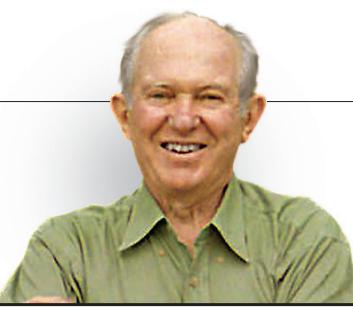


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Brent Simonds with the new hand-cranking bicycle he'll use to cover the 102-mile Pelotonia route

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# Going the distance

Pelotonia participants ride for friends, loved ones

By Kristine Gill | THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

**C**ome Saturday morning, about 4,000 cyclists will be off and pedaling in the name of cancer research. \* In its second year, the Pelotonia tour — a fundraiser whose proceeds benefit the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center, including the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital — has drawn roughly 75 percent more riders than it did in its rookie season. \* Most have been touched by cancer, which, in many cases, inspired their participation in Pelotonia. \* Here are several of their stories:

### Brent Simonds

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 RIDING 102 MILES TO ATHENS

No other Pelotonia rider this year will be pedaling with his hands.

The Columbus resident, who is partially paralyzed, plans to ride in memory of his father.

Barry Simonds died in 1994 at age 46 after twice battling Hodgkin's lymphoma.

"I was really lost," said Simonds, who was 16 at the time of his dad's death.

At 21, halfheartedly majoring in information systems at the University of Toledo, he found himself on academic probation.

Then, during the summer after his junior year of college, his life changed drastically.

On a hot night, after he returned with some friends from a showing of *The Blair Witch Project*, the kiddie pool in a friend's yard beckoned.

He didn't see the tree root as he slid into the pool headfirst.

"My chin hit," he said, "and



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Sam Ferrell, 10, in a stare-down with his riding partner, dad Jerry

snapped my neck back."

Without the full use of his triceps, Simonds can't move his fingers. He can mimic a grip by flexing his forearms and tendons.

He has sensation in his legs but lacks motor control. With the use of some chest, back and

abdominal muscles, he operates both a manual and powered wheelchair.

"I told myself really early on I wasn't going to stop living my life, waiting to walk," he said.

So, after two years of physical therapy and an operation to stabilize his spine with a

titanium rod, he started attending OSU in 2001. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2004 and a master's in social work in 2005.

He works as an advocacy coordinator with the Mid-Ohio Board for an Independent Living Environment, also known as MOBILE.

This weekend, Simonds will ride a \$4,000 hand-powered bicycle that he received from friends — who raised the money for it after they learned he was interested in Pelotonia.

He has worked with a trainer to prepare for the trip to Athens — during which he'll think of his father.

"While he was here," Simonds said, "he was always my best friend."

### Sam Ferrell

10, COLUMBUS  
 RIDING 43 MILES TO AMANDA

If he ran on batteries, Sam

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The choice is one that plenty of central Ohio families face each year with summer-born children.

Since 2001, Ohio law has allowed districts and private and parochial schools to choose either Aug. 1 or Sept. 30 as the cutoff birth date for kindergarten entrance. (A child must be enrolled at least in kindergarten by age 6.)

The percentage of youngsters who have waited a year to start kindergarten is on the rise nationally.

Some studies peg it at as high as 20 percent of the population starting kindergarten each year; others put the figure at 9 percent to 11 percent.

Boys are more typically

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## SHOW & TELL

### Film project to reveal results

The results of the 48 Hour Film Project — during which each of more than 30 teams of moviemakers had two days to write, shoot and edit a short project in central Ohio — will be shown this week.

The event ended Sunday. The Gateway Film Center, 1550 N. High St., will host screenings at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, and 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Tickets cost \$9, or \$21 for all three showings. Call 614-545-2255 or visit [www.48hourfilm.com/columbus](http://www.48hourfilm.com/columbus).

### Rock hall creating endowment

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland has landed a big payday from the 25th-anniversary concerts conducted last year at Madison Square Garden in New York.

The affiliated foundation in New York, the hall announced yesterday, will create a \$5 million endowment with proceeds from the Oct. 29-30 shows.

The concerts featured Aretha Franklin, Mick Jagger, Metallica, Simon & Garfunkel, Bruce

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### BACK-TO-SCHOOL ADVICE

## Having child wait isn't easy

By Jane Hawes

COLUMBUS PARENT

Redshirting isn't just for hulking Buckeye linebackers anymore.

Nowadays, when a mom is overheard mentioning redshirting, she is probably discussing a young boy with a summer birthday.

Julie Yoakum was doing just that seven years ago.

Ben and Will, her twin sons with husband Lee, were born July 7.

When the boys reached kindergarten age, their parents had a choice to make: enroll the 5-year-olds at St. Mary School in Delaware or wait a year — and have them be among the youngest or oldest in the class.

The Yoakums opted to wait.

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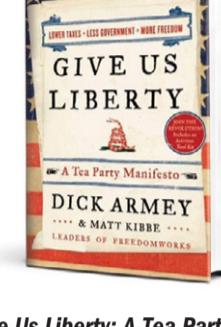
### TAKING A BREAK



Joe Blundo  
 will return to  
 Life & Arts  
 next Tuesday.

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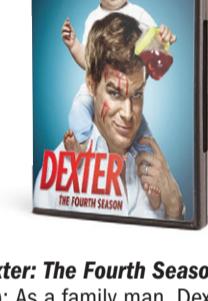
### BOOKS



► **Give Us Liberty: A Tea Party Manifesto**, Dick Armey & Matt Kibbe: Just what does the tea party want? Armey, a former House majority leader and would-be leader of the leaderless movement, gives answers.

► **Other notable releases:** fiction — *The Cobra*, Frederick Forsyth; *I'd Know You Anywhere*, Laura Lippman; *Last Night at Chateau Marmont*, Lauren Weisberger; *The Postcard Killers*, James Patterson & Liza Marklund; *Three Stations: An Arkady Renko Novel*, Martin Cruz Smith; nonfiction — *My Formerly Hot Life: Dispatches From Just the Other Side of Young*, Stephanie Dolgoff; *Secret Historian*, Justin Spring

### DVDS



► **Dexter: The Fourth Season** (not rated): As a family man, Dexter (Michael C. Hall) confronts his own murderous urges while tracking another killer (John Lithgow).

► **Other notable releases:** *Friday Night Lights: The Fourth Season*, *Furry Vengeance*, *The Last Song*, *One Tree Hill: The Complete Seventh Season*, *Temple Grandin*, *Ugly Betty: The Complete Fourth and Final Season*

### GAMES

► **Kane & Lynch 2: Dog Days** (personal computer, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360): The trigger-happy duo heads to the Shanghai underworld for more mayhem.

► **Other notable releases:** *City of Heroes: Going Rogue: Complete Collection* (PC), *Gold's Gym Dance Workout* (Nintendo Wii), *Ys Seven* (PlayStation Portable)

### MOVIES

► **Vampires Suck** (PG-13, opening Wednesday): The spoof of *Twilight* comes from the makers of *Disaster Movie*, *Epic Movie* and *Meet the Spartans*.

► **Friday openings:** *Hubble 3D* (G), *Lottery Ticket* (PG-13), *Nanny McPhee Returns* (PG), *Piranha 3D* (R), *The Switch* (PG-13), *When You're Strange* (R)

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