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# The Upside of Aging

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## Happy New Year!

The Commission on Aging will be closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day for County Staff Training Day on Monday, January 15th. No services will be provided on this date.

# COAST

Starting January 12, 2018, we are adding Fridays to the COAST (Commission on Aging Senior Transit) schedule!

Commission on Aging clients can ride free of charge during our pilot period, which ends February 13th.

Dedicated Transit Service for Seniors  
Anywhere in Grand Traverse County

This bus is unlike the normal BATA bus. Rides on COAST are door to door, and can be scheduled up to two weeks in advance. The driver can help our seniors get on and off the bus, can help with groceries, and caregivers can ride along for free.

If you haven't tried COAST yet, give BATA a call to schedule a ride at 941-2324.



*Caring for those who cared for you, since 1975*



## Baskets of Bounty

We would like to thank everyone who donated items, volunteered to help us put our baskets together, or delivered baskets to our clients. Without you there would be no Baskets of Bounty!

Elder abuse, neglect and exploitation can be reported anonymously. If you have seen a situation where you feel that a senior is being abused neglected or exploited, please call 855-444-3911.



## AARP Tax Preparation Program

Again this year, the Commission on Aging will serve as a host site for tax preparation through AARP.

We will start scheduling appointments for February beginning **January 22nd**.

At this point we are unsure of how many AARP Tax Program Volunteers we will have, or the days that they will be here to provide this valuable service.

To take advantage of this free Tax Preparation program you must be a Grand Traverse County resident, aged 60 years or older.

Your tax return must also be simple by nature, and a list of the types of returns the volunteers can process will be sent to anyone scheduling an appointment.