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**Subject: Senior Center Network Helps Older Adults Connect with Their SMART Devices**

The Senior Center Network will host many tech programs in 2017 to help older adults better understand their devices. “There is always some frustration and a little anxiety when embracing new technologies,” says Ericca Hovie, Program Coordinator, “but we are here to help.”

Instructor Nancy Gonzalez has taught at the Senior Center for over three years, and will lead the iPad and Windows 10 series. Born and raised in the Lansing Area, Nancy was an employee at the Michigan Education Special Services Association (MESSA) for almost 29 years. Prior to retiring in April 2003, Gonzalez was a Systems and Procedures Specialist, testing computer systems and training employees. Following her retirement, Gonzalez earned her Associate’s Degree in Applied Arts, Computer Graphics and Web Design from Lansing Community College.

On Wednesday, January 11 at 3:30 p.m., an informal iPad question-answer session will be held at the Traverse City Senior Center location. Everyone is welcome. Cost is \$5, and the program is designed for newer to semi-experienced iPad users. Participants are asked to bring their iPads.

On Tuesday, February 7 at 3:30 p.m., a four-session Windows 10 series will begin at the Traverse City Senior Center. This program will take participants through the basics to interacting with Windows so that it feels more personal and responsive. Cost is \$20, and attendees are asked to bring their own laptops to each session. Class size is limited, and early registration is recommended.

On Monday, February 13 at 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Fellowship Hall in Interlochen, Lowell Spence and Elena Strasser will help participants connect with their devices during a free workshop. Topics to be covered include navigating the iPad, smartphones and tracfones. Light refreshments will be served.

Advance registration is required for each class. For questions, please call 231-922-4911.

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*The Senior Center Network, part of the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Department, offers diverse programs to older adults in Grand Traverse County. Thousands each year enjoy dozens of activities on a daily basis at locations in Traverse City, Acme, Fife Lake, Interlochen, and Kingsley. Business hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 231-922-4911, or visit [www.grandtraverse/scn.org](http://www.grandtraverse/scn.org) or our Facebook page.*