



Everybody Loves a Parade ... it's Time to Plan for the 2024 Veterans Day Parade!

Mark your calendars for Monday, 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 Monday, November 11, 2024.

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

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

This year's Parade Marshall will be Glendon Pyle.

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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Upgrade Your Business With XIT VoIP!

XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative and Communications are proud to say that we have the capabilities to offer VoIP services to our customers! If you are looking to modernize your phone system and create mobility within your business, XIT's VoIP service is for you!

What does VoIP mean?
VoIP stands for Voice Over Internet Protocol.

What are some benefits to using a VoIP system?

VoIP allows our customers to use what would traditionally be considered "plain old telephone service" through the internet. Here at XIT, we provide a dedicated VoIP circuit to our VoIP customers, so you do not have to use your internet bandwidth for phone traffic, which prevents internet slow-downs due to phone traffic. This means more accessibility for our customers since they can access their phone line remotely, just as many people need to do in today's world. Having a VoIP phone system allows more freedom to work from virtually anywhere!

Advantages of XIT's VoIP Phone System:

- VoIP is a rich, modern phone system.
- No equipment at your location, except phones. We use your existing computer network to make the VoIP system work.
- The VoIP system uses SIP Trunks instead of phone lines.
- Ability to connect to your system remotely using an app on a smartphone, tablet, or computer. This means you can take and place calls, check your voicemail, etc. remotely.
- Once operational, your VoIP system maintenance can be done remotely.
- The VoIP system is delivered on XIT's fiber network for high quality.
- The phone system runs in an XIT controlled environment with battery and generator backup for high availability.
- The system is automatically backed up every night and the backup is replicated offsite for disaster protection.

For more insight on how you can become a VoIP customer, or to start the process of receiving a quote, please contact us today!

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.



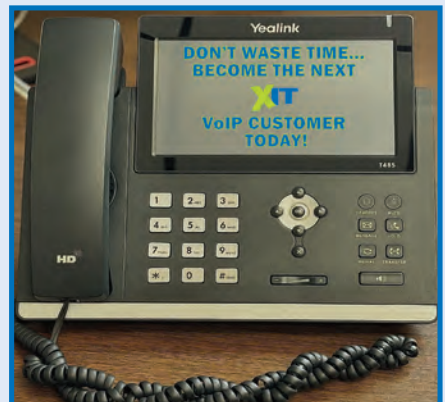
WILLIAM JACOB HEMBREE
United States Marine Corp
2018 - 2022
Motor Transportation Technician, 2nd Marine Division, Hdq Battalion, Truck Co. Maintenance platoon, stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC. Awarded Global War on Terrorism, Good Conduct, and Over Seas Ribbons as well as Expert Pistol and Rifle Badges.



LONDON SNELLER
United States Army
Landon completed AIT training in Virginia, serving out his contract with the reserves and looks to go active duty in the near future.



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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.

Cars will be provided for all veterans to ride in during the parade!

The Dalhart Elks Lodge will host a Veterans' Appreciation breakfast the morning of November 11th from 7:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. for area Veterans and Active Duty Military Personnel.

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

- Master of Ceremonies:** C.J. Unruh, Army Veteran – Vietnam
- Speaker:** Glendon Pyle – United States Navy Veteran
- Welcome:** James Stroud, Dalhart Mayor & CMC Ryan Strebeck, Sr. Pastor
- Patriotic Tribute:** Dalhart Christian Academy
- Pledge to the Flag:** St. Anthony's Catholic School
- Color Guard:** XIT Rangers
- National Anthem & Taps:** Dalhart Golden Wolf Band

Following the program, the XIT Rangers Club will host a NOON Appreciation 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!



Rise and Shine

To Fight
Hunger...

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10th 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	Jam
Cream of Wheat	Cereal Bars	Powdered Milk
Gravy Mixes	Syrup	Coffee
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.

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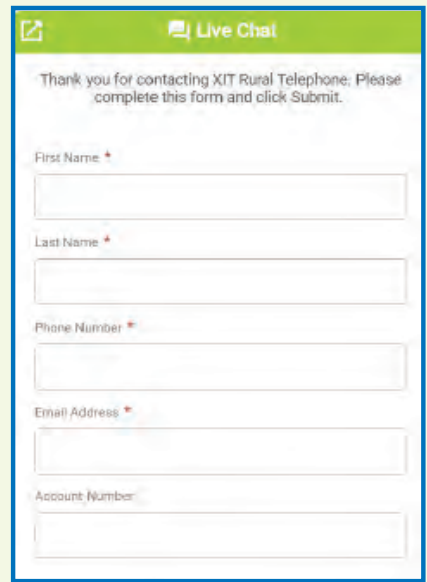
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Chat With XIT

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 website's home page, www.xit.net.

Use our chat to quickly find out:

- Troubleshooting steps for a service issue with a live tech support agent
- If there is an update to an existing support ticket
- If there is a known outage in your area
- Contact information for the local office



Rise and Shine to Fight Hunger!

XIT Communications kicked off our 10th 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!



XIT Recognizes Newest Retiree James Stroud

XIT would like to recognize James Stroud, who retired from the Cooperative after 2 years and 7 months of service. James first came to work for XIT on March 1st, 2022. He retired as the Operations Manager on October 2nd, 2024. Thank you, James, for

your hard work and dedication to the Cooperative. We hope your retirement is filled with all the things you love and more!

Congratulations on your retirement James!



XIT Retiree, James Stroud and XIT General Manager, Allen Hyer get together for a picture at James's Retirement Breakfast.

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 your 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 "Halloween Baking Championship" on Food Network with your watchTVeverywhere account through XIT!



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!



XIT Communications is a proud sponsor of Dalhart Cross Country and their annual meet that was held on September 14th, at Twisted Elms Golf Course! Pictured here is (back row left to right):

Tell Atha, Cristian Acevedo, Jaron Schriber, Anthony Rodriguez, Israel Vasquez, Coach Vogel, Lylianah Flores (front row left to right) Kash Fernandez, Baiden Beavers, Evelyn Quiroz, Danna Arriaga, Bree Pol-lard, Aneli Dominguez, Xochitl Villagomez, Camila Montero and XIT Marketing Rep-resentative, Avery Vasquez.



What's Cookin' at XIT

Spiced Pumpkin Muffins by Stacy (Duggan) Knight

- 1 box spiced cake mix
- 1 egg
- 1 can pumpkin
- ½ c. sugar and cinnamon mixture
- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl, combine all ingredients and mix until well blended. Place your muffin liners in the pan. Fill each ¾ full of muffin batter. Smooth each muffin with a knife to even our batter for cooking. Cook for 18-21 minutes. Take them out of the oven and immediately brush each muffin with butter using a pastry brush. Dip the top of the muffin down into the cinnamon and sugar mixture. Place the muffins on a cooling rack to cool.

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!

The Dalhart Rotary Club's Court of Courage

For Veterans Week 2024, November 9-16, the Dalhart Rotary Club will set up their 2nd 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. This year, half the proceeds made will go into their Life Scholarship fund, and half the proceeds will benefit the local Snack Pak 4 Kids Program. The display is posted for a week, and it is accessible and visible to the thousands who pass by daily, as well as 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, please reach out to a Rotarian or email COCdalhart@gmail.com



XIT Communications is a proud LIBERTY SPONSOR for the Dalhart Rotary Club's 2nd Annual "Court of Courage" Fundraiser!

Pictured left to right: Avery Vasquez (XIT Marketing Representative), Holly McCauley (Dalhart Rotarian), Jonathan Porter (Dalhart Rotarian), Kathy Duggan (XIT Assistant General Manager), and Trena Howell (XIT Sales & Customer Relations Representative).

XIT is a Proud Supporter of the Community!



Pictured here receiving the swag bag donation and sponsorship check is (left to right): Miguel Delgado, Raeleigh Hartman, Karol Garcia, Teresa McDaniel and XIT Marketing Representative Avery Vasquez.

XIT Communications recently sponsored the 13th Annual Brawt Trot 5K Run & 1 Mile Walk/Fun Run benefiting St. Anthony of Padua Youth Group! Alongside the sponsorship, XIT donated 35 "swag bags" which included a 3-in-1 wireless charging station! XIT is a proud supporter of local organizations and events in the communities we are privileged enough to serve.





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Billing or Service Questions?

If you have any questions or problems with any of your XIT services or your XIT monthly statement, please don't hesitate to contact one of our XIT offices. We can assist you in getting the issue resolved quickly and with limited interruptions to your service. XIT strives to take care of all service issues as fast as we possibly can!

Dalhart: 806-244-3355 or 806-384-3311
Vega: 806-967-3355

Stratford: 806-366-3355
Boys Ranch: 806-533-3355

If you prefer, you can also send inquiries by email at customerservice@xitcomm.net.

Stop by one of our offices with any questions or concerns you may have! One of our friendly customer service representatives would love to help you!

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We are here to assist you in any way we can! We appreciate your business!

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