

Business

PEOPLE

Peggy Lauer has been named director of Maryville University's new Center for Sustainability. Programs initiated through the Center will help advance sustainability on campus and throughout the region. Lauer is a longtime advocate of environmental practices on Maryville's campus.



Lauer

Krista N. Miesner, of Chesterfield, has obtained her Missouri license as a certified public accountant (CPA). Miesner is an associate at Abeles and Hoffman, P.C.

PLACES

After calling Plaza Frontenac home for 15 years, **St. Louis Sippery & Café** has moved to the Chesterfield Valley. The business now is open at 161 Long Road.

Pulte Homes has opened a new section at **The Reserve at Chesterfield Village**, located off of Baxter Road and Wild Horse Creek Road. The new section of homes, called The Bluffs, features new homes from the \$370,000s.

Coldwell Banker Gundaker reported that it ranked first in sales volume and transaction side among St. Louis' real estate companies in 2011, as listed in the *REAL Trends 500* report, an annual research report that identifies the country's largest and most successful residential real estate brokerage firms as ranked by closed transaction sides and separately by closed sales volume.

Employees of the Creve Coeur West branch of **M&I Bank** on June 9 during

a barbecue fundraiser raised more than \$500 for the Humane Society of St. Louis. Employees at all 17 M&I Bank branches in the St. Louis metropolitan area participated, collectively raising more than \$3,300 for local charities and organizations. M&I Bank is supporting the effort by matching the total amount raised.

AWARDS & HONORS

St. Louis-based **Sisters of Mercy Health System** was one of 48 U.S. employers receiving the 2011 Best Employers for Healthy Lifestyles award. The National Business Group on Health – the nation's only non-profit organization of large employers devoted to health care related issues – presented the honor May 24 at a leadership summit in Washington, D.C.

"This award places Mercy in prestigious company," said Lynn Britton, president and CEO of the Sisters of Mercy Health System. "When other award winners include the likes of IBM, Campbell Soup and Target, you feel confident you're doing a lot of things right as an organization."

Mercy was honored for its innovative Healthification initiative, which promotes a fit workplace and encourages co-workers and families to support and maintain healthy lifestyles.

GI Jobs, a magazine published for veterans, has named Manchester-based **Fish Window Cleaning** to its list of "Military Friendly Franchises." The list honors the top 7 percent of franchises doing the most to recruit America's veterans as franchisees and was designed to help veterans learn which franchises give them the best financial incentives and training, and which franchises have the highest number of veteran franchisees.

