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Subject: Free Tax Preparation from AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

Traverse City – AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax-filing help to those who need it the most and millions have taken advantage of the free tax preparation and filing, since it's inception in 1968.

Local Tax Councilors with the AARP foundation Tax-Aide, who have earned a tax preparation advanced certificate for volunteers through IRS online training, classroom training and testing, will once again be providing free tax assistance for taxpayers with low to moderate income in partnership with the Grand Traverse County Senior Center Network, 801 E. Front Street.

The partnership between the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide and the IRS assures that proper procedures are followed and tax returns are done correctly. Last year 355 tax returns were completed at the Senior Center, resulting in \$200,000 returned to tax payers. State refunds were \$155,810.

Appointments for the free tax preparation, which start in February, are required. Appointments are also available in Kingsley, Fife Lake and Interlochen. Taxpayers do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use this program.

Simple Federal and State of Michigan 2017 income tax returns can be prepared and e-filed for those low-to-middle income filers. Taxpayers with complex tax returns are advised to seek paid tax assistance.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, email dmikowski@grandtraverse.org or 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.org/scn or our Facebook page.