

## Free tax service still available

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HILLSDALE — With the deadline to file taxes fast approaching, there is still time for area residents to take advantage of the Community Action Agency's (CAA) free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

VITA is available to residents of Hillsdale, Lenawee and Jackson counties with a 2013 household income of \$52,000 or less. Those households can take advantage of the free program, which includes e-filing.

IRS certified volunteers are available to assist individuals and families to ensure that residents receive refunds and credits.

Volunteers will prepare federal, state and city returns, along with credits including, Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Home Heating Credit and Home-stead Property Tax Credit.

The deadline to file for a 2013 Home Heating Credit is Sept. 30. Failing to file by that date will result in the loss of the credit. Eligibility for the credit is based on several factors, including family size and income.

Community Action Agency's IRS certified tax preparers are available year round to provide free assistance. Appointments are available at a variety of sites in each of the counties.

To schedule an appointment, contact CAA Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5p.m., at (517) 437-3346 or (800) 750-9300.



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