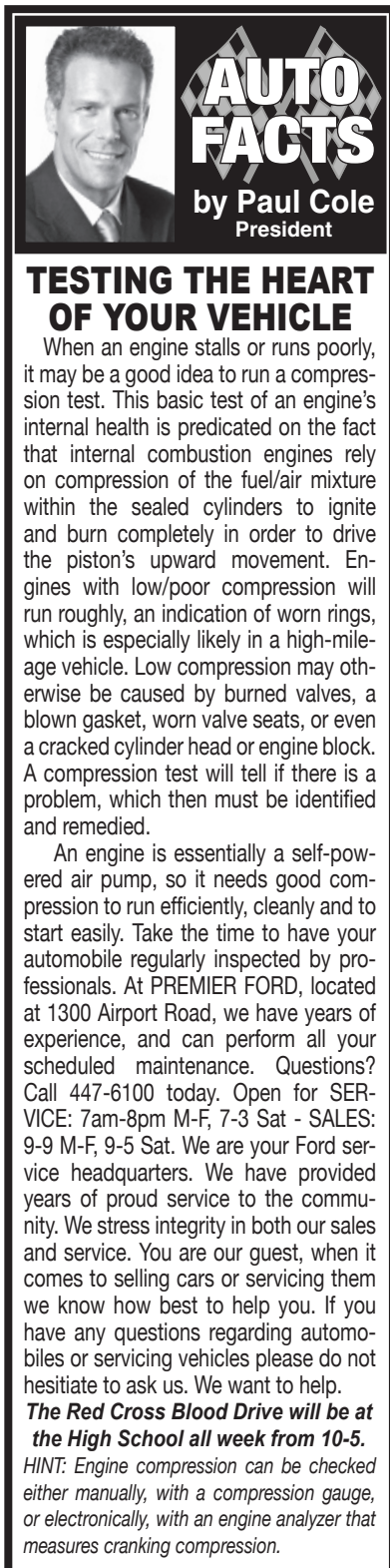


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TESTING THE HEART OF YOUR VEHICLE

When an engine stalls or runs poorly, it may be a good idea to run a compression test. This basic test of an engine's internal health is predicated on the fact that internal combustion engines rely on compression of the fuel/air mixture within the sealed cylinders to ignite and burn completely in order to drive the piston's upward movement. Engines with low/poor compression will run roughly, an indication of worn rings, which is especially likely in a high-mileage vehicle. Low compression may otherwise be caused by burned valves, a blown gasket, worn valve seats, or even a cracked cylinder head or engine block. A compression test will tell if there is a problem, which then must be identified and remedied.

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