more common, however, is denial.

"When we call a parent and tell them 'Your child was found with drugs,' they say 'No way,'" he said.

He said most parents will say the drugs must have been planted, there must be a mistake, their child doesn't use drugs, etc.

"There has to be a cultural

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munities like Avalon have already addressed this issue as it had begun to stem out of control there as well. As a result to numerous complaints surrounding specific properties, Avalon Borough Council passed an ordinance in October 2012 that allows fines from \$100 to over \$1,000 for homes violating occupancy or noise stipulations.

Murray, who said he spoke to people in Avalon, has also

dealt with excessive noise from surrounding rental homes.

"I agree with you 100 percent. It happens in my neighborhood too and it's very annoying," he said to Pontin. "Folks like yourself deserve the comfort and enjoyment of their own properties here in Cape May."

Murray said he vowed to get the proper laws and penalties in place. Mahaney and Murray discussed acquiring decibel readers for officers

to utilize when responding to noise complaints, so citations had a lesser chance of being challenged. Mahaney said when council begins further discussing the issue at the Oct. 1 city council meeting, he expects just as many people to be for it as against it.

"This is going to be a very interesting dialogue amongst all of the people in the community as this moves for-

ward," Mahaney said.

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