



## **TAX-AIDE PROGRAM PREPARES FOR ANOTHER YEAR**

Thirty volunteers are preparing and gearing up for Tax-Aide season in Clearfield County. The volunteers are now in the process of taking the IRS training and testing needed to prepare federal, state and local income taxes for senior citizens age 60 and older and those persons with low incomes living in Clearfield County through the Tax-Aide program. Sharon Durandetta has assumed the position of District Coordinator, a position held by Helen Bloom who just “retired” from the coordinator position that she held for the past six years.

In Clearfield County, the Tax-Aide program was started in 1983. It is administered under the direction of three partners; the IRS, AARP and the Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging, Inc. The IRS provides the bulk of the training, technical support and necessary papers and materials. AARP assumes part of the responsibility for the administration of the program and the establishment of an effective liaison with the IRS offices at a national and regional level. The CCAAA provides staff, technical support and assistance in the selection, housing and managing of volunteer sites as well as recruitment of volunteers. The CCAAA also provides assistance with ongoing media coverage, advertising the program and insuring that special emphasis has been placed on reaching elderly people who are shut-in, blind, or disabled in Clearfield County.

The Clearfield County Tax-Aide program has had electronic filing at their sites for the past four years. Last year they received the “Diamond”, Margaret Drescher E-File Site Award, given by AARP Foundation for West PA-2 division for E-Filing over 96% of the tax forms completed electronically. The average E-Filing in Pennsylvania was 57.4%, however, Clearfield surpassed that at their sites with a whopping 96%.

Individuals needing assistance from Tax-Aide may attend any of the Tax-Aide sites at the following locations:

West Side United Methodist Church  
317 Nichols St.  
Clearfield, PA 16830  
February 5– April 16, 2007  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

DuBois Senior and Community Center  
120 West Park Avenue  
DuBois, PA 15801  
February 5 - April 16, 2007  
Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

CMA Church  
803 Susquehanna Avenue  
Curwensville, PA 16833  
February 5 – April 16, 2007  
Mondays  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Houtzdale Family Service Center  
Apt 3, 40 Terrace Drive  
Houtzdale, PA 16651  
February 7- April 11, 2007  
Wednesdays  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Mahaffey Senior Community Center  
958 Market Street  
Mahaffey, PA 15757  
(814) 277-4544  
March 15, 2007  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
**By Appointment Only**

Coalport Senior Community Center  
Glendale Medical Center Complex  
850 Rear Main Street  
Coalport, PA 16627  
(814) 672-3574  
March 30, 2007  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
**By Appointment Only**

Kylertown Senior Community Center  
70 Senior Drive  
Kylertown, PA 16847  
(814) 345-6338  
March 2, 2007  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
**By Appointment Only**

Karthus Senior Community Center  
975 Market Street  
Karthus, PA 16845  
(814) 263-7277  
March 23, 2007  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
**By Appointment Only**

For Tax-Aide assistance, bring your current tax records and a copy of last year's income tax return with you to a Tax-Aide site. Remember, anyone who has earned over \$35 of taxable income in 2006 must file a Pennsylvania State Income Tax form.

If you need help or know of someone who is in need of help with tax preparation or need information on the program, contact Alice Pollock at the Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging, Inc. at 765-2696 or 1-800-225-8571.

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