

# The Orland Park Prairie™

ORLAND PARK'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

www.opprairie.com • October 27, 2011 • Vol. 5 No. 24 • \$1



**PINK DIFFERENTLY**  
More than 1,700 people turn out for breast cancer walk, PAGE 5

**A BEE C**  
Presbyterian Church of Orland Park hosts 33rd annual spelling bee, PAGE 8



Bob Steinmetz (left), Nick Carollo and Riley Bomberry (right) work on the engine of a Ford Model A Tuesday, Oct. 18, during the Antique Ford Engine Workshop at The Bridge Teen Center in Orland Park. Steinmetz held the six-week workshop to teach children about the inner workings of motor vehicles. BILL JONES/22ND CENTURY MEDIA



## GETTING THE ENGINE RUNNING

Teens work on antique engine during six-week program at The Bridge Teen Center, PAGE 4

JEAN THERAPY  
COUPON

**10% OFF**

JEANS, TOPS  
& BOOTS\*

\*Expires 11/14/2011.  
Not valid on sale item.  
Miss Me Jeans, Silver Jeans &  
Not Your Daughter Jeans.



**FALL'S  
BEST  
BOOTS**

14215 S. LAGRANGE RD.  
ORLAND PARK • 708-403-9900



*Boots less  
than \$90*



*Jean Therapy*





**News COVER STORY**

# Bridge Teen Center gets engine running

**KRISTEN THOMETZ, Assistant Editor**

Teens and members of A's R Us, the Chicago chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America, worked Tuesday, Oct. 18, on reassembling the engine of an original antique Ford chassis at The Bridge Teen Center in Orland Park.

Members of the A's R Us began the antique Ford engine workshop to teach the next generation about the mechanics of 1928-1931 Fords.

Bob Steinmetz, an A's R Us member, said he got the idea for the workshop during

an event this summer with The Bridge Teen Center.

At the event, Steinmetz drove teens in his Model A Ford. Throughout the drive, teens asked him how various parts of the car worked.

"I saw an opportunity," Steinmetz said.

He worked with his son Rob Steinmetz, who works at The Bridge Teen Center, to set up the workshop.

Bob Steinmetz owns six Model A Fords and donated the engine for teens to work on.

"I wanted them to understand what happens when they turn a key," Steinmetz

said.

At the first meeting Tuesday, Sept. 20, Steinmetz drove the chassis around to show teens that the engine worked before they began disassembling it.

Each week, Steinmetz, Ken Chamis and Wally Ekstrom worked on the engine with teens and taught them technical terms associated with it.

Naledge Killins, 12, of Crestwood said he liked the workshop because it was hands-on.

"I like getting my hands dirty," he said.

Riley Bomberry, 12, of

Crestwood agreed.

"I just like working on it and learning the different parts," he said.

On Tuesday, Oct. 25, the group planned to reinstall the engine in the chassis to see if it would run.

Nick Carollo, 13, of Orland Park said he saw the chassis driven before it was taken apart and is looking forward to Oct. 25

"It's pretty neat to see what a car looks like before and after," he said.

For more information on The Bridge Teen Center, call (708) 532-0500 or visit [www.thebridgeteencenter.org](http://www.thebridgeteencenter.org).



**John Wagner (left) and Nick Carollo (center) watch as Bob Steinmetz searches for a hole on a Ford Model A Thursday, Oct. 18, during the Antique Ford Engine Workshop at The Bridge Teen Center in Orland Park. BILL JONES/22ND CENTURY MEDIA**