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Is the QuickBooks Era Over? The future of accounting is in the Cloud.



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If you're like most American businesses, you use an accounting application that is housed and accessed on-site. Most likely that application is QuickBooks, which is far and away the most popular accounting application for small and medium sized businesses. And with good reason. QuickBooks is simple to use, comes with a wide range of helpful features, and is well supported by its developer, Intuit.

Here at Gray, Gray & Gray, we have supported QuickBooks for our clients with great success for many years. And we will continue to provide support

for QuickBooks for those clients who continue to use it. But as the business world continues to trend towards Cloud-based storage and computing, we have adapted with the times.

Read more on how the Cloud has caught up with the accounting world...and what it could mean for your business.

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Timely Opportunities

New for 2014: Penalty for Not Complying with the Individual Mandate



There's a provision in the Affordable Care Act that, beginning this year, generally imposes a penalty on people who don't have "minimum essential" health insurance coverage. You may have heard that \$95 is the maximum 2014 penalty. This is not correct! This article explains who owes the penalty, how the penalty is calculated (it's complicated!) and how an individual will be expected to pay it.

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State of the Union: What Might Be Ahead?

President Obama's State of the Union address was filled with proposals but limited on details. Fed up with Congressional gridlock, the President promised to issue several small, but symbolic, executive orders. However, the rest of his agenda -- including tax reform, spending initiatives and modified regulations -- will require him to work with Congress. Here are the highlights of the speech and what it might mean for you in the future.



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Family Business

Fringe Benefits for Your Family S Corp



If your family business operates as an S corp, there are special tax rules that apply to the fringe benefits you provide to shareholder-employees. Here is a rundown of the taxable and tax-free perks that your business can supply.

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Surprising Mistakes Employers May Face



Today's employers face a growing list of liability dangers. They begin as soon as a business starts looking for job applicants and can continue even after employees leave the company. Here are three cases involving a medical practice, a manufacturer and a restaurant that highlight some of the surprising dangers all employers might encounter. Copyright © 2014

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PCI Compliance: Protect Customer Information



The use of credit and debit cards has skyrocketed in recent years. That means merchants and other businesses are in receipt of more personal information about customers and clients. To protect this information, businesses must comply with Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS). The volume of transactions of a business determines the specific compliance requirements that must be met. Here are the details.

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