

# George's sis to bring a Beatles band to Grayslake

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Probably the closest the village of Grayslake will ever be to the Beatles occurs July 30.

George Harrison's sister, Louise, and the Liverpool Legends band she manages take center stage in Central Park as part of an eight-hour fundraiser for a youth center.

"I'm tickled beyond words," said Joyce Campbell of Grayslake Youth Center NFP Inc. "Everybody I tell gets the same look on their face: 'What? In Grayslake?'"

Hoping to raise \$40,000 for the center, organizers expect 4,000 to 6,000 people could attend the event. Tickets are \$10 for those 18 or older and \$5 for ages 6 to 17. Children



Louise Harrison

younger than 5 will be admitted at no charge.

"Everyone loves music and the kids are starving for a place to hear music," Campbell said of the event.

Louise Harrison and Michelle

Dwoskin formed Louise Harrison Entertainment Ltd. this year to offer a new Beatles tribute band. Liverpool Legends looks and sounds like the original Beatles.

"When we put this group together, I said to the lads let's make this a group my brother would want to be a part of," Louise Harrison said Tuesday from Branson, Mo., where the group

is performing. "Together, there is a tremendous magic with the four of them," she said. Raising money for a Grayslake youth center is another way for the group to have fun, celebrate Beatles music and "make sure their stay on this planet was to do some good," she said.

At 73, she is George Harrison's older and only sister.

"When he was born, I was 11 years old. He was only 8 hours old when my mother handed him to me," she said. "I knew him when he had no teeth and no hair."

When George Harrison, John Lennon, Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr became celebrities, her parents, Harold and Louise, got involved

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answering 2,000 letters a week from George's fans. They signed each "Love, from Mum and Dad Harrison," she said.

Louise Harrison and her husband were living in Benton, Ill., in 1964 when Beatlemania took hold. And George's sister found herself broadcasting daily Beatle radio reports because of the public's thirst to know about the Fab Four.

Since then, she has made hundreds of personal appear-

ances. In Grayslake, she will sign autographs and answer questions about the Beatles and her brother, who died in 2001 from cancer.

"We've been endowed with a totally huge amount of love. We can dig it out and use that resource," she said. "That's what we're here for, to spread the divine love."

Creating a youth center in Grayslake has changed in recent weeks from raising \$180,000 for 2,000 square feet of space in the village's downtown to obtaining

a site within walking distance of Grayslake Middle School.

The youth center group has raised \$50,000 in about 18 months.

The Liverpool Legends is scheduled to perform from 6:30 and 8 p.m., and Louise Harrison will meet with fans during that time. She invites Beatle enthusiasts to come to the event for a "Harrison hug."

"They are free," she said.

Six local youth bands and a teacher band also perform that day.