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for women to internalize since we play multiple roles such as mother, wife, sister, daughter, employee, etc. and it can be difficult to "fit in" all that we want out of life. The good news, and from what I gathered from Mary, is that there is no timetable for achieving your goals and dreams.

Hats off

I would not be where I am without immense help of not one, two, or three, but several individuals. First and foremost, Jennifer Hoemke, Miss Farmington 1998 and currently a professional actress and singer, has been by my side helping me prepare for Miss Michigan in terms of competing, (talent, interview, etc.) packing and staying organized.

I would be helpless without the help of the Miss Farmington Scholarship Program Board: Ginny Morris, Maureen McRae, Todd Lipa, Alice Toroyan, and Iora Haglund for their generous contributions of time, support, and encouragement. Frankly, to participate in the Miss Michigan program is quite costly because of the wardrobe required for competitions such as talent,

interview, and evening wear. Thankfully, Fred Fernandez of Farmington sponsored my evening gown (Fred - thank you so much again, I would not have this dress had you not sponsored me). Metro Bank of Farmington, my former Miss Farmington/Oakland County corporate sponsor, presented me with a very generous donation to help support my financial needs.

A very special thanks goes out to Carleigh Flaherty of the Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce who not only gave me a personal contribution but also connected me with various organizations in the community.

Moreover, Vicki Barnett from Farmington Hills City Council and attorney Mark Steckloff, also supported me. A very special thanks to them. Last but not least, I would like to send a heartfelt thanks to Iora Haglund. Our thoughtful conversations have brought me peace. Thank you so much for your support, emotionally and financially.

Tracy Finlayson ends her reign as Miss Farmington on July 13, when she crowns a new community representative at the Cstick Activities Center.

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is an active member in Students Against Drunk Driving.

Wilkinson is an active lector, Eucharistic Minister and KAIROS retreat leader at her parish.

She spends a week every year in an Appalachian work camp helping with repairs to hearts and homes of the disabled and underprivileged. Wilkinson was nominated by Hene Audette, Youth Minister at St. Fabian Church.

■ Lauren Young is a 2002 graduate of North Farmington High School. She has served in the community and beyond in a number of ways through volunteering at the

AAA Pregnancy Crisis Center and Volunteer Impact (women's homeless shelter).

With the Humanitarian Club she helped two years with the senior citizen Halloween party, raked leaves for senior citizens, was a bell ringer for the Salvation Army, worked at a bake sale to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and help organize an all night party to raise money for Lou Gehrig's disease.

Young spent nine days in Haiti working as a missionary.

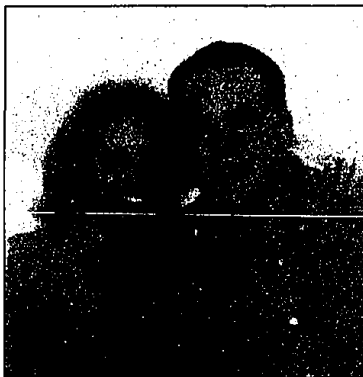
Through her church, the Memorial Church of Christ, put on a church service at the Pontiac Rescue Mission and worked with Habitat for Humanity.

Mansion seeks volunteers for three days

Watch for the three important dates, Thursday, July 18, Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20. The Governor Warner Mansion is planning spectacular events for each day.

Additional volunteers and donors for these three days will be greatly appreciated.

ENGAGEMENT



RITCHIE-DINNEL

Janis Dinnel of Farmington Hills and Keith Ritchie of Cushing, Maine will be married Aug. 3 in San Diego, Calif.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Ann Dinnel of Redford and Mike and Diane Dinnel of Farmington Hills.

She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and works as a research assistant for the University of California-San Diego.

Her fiancé is the son of Donna Ritchie of Hampden, Maine and Almon Ritchie and Shirley Gaskins of Huntington Beach, Calif.

He is a graduate of Western New England College and is a design engineer for Stage III Technologies in San Diego.

The couple will make their home in San Diego.

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Holiday Inn hosts critical blood drive in July

On Tuesday, July 2, the Farmington Hills Holiday Inn will be the site of the Red Cross Critical Summer Blood Drive. The drive runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and is open to businesses in the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park and the general public.

The goal is 45 units of blood for area hospital patients. One pint of blood can help three patients. To make an appointment call Joann Lindquist at (617) 645-7712.

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