

Seniors get help with tax forms

The 1989 American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Tax Aide program is under way and will continue until April 14.

Tax Aides, all volunteers from AARP's Farmington Hills Chapter 2000, have completed their training and will provide free assistance for

filling out both federal and state income tax forms for all people over the age of 60 in Farmington or Farmington Hills.

The service is given 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday in Farmington Hills Senior Adult Center, in Mercy Center complex, through Gate 4 on

11 Mile, east of Middlebelt Road. The service is given 1-4 p.m. every Friday (with the exception of March 24) in Farmington Branch Library, 2350 Liberty St.

Reservations are not required. Special arrangements for shut-ins will be arranged by calling Farm-

ington Hills Department of Special Services, 476-6198.

AARP is assisted in giving this service through the cooperation of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services, the Farmington Community Library and Mercy Services for the Aging.

Sisters of Mercy seek volunteers

Applications are being accepted for Detroit Mercy Corps, established last year in September. The Sisters of Mercy of Detroit, a group of professional women engaged in education, health care, parish ministry and social welfare, established Mercy Corps as a way of linking agencies in poor pockets of the U.S. with lay men and women desiring to give a year of volunteer service.

The Detroit office, with work sites in Michigan and Iowa, is collaborat-

ing with Mercy Corps offices in Merion and Erie, Pa., Omaha, Neb., and St. Louis, Mo., who together have sites throughout the country.

Mercy Corps volunteers make a one-year commitment and in exchange for their service receive room and board, medical insurance and a small stipend.

"They bring whatever skills that have - their college education or some work experience," said Marty Jennings, Mercy Corps director.

"More important than skills are motivation, dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to the Gospel."

Jennings visited a shelter for the homeless, an inner-city redevelopment project, outreach programs, inner-city and rural schools and medical clinics that were some of the proposed workites for the volunteers.

"The need is great," she said after her visits. "All sorts of volunteers are needed - secretaries, custodians, carpenters, social workers,

teachers, teacher aides, nurses for rural outreach - or anyone with a desire to serve the poor."

Likened to a domestic Peace Corps, the association recruits those ages 21 and older, who are flexible, adaptable and dedicated. Equally important is a sense of humor.

For those interested in making application, contact Marty Jennings, Mercy Corps Director, 29000 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, or call 476-8000.

Three Flags DAR event honors youth

Kelly Miner of Southfield High School will be among those honored at a noon luncheon tendered by the Three Flags Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution of Lathrup Village on Monday, Feb. 13.

One of two Good Citizens winners, Kelly's essay has been entered in the Michigan State Scholarship contest. The other Good Citizen winner is Natalie Bohm of Peloton High School. Additional winners include: Emily Klarman of Southfield-Lathrup High

School; Michelle Mathis from Huron High School, and Harold Tarrwell of Deckerville High School.

Marjorie Pearson, chairperson, will present certificates, pins, and a DAR publication to all the winners.

The DAR awards began in 1934 to promote dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism among high school seniors. The participants are selected by their peers with faculty guidance.

New car won

Edward Manser won the first of six new Ford Escorts being awarded in IGA's "Fame 'n' Fortune." The supermarket promotion is in effect at Orchard 10 IGA and 96 other IGA supermarkets in Michigan.

Manser won his car by entering the second chance sweepstakes portion of the game, but elected to receive cash instead.

IGA will award six new cars, cash prizes up to \$1,000 and grocery products, for a total prize value of over \$335,000.

Volunteers are needed

Common Ground, Oakland County's 24-hour crisis center, needs volunteers to provide telephone and face-to-face crisis intervention during daytime and early evening hours. Screening required, but no previous experience necessary. Excellent training provided in Common Ground at 751 Hendrie Blvd., Royal Oak. For information contact Donna Reymann at 543-3850.

Father of the Constitution

James Madison (1751-1836) of Virginia dedicated nearly 40 years of his life to public service. He was known as the "Father of the Constitution" and became the fourth President of the United States. The Quak-

ertown Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution honors those men who helped to implement the new government as set forth by this document.

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Alice Nichols, a leading force in the promotion of art and artists in the Farmington area, fulfills a personal dream when she moves her home studio from here to a mountaintop in Tennessee.

Honorary roast

Artists say Godspeed to the woman who brought them together

ALICE NICHOLS, a longtime Farmington resident in the vanguard of promoting the art and artists of the area, is packing up her easels and brushes to make her home on a mountain top in Tennessee.

Nichols initiated what is believed to be one of the first communitywide art shows here when her fellow student artists at Farmington High School hung their works on a school ground fence.

She is a founder of Farmington Artists Club, which led to the Farmington Art Foundation, the service arm of the club, which brings art and art appreciation into the elementary schools and to senior adults.

She is a teacher of art and lectures on art.

She is holder of innumerable awards for her watercolors. She has won Farmington Area Arts Commission's "Service to the Arts Award" and was named "Artist-in Residence" by the commission in 1982.

When members of Farmington Artists Club gathered for an honorary roast to say Godspeed to the woman who brought them all together, many of the speakers remembered most vividly the early struggling days of the group that is now thought of as one of the most prestigious art associations in the metro area.

Of those early days, award-winning artist Jerinne Hapsburg said, "In a very real sense the club was Alice and Alice became the club."

From the speakers' table Nichols received thank yous for the encouragement she gave, the know-how she shared, the following through on ideas of promotion to make the Farmington area a richer art community.

For about the past eight years Nichols has divided her painting time between her home studio in the winter months and her mountain top home in the summer with an eye to one day spending full time among the wild flowers she has come to love in Tennessee.

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