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# Teleconnections

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## Telephone Refunds on Income Tax Returns

You may be able to claim a one-time federal excise (telephone) tax refund on your regular 2006 federal income tax return. Even if you are not required to file a return, you can still receive the refund by filing Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 1040EZ-T. The refund is based on telephone taxes paid on long-distance telephone toll calls made from any landline or wireless phone.

You “qualify” for a refund if you made at least one non-toll-free, long-distance call during the billing period from March 1, 2003 to July 1, 2006. Webster-Calhoun listed the telephone tax on local service and long distance calls under the “FED Taxes”. Instead of digging out 41 months of old phone records and calculating what the 3% federal excise tax was on your long distance service, the IRS has issued these standard refund amounts for individuals:

- \$30 for a person filing a return with one exemption
- \$40 for two exemptions
- \$50 for three exemptions
- \$60 for four or more exemptions

For businesses and nonprofit organizations the IRS has also come up with an optional formula to use when calculating the amount of telephone tax refund. These businesses and organizations must have incurred phone expenses from April 2006 through September 2006 in order to use the formula; otherwise they would need to request a refund using the actual telephone tax amounts. The IRS formula requires:

- Telephone invoices from the months of April and September in 2006
- Total telephone expense for the 41 months
- Number of employees reported on federal withholding return for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2006

For more details on the telephone tax refund please consult your income tax preparer or refer to the IRS at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).



### Board Member Nominating Committee

will meet Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>  
at 11:00 a.m. at the  
main office in Gowrie.

A new mail ballot process will be implemented to choose ALL NINE directors to represent THREE districts. Results of the mail ballot will be announced at the Annual Meeting of Members in March.

Please contact the  
General Manager,  
Daryl Carlson, at  
352-3151  
for more information.

On Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> several members of the **Gowrie Pack 42 Tiger Cubs** visited Webster-Calhoun during their regular meeting. While at WCCTA they learned about using a telephone directory, telephone manners and 911.

Congratulations to holiday open house **door prize winners** of a WCCTA rolling cooler filled with goodies:

WCCTA Open House on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>:  
Barbara Baedke and Marjorie Wahlgren  
Gowrie Development Commission Home-based  
Business Open House on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>:  
Mickey Van Sickle

## High School Seniors

interested in scholarship opportunities may want to check with their school's Guidance Counselor or check out the Foundation for Rural Service web site at [www.frs.org](http://www.frs.org).

Should a student from our service area be selected to receive one of 25 national scholarships (\$2,000 each) WCCTA will make a \$500 matching contribution to the scholarship. Each application must come from a student living in the Webster-Calhoun serving area and bear the signature of the WCCTA General Manager, Daryl Carlson, to be eligible. Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

Watch for more information about the **Annual Meeting of Members in March** and this year's theme



## Cold Outside?

Bundle up inside with packages from WCCTA including Internet, Telephone and Long Distance Service! Many packages are available to choose from. For example:

## Residential DSL Package Includes

One Line of Local Service  
Unlimited Local Calling  
768k High Speed DSL Internet  
Voicemail Package 3  
Caller ID Name and Number  
SecureIT Plus  
150 Minutes of Webster-Calhoun Long Distance

**For Only \$99.28 per month  
A 20% Savings!**

Please Note: Must have Webster-Calhoun Long Distance. 911, FUSC surcharges, and applicable taxes are not included.

