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OF THE WEEK**

“Cops need to ticket people going under the speed limit. Almost daily I am behind a car going 15 miles under the speed limit. This is a way for the state to make more money. People shouldn't be driving if they are not going to obey the speed limit.”

## Typical child: 7,000 extra calories on Halloween

► Candy consumption equivalent to eating 13 Big Macs

By Yvonne Stegall

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Halloween seems to be a good time for parents to start teaching children about moderation. It might be a time for some adults to learn moderation also, since children aren't the only ones consuming Halloween candy.

According to information from NPD Group, 54 percent of men, 18 and older, and 46 percent of women, in the same age group, will consume Halloween candy each year. While that might not be as high as those in younger age groups (see sidebar), it is a lot.

Statistics show that the average American consumes 3.4 pounds of candy over  
**See CALORIES on 9A**



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“I notice that the only people telling us how brilliant the ambulance chasing Bernstein family is, is the Bernstein family. Don't make a mockery of the Michigan Supreme Court.”

“I am a teacher who follows politics to a fault. Mark Schauer is a shameless liar and a puppet for my union, the corrupt MEA. Snyder isn't perfect but he has put over a billion dollars back into our schools. Get the facts.”

“While voting my absentee ballot, I put all partisanship issues aside and a clear choice evolved, giving no support to ever-increasing taxes or pay raises for cronies.”

“A vote for Snyder is basically a vote to shut down all Michigan schools. Remember, he cut a billion dollars from education. Vote for the kids.”

“If intelligent life from another planet were watching our ridiculous election rituals where the candidates use staged sets, wardrobes and makeup to make their lies believable, they would pull a u-turn and run for their lives.”

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HOT LINE**



## Police seeking leads in fatal hit and run

► Holly woman killed at Quick and North Holly roads, no witnesses

By Sharon Stone

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Valarie Owen of Holly was killed in a hit and run pedestrian crash in Holly Tuesday evening and Holly police are seeking any leads as to who struck her as she was walking



Valarie Owen

near North Holly and Quick roads.

Holly Police Chief Michael Story said at 7:25 p.m. on Oct. 21, Officers Jose Garcia and Anthony Modica responded to North Holly and Quick roads to investigate a report of a pedestrian personal injury accident. A citizen driving by the intersection saw a woman, later identified as Owen, lying in the roadway and called 911.

**See HIT AND RUN on 9A**

## Understanding your election ballot

► Save time by being prepared when you vote on Nov. 4

With just nine days until the election on Tuesday, Nov. 4, residents in the tri-county area will surely want to be familiar with all the races and proposals they will be voting on.

The editorial staff has compiled a list of the majority of local races and proposals and millages for residents in the cities of Fenton and Linden, townships of Fenton, Argentine, Rose, Holly and Tyrone, as well as the village of Holly.

If you have not already turned in your absentee ballot, it could be beneficial to review this following list. A great resource for candidate and proposal information is available online at the Michigan Voter Information Center, managed by the Michigan Secretary of State's Office. Its website is <https://vote.michigan.gov/mvic/PublicBallot.aspx>. Another informational resource is the League of Women Voters' election website [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org). There, readers will find a side-by-side comparison of candidates' responses to several questions.

**See ELECTION on 10A**

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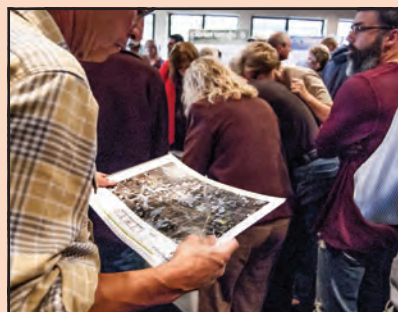
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A CN train stops traffic on its way toward Durand on Friday. CN (Canadian National), the largest train operator in Michigan, cuts right through downtown Fenton at the old grain elevator where it used to stop and make deliveries. **See story on Page 15A**

## ET Rover pipeline reps continue to dodge questions

FILE PHOTO

Residents who attended a public informational meeting on the ET Rover gas pipeline at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden a few weeks ago have lingering questions about the route and their rights. A town hall was held in Holly last week and another public meeting will take place at Goodrich Middle School on Thursday.



► Residents leave meeting with few answers on eminent domain concerns

By Yvonne Stegall

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On Wednesday, Oct. 15, State Rep. Joe Graves hosted a town hall at the Holly High School auditorium on the proposed ET Rover pipeline. At the Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting the following Monday, Graves talked about the town hall turnout and

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## Police & Fire report

### THIEF STEALS GAS FROM COMPANY VAN

On Oct. 15, Fenton police received a complaint regarding a damaged vehicle in the 1000 block of Grant Street. The South Lyon woman said one of her business vans, a GMC, was damaged. Police observed a punched hole in the fuel tank and 30 gallons of missing gas. Estimate of repairs is \$1,200. The damage and theft took place between 6 p.m. on Oct. 13 and 5 a.m. on Oct. 14.

### CORVETTE KEYED

Fenton police responded to a business parking lot in the 3200 block of Owen Road to investigate a complaint. A 55-year-old Livonia woman told police that she arrived at the store at 1:55 p.m. on Oct. 16 and when she returned to her 1998 convertible Corvette, she noticed a 5-inch-long scratch mark on the right rear fender. The store does have surveillance cameras in the parking lot and police are reviewing the video to help identify the suspect.

See **POLICE** on 7A

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The sixth-grade PE class at Lake Fenton Middle School sprints from one side of the gym to the other. They'll also lunge, walk backward and side-step during this warm-up activity.

## Not your daddy's (or mama's) gym class

► Modern Phys Ed has more focus on health and science than in previous years

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**Lake Fenton** — To get his students warmed up, physical education teacher Shane Steckroth runs them through a bunch of activities once they hit the middle school gym. Laps, shooting hoops, jumping rope are all available for this Wednesday's sixth-grade class.

While each school is a little different, Steckroth said Lake Fenton Middle School students can get 38 minutes of gym class exercise each day, though the options are different for each grade level. "Some offer more, some offer less," he said, adding that there are more options than seven or more years ago.

There's not much state guidance for area schools in the way of physical education — one credit of PE and health, and some guidance on what classes should cover. Still, districts each fleshed out their own rubrics with a fair



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This gym class gives students the freedom to warm up with the appropriate activity.

amount of options.

Lake Fenton Middle School (LFMS) offers one PE class per trimester. In grades seven and eight, they have options to take an individual PE class, a team PE class, or general health class. Combined, students can have 24 weeks of PE at the middle school.

While the standard favorites are all used, he said that mixing up the activities is important. In the individuals class, they'll do yoga, archery, P90X. "As long as we mix it up enough, the kids like it," he said. He's even gotten feedback from parents, who said their students never liked gym class before.

Team activities include handball, basketball, can-jam, ultimate Frisbee, ultimate football and flag football.

As a social studies teacher as well, he can see the effect of physical education outside the gym. "It gives them that opportunity to let energy out, even if they're not athletes, they want to be active, they need to be active," he said, adding that gym helps students concentrate.

See **GYM CLASS** on 7A

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# Why bother to vote?

Whew, voters are in a foul mood. Less than 41 percent approve of the job the president is doing. A mere 13 percent of Americans give Congress an approval rating, and two out of every three Americans (66 percent) say the country is moving in the wrong direction.

But that's not their biggest gripe. The biggest issue voters have is the never-ending wave of negative political ads saturating our television programming all day, every day, for the last month. These slickly produced ads are scientifically designed to trigger specific emotions in viewers — emotions that can alter voting behavior more than one would assume.

Contrary to what most people think, the intent of negative advertising is not to change your vote. That's nearly impos-

sible, so they don't even try. The real intent of negative advertising is to cloud and confuse the issues to the point that many voters become so frustrated and disgusted with the entire political system that they simply throw up their hands and decide to let their voice be heard by not voting on election day, thereby doubling the value of opposing votes.

Savvy political experts know that confusing and contrary negative ads often create feelings of fear in viewers, triggering our instinctive 'fight or flight' response. Fight behavior is by far the lesser response and drops dramatically when the viewers are older — which coincidentally, is also the demographic most likely to vote. Many viewers whose candidate is being maligned

choose flight, which results in them avoiding the polls on election day. They feel safer choosing no candidate, as opposed to choosing the wrong candidate. It's a very effective campaign tactic that removes many elderly voters from the voting pool.

That's not to say all viewers succumb to the 'flight' response from negative ads. Many choose to 'fight.' The fight response is characterized by anger at the innuendos, distortions and outright lies being told. This anger often reinforces the call to action — voting in this case — that viewers were inclined to do in the beginning.

So maybe the question we should be asking ourselves is, why bother to vote at all? The whole experience of politics leaves a nasty taste in most voters' mouths. Lies, lies and more lies. And,

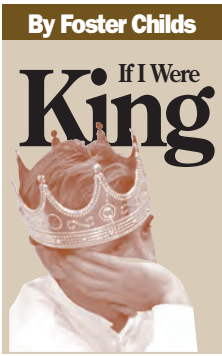
truth be told, our lone vote will never make a difference — it will never be the singular vote that results in a particular candidate winning or losing an election in any venue larger than Mayberry.

For this reason alone, any sane or rational person should ignore the entire election process and simply wake up on the morning after, flick on the TV and check the results, knowing full well that he or she could not in any way have altered the outcome — right?

Wrong. Because if all sane and rational people thought this way then only insane and irrational people would vote. And that would mean we would all end up being governed by liberals.

See you at the polls on November 4.

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“...truth be told, our lone vote will never be the singular vote that results in a particular candidate winning or losing an election.”

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**'CDC WORRIED TRAVEL Ban Over Ebola Would Hurt African Economies,' Really?** Our Centers for Disease Control's mission is to worry about economies of other countries? What?

**MY SON WAS** in the fourth-grade in Fenton. I wanted to assist him with studying for his History test but he did not have a school book. I emailed the teacher and was told the class only had five books to share with 30 students. Preposterous!

**I AGREE THAT** it is time for change in Fenton's school board. After nearly 20 plus years it's almost impossible not to become close-minded and set in your ways. Thank you for your service Mr. Hopper, but it's time to gracefully pass the baton.

**I HEARD CONGRESS** criticize General Motors last week for not firing Mike Millikin. Shouldn't congress worry about getting their own house in order before passing criticism? If 'leadership' sets a poor example, how can they criticize those they are supposed to be examples for?

**AT LEAST ONE** of the 'old men' on the school board has young grandchildren in the district. I have seen him at football, hockey, basketball games, band, choir,

Ambassador concerts, art shows and even volunteering in classrooms. He may be old in years, but he cares for kids.

**FENTON CITY LEADERSHIP** is ruining our quaint, small town. What is their goal? This is decision making at its worst. Stop cluttering up our town.

**THE SPEED LIMIT** between Gramer Farm and the Ole' Hickory Bar is 30 mph. Past the Ole' Hickory is 40 mph and after Katrine Hills subdivision it is 55 mph. If you got a speeding ticket, maybe you should look at the speed limit signs.

**AM I THE** only one bothered by the fact

that Tomek's Silent Auction caters only to the rich? My kids go to the school and I can't even afford to go to the auction. It just seems wrong to 'sell' things the way that they are at this event.

**IT SURE WOULD** be nice if the restaurant would fix the clock in its tower. It would be a good thing for the city of Fenton.

**I WILL BE** retiring from teaching next year. For 26 years I have watched the MEA, the union for every teacher in Michigan, become more like a pimp than a teachers organization. It's about the kids? That's a joke, it's about the MEA.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

## Readers write

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### Class project in California

Dear people of Michigan,

My name is Ricardo Salgado and I am a fifth-grade student at Salida Elementary School in Salida, California. We live in the central valley located east of San Francisco. This year, we are each to complete a state project. I picked Michigan! I am asking for any and all information from and about your Great State of Michigan to be sent to me. If you would, please send me any postcards, articles, maps, pictures, pins, pencils, posters, pamphlets or any other special items from Michigan for my project. My school address is Ricardo Salgado, c/o Mr. Howell's fifth-grade, Salida Elementary School, 4519 Finney Rd., Salida, CA 95368. I really appreciate your help in making my project the best. I am looking to learn about an awesome state like Michigan.

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# How do you feel about being stopped by a train?

## streettalk



“That depends if I'm in a hurry. It usually doesn't bother me.”

— Jackie Gardener  
Holly Township



“I feel fine about it. It's better than getting hit. They all should have those safety bars.”

— Linda Vivian  
Tyrone Township



“You gotta move supplies.”

— John Wilhelm  
Flint



“I just do what you are supposed to and wait for it to go by. You aren't going to go through it.”

— Violet O'Brien  
Fenton Township



“It can really back up the traffic a lot of times. It seems that every time I go to church in Holly there's a train coming or going.”

— Lou Scieszka, Holly



“I've got no strong feelings against it if it's not over five minutes max. The time element is a big thing.”

— Richard Grieve  
Tyrone Township



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about the lingering questions everyone has about the pipeline.

Graves said there was a turnout of between 200 and 250 people in attendance at the town hall, but ET only agreed to an hour, which they stuck to. According to Holly resident Susan Leadley, whose house on Ray Road is on the map to have the pipeline go right through her back yard, the introductions from everyone took over half the hour, leaving little time for questions to be answered.

There were 150 questions submitted for ET to answer, but only a small handful of them were answered. Residents walked out feeling that they didn't learn anything new. Leadley said, "Everything they said we already knew. They weren't answering the questions people wanted answered."

At the Fenton Township meeting, there were still concerns about the way ET has gone about this whole process.

Township Clerk Robert Krug said, "At the federal level, in order to pass, they have to have so many public hearings." However, they never notified townships before scheduling these meetings.

Township Supervi-

sor Bonnie Mathis said, "ET Rover says that they notified township supervisors, but they didn't."

Graves added, "They could have done it better and because they didn't, now there are suspicions."

Mundy Township police confirmed that one of their residents actually approached surveyors with his shotgun, but the case has since been closed. "We are asking people not to be confrontational with the surveyors," said Sgt. Tom Hosie of the Mundy Township Police Department.

For homeowners who are concerned about their rights regarding surveyors coming without permission, to what happens if this path for the pipeline is OK'd, Graves recommended hiring an attorney, and to turn the cost of the attorney over to ET.

Attorney David Nykanen of Nykanen Dorfman, PLLC, said via email, "This is going to be a lengthy process. Even after ET Rover files its application, the regulatory review process may take almost a year. But during that time, ET Rover may begin to acquire easements from owners."

Easement is one of the words that have been frightening homeowners all over along the pro-

**“Everything they said we already knew.”**

**Susan Leadley**  
Property owner along  
proposed pipeline route

posed pipeline route.

"The amount that the pipeline company initially offers to property owners as compensation may not be adequate. Owners should contact an attorney who specializes in condemnation matters before signing anything," said Nykanen.

He added, "If owners disagree with the amount offered, they can challenge that amount through a judicial process. The pipeline company is required by statute to reimburse the owner a reasonable attorney fee, so consulting with an attorney will not cost the owner anything out of pocket."

"At the end of the day, if there is a dispute as to the value of the easement being taken for the pipeline, a jury of the owner's peers will determine the value to be paid for the easement."

Mathis said, "People need to get on our website for the information on where to make a complaint or comment, even if it's not coming through your property. We need to help our neighbors." This information can be found on [fentontownship.org](http://fentontownship.org).

A town hall meeting has been set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, at Goodrich Middle School, 7480 South Gale Rd., with Michigan State University Land Management to discuss property rights and eminent domain. The public is welcome to attend.

**Summary**

►ET Rover pipeline continues to confuse residents, even after a town hall meeting. People aren't getting the answers they want.

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**AT MY GARAGE** sale last week on Rolston Road, there was a gentleman who said his insurance no longer paid for his electro-pulse back patch. I did some research and Walmart sells them for around \$40. Hope this helps.

■■■■ **WHY ARE THE** good citizens of Shiawassee Shores not offered the chance to recycle as other citizens in Linden are? They are environmentally concerned and community minded. Please fix this oversight. Thank you.

■■■■ **'AND GET OFF** my lawn!' — Foster Childs

■■■■ **I JUST RECEIVED** an email from the heads of my corporation that we are suspending all travel to and from West Africa. This decision took guts and a quick decisiveness. This is something that is lacking in our WH. Our employees are to be protected and should come first. This is something our president should heed.

■■■■ **TO THE MAN** begging on Miller Road. I watched him walk from his standing spot to his late model, rust-free van. I followed him east on Miller Road, until he got on the southbound freeway on the way to Grand Blanc.

■■■■ **I DEFINE THE** word 'hawk' as a person who loves our country and is willing to utilize our resources to stop terrorism or injustice at its source. Our current weak and indecisive president is not one.

■■■■ **IT HAS BEEN** reported that Joe Biden's son has just been discharged out of the Naval reserves due to cocaine usage, a habit he has not been able to kick.

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## POLICE

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### SON STEALS FROM DAD TO BUY CRACK COCAINE IN FLINT

When a Linden homeowner returned home from his third-shift job on Oct. 17, he discovered that someone had stolen several items from his home in the 300 block of East Rolston Road. Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said two large TVs, Army medals, jewelry and a Century gun safe containing a 40-caliber semi-automatic pistol were listed as some of the stolen items. Through their investigation, police learned that the resident's 27-year-old son had partied at the house during the night with three other people. When questioned, the son confessed to stealing the items so that he and his friends could buy crack cocaine in Flint. In addition to the Linden man, a 38-year-old Linden man, a 23-year-old Flint woman and a 25-year-old Flint man were arrested for larceny from a home. Warrants are sought. Most of the items have been recovered.

### THIEF ATTEMPTS TO PAWN STOLEN ITEMS

The Genesee County Sheriff's Department is investigating a larceny complaint from a homeowner in the 13000 block of North Fenton Road in Fenton Township. Dep. Pat Shaw said that someone entered the home and stole miscellaneous items, including a chain saw, on Friday, Oct. 17. Deputies believe they have identified the suspect when he attempted to pawn the items.

### SCAMS CONTINUE

The Genesee County Sheriff's Department continues to receive reports of phone scams, however, none of the residents in Fenton Township have been scammed out of any money. Dep. Pat Shaw said one resident recently reported that they listed something on Craigslist to sell and an unknown buyer from California sent a check written out for thousands over the price and instructed the Fenton Township resident to give the extra cash, after depositing the check, to the person picking up the item. The resident knew it was a scam and was not victimized.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**PRESIDENT OBAMA WAS** warned about the VA debacle five years ago, he was warned about the threat of ISIS over a year ago, and he was told first about the Ebola situation in West Africa at the beginning of this year. In each case, he has proved to be very indecisive and dangerous for our country. He is a poor leader and has always been a poor leader.

**OBAMA HAS APPOINTED** Ron Klain as the new Ebola Czar. He is not a doctor or even in health care. He is a political hack who has the distinction of being Al Gore's attorney. Obama continues to surround himself with incompetent political advisors.

**REGARDING STATE LEVEL** government term limits. The people voted for term limits 20 years ago and state officials say they have trouble functioning because of these limits. Let's tell those officials to eliminate the rules that are implemented that cause problems due to those term limits and make our government work best.

## GYM CLASS

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The Holly High School phys-ed instructor is Mike Millhouse. He said at the high school level, physical activity varies greatly between kids involved with athletics, and those who aren't. He said almost all of their athletes take Advanced Conditioning, exercising an hour during the school day and a couple more hours after school during practice. "Kids who aren't in a sport could have very little physical activity during their typical day, especially if they are not in a PE class," he said via email.

Still, he said HHS offers a variety of classes, from the general stuff, to advanced conditioning.

"The numbers for my PE classes have actually increased significantly in the past few years," he said. "I think that the massive reductions in school funding have necessitated growth in classes of most subject areas."

Regarding the link between physical activity and mental health, he said that many high school students neglect to link physical activity to their jobs, school, and extracurricular activities.

"PE classes provide kids the opportunity to address those physical activity needs each day, no matter how busy the kids' schedules outside of school may be," said Millhouse.

At North Road Elementary in Fenton, the average student gets 45 minutes of PE, twice a week, not including recess, which is 23 minutes per day, according to PE teacher Jeane Young. Kids are motivated by small shoe lace "toe tokens," to rack up miles during recess, she said.

Like middle school, North Road Elementary has slightly different selections depending on the grade.

District wide, grades three through nine participate in the presidential fitness testing. There are different units, some of which focus on lifelong physical activities, like bowling or tennis.

A regular class starts with cardio and endurance exercises. It's also different each day of the week. They'll jump rope, jog, play scatter ball and race car. "The goal is to get the heart pumping, learn to find the pulse and see if (they are) exercising in their target heart rate," she said.

For endurance, they do activities like monkey dance, spider dance — activities

**“It gives them that opportunity to let energy out, even if they’re not athletes, they want to be active, they need to be active.”**

**Shane Steckroth**  
PE teacher, LFMS



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Nathaniel Nielson, 11, returns balls back to the rack after open play during sixth-grade PE class.

that make students cross their midline — that use both sides of their brain. Think of it as drawing an imaginary line down their center, and do activities that cross that line. She said students that struggle with these activities may also struggle with classes.

She said the curriculum even calls for coordinating units between non-PE, and PE classes.

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## CALORIES

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Halloween. Kids consume up to 7,000 calories on Halloween, which is the same as thirteen Big Macs from McDonald's. The average trick-or-treater consumes three cups of sugar, which is the equivalent of 220 sugar packets. Kids would need to trick-or-treat for 180 miles (all walking) to burn off the calories they consume because of Halloween.

While Halloween is a time for fun, it is also a time for weight gain. Kids and adults alike run the risk of gaining weight from all of that candy consumption if they are still eating the same as they normally do and adding too much junk food to the mix.

Make a rule where you only allow one piece of candy each day. This teaches portion control, and helps make the candy last longer. If your kid(s) collected an abundance of candy and you know that by following a one-a-day rule the candy will never all be eaten, you can take some to work with you and share with

“... Eat it right after dinner and then make sure you brush your teeth really well.”

**Dr. Patricia McGarry**  
D.D.S.

### Summary

▶ Halloween candy should be eaten in moderation or it can add extra pounds. Share it or take it to a candy buy back if you find you've collected too much.

co-workers. It gets it out of your house and keeps those excess pounds from you and your children.

Some places offer a candy buy back, if you have too much to eat. Linden's Patricia McGarry, DDS has a candy buy back on Nov. 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Her office will pay \$1 per pound of candy, and it is then sent to U.S. troops overseas. Dr. McGarry said the soldiers really appreciate it. She is looking for names of deployed

soldiers from the area, and the kids who donate their candy can sign letters to the soldiers.

Dr. McGarry said, "If you are going to eat your Halloween candy, eat it right after dinner and then make sure you brush your teeth really well."

## HIT AND RUN

**Continued from Front Page**  
The Holly Village Fire Department arrived on scene quickly and started CPR on Owen with assistance from Groveland ALS.

Officer Garcia put out a "be on the lookout" for an unknown make and model of vehicle with front-end damage. The driver of the suspect vehicle fled the scene in an unknown direction.

Police were unable to locate any witnesses to the hit and run.

Sgt. Craig Simpson and Det. Heather Wolkow were summoned to the scene for further investigation.

Groveland ALS transported Owen to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township for medical treatment, however, while en route, she died in the ambulance due to her injuries, according

to the police chief. Because of her fatal injuries, the Oakland County Accident Investigator was requested for assistance.

Traffic was rerouted for an extended period of time for the police investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to call Det. Wolkow, who is currently investigating, at (248) 634-8221. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office Accident Investigation and the Michigan State Police assisted Holly police.

Owen's sister, Cheryl Granderson of Holly said, "She was a wonderful mom and grandma. She only had one granddaughter, Destiny, who is 6 years old." Granderson said that her sister would do anything for her granddaughter, and she even went tubing with her this past summer. "She was a loving, caring person."

*Reporter Yvonne Stegall contributed to this story.*

# Fact or Fiction?

## Did the State of Michigan Cut Education?

By Ken Horn



That's right! This is part of the political playing field and, by golly, this is a rough and tumble business. I have no complaints. My reason for bringing this up is only to dispel the myth that the State of Michigan cut \$100s of millions of dollars from education.

When Michigan Democrats talk about \$1 billion being cut from school budgets, they are partly referring to the removal of federal stimulus money that was given to Michigan under a previous administration. This money was to go to "shovel ready" jobs, but was spent on protecting existing government spending. The money that should have gone into fixing potholes was spent on just about everything but roads.

When you read the charted information (below) from Lansing you'll see that education spending has been rather flat. No one is claiming that school funding has risen to new heights, but the state was forced to pick up the slack when the extra federal spending faded into the sunset. (You can see in the footnotes which years ARRA money was used to supplant general funds)

In either case... we can always chat about whether \$13 billion is the perfect amount to spend on education, or not. But... it is quite disingenuous to claim that decisions made by the legislature, in 2011 to current, have dramatically cut the schools.

Judge for yourself... here's a chart on state school spending from the Senate Fiscal Agency:

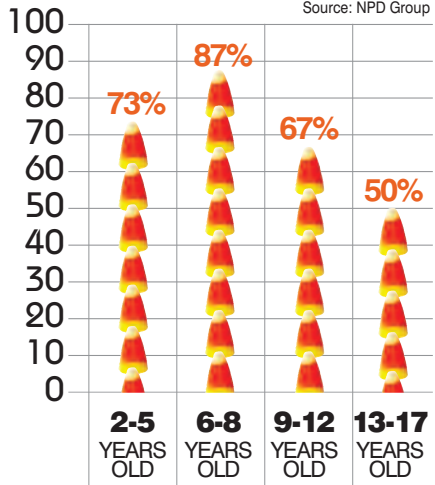
SCHOOL AID FUNDING HISTORY							
Updated: 04/14/2014							
Fiscal Year	Full-Time Equated Positions (FTEs)	Interdepartmental Grants Received (IDGs)	Federal Funds	Local and Private Funds	State Restricted	General Fund	Gross
FY 2000-01	N/A	\$0	\$160,000,000	\$0	\$10,346,671,500	\$385,613,500	\$10,892,285,000
FY 2001-02	N/A	0	209,584,700	0	11,022,148,200	198,413,500	11,430,146,400
FY 2002-03	N/A	0	1,219,825,200	700,000	11,085,138,100	249,413,500	12,555,076,800
FY 2003-04	N/A	0	1,316,681,900	0	10,730,437,100	377,850,000	12,424,969,000
FY 2004-05	N/A	0	1,353,540,100	0	10,948,322,200	165,200,000	12,467,062,300
FY 2005-06	N/A	0	1,392,587,300	0	11,245,313,200	62,714,000	12,700,614,500
FY 2006-07	N/A	0	1,411,236,900	0	11,561,963,200	35,000,000	13,008,200,100
FY 2007-08	N/A	0	1,476,003,900	0	11,386,866,600	34,909,600	12,897,780,100
FY 2008-09 <sup>a)</sup>	N/A	0	2,162,008,600	0	11,019,798,200	78,000,000	13,259,806,800
FY 2009-10 <sup>b)</sup>	N/A	0	2,062,382,800	0	10,644,891,500	30,206,200	12,737,480,500
FY 2010-11 <sup>c)</sup>	N/A	0	2,178,333,300	0	10,784,760,500	18,642,400	12,981,736,200
FY 2011-12 <sup>d)</sup>	N/A	0	1,658,031,800	0	11,010,210,400	78,642,400	12,746,884,600
FY 2012-13	N/A	0	1,701,041,400	0	10,928,614,200	282,400,000	12,912,055,600
FY 2013-14	N/A	0	1,816,158,800	0	11,271,232,300	234,900,000	13,322,291,100

<sup>a)</sup> Includes \$600.0 million in Federal ARRA State Fiscal Stabilization funds.  
<sup>b)</sup> Includes \$450.0 million in Federal ARRA State Fiscal Stabilization funds.  
<sup>c)</sup> Includes \$184.3 million in Federal ARRA State Fiscal Stabilization funds and \$316.3 million in Federal Education Job funds.  
<sup>d)</sup> Includes one-time funding of \$455,500,000 Gross and State Restricted.

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## Percentage by age of those eating HALLOWEEN CANDY

Source: NPD Group



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Vote for not more than 1

**Incumbent Rick Snyder** (Republican) and Brian Calley  
**Mark Schauer** (Democrat) and Lisa Brown  
**Mary Buzuma** (Libertarian) and Scotty Boman  
**Mark McFarlin** (U.S. Taxpayers) and Richard Mendoza  
**Paul Homeniuk** (Green) and Candace Caveny

Secretary of State

Vote for not more than 1

**Incumbent Ruth Johnson** (Republican)  
**Godfrey Dillard** (Democrat)  
**James Lewis** (Libertarian)  
**Robert Gale** (U.S. Taxpayers)  
**Jason Gatties** (Natural Law)

Michigan Attorney General

Vote for not more than 1

**Incumbent Bill Schuette** (Republican)  
**Mark Totten** (Democrat)  
**Justin Altman** (Libertarian)  
**Gerald Van Sickle** (U.S. Taxpayers)  
**John LaPietra** (Green)

U.S. Senator

Vote for not more than 1

**Terri Lynn Land** (Republican)  
**Gary Peters** (Democrat)  
**Jim Fulner** (Libertarian)  
**Richard Matkin** (U.S. Taxpayers)  
**Chris Wahmhoff** (Green)

STATEWIDE PROPOSALS

State Proposal 14-1

A referendum of Public Act 520 of 2012, establishing a hunting season for wolves and authorizing annual wolf hunting seasons. Public Act 520 of 2012 would:

- Designate wolf as game for hunting purposes and authorize the first wolf hunting season.
- Allow the Natural Resources Commission to schedule annual wolf hunting seasons.
- Provide criminal penalties for the unlawful possession or taking of wolves, but shield a person who lawfully captures or destroys a wolf from prosecution.
- Require a person who wishes to hunt wolves to obtain a wolf hunting license.
- Create a Wolf Management Advisory Council to make nonbinding recommendations to the legislature regarding the proper management of wolves.

Should this law be approved?

State Proposal 14-2

A referendum of Public Act 21 of 2013, granting the Natural Resources Commission the power to designate wolves and certain other animals as game without legislative action. Public Act 21 of 2013 would:

- Allow the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to designate certain animals as game for hunting purposes and establish the first hunting season for game animals without legislative action.
  - Continue the NRC's designation of wolves as game and allow the NRC to set a wolf hunting season.
  - Grant the Legislature sole authority to remove a species from the list of designated game animals.
  - Eliminate the \$1.00 hunting and fishing licensing fee for members of the military, whether stationed inside or outside of Michigan, subject to any lottery.
  - Give the NRC sole authority to regulate fishing.
- Should this law be approved?

GENESEE COUNTY

Representative in Congress – District 5

Vote for not more than 1

**Allen Hardwick** (Republican)  
**Daniel Kildee** (Democrat)  
**Harold Jones** (Libertarian)

State Senator – District 14

Vote for not more than 1

**David Robertson** (Republican)  
**Bobbie Walton** (Democrat)

State Senator – District 32

Vote for not more than 1

**Ken Horn** (Republican)  
**Stacy Erwin Oakes** (Democrat)

Representative in Legislature – District 51

Vote for not more than 1

**Joseph Graves** (Republican)  
**Ken Thomas** (Democrat)

County Commissioner – District 6

Vote for not more than 1

**Tony Brown** (Republican)

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Argentine Township

Mosquito Control Program

Shall each parcel of real estate in the Township be assessed the sum of up to \$50 per year commencing with the December 2015 property tax statements for a four-year period to fund a proposed township-wide Mosquito Control Program for the calendar years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018?

Linden City Mayor

David Lossing

Council member

Vote for not more than 2

**Brad Dick**

**Charles Ross**

Genesee County Parks Replacement Millage

Shall Genesee County replace the current levy of 0.4847 mills due to expire in 2016, with a new levy of 0.75 mills for a period of 10 years, 2014-2023, inclusive, for the purposes of operating, maintaining and patrolling Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission facilities and programs?

Genesee County Animal Control Shelter Additional Millage

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes, which may be imposed against all taxable property by Genesee County be increased by a new additional millage of 0.20 mill (20 cents on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of seven years, through December 31, 2020, for the purpose of supplementing and supporting operations and modernization of the Genesee County Animal Control Shelter?

Mass Transportation Authority New Additional Millage

Shall the Mass Transportation Authority be authorized to levy a new additional tax of .425 mills (\$0.425 per \$1,000.00 of taxable property valuation) upon the taxable property within Genesee County as finally equalized for each of the 5 years from 2015 through 2019 inclusive to offset reductions in state and federal operating assistance and local tax revenue reductions caused by lower taxable values in Genesee County?

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James Weeks II (Libertarian)  
Jim Casha (Green)  
Jeremy Burgess (Natural Law)

**State Senator –  
District 22***Vote for not more than 1*

Joe Hune (Republican)  
Shari Pollesch (Democrat)  
Jeff Wood (Libertarian)

**Representative in Legislature –  
District 47***Vote for not more than 1*

Henry Vaupel (Republican)  
Jordan Genso (Democrat)  
Rodger Young (Libertarian)

**County Commissioner –  
District 3***Vote for not more than 1*

Dave Domas (Republican)  
Ronda Trowse (Democrat)

**Tyrone Township  
Public Safety Proposal**

Shall a special assessment district be created for purposes of purchasing public safety services and general operations for fire protection? It would result in annually assessing each parcel of land as follows: a) Vacant parcels, \$85; b) Parcels with residential structures, \$175; c) All other parcels, \$300; d) For those parcels containing structures or manufactured homes with multiple units, an additional sum of \$20 per unit will be assessed, with the assessments levied for a period of 6 years commencing in 2015 and continuing through and including 2020?

**Cromaine District Library  
Ballot Proposal**

Shall the Cromaine District Library borrow up to \$12 million and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, payable in not to exceed 20 years from date of issuance exclusive of refunding, for the purpose of paying all or part of the costs of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping an expansion and improvements to the Cromaine Library?

**OAKLAND COUNTY****Holly and Rose townships  
Representative in Congress –  
District 8***Vote for not more than 1*

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Eric Schertzing (Democrat)  
James Weeks II (Libertarian)  
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**Holly and Rose townships  
State Senator –  
District 14***Vote for not more than 1*

David Robertson (Republican)  
Bobbie Walton (Democrat)

**Holly and Rose townships  
Representative in Legislature –  
District 51***Vote for not more than 1*

Joseph Graves (Republican)  
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**Holly and Rose townships  
County Commissioner –  
District 2***Vote for not more than 1*

Bob Hoffman (Republican)  
Mark Danowski (No party affiliation)

**Holly Township Trustee**

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vote for not more than 1*

Steve Ruth (Republican)

**Holly Village President***Vote for not more than 1*

Ryan Bladzick

**Holly Village Council Member***Vote for not more than 3*

David Cruickshank (write-in)  
Reisa Hamilton  
Suzanne LaMarche Heiple  
Pauline Kenner  
Chris Rankin

**Holly Village Charter  
Amendment 1**

To reflect that persons who are 18 or older, versus those who are 21 or older, are eligible for elective office.

**Holly Village Charter  
Amendment 2**

Shall the Charter be amended to delete in its entirety section 5.3, which requires that the Village hold a regular election in March of each numbered year?

**Holly Village Charter  
Amendment 3**

Shall the Charter be amended to delete in its entirety section 6.4, which establishes a Health Officer?

**Holly Village Charter  
Amendment 4**

Shall section 6.5 of the Village Charter, which calls for at least two monthly meetings, be amended to read as follows: The Council shall provide by resolution for the time and place of its regular meetings and shall hold at least two meetings per month, except November and December, in which months at least one meeting shall be held.

**Holly Village Charter  
Amendment 5**

Shall section 8.2 of the Village Charter, which requires the submission of budget estimates in April, be amended to read as follows: On or before the first Monday in March, each village officer shall submit to the Village Manager an itemized estimate of the expenditures for the next fiscal year, for the department or activities under his control. The Village Manager shall prepare a complete itemized budget proposal for the next fiscal year and shall submit it to the council at its first meeting in May.

**Complete area  
school board  
election coverage  
Sunday, November 2 edition****FENTON AREA  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS****Fenton Board of Education***6-year term, vote for not more than 2*

Richard DesJardins (I)  
Lynn Hopper (I)  
Richard Koester (I)  
Malissa Bossardet

**Fenton Board of Education***4-year term, vote for not more than 2*

Brian Horton (I)  
Elizabeth Geib  
Dana Jones

**LAKE FENTON  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS****Lake Fenton Board of Education***6-year term, vote for not more than 2*

Bob Grubbs (I)  
Michael Cicalo  
Thomas Hufton II

**Lake Fenton Board of Education***4-year term, vote for not more than 2*

Heidi Howieson

**LINDEN COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS****Linden Board of Education***6-year term, vote for not more than 3*

Mike Murphy (I)  
Peter Ponzetti

**HOLLY AREA SCHOOLS****Millage Proposal  
Building and Site Sinking Fund  
Tax Levy**

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Holly Area School District be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1.2 mills (\$1.20 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law. The estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2014 is approximately \$907,116.

**Holly Board of Education***4-year term, vote for not more than 3*

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Michael Newcomb (I)



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payment for speaking. They are lining their pockets to pay for her presidential bid.

**I'M REAL CURIOUS** as to when Linden started letting truck drivers use their small parking lot as a truck stop for a few days. Truck stops are for truckers, small parking lots are for vehicles.

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# New uses for your old Halloween pumpkin

► From roasted seeds, to pies, to treats for wildlife, ideas are many

**By Yvonne Stegall**

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When Halloween is over, it doesn't mean you have to throw all of your decorations away, and there are some that can't be packed away for next year. Pumpkins are a staple of Halloween and the fall season, but they are more than just stylish décor.

From baking a warm pumpkin pie, to snacking on pumpkin seeds, you can do many things with your pumpkin when its use for decorating is over.

You can eat it. Obviously, if you've cut up your holiday pumpkin into a jack-o-lantern, you aren't going to be able to eat it, but if you just painted it or left it au natural, it can make some tasty treats.

Pumpkin seeds are a great snack and work well alone or in trail mix. Make some by separating them from the pumpkin's guts, rinsing them off, drying them, and then spreading them out evenly on a baking sheet, sprinkling with some salt, and baking at 325 degrees for 25 minutes. They should be golden brown.

Don't throw those guts away either. You can make pies, pancakes, hummus, smoothies, muffins and more with your pumpkin. Imagine the scent of fresh baked pumpkin in your home.

The guts can also be used on your skin. Pumpkin is rich in vitamins A, C and E, and they are rich in zinc and potassium, making them good for your skin. Rub the pumpkin guts onto your skin and let it sit for 10 minutes before rinsing. Your skin will feel moisturized and refreshed.

You can also cut your pumpkin into chunks and leave it out in the yard for the wildlife to snack on. Deer and raccoons both love pumpkins.

You can also get a jump-start on next year's pumpkin patch by saving your seeds and replanting them.



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Pumpkins aren't just for decorating. Here are a few more things to do with your pumpkin when Halloween is over.

## FUN FACTS ABOUT

## PUMPKINS

- **Pumpkin flowers** are edible.
- **The largest** pumpkin pie ever made was over 5 feet in diameter and weighed over 350 pounds. It used 80 pounds of cooked pumpkin, 36 pounds of sugar, 12 dozen eggs and took six hours to bake.
- **In early** colonial times, pumpkins were used as an ingredient for the crust of pies, not the filling.
- **Pumpkins were** once recommended for removing freckles and curing snake bites.
- **The Connecticut** field variety is the traditional American pumpkin.
- **Pumpkins are** 90 percent water.
- **Eighty percent** of the pumpkin supply in the United States is available in October.
- **Native Americans** flattened strips of pumpkins, dried them and made mats.
- **Native Americans** called pumpkins "isquoutm squash."
- **Native Americans** used pumpkin seeds for food and medicine.

*Source: pumpkin-patch.com*

# FARR to provide more extensive services

► Local residents needing help can visit Loose Senior Center every Monday

FARR is partnering with Resource Genesee, which will provide access to more extensive services for the Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden communities. This is a pilot program and FARR plans to expand into other service areas.

Staff from Resource Genesee will be available at the Loose Senior Center in Linden every Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to assist people in need of information and/or services, such as assistance in securing medical care, computer use, a temporary mailing address, referrals for food and clothing, job readiness training, and screening for housing programs.

On Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 10 a.m., FARR and Resource Genesee will host a meeting at the Fenton Area Public Schools Administration Offices with more than 30 church staff members to discuss coordination of services to all community members. This conversation will assist the churches and

both agencies to stretch service funds and ensure that all those in need are given the opportunity to receive services.

In addition to this vital partnership with FARR, Resource Genesee runs an adult leadership program, Leadership Genesee, which is the volunteer center for Genesee County. It answers an information and referral hotline, which residents call to connect with a wide variety of social services.

Additionally, area residents can dial 2-1-1 for a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week help hotline.

Resource Genesee is also home to the One Stop Genesee, which provides services to people who are homeless or close to being homeless. The ReMix program serves youth ages 16-24 who are disconnected from education and employment and need other services. The organization also supports other area nonprofits in a variety of ways.

Resource Genesee is a funded partner of the United Way of Genesee County. For more information, call Lynn Hopper, Chair of the FARR Board of Directors, at (810) 750-6244.



# About a dozen trains pass through our area each day

►A train can move one ton of freight 450 miles on a single gallon of fuel

By Tim Jagielo

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**Fenton** — You feel the rumble just as the horn trumpets through the city. Another train is passing through town, this one stopping traffic at Poplar Street, as containers and racks of vehicle frames rush by.

This is one of maybe a dozen that will cross Fenton, Linden, and Holly each day. While sometimes the trains seem to have a pattern, there's actually no regular schedule.

There are both scheduled and unscheduled rail trips, with frequency and time of day based on need. They can also run any time of the year.

Local train enthusiast Mark Rummel (owner of Mancino's, husband of our own Sally Rummel) supplied comments for a little history of the local rail.

"The train tracks were here before the roads and highways," Rummel said via email. "They are mostly important to large companies moving tons of items in an efficient way."

In Fenton, you'll only see red CN engines powering atop their rails through downtown several times per day. The track runs a rough east and west route.

Patrick Waldron, spokesperson for CN,



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Freight train engines are usually diesel-electric hybrids, though companies like CN have experimented with natural gas engines also. This train was cutting through downtown Fenton last Saturday.

said there are 929 route miles in Michigan, and 931 employees in the state. The company boasts 32,000 kilometers (19,900 miles) of track and 80 warehouses across the U.S.

The CN line runs south-east, and cuts across Bridge Street and Ripley Road in Linden, runs parallel to Silver Lake Road at Spoonz, before running across the road at Poplar Street. The CN route meets the CSX route in Holly, at East Sherman Street, and ends

**“The train tracks were here before the roads and highways.”**

**Mark Rummel**  
Local train enthusiast

in Hamtramck.

Waldron said goods include forest products, automobiles, agricultural projects such as grains and fertilizers, metals and minerals, coal, and merchandise in intermodal containers. "CN handles approximately \$250 billion worth of goods every year, serving exporters, importers, retailers and manufacturers," he said.

CSX has both a north/south, and east/west route, which runs from Grand Rap-

ids to Detroit. The route that goes through Holly starts north of Flint, and is called the Saginaw line.

CSX transports a "broad range of freight from agricultural to energy products to manufactured goods," according to spokesperson Kristin Seay, via email. Some of the major categories of freight traveling through Michigan include containerized consumer goods, coal, light trucks, feed grain and passenger vehicles.

She said that rail travel is on average, four times more fuel efficient than trucks. "A CSX train can move one ton of freight nearly 450 miles on a single gallon of fuel."

CSX rail's blue arterial map covers practically all of the Midwest, while CN links the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, straddling the U.S./Canada border, and encircling the Great Lakes. CN also bisects the U.S., cutting through from Chicago to New Orleans, and to the north, links the northern Canadian territories with Edmonton, Alberta.

Seay said the cost of transporting goods by rail varies greatly. Again, goods can be transported by rail 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Goods can travel their entire trip by rail, or make a leg of a trip on rail, and another by truck. Seay said that this "intermodal" travel has provided a lot of growth for the industry.

CSX has 21,000 rail miles through 23 states east of the Mississippi River.

## Local rail history

By local train enthusiast Mark Rummel

**Trains used** to stop here regularly, delivering farm crops and merchandise while picking up cement, sand and local farm products. The Fenton Mill began grinding flour in 1868 and was destroyed by fire in 1924. The Fenton Elevator building is still standing, after being built in 1862 as a wheat elevator. Now, there are no shipping customers here at all.

**Transportation was** big business in the area in the late 1800s and early 1900s. That's why the rails run right through the middle of local towns. These local railroad depots allowed people and baggage to travel anywhere in the world, before roads and cars became popular.

**Fenton did** have its own rail line at the turn of the 20th century. A horse-drawn trolley transported people from downtown Fenton to Eddy's Landing on Lake Fenton until 1915, as autos replaced the real horse power. It followed what is now LeRoy Street to South Long Lake Road on a tiny double rail line.

**Grinnell Brothers** Piano (or Music Company) used to build pianos in Holly and shipped them by rail, until the 1960s. It was known as the world's largest piano manufacturing plant.

**Holly is** unique locally because it has a rail crossing or diamond, where the north-south CSX Railway (another Class 1 railroad) crosses the east-west CN's Holly Subdivision. This also happens at Durand and Flint. But that CSX line only has about four trains a day, which must travel through Holly at 5 mph.

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**FENTON VOLLEYBALL**

Falls to Flushing in key Metro match

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**Q** Entering Friday night's Fenton at Linden football game, the Tigers had a chance to finish the regular season 9-0. When was the last time a Metro League team finished the regular season 9-0?

**A** The Linden Eagles went 9-0 in 2009 when the Metro had 10 teams and played exclusively league contests during the regular season.

**BOYS SOCCER REGIONAL**

**Linden at Ortonville-Brandon regional Tuesday's games**  
Linden 6, Lamphere 0  
Cranbrook-Kingswood 7, Marysville 0

**Thursday's Final**  
Cranbrook Kingswood 3, Linden 1

**TRI-COUNTY TOP FIVE**

Here are our top five fall sports teams entering Friday night's action.

5. Fenton girls swimming
4. Holly boys tennis
3. Holly boys cross country
2. Linden boys soccer
1. Fenton football

**Comment:** The top four on our list have won at least Metro League titles. Fenton football will need to beat Linden to remain No. 1. Fenton volleyball and Linden girls cross country would probably be the next two on the list if we extended it to a top seven.

# Eagles' state run clipped in regional final, 3-1

By David Troppens  
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**Ortonville** — The fifth-ranked Linden varsity boys soccer team did a lot of good things in its District 2 regional title game against Cranbrook Kingswood Thursday night at Brandon High School.

The Eagles outshot Cranbrook 16-7, and enjoyed a 7-4 shots-on-goal advantage. Linden probably enjoyed more possession of the ball.

But Cranbrook scored more goals. Cranbrook scored on three of their four shots on target, resulting in a 3-1 victory against the Linden Eagles (20-3-1).

"It's frustrating seeing that score on the board, 3-1, when you put that hard work in," Linden senior Ben Thronton said. "But I'm happy with the team. We never quit, kept fighting and pushed forward. We win as a team, lose as a team and play as a team."

Early on, Linden had many chances to score. A pass from Marcos Toledano to Kevin Wright set up a wide angle shot for Wright. He took the shot on target, however, Cranbrook keeper Trevor Stormes made the diving save, keeping the

game scoreless just one minute into the contest. About 10 minutes into the game, Tyler Ziccardi blasted a shot that bounced off the crossbar.

"The keeper made two fantastic saves in the first three minutes," Wright said. "He made a fantastic save on me. I was going back post and he made an excellent save. When it was 2-0 I had a volley inside the box he saved near-post that he had no idea was coming. He kept them in it and gave them confidence to do what they did."

The Cranbrook defense was pretty good as well.

"I was impressed with what they were able to do to stymie Kevin a little bit," Linden coach Kevin Fiebert said. "That's a credit to Cranbrook and the coaching staff."

Cranbrook broke the scoreless deadlock on a Linden defensive miscue. A bouncing ball was headed toward the Linden net and the Eagles misplayed it into a goal, resulting in Cranbrook's Kolin Clark's tally. Cranbrook led 1-0. The score grew to 2-0 with 4:44 left in the half when Cranbrook's Ken Kernen

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Linden's Kevin Wright (left) scored the Eagles' only goal in a 3-1 loss in the Division 2 regional title game against Cranbrook Kingswood on Thursday night. The Eagles ended the season with a 20-3-1 record overall.

## Fenton vs. Linden had title ramifications tied to game

By David Troppens

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It was a battle of two coaching staffs who deserve a lot of credit at Linden High School Friday night.

The Fenton varsity football team had a chance to complete a remarkable 9-0 regular season when the Tigers faced Linden for their annual rivalry game. The Tigers' players and coaching staff, deserve a lot of credit for what they have accomplished

this regular season, rarely being challenged among the first eight games.

The Linden (5-3) coaching staff also deserves a ton of kudos. This may be the best coaching performance at Linden during the Denny Hopkins era. Hopkins and co-coach Nick Douglass have taken a team that has had more than its share of injuries and got them into the playoffs with a shot at a co-Metro title with a win against Fenton.

Lake Fenton (2-6) won a thriller at Corunna last week, while Holly (0-8) lost a heartbreaker against Swartz

Creek. Holly went to Brandon with one last chance at a victory, while Lake Fenton traveled to Williamston.

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# Eagles soar to the regional finals, 6-0

**By David Troppens**  
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**Ortonville** — Most freshmen would enjoy just being around “for the ride” on a squad that is competing for a Division 2 regional title.

Linden freshman Julian Shier proved on Tuesday that his role is more than that of an observer. Shier, a member of Linden’s fifth-ranked boys soccer team, scored two goals and also had an assist in the Eagles’ 6-0 regional semifinal victory against Lamphere at Brandon High School on Tuesday.

Shier assisted the Eagles’ first goal, provided by senior Kevin Wright, and scored two second-half goals to help lead Linden to the victory. But equally as important, he was a pest in the Rams’ side all night long with his aggression.

“I love it,” Shier said about being a member on Linden’s team. “I love the intensity. As a freshman working with these great seniors, it teaches me well for my future years at Linden. I’ve learned a lot from Kevin, Ben (Thornton) and Cameron (Davis). They are great supporters of me. They are great workers out there and it’s great to see them play during their last year (of high school).”

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Linden’s Kevin Wright (left) scored two goals in the Eagles’ 6-0 victory against Lamphere in the regional semifinals on Tuesday.

## Home games for Fenton, Linden in playoffs?

►Respected website guessing it could happen

**By David Troppens**  
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The prep football playoff season is always one of the biggest highlights to any high school year.

But for some it seems like trying to predict who is going to make the playoffs and where each team is going to play is just as fun as the actual games.

For several years a website called Snooze2you.com has earned a lot of traffic as they create what they call their mapetology predictions starting with the third week of the season.

And if their most recent predictions come true, the Fenton Tigers will be a No. 1 seed when the playoffs begin Halloween weekend. The site has what it calls its Week 8.5 favorites bracket. The site has a computer predict the winner of all Week #9 games (based on each team’s playoff points) and then uses the updated record to create the 32-team state tourney for each Division.

The Top-seeded Fenton Tigers (8-0) would host fourth-seeded South Lyon in the opening round of the Region 2, District 1 bracket. Second-seeded Walled Lake Western (7-1) and third-seeded Farmington (7-1) would face in the other district semifinal. If Fenton was to win the opening game, the Tigers would also host the district title game. Of course, their seeding could change if the Tigers lost to Linden on Friday. Results of the contest was not known at press time.

Even with a projected loss on Friday, the Linden Eagles are looking at getting a reasonably favorable first-round matchup based on the site. Remarkably, Linden could still possibly host a playoff game in the opening round. Linden is projected to be slotted in Region 3, District 1 where Orchard Lake St. Mary (7-1) is expected to be



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If Friday’s football games go the way they are expected and a website named Snooze2you.com is correct, the Tigers could be making their traditional charge on to their home field in the playoffs.

the top seed. Linden would sneak in with the No. 2 seed and would face third-seeded Mason (5-3). Orchard Lake St. Mary first-round opponent is slated to be Redford Thurston (5-3) who still needs to earn a victory the last week of the season to even

assure themselves of a playoff spot. The projections aren’t official by any means, but they are fun to look at. To find the official football playoff pairings, watch Fox Sports Detroit’s Sunday Selection Show on Sunday at 7 p.m.

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**VOLLEYBALL**

► **Clio def. Linden 27-25, 11-25, 20-25, 28-26, 15-7:** The Eagles played a five-game battle with the Mustangs, and scored more points during the match, but lost in five sets.

Breyanna Turnipseed led the Eagles’ strong offense with 15 kills. Bridget Adams and Brook Ovington had 14 kills each. Megan Klavitter had 29 digs, while Turnipseed had 17 digs. Adams also had three aces.

► **Swartz Creek def. Holly 25-22, 25-23, 25-16:** The Bronchos competed admirably with the Dragons and were competitive for the first two sets. However, Creek’s offense proved stronger. Holly was paced by Juliet Clark’s 11 kills, while setter Sam Jones had 21 assists and 10 digs. Shayla Lipischak had 11 digs, while Katie LeClair had 10 digs. Rachael Skinner led Creek with 16 kills.

► **Lake Fenton at Goodrich triangular meet:** The Blue Devils lost to Goodrich 25-23, 25-14, 25-13 and to Davison 25-17, 25-13. Rhiley Cole and Hannah Garty had six kills each, while Melody Draeger had 17 digs.



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# Tigers' Metro win streak halted by Flushing

►Raiders earn inside track to league championship

By David Troppens

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**Fenton** — The streak had to end some time.

And from the moment it was known Flushing was coming to the Metro League for the 2013-14 season, it became obvious that the Raiders would be the Fenton varsity volleyball team's biggest threat to its six straight Metro League titles and the Tigers' 58 straight Metro League victories.

The Raiders ended the win streak and also created a damaging blow to Fenton's league title chances by defeating Fenton 25-21, 25-22, 25-19 in front of an energetic crowd at Fenton High School Tuesday night.

The loss drops the Tigers to 5-1 in the Metro, one match behind Flushing's 6-0 mark. Flushing now has the inside track to the league crown.

Fenton struggled with its serve reception, its passing and its serving. Early in the first set, it looked like those things wouldn't be issues. Fenton was in control, leading at one time 21-13. However, a couple of service errors and several issues with the team's service reception helped Flushing server Lexi Kiefer serve 12 straight points, earning Flushing a 25-21 vic-



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Fenton's Carly Granger (right) tries to kill a ball by the double block of Flushing's Lexi Kiefer (center) and Sarah Wedling (left). Flushing won the match in three sets.

tory. From there the Tigers never seemed to entirely rebound.

"Our serving and service reception (hurt us)," senior Carly Granger said. "We had times tonight where we just couldn't pass the ball. And in the first game we made two service errors in a row and that doesn't help our offense at all. Our defense wasn't up to

par tonight. They earned it. They did a great job."

"We passed terrible," Fenton coach Jerry Eisinger said. "The whole match turned on the end of the first set. We gave up points 14 to 25 on one server. It killed us. We missed service on point 20 and 21, so we didn't even get a chance (to score) and then we gave up

11 straight serves. You can't win doing that. ... We had everything going for us until that turned the whole tide on everything."

The Tigers never got their offense going in any of the sets, minus Granger. Granger had a team-high 13 kills, but no one else really was able to provide a

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Linden's Ben Thornton (left) and Kevin Wright (right) lead the team off the field moments after losing to Cranbrook Kingswood 3-1 on Thursday night.

## REGIONAL

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scored on a shot from a severe angle. The shot snuck in the farside post and the Eagles trailed 2-0.

Cranbrook scored first in the second half as well. Clark provided his second goal on a shot from a narrow angle, sneaking inside the farside post. Linden trailed 3-0 with 19:40 left.

Kevin Wright provided Linden's only goal. The Eagles had the Cranbrook net under pressure eventually resulting in Trystan Hughes-LeFavour assisting Wright's goal from about 15 yards in front of the net with 4:50 left.

The Eagles had one more great scoring chance during the final minute. Toledano got a shot from inside the box, which was saved. There was a rebound out for whoever

er could get it, but the Eagles were unable to get the ball for a shot.

The Eagles' season ended in the regional final last year as well. The game marked the end of the varsity careers of Wright, Thornton, Cameron Davis and foreign exchange student Toledano. The Eagles entered this season with just four returning starters from last year's squad but defended their Metro title as well.

"We did not expect this team to go this far," Wright said. "Me and Ben coming into this season didn't know what to expect. This team put something together that was incredible for our senior year. Playing together was fantastic."

"I will remember my career just by the effort I put on and off the field," Thornton said. "From the start to the finish, playing with this bunch of guys, and having fun."

## Fenton swim captures big win vs. Brandon

By David Troppens

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Fenton's dual with the Brandon varsity girls swim team was expected to be the toughest of the Metro season.

And it ended up being just that.

But tough or not, the Tigers were the team that came out victorious. Fenton clinched the victory during the 100 breaststroke, earning a 96-90 victory.

The win puts Fenton in a position where the Tigers have the inside track to capturing the Metro League title whether it be outright or as co-champions.

"We swam well, not our best, but well enough to do what we needed to do," Fenton coach Brad Jones said. "That's promising going into the Metro Championships because we will go faster."

The Tigers took the lead during the diving competition for good. Divers Zoe Weinberg, Taylor Shegos and Milo Kearnan finished 1-2-4 in the event, putting Fenton up.

The Tigers sealed the victory in the 100 backstroke. State-qualifier Elise Cassidy won the event, but Cameron Mathews also finished second. Lauren Gruber won the 100 breaststroke, pretty much clinching the win.

Another Fenton winner was Bri Costigan in the 100 free-style. She just missed a state cut with a time of 55.95. The 200 medley relay team of Cassidy, Gruber, McKenzie Mead and Grace Siefker also started the meet on a good note, winning the opening race of the night.

Fenton is one win away from finishing the Metro dual season undefeated, and are heavy favorites to do just that. If they do, the win against Brandon means all Fenton needs to do to win at least a share of the title is place second at the Metro meet.

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## SOAR

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school soccer)."

"He may not be the most skilled kid, but his work ethic is very similar to Kevin's," Linden coach Kevin Fiebernitz said. "It doesn't ever stop."

The Eagles (20-2-1) dominated a strong Lamphere squad who went 16-3-1 during the season. Linden enjoyed a 33-3 shots edge, including a 17-1 edge with shots on frame.

The first Linden goal came on Shier's cross to Wright for a goal about 10 yards outside the box with 16:52 remaining in the first half. Once the first goal came, the floodgates opened up a little bit. The Eagles scored two more times within the next 7:30.

The second goal was set up by a strong cross by Thronton to fellow senior Marcos Toledano, who scored with 12:44 remaining. Just 3:30 later another senior scored. This time it was defensive player Cameron Davis from about five yards in front of the net. Linden led 3-0 at halftime.

"I think we are moving the ball right now and I think we have a great shot of winning the tournament," Shier said. "We have had great communication out there. We knew what we are doing and we know each other well. I think we work together great."

"I think we are a little better than last year," said Linden junior Nolan McDonald. "Coming into the playoffs with all these big wins, we have a lot of

momentum. Hopefully we can keep it up."

The Eagles kept up their attack after halftime. Just 2:18 into the second half, Shier scored on a header goal off a cross from McDonald.

"I saw the ball working and I was just screaming my head off for the ball," Shier said. "It finally got to me and I finished off my opportunity."

Later, the team's leading scorer, Wright, scored his second goal of the game with 18:08 remaining. Trystan Hughes-LeFavour earned the assist. The final Linden goal came with 9:24 remaining from Shier. He hit a shot from what was about a 60-degree angle and got the ball to finish inside the farside post.

"It was a great ball from Austin (Lapham)," Shier said. "I shouldered that thing and ripped it in. I hit the corner and went crazy."

Linden's defense kept the Rams from being a threat almost the entire 80 minutes of the contest. The Rams had only one shot on net and that came with 24:50 remaining in the contest. Linden keeper James Howard made the save, earning himself the clean sheet.

"I thought the back line did it's best job of the season from a communication aspect," Fiebernitz said. "It eliminated some of the opportunities that could've built up earlier in the season. I'm really pleased with that. We just have to continue doing that



Linden's Nolan McDonald (left) tries to get by a Lamphere defender in order to cross it. The Eagles defeated Lamphere 6-0 in a Division 2 regional semifinal contest at Ortonville-Brandon High School on Tuesday.

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through the tournament."

Last season the Eagles lost in the regional finals. They hope to go a bit farther than that. Linden is three victories away

from a state championship.

"We thought we had a team that could go all the way last year," McDonald said.

"This year we are the un-

derdogs working our way up. I think last year kind of put all of us returning guys in our spot. We knew what we had to do to get better."

## STREAK

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consistent attack after her. Meanwhile, the taller Raiders were passing perfectly and pounding down kills at what must've felt like blinding speeds to the Tigers. Carson Rutherford was the leading attacker during the night, providing 16 Flushing kills. Sarah Wendling added 12, and there were others who had strong attacks. Keifer finished with 30 assists.

"We didn't play our best, there's no question," Eisinger said. "I blame myself for some of the preparation for not being ready enough, but across the board we didn't do enough to win. But if we win that first game, I think it's a different night. Giving up those points really hurt our confidence. You could see it in the girls' faces."

Symbolically, it was a service reception error that gave Flushing the first set point. Rutherford set up the game-winning point by earning a kill on the 24th point.

In the second set Fenton took its first lead after a Granger ace, but Flushing's Kayla Yancho earned a kill and the Tigers followed that with a hitting error, giving Flushing the lead. Flushing led by as much as 20-15 before the Tigers made a comeback, eventually tying the game at 20-all on a Granger placement kill. However, a Fenton overpass resulted in a Yancho kill, and Fenton compounded matters with a hitting error and a service reception error on the next two points. Trailing 24-20, Fenton's Kendrah Praedel and Granger

responded with back-to-back kills, cutting the gap to 24-22. However, A kill by Wendling iced the second set for Flushing.

Two Fenton overpasses on service reception allowed Flushing to pound two kills early in the third set, giving the Raiders a 3-0 lead. From that point, Fenton never cut the lead any closer than two points. Both times they did, it happened on Granger kills. The second time it did, Fenton trailed just 4-2. However, Flushing rattled off three straight points — two on Kiefer kills — taking a 7-2 lead. The Tigers never really got back into the game. Match point was scored on a service reception error by Fenton.

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Fenton's Kendrah Braedel attempts a kill in the Tigers' loss to Flushing on Tuesday night.



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## THE NEW 2015 MUSTANG



► Ford's brand new redesigned model of the iconic car 'ponies up' to original, plus more

By Sally Rummel

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When it comes to iconic nameplates on a car, the Ford Mustang trumps just about any other vehicle. Fifty years after the debut of the original Mustang, the

new 2015 Mustang has been completely redesigned in honor of its half-century birthday in 2015.

Customers have been waiting for the arrival of this iconic pony at both local Ford dealerships, Lasco Ford in Fenton and Szott Ford in Holly.

"Our first stock Mustang arrived at the dealership about a week ago," said Matt Lasco of Lasco Ford. "We already have 15 pre-sale orders for customers that should be coming in, in a week or two. There's a lot of excitement about this car. It's one of those passionate buys."

While the Mustang in the past had earned a reputation for being a little "rough around the edges," this new 2015 model combines a blend of the most current design features with styles from the '60s and '70s. Mustang designers and engineers had to walk a fine line between advancing the car's capabilities without alienating existing owners and prospective buyers.

"The drivetrain options are the best we've ever seen," said Lasco.

"You can get today's Mustang with a four-cylinder turbo engine and base features all the way up to a premium loaded GT model with 435 horsepower."

What makes this new 2015 Mustang stand out?

### FUEL ECONOMY

In addition to powertrain enhancements, the new Mustang is about 200 pounds lighter, thanks to its aluminum hood and front fenders, and more aerodynamic. But the real driver behind the fuel economy is the new 2.3-liter EcoBoost turbocharged 4-cylinder engine, offering 310 horsepower and 320 pound-feet of torque.

Fuel efficiency specs for the new 2015 Mustang at Lasco Ford is up to 22 mpg in the city and 31 mpg on the highway, for a combined 26 mpg.

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The 2015 Mustang includes all the safety features of the 2014 model, including MyKey programmable vehicle features aimed directly at young, potentially irresponsible drivers, an SOS Post Crash Alert System, smartphone-pairing Sync technology, and rear parking-assist sensors.

The new model improves on this list by offering a reversing camera, a blind spot monitoring system with rear cross-traffic alert and an adaptive cruise control system with forward collision warning, plus modern structural engineering.

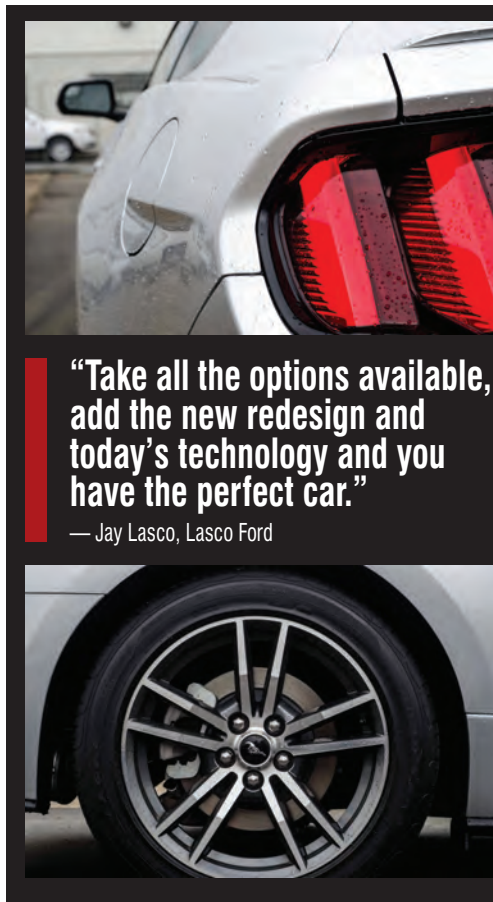
### VALUE

The starting price from the 2014 to 2015 Mustang is up only about \$500, but you get a lot of car for those dollars, according to forbes.com.

For the base price of \$23,600 at Lasco Ford, you get the 3.7-liter V6 engine, push-button start, revised clutch and synchro settings for the six-speed manual, twice as many airbags, HID headlights, a new independent rear suspension and redesigned double-ball joint front suspension, high-strength steel in the body and larger brakes.

The 2015 Mustang GT starts at \$32,100 at Lasco Ford.

"There's something for everyone, with the new 2015 Mustang," said Jay Lasco. "Take all the options available with all the new redesign that incorporates the past 50 years of Mustang, add today's technology and you have the perfect car."



**"Take all the options available, add the new redesign and today's technology and you have the perfect car."**

— Jay Lasco, Lasco Ford



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The 2015 Mustang comes in ebony and ceramic and features a push-button start.



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## The 3,000-mile myth . . .

►Routine oil changes are important, but newer cars don't need it as often as they used to

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When it comes to routine maintenance on your vehicle, changing your oil is one of the most inexpensive services you can have done on your vehicle.

### Why is changing oil so important?

Oil plays a very important role in the life of your car for three main purposes, according to cars.com:

- It helps keep engine components working smoothly together.
- It helps draw heat away from the combustion chamber inside the engine, where thousands of controlled detonations happen every minute.
- It helps prevent carbon and varnishes from accumulating in the engine.

### What kind of oil does my engine use?

The kind of oil your engine requires will be listed in your vehicle owner's manual. The viscosity, or the measure of how much resistance a fluid has to flowing, may also be stamped on the oil reservoir cap on the engine itself.

Look for an oil that meets the standards set by the American Petroleum Institute, which would be marked on the oil container.

### How often should I have the oil changed?

This is the million dollar question.

How often you should change your oil depends more on the number of miles and the kind of mileage you typically drive than the number of months it has been.

Driving has far more of an impact on your engine oil; if a car is sitting, there is less need to replace the engine oil.

Also, most of today's newer cars come with a maintenance reminder, a flashing light on the dashboard that alerts the driver when the system judges that the oil only has a certain percentage of its useful life remaining.

If your vehicle doesn't have this luxury, you can rely on the recommendation given in your owner's manual before you make an appointment to have the oil changed. Most manual recommendations for oil and filter changes vary from 3,000 to 10,000 miles.

Car Talk on National Public Radio recommends changing your oil and filter every 5,000 miles. "That's our best estimate," according to their website, cartalk.com. "It may be too soon for many people and too late for a few, but for the vast majority, 5,000-mile oil changes will help your engine last to a ripe old age."

You may want to consider changing your oil more frequently if you do a lot of "severe" driving, like stop and go, short distances, extended idling, muddy, rough or dusty roads or really humid or cold temperatures.

### What happens if I don't change the oil often enough?

Your engine won't last as long as it could, according to Car Talk.

You don't actually run out of oil, it simply gets dirtier and dirtier. It can build up in the cooler parts of the engine, which can lead to carbon deposits, or sludge, coming out of the old oil. This could require an expensive engine cleaning or the need to replace worn out piston rings. The pistons could eventually seize or the camshafts could be damaged — both expensive fixes.

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# 10 ways to save money behind the wheel

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First, there's the car itself to buy, and then there are all the hidden extras that you'll be paying for month after month, including gas, insurance, maintenance and repairs.

With gas prices up and down like a roller coaster and a maze of confusion with car insurance, here are a few ways for drivers to save a few bucks, from bankrate.com.

**1. Drive your car longer.** That's the easiest way to save money on your daily commute. With an average monthly payment on a new vehicle about \$400, according to The State Bank's Loan Department, saving that money means an annual savings of \$4,800. However, if your vehicle is beginning to cost a lot in repairs, you'll have to assess those costs against the price of another vehicle.

**2. Reassess your insurance needs.** By raising your deductible on a comprehensive policy, you may be able to save an average of 40 percent or \$100 per year on the comprehensive portion. Those with older cars may want to re-think their coverage, also. Consumer Reports recommends dropping comprehensive coverage if annual auto insurance premiums are 10 percent or more of the book value of the vehicle.

**3. Buy after-market products** on your own to save on a variety of accessories and upgrades for new cars.

**4. Buy pre-owned cars.** You can save thousands of dollars by letting someone else take the initial hit on depreciation. Many manufacturers have certified pre-owned programs that take the risk out of some used cars by offering extended warranties and putting vehicles through rigid certification tests.

**5. Buy what you can afford.** Don't spend money on a vehicle that will take dollars away from savings, retirement funding and debt management. Experts typically recommend not spending more than 20 percent of after-tax household income on all vehicles in the household.

**6. Do some of your own** maintenance, including checking tire pressures, changing oil, etc. Having the ability to change a flat or jump your own vehicle in an emergency can save you money over the course of a year.

**7. Do your homework** before you visit a dealership. Know what you can afford and what you can expect to pay by doing research before you buy. Then when you sit down with a sales associate, you already know the numbers they'll be working with.

**8. Reduce fuel consumption** by maintaining your vehicle and driving

in a sensible manner. Drivers can increase their fuel efficiency by checking their tire pressure, reducing speed, avoiding stop-and-go traffic and consolidating trips and errands.

**9. Shop around for insurance rates.** Even after you've reassessed your insurance coverage, shop around for new rates every year or two to save money on premiums. Each auto insurance company can have different premiums, depending on the vehicle you drive, the coverage you need and your driving record.

**10. Be careful of "freebies"** offered to you in exchange for getting you to buy a car. Take a look at the whole picture, and explore what other rebates, incentives or low prices might be available to you that's really a better deal.

Michigan is #43 out of 50 states and District of Columbia for most costly annual car expenses in 2014. The cheapest annual costs for owning a car is in Iowa, at \$1,942 and the most expensive state is Wyoming, at \$2,705.

## ANNUAL COST TO MICHIGAN DRIVERS IN 2014

Repairs	\$317
Insurance	\$1,064
Gas	\$994

**TOTAL \$2,375**

Source: bankrate.com



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