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Jazz band

Host families needed

The Orion Art Center is welcoming the French Jazz Band — EMIJ Elbeuf as part of the Blue Lake International Exchange Program. This is the fifth year that the Orion Art Center has participated in this program, bringing musicians from many parts of the world to the Lake Orion community.

The Blue Lake international Exchange Program, established in 1969, is dedicated to the promotion of friendship, goodwill and understanding through cultural exchange and the universal language of the arts.

The EMIJ Elbeuf group will perform a free concert as part of the Downtown Lake Orion Gazebo Series at 7 p.m. Aug.

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If you are interested in being a host family, call the Orion Art Center to register at (248) 693-4986. For more information on the center and other upcoming events, visit Web site at www.orionartcenter.org.

6 in Children's Park. The rain location is the Lake Orion United Methodist Church.

Host families are needed to house these French guests Aug. 5-8. The group is composed of about 25 musicians, mostly adult couples and a few teenagers. Host families are responsible for transporting musicians to their scheduled performance on Aug. 6 in downtown Lake



The French Jazz Band EMIJ Elbeuf will perform as part of the Blue Lake International Exchange Program. Host families are still needed.

Orion and giving them a taste of everyday life in Michigan. Most of these Blue Lake travelers have never been to the United States, so it

is a great cultural experience for visitors and host families alike, according to the center. — From staff reports

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Taylor Piot

Taylor Piot, a student who recently completed fifth-grade at Our Lady of the Lakes in Waterford Township, was nominated by her principal, Julie Sartori, because, "Taylor is on our student council. She is upbeat and positive, and encourages her classmates." She is the daughter of Donna and Todd Piot.



Taylor

Favorite school subject: Science

Food: Noodles/pasta
Movie: "Nancy Drew"
TV Show: "Hannah Montana"
Music: Ashley Tisdale
Book: "Secret Zoo"
Interests: Basketball, softball
Hangout: School, with friends
Ambition: To invent a classic solar-powered car.

Samantha Krapohl

Samantha Krapohl, a student at Haviland Elementary School in Waterford Township, was nominated by her parents, John and Lisa Krapohl, because, "Samantha always tries her best and does all she can do to make others feel good about themselves. She is a good student and a wonderful daughter."



Samantha

Favorite school subjects: Science

Food: Mexican
Movie: "National Treasure"
TV Show: "Mythbusters"
Music: Aly & AJ
Book: "The Fire Within"
Interests: Movies, reading, sports, video games
Hangout: Panera
Ambition: To own and operate a pet care business (grooming, boarding, training, etc.)

Shaun Gamble

Shaun Gamble, a student who recently completed the fourth grade at Owen Elementary School in Pontiac, was nominated by his teacher, C. Payne. He is the son of oh Phil Herrington and Christina Aupperle.



Shaun

Favorite school subjects: Gym

Food: Hamburger Helper
Movie: "King Kong"
Book: "Harry Potter"
Interests: Playing football, hunting
Hangout: Hideout in bushes at friend's house, and the tree house
Ambition: To be in the Army

Know any good students?

The Oakland Press is seeking submissions for its Students of the Week column, which highlights the area's top students. To nominate a student, log on to www.theoaklandpress.com and click on "contests." To request a PDF nomination form, send e-mail to studentoftheweek@oakpress.com. Special preference will be given to those nominations that include a photograph. School photos work best. Submission of nomination constitutes permission for publication.

50-year-old man volunteers in Africa with Corp.

James Edward Peters, 52, of Waterford Township has been accepted into the Peace Corps. Peters departed for Cape Verde, located off the western coast of Africa, on July 16 to begin pre-service training as a vocational education Peace Corps volunteer. Upon graduation from volunteer training in October, Peters will be facilitating the vocational education of post-secondary students, as well as creating new opportunities for jobs in the building industry.

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Peters is the parent of Christel Peters, Suzanne Ryack and Julie Peters, and a graduate of Ogemaw Heights High School in West Branch. He attended Northern Michigan University in Marquette, where he earned a bachelor's degree in industrial technology, graduating in 1978. Peters previously worked as a senior industrial engineer for one of the largest automotive companies in the world, designing and implementing operator work stations on assembly lines in North America. He also is a licensed builder in Michigan.

"After working 28 years, it's just time to give back," Peters said. "I want to share my experience and knowledge and hopefully make a difference in others' lives. What an absolute privilege it is to serve my country, and I hope I can

make the country proud."

Today, 8,079 Americans serve in the Peace Corps, with 5 percent of currently serving volunteers age 50 or older. The Peace Corps regards older volunteers as a great asset, bringing both their professional and life experiences to help countries around the world meet their development needs.

During the first three months of his service, Peters will live with a host family in Cape Verde to become fully immersed in the country's language and culture. After acquiring the language and cultural skills necessary to assist his community, Peters will serve for two years in Cape Verde, living in a manner similar to people in his host country.

Peters joins the 344 Michigan residents currently serving in the Peace Corps. More than 6,103 Michigan residents have served in the Peace Corps since 1961.

Since the program's establishment in 1988, more than 416 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in Cape Verde. A nation of 10 islands located off the western coast of Africa, Cape Verde has nine inhabitable islands. There are 56 volunteers working on eight of these islands in the areas of education, community and youth development, and information technology today. The Peace Corps also is considered a major player in the nation's program to combat the HIV/AIDS epidemic, and



Future Peace Corps volunteers hold onto the Cape Verde flag before their flight. James E. Peters, of Waterford Township (seventh from the right in back, in sage green shirt) was accepted into the organization.

all Volunteers, regardless of sector, are trained in HIV/AIDS education.

The Peace Corps is celebrating a 47-year legacy of service at home and abroad. There are more than 8,000 volunteers abroad, a 37-year high for volunteers in the field. Peace Corps

Volunteers must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age. Peace Corps service is a 27-month commitment. To learn more about the Peace Corps, visit our Web site: www.peacecorps.gov.

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Local dentists fit athletes with new device

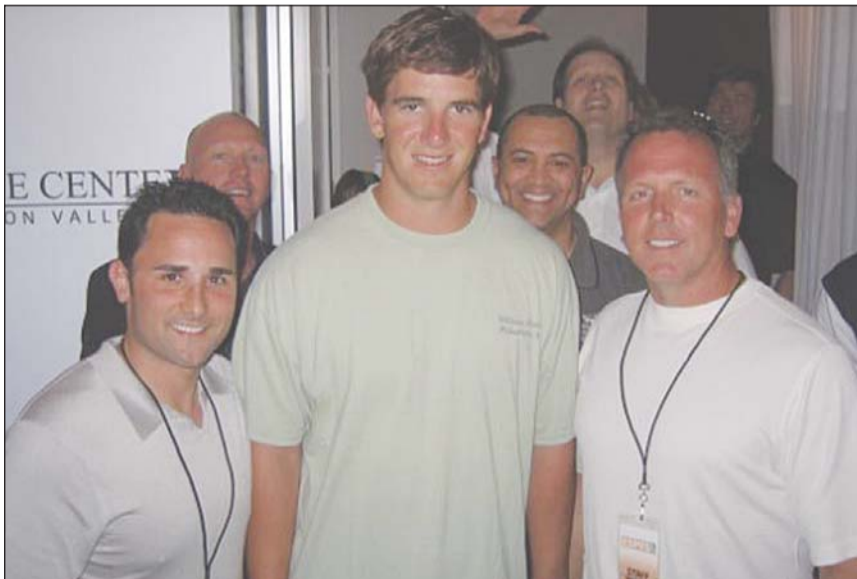
Dentists Kurt Doolin and Jeff Haddad of Rochester Advanced Dentistry, Michigan's first dentists to receive the Pure Power Edge Certification, fit Terrell Owens from the Dallas Cowboys and Lindsey Vonn, Olympic medalist and World Cup champion downhill skier, with the new dental device — the Edge — during the ESPN ESPY awards activities this week.

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Doolin and Haddad were invited to the ESPYs by Pure Power Edge founding dentist Anil Makkar to help fit professional athletes with the device. The Edge is a dental innovation that is gaining popularity on professional sports teams and beyond for its ability to enhance sports performance by optimal jaw alignment.

Professional athletes also using the Edge include Manny Ramirez of the Boston Red Sox, Toronto Blue Jays' pitcher Shawn Marcum and St. Louis Ram's kicker Josh Brown.

The Edge comes in two options, depending on the sport: One offers perfect jaw alignment and protection for impact sports such as football, and the



Dentists Jeff Haddad (left) and Kurt Doolin (right) mingled with celebrities including Eli Manning at the ESPN ESPY awards. The two dentists are fitting professional athletes with a new dental device.

other is intended for nonimpact sports such as baseball and golf. Doolin and Haddad are trained in neuromuscular dentistry and act as the primary contact for training and certifying other

Michigan dentists to offer the Edge in their own practices.

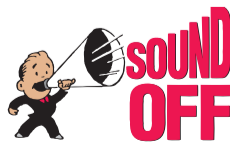
Benefits of the Edge are not limited to professional athletes; they extend to amateur sports lovers too, Doolin said.

"The Edge has been hailed as the latest and greatest sports innovation, which, while true, sounds gimmicky," Doolin said. "The reality is the Edge is a science-based product founded on the principles of neuromuscular dentistry. Using technically advanced equipment called a TENS machine and computerized jaw tracking, dentists certified in fitting the Edge find the best position for the jaw and create the dental orthotic from these optimal readings. Ultimately, the Edge creates a perfect alignment for the jaw and the residual benefits are not only in the mouth and jaw, but in the spine and with improved balance.

"Amazingly, finding the perfect position for the jaw actually enables the entire upper body to work more efficiently, whether one is playing professional football or baseball, running a marathon or aiming to improve one's golf game at the local golf course."

The Pure Power Edge was developed by neuromuscular dentist Dr. Anil Makkar of Nova Scotia and professional athletic trainer Chuck Sproule. The company is based in Truro, Nova Scotia. For additional information, visit www.thepurepoweredge.com.

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