

ALL HALLOW'S EVE

**Fun Halloween stuff**

Pumpkin is a fruit that originated in Central America.

The flowers that bloom off a pumpkin vine are yellow-orange in color and edible.

The largest pumpkin grown weighed 1,446 pounds, grown in 2004.

The state that grows the most pumpkins is Illinois. Each year, about 12,300 acres of pumpkins are harvested.

**Halloween through the years**

The original tradition of jack-o'-lanterns came from carving the faces of "lost souls" into pumpkins and turnips. They were originally placed on doorsteps to ward off evil spirits.

Each year, more than 93 percent of children go trick-or-treating.

The holiday is the third biggest party day of the year, following New Year's Eve and Super Bowl Sunday.

Legendary magician Harry Houdini died in Detroit on Halloween in 1926 from a ruptured appendix.

**Pumpkin recipes**

**Pumpkin cheese ball ingredients:**

- 8 ounces of cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup canned or cooked pumpkin
- 8-ounce can of crushed pineapple, well drained
- 2 cups of shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 2-1/2 ounce package of dried beef, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon of finely chopped onion
- Celery leaves
- Crackers and/or raw vegetables

**Directions:**

Beat cream cheese, pumpkin and pineapple. Stir in cheddar cheese, beef and onion.

Shape into a ball and serve on platter.

Score sides with a knife to shape it like pumpkin, and use celery leaves for a stem.

Serve with crackers or vegetables.

**Fried pumpkin squares ingredients:**

- 2 cups of Italian bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup of grated cheese
- 1 tablespoon of garlic powder
- 2 eggs
- 1 medium emptied pumpkin
- 1 cup of canola oil

**Directions:**

Cut pumpkin into 1-inch squares without skin.

Mix bread crumbs, grated cheese and garlic powder in one bowl. Eggs should be mixed in a separate bowl.

Dip pumpkin in eggs, then in crumb mixture.

Fry in oil on 10-inch fry pan until golden brown.

Serve with toothpicks.

SOURCE: WWW.PUMPKINMASTERS.COM

Find out a freshman's Halloween memories on page 2B.

# FACES + PLACES



HELLO, MY NAME IS  
**Ariel Oppenheim**

For arts and humanities freshman Ariel Oppenheim, it is nothing out of the ordinary to be water skiing down the Grand River. Oppenheim is a member of the Water Ski Club, and though for many students this might seem like an unusual pastime, it's a way of life for Oppenheim. She has been water skiing for eight years and wanted the water sport to stay in her life.

"I knew about this club before college and always knew that I wanted to join it," Oppenheim said. "It has always been a passion of mine, and I was so happy when I found out MSU offered such a great club for students."

The Water Ski Club is open in the fall and spring semesters to any student interested and no experience is needed. Wakeboarding also is offered. Oppenheim said practices are at the Lansing Boat Club and have no set schedule. Oppenheim said she loves her teammates and encourages everyone to try something new.

"I learned to be a team player and it really opened me up to try new things," Oppenheim said.

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Media arts and technology senior Sean McAninch stands with his camera in front of the MSU Formula SAE car at the race car shop, 2857 Jolly Road in Okemos. "It's pretty incredible seeing this car come up from drawings and designs, to see it run, to hear it run on the track," McAninch said.

## Documentary life

McAninch, Ortlieb capture facets of MSU Formula Racing Team, Lansing hip-hop culture

**Five favorite documentaries**

Two members of the Documentary Film Club pick five of their favorite documentaries:

**Sean McAninch's list**

- "March of the Penguins"
- "The Elegant Universe"
- "Super Size Me"
- "The Fog of War: Eleven Lessons from the Life of Robert S. McNamara"
- "Is Wal-Mart Good for America?"

**Matt Ortlieb's list**

- "The Five Obstructions"
- "Style Wars"
- "Hoop Dreams"
- "Harlan County, USA"
- "Gimme Shelter"

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**By Sarah Harbison**  
THE STATE NEWS

Tucked away inside the Communication Arts and Sciences Building, in a dark studio, about 10 students met Wednesday for the bimonthly Documentary Film Club meeting. The student organization's leaders talked to the small group about the current projects they were working on and how the other members could get involved.

It's described as a laid-back club with dedicated members. The films can take hours, weeks and months of their lives — and that's just the physical production and editing of the film.

Never mind the emotional value vested into the projects.

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Matt Ortlieb, a telecommunications, information studies and media senior, is a board member of the MSU Documentary Film Club. He is currently directing a documentary about the Lansing hip-hop scene titled "Respiration."

For footage from the documentaries, visit [stateneews.com/multimedia](http://stateneews.com/multimedia).