

## **Free tax preparation; dial 2-1-1**

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Emma Pope-Welch of United Way of Eastern Maine reports “free tax preparation and money management information will be available” for low-to-moderate income individuals during Super Saturday event, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Airport Mall in Bangor and Washington Hancock Community Agency in Ellsworth.

The event is sponsored by Eastern Maine Creating Assets, Savings and Hope or CASH, a coalition of more than 20 organizations in our readership area.

The coalition “is working to ensure everyone in need in our region, is able to get their taxes filed at no cost,” Pope-Welch wrote.

“The coalition hopes to increase the number of eligible, low-income workers that receive the Earned Income Tax Credit of up to \$4,824,” she explained of “thousands of eligible households,” in our area that “currently do not receive this credit.”

Tax preparation sites are also available in Bangor, Ellsworth, Milbridge, Machias, Calais, Dover-Foxcroft and elsewhere, you can find the nearest site by dialing 2-1-1, 24 hours a day.