

AARP offers seniors aid with income tax puzzle

Seniors and retired persons in Farmington, Farmington Hills, Redford and Southfield will receive help in their battle to unravel the federal and state income tax puzzle.

With the help of volunteers for the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), seniors can receive free assistance in preparing their 1977 income tax forms at two locations in

the Farmington area and one in Redford Township.

Beginning Jan. 17, tax aides will be at Mercy Center, Middle Belt and Eleven Mile, Farmington from 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

On Jan. 25, it will move to the Lakes Area Senior Citizens building on Grand River near Novi Road, Novi. The Farmington City Library will host the

program on Feb. 3. The sessions end March 23 in Mercy Center.

Sessions are scheduled in the morning and afternoons, only. This year, 18 aides will be trained by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to assist seniors who find it difficult to complete their tax forms or need advice, according to Iver Nylin, of Farmington Hills, program coordinator for the area. He expects the program will help more than 500 seniors this year.

(VITA), fostered by the IRS.

Although volunteers go through a training session, Nylin said filling out a tax form is easier than most persons believe.

"People don't read the instructions," he said. "There's nothing that difficult about it. Most people could get through the forms if they read the instructions and realized what changes had been made. The IRS tell you what changes it has made during the year."

income tax or a rebate for household expenses which exceed 3.5 per cent of their taxable and non-taxable income. For persons under 65-years-old, the rebate-credit would amount to 60 per cent of the expenses. For those over 65-years-old, the state would rebate all of the excess expenses.

When applying for the rebate-credit, taxpayers should know the amount of rent they've paid in the past year. The name and address of their landlord also is necessary, said Nylin.



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retired taxpayers mail their returns.

If a question on the income tax return arises after it is filed, the VITA stamp on the form will alert the IRS to call the volunteer program's district mgr. Mrs. Helen Madro in Detroit.

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Resident offers reward for stolen truck's return

Farmington resident Tim Sullivan wants his \$47,000 truck back—and he's willing to pay a \$2,000 reward if someone can help him.

The three-day-old 1978 Ford LTS-9000 cab was stolen from a locked, fenced parking lot at 32575 Folsom, near Orchard Lake Road and the M-102 expressway in the southeastern corner of Farmington Hills.

The theft occurred between 7 p.m.,

Dec. 29 and 6:30 a.m., Dec. 30. The truck is identified as a red, semi-conventional cab, license number 4548AM.

Sullivan believes a minimum of three men stole the sparking new vehicle, using bolt cutters to cut the chain on the fence. Tire tracks in the snow indicate that a four-wheel-drive vehicle was used in the heist. Sullivan added.

The truck is very identifiable

because of its unusual chrome grill and chrome front bumper, according to Det. Al Hanner of the Farmington Hills police department. Hanner is heading the investigation of the truck's theft, without luck thus far, he admits.

"They may be on their way to the coast by now," he says.

Truck owner Sullivan, who lives at 35101 Oakland in Farmington, will filter any tips to the Farmington Hills

police. Anyone with information can call Sullivan at 474-6734.

"I feel someone knows something," Sullivan says. "And maybe they can help me get that truck back."

The National Crime Information Center (NCIC), as well as the metro area, have been informed of the theft, Hanner adds.

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