

# Unemployed offered free job training

The Focus:HOPE Machinist Training Institute has openings available immediately for qualified residents of Oakland County who are receiving either Aid to Dependent Children or General Assistance. The training is sponsored and funded by Focus:HOPE and the Oakland County Department of Social Services. There is no charge to the trainees, and transportation to the institute, located on Oakman Boulevard in Detroit, can be arranged.

The institute offers free training in precision machining and metalwork, leading to a stable, well-paying career as a machinist. More than 90 percent of graduates have been placed in jobs.

The eight-month pre-employment course includes shop theory, shop math, blueprint reading, inspection processes, communication skills and practical experience on lathes, grinders, mills and other machine tools.

Interested applicants should visit their regular Oakland County Social Services caseworker and ask to see a MOST (Michigan Opportunities in Skills Training) worker. Or call or visit Focus:HOPE Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 1200 Oakman Boulevard at 14th Street, Detroit. The telephone number is 883-7440. Equal consideration is given to all applicants without regard to race, religion, sex, nationality or creed.

Established in 1968, Focus:HOPE is a civil and human rights organization working to improve the quality of life in metropolitan Detroit.

# Valentine Day music on band's schedule

Reservations are being taken for Farmington Community Band's Valentine's Dinner Dance, which begins with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, in Glen Oaks Country Club.

This is the sixth consecutive year for the benefit that includes an all-you-can-eat four-course buffet dinner, flowers for the women, music for listening and dancing by the group's jazz and dance bands, and a host of door prizes.

For the past five Valentine dinner dances tickets have been sold out. Reservations, at \$22 each, are taken by Mary Orwig, 477-3508.

# Toll free number gives answers on lung diseases

An estimated 98,000 children in Michigan have unpredictable attacks that leave them feeling "hungry for air." They are victims of asthma.

Many of their parents have questions: How will household cleaners and chemicals affect my child's disease? Should the family move to a different climate to alleviate the symptoms? Should we give away the dog and cat? Are there any new treatments available?

In most cases, answers are as close as the nearest telephone, through Lung Line, a toll-free information service operated by National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine of Denver.

LUNG LINE, the nation's first consumer help line for respiratory and immune system problems, can be reached at 1-800-222-LUNG.

It provides expert help from specially trained nurses who staff the telephone from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays Rocky Mountain Time.

The nurses are prepared to answer questions about detection, care and prevention of asthma, chronic bronchitis, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, food allergies and other respiratory and immune system disorders.

If a nurse does not know an answer or does not have the information readily available, physicians and researchers are available for consultation. The nurse gets the answer and then follows up with the caller.

DURING OFF hours, an operator asks for the caller's name, telephone number and question, and a nurse returns the call the next business day.

Since its inception in 1983, Lung Line has handled more than 32,000 calls.

"The majority of questions from parents concern asthma, since it is the leading cause of time missed from school," said Margie Kessler, coordinator of Lung Line.

"Most of the parents want to know more about asthma, basic information about medications, how the illness will affect the child and the family," she said.

Asthma affects nine million to 10 million children and adults in the United States and is one of the reasons that lung diseases are the third leading and fastest rising cause of death in the country.

Last year, more than a quarter of a million Americans died from lung diseases.

# Workshop aims to help support the handicapped

A workshop called "The Handicapped and the Community" will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, in First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

The workshop will examine the ways that handicaps can be encountered with dignity and hope; examine to what extent public facilities accommodate the handicapped; ways for the handicapped to be successful on their jobs; and how to be more supportive of persons with handicaps.

Registration is made by sending a check for \$3, payable to the church, and sent to the church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, 48018.



## Hamilton-Van Cott

Tracey Hamilton of Livonia and Donald Van Cott of Farmington Hills plan a May wedding at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

She is the daughter of James and Marjorie Hamilton of Livonia. He is the son of Peter and Virginia Van Cott of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 1981 graduate of Livonia Bentley High School and a 1985 graduate of Central Michigan University.

Her fiancé is a 1981 graduate of North Farmington High School and a 1985 graduate of Central Michigan.



## Drafta-Nowak

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Drafta of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Kay, to Phillip Carl Nowak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nowak of Manistee.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Alma College. Her fiancé is a graduate of Central Michigan University.

A fall wedding is planned.

# Help with tax forms offered to seniors

The 1986 Tax-Aide program for seniors and retirees begins Tuesday and continues through April 8.

The program was initiated 12 years ago by Farmington Hills Chapter 2088 of American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), whose volunteers obtain the rating of counselors, or tax aides, through intensive training and testing by the IRS and the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Tax aides give free assistance to area senior adults and retirees in preparing their 1985 federal and state income tax returns.

This year's program is sponsored by the AARP chapter in cooperation with Mercy Services for the Aging and Farmington Community Library.

Tax aides will be available from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Farmington Hills Senior Adult Center, located in Mercy Center complex, on 11 Mile Road, through Gate 4, east of Middlebelt Road.

Tax aides will also be available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays in Farmington Branch Library, 23550 Liberty Street.

Special arrangements may also be made for shut-ins by calling Farmington Hills City offices, 474-6115, Ext. 286, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

Persons who wish to obtain tax aide services may bring their W and 1099 statements for income, pension, interest, dividends and Social Security received in 1985.

They should also bring real estate tax receipts for 1985; total rent paid in the year; and name and address to whom paid; a copy of their 1984 income tax returns; and the 1985 income tax forms received from both the state and the IRS.

# Pet-A-Care offers low cost sterilization

Pet-A-Care is a non-profit organization that offers low cost sterilization of animals to low-income families in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties.

The neutering of cats and dogs has played a significant role in cutting down the number of unwanted animals being destroyed for lack of homes. It also saves the pet owner the pain of disposing of the unwanted litters. It saves the pet the stress of pregnancy and adds to the pet's well being and life span, and it also helps to keep the cost to city and county governments down.

Those who have a female cat or dog they would like to have spayed and are not financially able to handle the cost may contact the Pet-A-Care volunteers between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for more information. Mondays call Warren at 751-1068 and Wednesdays call Horne at 752-2016.

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