

# AARP to offer help with taxes for seniors

The AARP Tax Aide Program is again offering free tax help for senior citizens and low income taxpayers.

This year, the sessions will be held at the Stephenson Public Library, Marinette, for Wisconsin taxpayers, and the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Menominee, for Michigan taxpayers.

Sessions held at the Stephenson Library, February 2-April 8, will be held Thursday and Saturday mornings, and Tuesday afternoons. Sessions at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2901 13th Street, Menominee, will be held Thursday afternoons, beginning February 9.

Michigan and Wisconsin returns can be done at both sites, but taxpayers are encouraged to make appointments in their respective states.

For appointments at the library, people may call Pat, 715-732-4462, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. For appointments at Emmanuel Lutheran, people may call Judy, 906-863-3431.

AARP tax assistance is free, confidential and provided by IRS trained and certified local volunteers. Volunteers will prepare tax returns and answer questions. E-filing is also available.

Both taxpayers must be present if married filing jointly.

The following items should be brought to the appointment:

- Picture ID and Social Security cards for all taxpayers and dependents;
- A copy of last year's tax returns;
- Form 1095-A, if health insurance was obtained through the Affordable Care Act's Marketplace;
- W-2 forms showing all earned income;
- SSA-1099 showing Social Security benefits;
- 1099 forms showing interest and dividends earnings;
- 1099-R forms showing pensions and annuities received;
- 1099 forms showing miscellaneous income;
- Receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions;
- Dependent care information;
- Documentation showing original purchase price of stocks and/or assets sold during the year;
- A copy of 2016 property tax bill if applying for the Homestead Credit . Wisconsin renters must have a completed rent certificate from their landlord; Michigan renters must have the name, address, and phone number of their landlord.