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United Way of Bradford County Opens Scheduling for Free Tax Appointments

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The United Way of Bradford County is pleased to announce that appointment scheduling is now open for the 2026 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, offering FREE tax preparation services to qualifying individuals and households. Executive Director, Roberta Coleman, said, "I am so delighted to see this program continue on. Thanks to our amazing volunteers, over the past several years, we have put over a million dollars back into the community's pockets, helping stimulate Bradford County's economy. I am grateful to see VITA thrive!"

VITA provides IRS-certified tax preparation at multiple locations across Bradford County. All appointments must be scheduled in advance, and locations operate only on designated days and times. There are limited spots available for some nights and weekends. Eligibility details can be found at:
www.unitedwaybradfordcounty.org/vita

"I'm truly excited that we're able to bring the VITA program back for another year. It means a great deal to know we can continue offering this kind of support to our community. Each year, the VITA program helps hundreds of our neighbors file their taxes safely, accurately, and at no cost," said Lissa Clayborn, Community Outreach Director. "Bradford County residents should know that, starting in 2026, taxpayers expecting a refund **must have a bank account**, as the IRS will no longer issue paper checks. This is a prerequisite for preparation. Without one, we, unfortunately, can't help you."

VITA runs through the first week of April, but spots do fill up fast, so residents are encouraged to schedule early. Appointments can be scheduled online at www.VITAUWBC.as.me or by phone at 1-866-839-0442.

For complete information on locations, days, times, and qualifications, visit:
www.unitedwaybradfordcounty.org/vita

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