



This photo was taken by Kristen Hembree at the 2022 Veteran's Day Parade. Kristen has been an employee of XIT Communications for over 24 years now. Thank you for the gorgeous photo, Kristen!

## XIT Completes FIBER Build Out in Current Service Areas

XIT Communications is proud to announce that it has completed its fiber optic construction in “ALL” of its current service areas. These areas include Bunkerhill, Coldwater, Kerrick, Lautz, Middlewater, Stevens and Texline in XIT’s rural service areas. Other XIT markets that are fully fiber are Dalhart, Stratford, Hartley, Channing, Boys Ranch and Vega. All of the old copper plant has been replaced in these areas.

XIT Communications has also built a new fiber transport route into Amarillo. The route follows Highway 152 East of Dumas ... to Stinnett, and then Highway 136 to Borger and Fritch ... and on into Amarillo. Over time, XIT’s services will be offered to prospective customers along this route.

***XIT’s next fiber build out will include the town of  
Sunray, Texas. SEE PAGE 2 for details!***



# SUNRAY ... NEXT

## on XIT's Fiber Construction List ...

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*XIT Communications is excited to announce that its fiber construction crew will be moving to Sunray, Texas, in the near future.*

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XIT's crew has been busy constructing the Central Office building at 400 West 2nd Street in Sunray, which will house the electronics for the fiber project. The building is constructed of concrete-filled Styrofoam blocks with a stucco exterior finish. The roof will be a metal a-frame.

As construction progresses, more details of the project will be provided to the residents of Sunray through direct mail pieces, newsletters and such. A new prefix will be added for the Sunray market, which will allow Sunray residents to call XIT's offices as a local call.

XIT looks forward to adding another panhandle town to its service area. Stay tuned for more details!

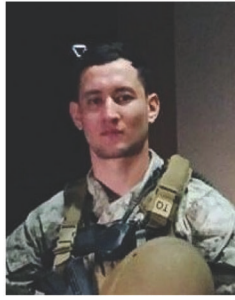
# WE SALUTE OUR XIT VETERANS



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



**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.



**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.



**LANDON SNELLER**  
United States Army  
Landon is currently a  
senior at Texine High  
School. He spent last  
summer in boot camp.  
After high school  
graduation he will  
be in the reserves,  
and following that he will  
become active duty.



## Chat With XIT

We are excited to now offer Live Chat as one of the many ways you can communicate with us here at XIT! Now available on our web-site's home page, [www.xit.net](http://www.xit.net).

**Live Chat**

Thank you for contacting XIT Rural Telephone. Please complete this form and click Submit.

First Name \*

Last Name \*

Phone Number \*

Email Address \*

Account Number

**SUBMIT**



## Payment Information to Remember

When making any XIT payments, please remember that payments made after 5:00pm will not be posted until the next business day. Please keep this in mind especially when making payments the day before disconnects are performed. Payments dropped in the drop-box or paid in the morning of disconnects will be subject to a \$55 administrative fee.

Please don't wait until disconnect day to pay your bill. Any accounts that are disconnected for non-payment will be charged a reconnect fee in order to turn services back on.

Remember XIT offers online bill pay for the convenience of paying on your schedule. Automatic bank drafts and credit card drafting also makes bill paying easier.



# Rise and Shine

## To Fight Hunger...



**Rural Telephone  
Cooperative, Inc.  
Communications**



## 9th Annual Breakfast Food Drive!

October 1 - December 31

Benefiting:

- The Pantry of Stratford
- Texline Food Pantry
- The Food Pantry at Lincoln Street Baptist Church
- Vega Food Pantry/UMC

**PICK UP BREAKFAST FOOD ITEMS FROM THE STORE.**

### SUGGESTED ITEMS TO INCLUDE:

Grits	Muffin Mixes	Canned or Dried Fruits
Oatmeal	Granola Bars	Peanut Butter
Whole-Grain Cereals	Pop-Tarts	Powdered Milk
Cream of Wheat	Cereal Bars	Coffee
Gravy Mixes	Syrup	Jam
Pancake Mixes	Fruit Juice Packs	Hot Chocolate

**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

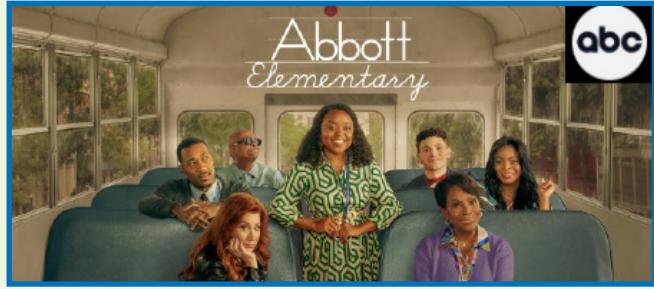
### **Stratford**

806-366-3355 • 401 N 3rd St



# WatchTVEverywhere with XIT Communications!

As an XIT IPTV subscriber, you have access to a convenient way to watch TV when you are on the go! With watchTVEverywhere, you can stream some of our favorite TV networks and channels right to your computer, tablet, smartphone, or other compatible devices from anywhere in the United States where you can receive an Internet signal. Best of all, it is FREE with your XIT IPTV subscription!



Watch “Abbott Elementary” on abc with your watchTVEverywhere account through XIT!

“In this workplace comedy, a group of dedicated, passionate teachers—and an oblivious principal—are brought together in a Philadelphia public school where, despite the odds stacked against them, they are determined to help their students succeed in life. Though these incredible public servants may be outnumbered and underfunded, they love what they do — even if they don’t love the school district’s less-than-stellar attitude toward educating children.”

## Food Pantries Need Our Help!

XIT Communications kicked off our 9th Annual Breakfast Food Drive on October 1st and will continue through December 31st. We would like to encourage XIT customers and community members to participate in this year’s drive as food is so badly needed in all of our local communities.

Participating in the food drive is simple! Shop for breakfast food items at the store, drop them off at an XIT Communications office and receive your FREE reusable tote bag as our thank you! Vega participants can drop off their items at Taylor’s Vega Market for delivery or drop them off at the Vega Chamber of Commerce during regular business hours.

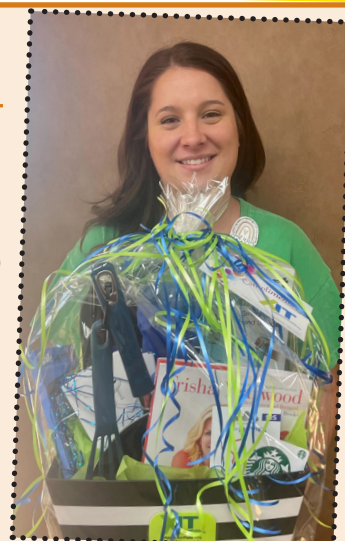
Some of the suggested breakfast food items include, grits, oatmeal, whole-grain cereals, cream of wheat, gravy mixes, pancake mixes, muffin mixes, granola bars, pop-tarts, cereal bars, syrup, fruit juice packs, canned or dried fruits, peanut butter, powdered milk, coffee, jam, and hot chocolate. Of course, any kind of food donated will be accepted, just be sure to check product expiration before dropping off the food.

Benefiting food pantries this year include, The Pantry of Stratford, Texline Food Pantry, The Food Pantry at Lincoln Street Baptist Church, and Vega Food Pantry/UMC.

***Please, join us at XIT as we Rise and Shine to Fight Hunger!***

## Gift Basket Donation from XIT Communications

*Brittany Gonzales is shown picking up a gift basket that was donated by XIT Communications for St. Anthony’s Annual Oktoberfest!*



# The Dalhart Rotary Club's Court of Courage

For Veterans Week 2023, November 5-12, the Dalhart Rotary Club will set up their 1st annual Court of Courage – our Flag Salute to Service. This is a patriotic display of American flags located on the Dallam County Courthouse lawn in the heart of Downtown Dalhart. The Dalhart Rotary Club's Court of Courage (COC) fundraiser aims to

**SERVE** the community through grants to local non-profit groups, to **HONOR** Veterans, Active Military Members, First Responders, and Healthcare Heroes who demonstrate selfless service through their vocation, and to **EDUCATE** students through teacher mini-grants and students enlisting into the service with life scholarships. The display is posted for a week, and it is accessible and visible to the thousands who pass by daily and for the Veterans Day parade hosted in our Downtown Area.

There are two ways to provide funds to this program.

1. A donation of \$50 will get a flag tagged in memory or recognition of a veteran, active military member, first responder, or healthcare worker of your choice.
2. Businesses can donate at any of the 4 tier levels. Each tier has different rewards associated.

For more information, contact any local Rotary member or head over to **Dalhart Rotary Club's** Facebook page!

XIT Communications is a proud **PATRIOT SPONSOR** for the Dalhart Rotary Club's 1st Annual "Court of Courage" Fundraiser!



Pictured Left to right: Holly McCauley of the Dalhart Rotary Club is shown here receiving the sponsorship check from Kathy Duggan (Assistant General Manager), Trena Howell (Sales & Customer Relations Representative), and Avery Vasquez (Marketing Representative).



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

utility lines and mark them free of charge. Accidental line cuts can be costly to repair and cause outages for you and your neighbors. Be safe and smart...dial 811 before you dig.

Here's a friendly reminder when doing any home improvement projects or digging 16" or deeper on private property or any public right-of-way, you need to first contact Texas One Call Center at least 2 business days prior to starting your project. A technician will be dispatched to locate all underground

## What's Cookin' at XIT

Peanut Butter Jumbo Cookies by Grace Ringo

- 1 ½ cup peanut butter
- 4 ½ cup quick cooking oats
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup M&M's
- ½ cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla



Cream peanut butter, butter & sugars. Add eggs and baking soda and beat well. Add oats, a cup at a time, stirring in after each cup. Add chocolate chips and M&M's. Drop by heaping spoonfuls about 2" apart on a greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 12-14 minutes.

**XIT Communications would like to pay a special tribute to Grace Ringo in her passing and honor her in sharing her recipe. Grace was a fabulous lady, cook and wife of a long-time employee of XIT, Elvin Ringo.**



# Newest Member of XIT's Board of Directors

Welcome Bryce Howard as the newest member of XIT Communications' board of directors! Bryce represents Hartley County and was elected on March 8th, 2023, at XIT Rural Telephone's Annual Membership Meeting held at the Rita Blanca Lake Coliseum. Bryce is the oldest son of Mark and Robin Howard and has one younger brother, Mason Howard, Captain in the USMC – Washington DC. In 2010, Bryce's family members including his parents, aunt, uncle, and cousins moved to Dalhart where they farm all over this area. The Howard family farms in Texline, east to west of Hartley and the New Mexico state line. Bryce originally came from Farwell, TX and moved to Dalhart after he graduated college. Bryce graduated from Texas Tech University in 2013 with a degree in Ag Economics. Bryce married Kalley Howard on August 16th, 2014, and they share two children together, John is 8 and William is 6. When asked what he likes best about XIT, Bryce responded, "I work doing I.T. on the farm and have a large amount of interest in innovation and keeping our community connected to the world. It has been great to see how a rural telecom coop can thrive with the right business model and great people at the helm." When asked what his focus is as a director, Bryce responded, "Right now I'm digging in and trying to learn the history of what has led to the systems that are currently in place. I don't think I will be an effective member of the board until I can glean a little wisdom from those sitting next to me that have been around the block a time or two."



*Welcome to the XIT Family, Bryce!*



## The Howard's Food Truck: Spaghetti Western

With welcoming Bryce Howard as our newest member of the XIT board of directors, we wanted to spotlight he and his wife, Kalley's new food truck! Spaghetti Western is located at 324 Rock Island Avenue at the 3+ Venue in Dalhart. Bryce talked about what sparked the idea of opening the trailer and said, "My wife Kalley has always blown me away with her talent to slap amazing food together without following a recipe and has been working in kitchens since she was in high school. I'm just supporting her in anything that she's passionate about. She tells me the food trailer has been a great way to build something of her own, workshop interesting ideas, and hopefully provide something the community can benefit from." When asked why they chose Italian food Bryce responded, "A couple years ago, Kalley had the idea of doing deep dives into particular genres and focusing on one in particular for a month or so. We started out with French food and had tons of fun with that. However, the month after that was Italian food. She fell in love with everything Italian and we never ended up doing another month-long experiment..." Bryce expressed that they have had a truly uplifting amount of positive feedback, and it seems like people are enjoying the variety Spaghetti Western is brining to Dalhart on the weekends. When asked what he and Kalley's favorite dishes from the trailer are, Bryce responded, "Always the specialty pasta for me, and I'm pretty sure she has a thing for Tiramisu... But we are going to try some new things out in the next couple weeks that might blow our socks off."

Spaghetti Western is open Friday & Saturday night from 5pm-8pm and has Sunday brunch from 10am-2pm. Food this yummy sells out fast so get there early and enjoy your meal on the patio area with some yard games!



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## XIT Communications Donates Hot/Cold Packs for DHCHD's Health Fair

XIT recently donated our ultra soft hot/cold packs for participants in DHCHD's 2023 Health Fair! XIT takes pride in health and wellness and has been a proud supporter of the Health Fair for many years. Dallam Hartley Counties Hospital District will be hosting a community health fair on Friday, October 13, 2023, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The health fair, which is



free for all attendees, will take place in the cafeteria inside Coon Memorial Hospital at 1411 Denver Ave in Dalhart, Texas. They will be offering discounted labs & immunizations and free health screenings. Health & wellness vendor booths will be setup along with café open house with breakfast and lunch options available to purchase. Be sure and take advantage of this awesome opportunity and receive an XIT hot/cold pack with the event bags that will be handed out to participants!



*Hannah Green, Dallam Hartley Counties Hospital District's Community Relations Coordinator, is shown here with one of the hot/cold packs donated by XIT!*

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