

## **The Taxman Cometh: Local accountant offers tips and advice for filing income tax returns**

By Tracy Ouellette

Tax time is upon us and before you head out to buy the latest filing software, Mukwonago accountant David H. Gilliland wants you to know it will probably cost you a lot more than the \$29.99 price tag.

“Programs like TurboTax are no different than my calculator” said Gilliland. “People think they can buy a program like that and it will do their taxes for them and they’re all set, but it won’t tell them what deductions they’re eligible for and end up costing hundreds in the long run”.

According to Gilliland, the tax code has become so complicated that almost no one should do their own taxes any more.

“It’s a case of ‘pennywise and dollar stupid,’” he said. “Too many people think they can do their taxes themselves and things are so complicated now, they end up losing out on money that should be theirs. It might cost them a couple of hundred dollars for me to do their taxes, but I might be able to get them an extra \$1,000 on their return”.

Gilliland, and his daughter Shannon Roldan, 32, run his accounting practice in downtown Mukwonago at 414 Main St. Gilliland, 63, has lived in the area for 32 years and opened the accounting firm 28 years ago.

“I love Mukwonago and it’s people”, he said. “I’ve been able to build a very successful practice from word-of-mouth referrals”.

Gilliland said his daughter came to work for him about eight years ago and received her CPA license two and a half years ago.

“We’re a family-operated business and we both work on all the accounts, so we both know what’s going on all the time,” he said.

Gilliland offers full accounting services including bookkeeping, consulting, and tax preparation. His firm currently manages the accounting for about 40 businesses and tax preparation for more than 500 individuals and 75 businesses in the area.

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