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NEWSLETTER
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MEMORIAL DAY

On May 30th our office will be closed to observe our Nation's Memorial Day.

NEW FRIDAY HOURS

Beginning Friday, June 3, our office will close at 1:00 p.m. until Labor Day. Our hours Monday through Thursday remain 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MAY 15 FILING DUE DATE

Personal property tax returns are due to be filed with your county assessor on or before May 15. We understand that no extensions to file these returns will be allowed by the county assessor's office.

Not-for-profit organizations also are required to file their returns by May 15th. However, unlike your county assessor, the IRS does allow an eleemosynary corporation to request an initial 3-month extension and, if necessary, request an additional 3-month extension.

SOCIAL SECURITY TAX REDUCTION

For 2011 only, the Social Security tax rate of 6.2% is reduced to 4.2% on the \$106,800 wage base for the employee portion. The Medicare tax of 1.45% remains the same. There is no wage base limit for the Medicare tax.

ESTATE AND GIFT TAX FOR 2011 AND 2012

The unified estate and gift tax exemption for 2011 and 2012 is \$5,000,000. For a married couple the amount is \$10,000,000.

YOUR CREDIT CARD DEBT WAS CANCELLED

If your credit card debt was forgiven or is to be forgiven, the result will be reported to the IRS and you will be issued a Form 1099C. That means you will have to report the amount forgiven as income unless some exceptions apply (e.g. bankruptcy, insolvency to name a few).

THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL TAX FILING SEASON

Geni, Kathy, Chuck, Gay, Amie and I thank each of you for your patience during the tax filing season.

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