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It's Tax time!

The Chamber of Commerce wants to remind everyone it's tax time and give you a few tips on making things go smoothly. We all know this can be a daunting experience, mainly for those who are disorganized.

First, set aside some time to gather all the documents and receipts needed. Make a list of everything you need and double check that you have everything. Don't let the Tax season stress you out, make an appointment with a Tax preparer, and last of all, don't wait for the last minute, plan ahead and this way you won't feel rushed.

Donna Besaw, tax consultant, wants to remind everyone that "Due to increased identity theft, your drivers license or State issued photo ID is needed again this year, to file electronically. Some important changes for the 2018 return are the increased standard deduction and elimination of the personal exemption. The standard deduction is now \$12,000 for single and married filing separate taxpayers, and \$24,000 for married filing jointly. There is a new \$500 credit for other dependents who can't be claimed on the child tax credit."

Another change this year is the April 15th deadline to file your return. It is no longer extended for Patriot's Day unless you live in Maine or Massachusetts. As always, you can get an automatic 6 month extension to file your return... but the extension is only to file later-not to delay paying.

Our Chamber Business Shout Out this week goes to *Donna Besaw Tax Consulting* located at 53 Herm Towne Road, Gouverneur, 315-287-2991 and H & R Block, 79 East Main St., 315-287-1030

Both members of the Gouverneur Chamber of Commerce available to help with your tax questions.

As always shop local!