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**Subject: Free Movie Screening of Obit – Life on Deadline**

**Traverse City** – How many of us turn to the obituary page of the newspaper first? As we age, we become accustomed to friends and family dying. The obituary page exhibits essays of their lives, revealing interesting details that might not have been known; however the difference in obituaries is all in the writing. There are not many editorial obituary writers, but none are better than at The New York Times, where obituaries have become some of the finest writing in daily journalism.

In the documentary “Obit,” Vanessa Gould focuses on the often forgotten journalistic art of obituary writing, understandably following the legendary obit desk at the New York Times. The film causes us to ask questions about ourselves and what we want people to remember. In the film, the writers de-emphasize death and instead tell stories of lives lived in extraordinary ways. It is the rare writer, who has uncommon insights into past generations and can ascribe meaning to a person’s life cycle.

The State Theatre in Traverse City in a collaborative effort with Golden Intentions, Inc. and the Senior Center Network is offering a free movie screening of “Obit,” on Tuesday, October 17, at 10 a.m. The movie running time is 93 minutes.

Kimberly Morse from Golden Intentions, Inc., a non-profit community education and support service, which encourages end-of-life preparation, will be guiding a short panel discussion with local experts, following the screening of the movie. Jennifer Carroll, Memoir Writer, Obituary Consultant and Coach from LettersforUs.com, Nicole Westrick, Certified Preplanning Consultant at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, and Nathan Payne, Editor at the Traverse City Record-Eagle, are the panelists.

In coordination with the theme of putting your affairs in order, Golden Intentions, Inc. and the Senior Center Network are offering follow up events – Putting Your Affairs in Order So Others Don’t Have To on Tuesday, November 7, 3 p.m. and Sharing Lives and Legacies on Wednesday, November 8, 10 a.m.

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