

BUSINESS OWNER NEWSLETTER

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KEY 2026 LAW CHANGES

This month we're covering the start of the 2026 tax season, major law changes, the end of paper refunds, a key funding opportunity, and the rise of AI in business. Stay informed and prepared.



The OBBBA (signed in 2025) reshapes many provisions: inflation-adjusted tax brackets, new credit limits, and shifts in deductions that could change your 2026 strategy.

Action Tip: Meet with your tax pro now to discuss how these changes affect entity choice, retirement planning, and payroll withholding.



IRS & TAX UPDATES TAX FILING DATES & DEADLINES

Partnerships form due 15th of 3rd month after end of partnership's tax year. Could be March for some of you. Check with your CPA for more information.

Corporations form due 15th of the 4th month after end of partnership's tax year. Could be March for some of you. Check with your CPA for more information.

April 15: Standard filing deadline.

Plan your bookkeeping and any estimated payments now to avoid last-minute stress.

5 THINGS TO CONSIDER THIS MONTH

2026 Tax Filing Season Begins January 26

The IRS has set January 26, 2026 as the official opening of tax filing season for 2025 tax returns with deadlines and updated forms now rolling out. This is earlier than some years past, so mark your calendar.

Major Tax Law Changes Are in Play

Significant changes from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) and routine IRS inflation adjustments will affect deductions, payroll, and taxable income in 2026, including updates to brackets and key deductions.

IRS Ending Paper Tax Refunds

The IRS is phasing out paper refund checks this year in favor of direct deposit and digital options a big modernization shift that reduces fraud and delays.

Small Business Funding Opportunity in Amarillo

The Amarillo EnterPrize Challenge launched with a \$500,000 prize pool to help local businesses scale a reminder that regional grants and challenges can be powerful growth levers.

AI and Social Commerce Are Emerging Growth Drivers

Investor interest in AI content tools, social commerce, and community platforms is shaping where capital flows signaling opportunities for small businesses to tap new markets and tech.



BUSINESS TRENDS WORTH WATCHING

AI Adoption Moves from Buzz to Action

AI tools are becoming strategic growth catalysts, boosting efficiency, cutting costs, and saving owners time. Analytics suggest small businesses using AI report measurable benefits in revenue and productivity.

Small business online sales and digital engagement continue to grow. If you aren't actively selling or marketing online, now's the time to upgrade your strategy.

Social Commerce & New Community Platforms

Funding trends show shifts to social-commerce models and platforms that spark community engagement, presenting fresh avenues for selling and brand building.

Moment of inspiration:

Check out this story of a business owner who sold his business for \$500million and bought it back for \$1:
[Dave Portnoy News Article](#)

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Financial planning is about progress, not perfection.

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