



## Everybody Loves a Parade! It's Time to Plan for the 2022 Veteran's Day Parade!

**Mark your calendars for Friday, November 11th! Line the streets! Wave your flags! Sing the Service Songs! Clap your hands and cheer!** It's going to be a celebration like never before ... as we gather to show our love and appreciation and pay tribute to each and every veteran who fought so hard for the freedoms that we enjoy as Americans.

Please join us to make this year's event one that we won't soon forget! We encourage and invite everyone from surrounding communities to come to Dalhart and help us celebrate.

**What is the meaning of Veterans' Day?** Veterans' Day occurs on November 11th every year in the United States in honor of the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918 that signaled the end of World War I, known as Armistice Day ... **Veterans' Day commemorates veterans of ALL WARS. Armistice Day was renamed Veterans' Day in 1954.**

**When's the LOCAL celebration? The day is Friday, November 11, 2022.**

**Where is the celebration? Denrock Street and Central United Methodist Church in Dalhart Texas**

**Celebration starts with the parade at 10:00 a.m.**

**This year's Parade Marshall will be the Wayne Porter Family in memory and honor of Wayne for his years of dedication to the Veterans' Day Program and for his service to our country.**



The morning begins with the lineup of the Veteran's Day Parade starting at Dalhart's City Hall and extending the length of Rock Island Street in

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Dalhart, Texas. **Lineup will start promptly at 9:00 a.m.** The parade lineup is being coordinated by XIT Communications' Marketing Department. The parade will be set up in Sections A, B and C ... with each participant being assigned a Section and a Number within that section. For your convenience ... an entry form for the parade is included on the back of the insert in this newsletter ... or one can be picked up at your local XIT Communications' location. The tentative deadline for entries is Thursday, November 3rd at 5:00 p.m.



**Cars and trailers will be provided for all veterans to ride in or on during the parade!**

**The Dalhart Elks Lodge will host a Veterans' breakfast the morning of November 11th from 7:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.**



**The parade will end at the Central United Methodist Church ... where the program will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m.**

**Master of Ceremonies:  
Speaker:  
Welcome:**

**C.J. Unruh, Army Veteran – Vietnam  
Sergeant First Class Christopher E. O'Berry  
Dalhart Mayor, Justin Moore and CUMC  
Pastor, T.C. Broom  
Dalhart Christian Academy  
St. Anthony's School  
Cannon Airforce Base  
Dalhart Golden Wolf Band**

**Patriotic Tribute:  
Pledge to the Flag:  
Honor Guard:  
National Anthem & Taps:**

**Following the program, the XIT Rangers Club will host a NOON luncheon for the veterans at the Rangers' Club House.**



**You won't want to miss this event! We hope to see you there! Please enjoy the pictures from previous Veterans' Day events as you read our newsletter!**



XIT Communications sponsored the High Flyers Gymnastics athletes that attended their Nationals Competition in Phoenix, AZ.



Pictured Left to Right: Kathy Duggan (Assistant General Manager,) Jacie Trefethen, CherylAnn Pyle, Breanne McColum (Marketing Representative,) Brett Haisten, and Melissa Gomez (Customer Service Clerk.) Also attended, but not pictured: Lennon Johnson, Laynie Beedle, Kaydi Funderburg, Kadence Copley, and Coach Glenn Pyle.

When XIT followed up with Coaches CherylAnn and Glenn Pyle on how well their athletes did, we received the following:

“July 23-25, 2022, High Flyers Gymnastics had 6 athletes compete in the Stars and Stripes National Championship in Phoenix, AZ. To be able to participate in this meet you must be at least a level 5 and have hit a qualifying score at the State or Regional meet! Only the top 6 (in the nation!) get to be on the podium. We are proud of each one of these athletes. They trained hard and earned this opportunity to compete with the best! Our athletes for this competition come from Dumas, Dalhart, and Stratford. They train in Hartley, Texas.

Kaydi and Brett both placed high enough on trampoline to reach the podium!”

**Congratulations to the High Flyers Gymnasts!**



<p><b>Laynie Beedle:</b> Level 5 age 11-12 girls Trampoline – 23rd Tumbling – 51st</p>	<p><b>Lennon Johnson:</b> Level 5 age 9-10 girls Trampoline – 12th Double Mini – 35th Tumbling – 25th</p>	<p><b>Brettyn (Brett) Haisten:</b> Level 5 age 13-14 girls Trampoline – 6th Double Mini – 8th</p>
<p><b>Jacie Trefethen:</b> Level 7 age 13-14 girls Double Mini – 15th</p>	<p><b>Kadence Copley:</b> Level 5 age 13-14 girls Double Mini – 25th Trampoline – 28th</p>	<p><b>Kaydi Funderburg:</b> Level 5 age 13-14 girls Trampoline – 5th Tumbling – 12th Double Mini – 20th</p>

# Rise and Shine

To Fight  
Hunger...

**XIT**

Rural Telephone  
Cooperative, Inc.  
Communications



## 8th Annual Breakfast Food Drive!

October 1 - December 31

Benefitting:

The Pantry of Stratford

Texline Food Pantry

The Food Pantry at Lincoln Baptist Church

Vega Food Pantry

PICK UP BREAKFAST FOOD ITEMS FROM THE STORE.

Drop off items to one of our offices and you will be given a free reusable tote bag as our thank you!

Vega participants are still able to leave the breakfast food items at Taylor's Vega Market for delivery or drop them off at the Vega Chamber of Commerce.

### Dalhart

806- 244-3355 • 1624 Tennessee Ave  
806- 384-3311 • 12324 US Hwy 87

### Stratford

806-366-3355 • 401 N 3rd St

# Reminders of XIT Billing Policies

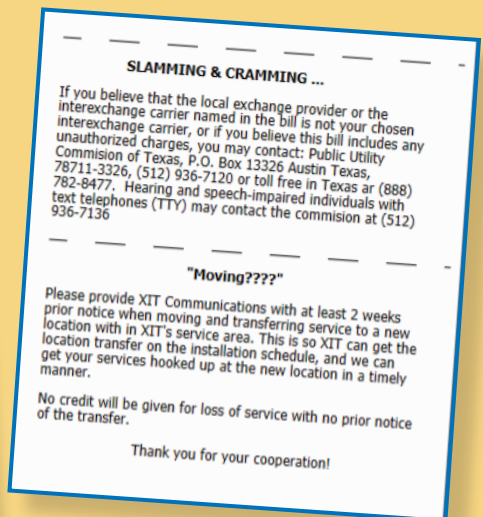
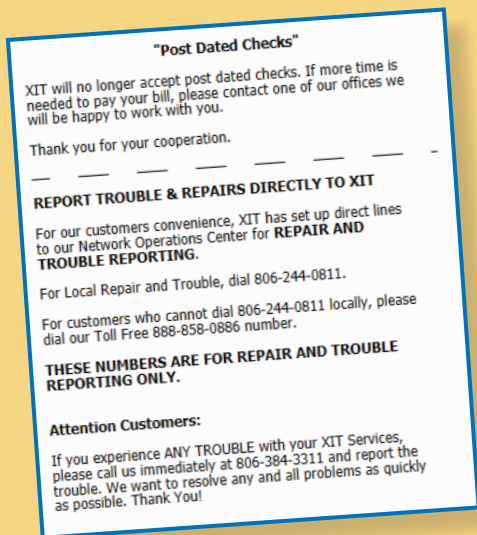
Attention all XIT TV subscribers! As an XIT CoXIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and XIT Communications would like to remind our customers of some important policies regarding our billing process.



- XIT sends out invoices at the beginning of each month for the full month's charges. Should you have services installed after bills are sent out, your prorations for time you had service will be added to your next invoice.
- Bills are due on the 18th of each month. If the 18th falls on a weekend, or holiday, the bills are due the following business day by 5 P.M. If we do not receive payment by 5 P.M. on the due date, your payment is considered late, and you will be subjected to a late fee and a reminder notice.
- We mail reminder notices the morning following our billing due date. If payment was not received by the time that the reminder notices were ran, you will receive a late notice.
- We notify our customers in the late notice the last day that they will be able to pay before entering a non-pay suspension status. We require payment to be received by 5 P.M. on the date listed in the reminder notice.
- If payment is not received by 5 P.M. the day payment is needed, but before disconnections are started, you may also be required to pay our administration fee.
- Once your account reaches a non-pay inactive status, payment of the past due amount and any applicable reconnection fees must be paid to resume your service. If no payment is received to reconnect your service, you will become exposed to our final disconnection process.

XIT always does its best to provide our customers with the best customer service possible. If ever a situation arises regarding the billing or payment of your account, please contact us as soon as possible as our Customer Service and Billing Departments will do their best to help set up payment arrangements!

Thank you!



## XIT Bill Messages

Did you know that XIT puts important notifications on your bill? We do! XIT Rural Telephone Coop and XIT Communications send out information such as rate changes, scheduled office closures, and other important messages on our invoices.

# Medical Center League House

XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative is proud to be a long-time sponsor of the Medical Center League House. XIT donates to a scholarship at the League House set up for residents of Dallam, Hartley, Sherman, and Oldham Counties. XIT also sponsors the Board Room and Executive Office within the League House. To take advantage of the XIT provided sponsorship, you can contact the facility at 806-358-3759.



## Trouble With Your XIT Service?

At XIT Communications, we strive to provide our customers with the highest quality service we can offer at a competitive price to our customers. If ever you feel that your internet, or any service, is not working as it should, please give one of our offices a call so we can remedy the issue in a timely manner. Our Customer Service department is trained in troubleshooting the problem from our offices. If troubleshooting does not resolve the issue, our Customer Service will escalate the ticket on for further assistance to you.



## What's Cookin' at XIT

### Hot Chicken Salad by Estelle Chambers

- 2 c. cooked chicken
- 1 c. Ritz cracker crumbs
- 2 c. chopped celery
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 2 Tbsp. onion, grated

- 1 c. mayonnaise
- 6 boiled eggs, chopped
- 4 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 c. silvered almonds
- Salt to taste



Reserve  $\frac{1}{2}$  the Ritz cracker crumbs and  $\frac{1}{2}$  the almonds for the topping. The remainder of the ingredients mix together and put in a buttered 9 x 13 baking dish. Top with remaining Ritz cracker crumbs and almonds. Bake at 350 degrees for about 40 minutes or until bubbly.

Find even more great recipes in the XIT Country Cookin' Cookbooks (2 editions available) for sale at any of our XIT locations for just \$14.95 + tax. They make great birthday, wedding and anniversary gifts!



# Need a Higher Internet Speed?

Internet bandwidth, or the data transfer capacity of a connection, is not something most people think about unless they have issues with their Internet service. When the Internet slows down, starts buffering or lagging, or won't respond quickly enough, this is when people get frustrated with their Internet service. This is also a good sign there is not enough bandwidth for the household usage, and you need to look at upgrading to a higher speed package. The higher the Internet speed, the more bandwidth is available, and the less trouble you will have with your service.

Remember the slow dial-up Internet days? The things people do online now are very different from back then. When the Internet first came online, people typically looked at text pages and some pictures. Surfing the web was more for informational purposes, light shopping or sending/receiving emails, and there generally was only 1 computer connected in a household. Bandwidth was not an issue then; boy, have times changed!

According to the NPD Group, there are an average of 5.7 online devices per household in the United States. That is twice the average number of people per household. Today, online activities like Facebook, Instagram, Netflix, YouTube and multi-player online gaming, all consume huge amounts of data, and use much more bandwidth than ever before. Add on top of that, online classroom learning, tele-conferencing, Skyping and even watching TV. Then, top it all off with multiple online devices (phones, tablets, TVs, laptops, etc.) being used in the household, all at the same time. Before anyone knows it, the household is overloaded! This is why you should evaluate your Internet package periodically and make sure there is enough bandwidth for all of your usage needs.

Another thing to know is: Are you sharing bandwidth with your neighbors or does your household have a connection all to itself? Many Internet providers (like Brand W) make customers share bandwidth with the homes around them, therefore, limiting the amount of bandwidth they actually receive. XIT Communications DOES NOT do this; each household is provided their own individual connection! This makes a big difference when family members are all online at the same time!

Want to know what speed your household is getting? Try a speed test! XIT has

one right on our website at [www.xit.net](http://www.xit.net), so give it a try! Then, call XIT Communications to get switched over to a high-speed Internet service that gives you ALL the speed (bandwidth) you need!

## Call Today!

### Dalhart

806-244-3355 or  
806-384-3311

### Stratford

806-366-3355

### Boys Ranch

806-533-3355

### Vega

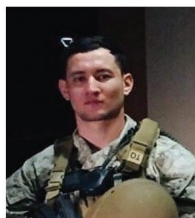
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## WE SALUTE OUR XIT VETERANS:



### MARK STILWELL

United States Navy  
1989 - 1993  
Radiomen 3rd Class  
Petty Officer  
Awarded Shellback  
Certificate



### VALENTIN DIAZ

United States Marine  
Corp  
2014-2019  
Combat Engineer  
Sergeant  
Awarded National  
Defense Ribbon, Global  
War on Terrorism Ribbon,  
3 Over Seas Ribbons,  
Good Conduct Ribbon,  
1st Class Pistol Ribbon,  
Marine Security Guard  
Ribbon and Rifle Badge.



### WILLIAM JACOB

#### HEMBREE

United States Marine Corp  
2018-2022 Motor  
Transportation Technician, 2nd  
Marine Division, Hdq Battalion,  
Truck Co. Maintenance  
platoon, stationed at Camp  
Lejeune, NC. Awarded Global  
War on Terrorism, Good  
Conduct, and Over Seas  
Ribbons as well as Expert Pistol  
and Rifle Badges.



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## XIT Location Transfer Policy

XIT Communications and XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. customers need to provide XIT with at least a 2-week notice when moving into a new home or transferring service to a new location within XIT's service area. By providing us with prior notice, XIT can get the location transfer on the installation schedule so we can get your services hooked up at the new location in a timely manner.

No credit will be issued for loss of service due to no prior move notification by the customer, so please make note of this policy. **We appreciate your cooperation!**

**MOVING?  
PLEASE READ!**



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