

# Energy aid available for needy

Emergency energy aid for needy households to buy fuel or pay overdue utility bills was launched Dec. 15, Michigan Department of Social Services announced.

The first available component of the \$95.6 million federally funded Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP), the emergency help will be paid only once this fiscal year to eligible applicants.

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Qualifications will be based on the household's income and assets, as well as on the demonstrated need for immediate help. Although some public assistance recipients will be approved for the emergency aid, the program is not limited to welfare clients.

Allowable annual income for applicants will range from \$4,738 for one person to \$12,600 for a family of four, and to \$17,350 for six persons. Liquid assets such as currency, savings or checking accounts, stocks and bonds will be limited to \$2,000 or less per household, except when one member is age 65 or over.

According to policy approved by the federal government, emergency energy payments will be considered for two basic categories of applicants:

- The household which is out of, or has indicated a need for, a deliverable heating fuel such as oil, coal, wood or propane.

- The household which has an overdue (by at least 30 days) natural gas or electric bill. Payments for electricity are restricted to primary heat source cases, or bases where it is an essential component of the overall heating system, into a legend.

## Film studies King Tut legend

"Of Time, Tombs and Treasure," a film that explores the tomb of King Tutankhamun, will be shown at Cranbrook Institute of Science at 2:45 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Jan. 10.

Tutankhamun was a minor character in Egyptian history until 1922, when archaeologist Howard Carter rediscovered the boy-king's 3,000 year-old tomb. Its splendour quickly turned the pharaoh, commonly known as King Tut, into a legend.

The half-hour film is free with museum admission of \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for students and senior citizens.

Also included in museum admission that day are planetarium shows at 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and observatory demonstrations from 8:30-10 p.m.

tem such as in forced-air furnaces.

Top payments will range from \$125 to \$200 each depending upon the household's income. In most cases, payment will be made directly to the fuel supplier.

Emergency energy assistance applications are being handled by local DSS offices and Community Action Agency (CAA) offices throughout the state. At least one DSS office is located in every Michigan county.

About \$22 million, or nearly one-fourth of the total federal energy grant, was set aside for the emergency, crisis-intervention component this year. MDSS, which administered last year's \$48 million Federal Energy Assistance Program in Michigan, is responsible for overall distribution of this year's aid.

The other two components of the LIEAP program begin Jan. 1 — a \$39.1 million tax credit plan for low-income homeowners and renters, and a \$30 million "Supplemental Fuel Cost Payment" to qualifying tax credit, AFDC and CAA recipients. The state Treasury Department will administer those two components.

A fourth energy aid plan was started

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Oct. 1 by MDSS, providing monthly increases to the utility allowances for Michigan's AFDC and GA households who, by state law, are not entitled to receive the tax credit.

Persons who have questions, or who want to apply for the Emergency Energy Assistance, should contact their local DSS or CAA office for more information.

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## obituaries

ESTHER M. LANE

Mrs. Lane, 83, of Farmington, died Dec. 16 in Memorial Hospital, Monroe. She was retired from her job as a secretary for the Gordon Baking Company. Mrs. Lane was a member of the immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, Detroit.

Survivors include: daughters, Rita Garn, Patricia DeVore; three grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 20 at Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington and Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church with the Rev. Leo F. Sabourin officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

JOSEPH E. KOCHAN

Mr. Kochan, 57, of Dearborn Heights, died Dec. 17 in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn.

A former Farmington area resident, Mr. Kochan served in the Army during World War II as a private first class in the 4281st Quartermaster Depot Company from March 1943 to February 1946 in the Pacific theater. He was a truck driver for the Con-Deviser Construction Company.

Survivors include: sons, William, David, Charles; friend, Gladys Bassett; seven grandchildren.

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