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The STEP Office of Aging annually holds the AARP Tax-Aide program in conjunction with the IRS. The volunteer-driver program offers free tax help for taxpayers with low and moderate incomes, with special attention to customers aged 60 and up. The volunteers complete federal, state and local tax returns, and applications for Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate program. Phil Landers, a retired Pennsylvania College of Technology accounting professor, volunteered once again as the Lycoming County site coordinator. His team of nine volunteers filed 818 federal returns this year, resulting in a total of more than \$494,000 in refunds. Working out of STEP's Clinton County Community Center, new site coordinator Sue Toot enlisted 16 volunteers, including students from Lock Haven University's accounting program. Clinton County volunteers filed 630 tax returns resulting in over \$462,000 in refunds. STEP Office of Aging is part of the Independent Living Pathway to Success.