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Dear Friend,

Welcome to our 24th edition of our quarterly newsletter. We hope you find these to be informative and useful. We have reviewed our records and made every attempt to ensure that we have used the correct email address for you. If however, you have received duplicates or prefer to have this newsletter delivered to a different email address, please let us know.

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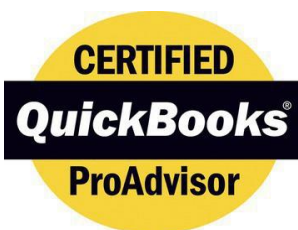
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In Memorium



It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Laurie's mom, Joan Smith. She worked as our office manager for over 18 years. Although Joan retired a few years ago, she continued to be interested in the business and enjoyed hearing about the clients she came to know so well.

Here is the obituary <http://www.muellerfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Joan-Gloria-Smith?obId=920155#/obituaryInfo>

Deadlines for Returns



For our clients who filed an extension for their taxes, the deadline for Partnership and Corporation returns is September 15, 2016. Appointments must be made or all information must be dropped off BEFORE September 1, 2016 to avoid a late fee of \$42.00. The deadline for Personal Returns is October 15, 2016. Appointments must be made or all information must be dropped off BEFORE October 1, 2016 to avoid a late fee of \$42.00.

Community Support from Sass Accounting

Sass Accounting is proud to be a sponsor of "Live at the Triangle". The next concert is August 24th at 7:00pm-9:30pm. [Read more about it here.](#)

The Saukville Farmers Market runs every Sunday until October 30, 2016 (closed Labor Day Weekend) 9:00am-1:00pm, right in front of our office. [Read more about it here.](#)



Forget Something on Your Tax Return? You Can Amend the Return



If you realize you forgot something on your tax return, you can amend that return after it has been filed. There are many reasons individuals need to amend their returns, whether it is for the just-filed 2015 return or prior year returns. Here are some key points when considering whether to file an amended federal (Form 1040X) or state income tax return.

If you are amending for a refund, be aware that refunds generally won't be paid for returns if the three-year statute of limitations from the filing due date has expired. Except for amending a return to carry back a business net operating loss (NOL), the IRS will pay refunds only on returns from 2013 through 2015. Some states have a longer statute. The last day to file a federal amended 2013 return for a refund is April 16, 2017.

Generally, you do not need to file an amended return to correct math errors you made on the return. The IRS or state agency will automatically make those corrections.

If you are filing to claim an additional refund, wait until you have received your original refund before filing Form 1040X. You may cash that check while waiting for any additional refund.

If you amend returns and owe additional tax, you will be subject to interest and penalty charges. Interest is charged on any tax not paid by the due date of the original return, without regard to extensions.

If you amend multiple year returns, mail them in separate envelopes to be sure each is received and processed and not overlooked in the multiple return envelope.

A detailed explanation of the changes must also be attached. This is required to explain to the processing staff the reason for the amendment. An insufficient explanation can lead to additional correspondence and delays. Depending on why you file an amended federal return, you may be required to amend your state return.

An amended return can be more complicated than the original, so please contact this office for assistance in preparing your amended returns.

Scams & Identity Theft



Scams and identity theft that affect the IRS have been on the rise. This includes IRS-impersonation telephone scams, email phishing scams and identity theft scams. [Read more here.](#)

Laurie Receives National Award



Gigi Thompson Jarvis, CAE, Senior Director, Communications and Marketing, National Association of Enrolled Agents (NAEA) and **Laurie Ziegler**, Sass Accounting

Washington, DC – (August 7, 2016) The National Association of Enrolled Agents (NAEA) has presented Laurie Ziegler, EA, of Saukville, WI, with the Excellence in Public Awareness Award for her outstanding effort in the association's number one strategic goal area: making enrolled agents more readily recognized nationally, regionally and locally as America's Tax Experts.

Ziegler was selected to receive this award based on her frequent service as a spokesperson on tax issues for the organization. Among the many media outlets that interviewed her during the past tax season were Kiplinger's Personal Finance, US News and World Report, Accounting Today, Tax Pro Today, Tax

Notes Today, Reuters News Service and Forbes. Ziegler was also instrumental in having the first week of February, 2016 proclaimed “Enrolled Agent Week” by Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker.

The 2016 NAEA Annual Awards were presented on August 3, the closing night of the NAEA National Conference at the Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas. Each year the association recognizes outstanding volunteers whose generous donations of time and effort have a significant positive impact on the organization and the profession.

Ziegler is the Managing Member and Owner of Sass Accounting, LLC. She is a past president of the Wisconsin Society of Enrolled Agents (WSEA) and served two terms as the Secretary/Treasurer of the national board of directors. In 2007, she became a Fellow of the National Tax Practice Institute™.

After passing a stringent four-part exam on taxation, Ziegler earned the enrolled agent license (“EA”), a credential awarded by the U.S. Department of the Treasury and overseen by the IRS. To maintain her license, she must complete annual continuing education in order to remain current with the constantly changing tax laws. Enrolled agents have earned the privilege of representing taxpayers before the IRS.

About NAEA and Enrolled Agents

NAEA is the organization that represents the interests of enrolled agents (EAs), America’s tax experts. EAs are the only federally-licensed tax practitioners who specialize in taxation and also have unlimited rights to represent taxpayers before the IRS. That means that if you get a letter from the IRS, or worse, are audited or are the target of a collection action, your EA can speak directly to the IRS on your behalf. While attorneys and certified public accountants are also licensed, only enrolled agents specialize exclusively in taxes. Enrolled agents are required to complete many hours of continuing education each year to ensure they are up-to-date on the constantly changing tax code and must abide by a code of ethics.

We hope you are enjoying the Sass Accounting newsletter. Don’t forget to check us out on the web at www.sassaccounting.com and find us on [Facebook](#) so you can stay up-to-date. Please feel free to forward this to your family and friends.

We look forward to continuing to assist you with your accounting and tax needs, as well as any questions or concerns you may have. Enjoy the rest of your Summer!



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