

XIT Connections

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This cute photo was taken by Gary Langley, who lives west of Dumas. The photo was taken in the field behind his home in the spring of 2016. He was taking photos when the pups were out, when one suddenly ran up to mom and gave her a kiss.

XIT's Dalhart Fiber Construction Moving Steadily Along ...

XIT's fiber optic construction project in Dalhart continues, and crews are making steady gains each week with buried fiber now being installed in the Pueblo Addition in southeast Dalhart. The process is slow due to all the existing utilities buried in the alleyways. Aerial fiber crews have been busy working in the Denver, Denrock, Monte Vista, Lake Road areas and adjoining neighborhoods.

XIT Communications is making a huge investment in Dalhart to offer customers the best cutting-edge technology available with these major upgrades! Customers will be able to get Internet speeds higher than ever before in our area! Competitors' speeds will not compare with XIT's fiber optic speeds.

Why does XIT continue to invest millions in the small towns and rural areas of its service areas? XIT feels that by providing the latest and greatest technology to these areas it will help to encourage growth; strengthen the economies, and assist in bringing prosperity to the areas. XIT wants to contribute to providing a better quality of life and create an environment where people want to live, work and raise their families.

XIT Communications is excited to be bringing fiber optics to every home and business in Dalhart! Currently, all of XIT Rural Telephone's "rural" customers have fiber optics constructed to their homes and businesses. XIT has also constructed fiber optics to the homes and businesses in Vega, Texas. Once the Dalhart Fiber Project is completed, XIT's future plans include doing a fiber optic overbuild in Stratford, Texas, and hopefully in other small towns in its service area. In time, XIT hopes to have its entire service area served by fiber optics.

Fiber is the latest cutting-edge technology that everyone is wanting! Fiber optics are lines of pure glass, thin as a human hair. Each strand can carry some 25,000 telephone calls. The fiber optic cables are used to transmit data through pulses of light, versus being sent as electrical pulses through copper wires. Fiber optics can carry much more data than copper wiring and are less prone to electromagnetic interference. Why? It's because data is transmitted in the form of light, rather than electricity.

This technology will allow XIT the ability to provide super-fast broadband Internet speeds, high-performance video services and crystal-clear telephone calls! Plain and simple ... fiber is always faster ... you might say ... 'Fiber Gets You Movin'! Everyone will have consistent, reliable Internet speeds with a dedicated connection! There are

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Crews are shown installing buried fiber optic cable in the Pueblo addition in Dalhart.

XIT Directories Are Available!

The 2018 XIT Communications' Regional Telephone Directories are available now! The new directory features Conejo, an 11-year-old paint horse, as he enjoys a drink from a pond on the Reif Ranch in Clapham, New Mexico. The photo was taken by Abbie Banks of Dalhart, back in the spring of 2015. The horse is owned by Vernon Reif.

The directory with its unique cover is filled with lots of useful information. The book features city and county government pages, emergency telephone numbers, state government offices, national area codes, international calling codes, yellow pages and white pages. The directory even has Amarillo and Canyon listings in the back of the book for additional convenience. It's the only directory you will ever need!

The 2018 XIT Regional Directory has been mailed to residents in the XIT coverage area. Additional books for your home, office or vehicle are available at all XIT office locations and the Dalhart and Vega Chamber of Commerce Offices.

XIT works hard to make sure the directory is the most accurate and informational book available. We carefully proof each XIT local subscriber's listing for accuracy. XIT also purchases listings from other carriers. These listings are published as we receive them, so if there is an error with one of these listings, the customer must get with that telephone provider directly to get the listing corrected.

If you have a business and would like to advertise in our 2019 directory, please give XIT's Marketing Department a call at 806-384-3311 for more information and pricing. *We hope you enjoy the new 2018 XIT Communication's Regional Directory and use it often!*

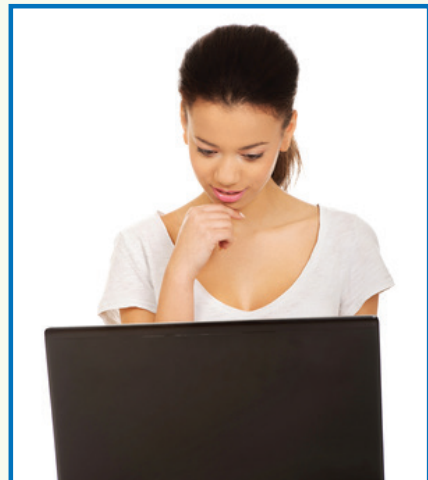


Lifeline Assistance

If you need assistance with paying your telephone or Internet bill, the Lifeline program is available to qualifying low-income residents as part of a federal support program.

Lifeline is available from XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and XIT Communications and provides a monthly discount on basic telephone or Internet service.

- If you use the discount for Internet service, you must subscribe to XIT's 12/2 or higher Internet package to be eligible for the discount.
- There is only one discount allowed per household for either telephone or Internet, but not for both.
- In order to receive Lifeline assistance, you or someone in your household must participate in at least one of the following programs: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Program, or your annual household income must be at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines. Additional assistance may be available for residents of Tribal lands.
- Subscribers will need to recertify once a year.
- For more information, or to sign up for the program, either contact the Texas Low Income Administrator (LIDA) at 1-866-454-8387 or go online to www.puc.state.tx.us/consumer/lowincome/assistance.aspx.



Updated Reverse Number Lookup on XIT Website

Check out XIT's reverse number lookup of directory listings on the XIT website. This is great for when you find yourself needing a phone number, but don't have a directory nearby. The new 2018 directory updates have been completed, so the listings on the website are up-to-date. Check out the website at www.XIT.net. Click on the Reverse Lookup Link. From there you can search for a phone number easily by pressing 'Control F' to get a search box. Enter the last name, then first name of the person you are looking for. Their listing will appear highlighted in blue if they have a local, published telephone number.

Or, if you have a phone number but don't know who the number belongs to, we can assist you with this too! The listings on the website are in numerical order, so just scroll down to find the number. The name of the person is listed right next to it.

Remember, reverse lookup is quick and easy when you need to find a local number! Check it out at www.XIT.net. This is just another way XIT tries to make our customers' lives more convenient!

XIT'S REVERSE TELEPHONE NUMBER LOOKUP IS HERE!

**Do you have a telephone number, but
need a name?**

**Want to know who a phone number
belongs to?**

**Then, click on the link below and
give XIT's Reverse Lookup a try!
It's Fast & Easy!**

REVERSE LOOKUP LINK

Fast Internet For Back To School

With the kids starting back to school, it is the perfect time to re-evaluate your Internet speed package at home. You may want to consider increasing your Internet speed to help with increased usage. Students these days often use the Internet more than their school text books. The Internet gives students great access for homework assignments, research papers or assistance with school projects. A faster speed will help them finish their homework faster and keep the rest of the family happy on their devices at the same time! It's a win-win situation for everyone!

Existing XIT customers who increase their Internet speed to a higher package can receive a FREE Roku 3800 Streaming Stick when they upgrade! New customers who sign up for XIT's 6/1 Mbps package or higher can also receive a FREE Roku 3800 Streaming Stick. And, with XIT's fiber optic project in full swing in the Dalhart area, you can be one of the first in your neighborhood to be upgraded to even faster fiber optic Internet speeds when they become available!

If you don't know what package you are currently on, or want to inquire about new Internet service, please give XIT a call. We can help you decide what speed package will work best for your family at a price you can afford! So, make your family happy with faster Internet from XIT Communications!

Dalhart -244-3355 or 384-3311

Stratford - 366-3355

Boys Ranch - 533-3355

Vega - 967-3355

You Can WatchTVEverywhere!

Are you familiar with WatchTVEverywhere? If not, you should be! With everyone being on the go more and more, it was just a matter of time before TV became mobile too! Thanks to WatchTVEverywhere this idea is a reality!

XIT TV customers have access to WatchTVEverywhere (WTVE) whenever they want to use it! As an XIT TV customer, you can watch your favorite TV show on your lunch break at work, while sitting in a coffee house, or even waiting to pick the kids up from school - just about anywhere your day takes you! Best of all, WatchTVEverywhere is completely FREE for all XIT cable TV customers as part of their standard cable television package. And, you just can't beat the price - FREE!

With WTVE, you can watch your favorite TV shows on your smart phone, tablet or other compatible device without having to wait until you get home. If you have access to a Wi-Fi connection, you have access to over 78 channels! Many channels offer live viewing, others can be viewed on-demand as you like. WTVE also makes it easy to view your favorite TV shows, sports, movies or news, anytime or anywhere. Is that not awesome???

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As a XIT TV customer, getting set up to use WTVE is quick and very easy to do. All you need to have to get started is your XIT account number and name as it appears on your bill. Then, go to our website at www.XIT.net and click on the Watch TV Everywhere Link in the middle of the page. Click the Register button at the top and follow the simple registration instructions. Once you've registered online, you will need to go to your email account to click on the WTVE verification link to complete the registration. Once authentication is complete, you can access the WTVE platform anytime by going to www.watchtveverywhere.com. Click on XIT Communications from the drop-down menu of providers, then log in to start watching TV. It's just that simple!

And, as new channels become available on the XIT platform, they will automatically appear when you log on. Channels are added as they become available from the networks. Current channels on the XIT platform include: A&E, ABC, Adult Swim, AMC, American Heroes Channel, Animal Planet, BBC America, BET, Bravo, C-Span, Cartoon Network, CMT, CNBC, CNN, Comedy Central, Cooking Channel, Destination America, Discovery, Discovery en Espanol, Discovery Family, Disney, Disney Junior, Disney XD, DIY Network, E! Entertainment, ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU, ESPN Classic, Food Network, Fox Business Network, Fox News, Fox Sports 1, Fox Sports Southwest, Fox Deportes, Freeform, FX Network, FX Movie Channel, FXX, FYI, GSN, Golf Channel, Hallmark Channel, Headline News, HGTV, History, ID, Lifetime, Lifetime Movie Network, Longhorn Network, MSNBC, MTV, National Geographic, National Geographic Wild, NBC Entertainment, NBC News, NBC Sports Network, NFL Channel, Nick Jr., Nickelodeon, Own, Oxygen, Paramount Network, QVC, Science Channel, SEC Network, Syfy, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, Travel Channel, TruTV, TV Land, USA, Velocity, VH-1, WVE and The Weather Channel. You can also listen to the 50 Stingray Music Channels too.

If you plan to use a smart phone or tablet on a wireless data plan to access WatchTVEverywhere, and you are not connected to wi-fi, you will be using your mobile data plan. Keep this in mind because WTVE programs transmit a lot of data to watch TV. XIT has no way to notify you if you exceed your data plan. You are responsible for all of the charges billed to you by your mobile carrier, so please check with your mobile carrier if you plan to view WTVE on a mobile connection, so you are not billed for large over-ages.

We hope you will give WTVE a try soon! We are pleased to offer this TV viewing option to our TV customers! If you have any problems or questions with WTVE, please give us a call at 806-384-3311. We are always happy to assist you in any way so we can make your TV viewing a pleasure! Now ... WatchTVEverywhere with XIT Communications!



XIT Communications presented the Legacy Assisted Living residents who participated in a recently held poker run with an XIT goodie bag. Trena Howell, XIT Sales & Customer Relations Representative is shown presenting Eva Davis (left) and Beverly Coe (right) with goodie bags. Special thanks to Paula Nusz, Legacy Resident Services Coordinator, for letting us participate in this fun event!



Charles McClain is shown selecting his card from Trena Howell, XIT Sales & Customer Relations Representative.

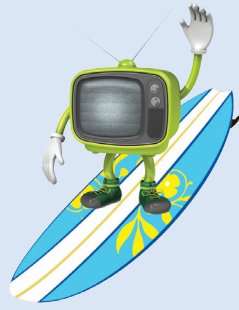
ENJOY FREE WATCHTVEVERYWHERE!!!

WatchTVEverywhere (WTVE) streams programming from your XIT IPTV package, including live TV and episodes of current shows, right to your tablet, smartphone or laptop any time you want them! WTVE works off of Wi-Fi, so you can use it anywhere Wi-Fi is available during the day or night! WTVE is FREE to XIT IPTV customers and you can watch any channel in your TV package that is available on WTVE! Check it out!



To get started, simply go to www.XIT.net and click on the WTVE Link on our homepage. Click on "register" and complete the sign-up form. You will receive an email confirmation, which you will need to open to complete the registration. Once you are registered, you can start using the WTVE platform right away!

SMART SURFING...



Last Man Standing is returning to television on Friday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m. on Fox, Channel 14/514 in HD. This fan favorite is returning for a seventh season after being abruptly cancelled by ABC, and picked back up by Fox. The show features Tim Allen as Mike Baxter, a married father of three girls who tries to maintain his manliness in a world dominated by women. Almost the entire cast is returning, with the exception of daughter Mandy, and grandson Boyd, who have been recast. Check out this popular, conservative-minded show!

God Friended Me is a humorous, uplifting drama series premiering on CBS, Channel 10/510 in HD, on Sunday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. The series is about an outspoken atheist named Miles Finer (played by Brandon Michael Hall), whose life is turned upside down when he receives a friend request on Facebook from God. Accepting the request, he unwittingly becomes an active participant in changing the lives of people around him for the better. Finer, who is at odds with his father, Reverend Arthur Finer (played by Joe Morton), starts to change as he is set on getting to the bottom of what he believes is an elaborate hoax. Finer joins up with Cara Bloom (played by Violet Beane), and the two inadvertently start helping others who are in need, and end up changing their lives forever. Looks to be a cute, inspirational series.

The Kids Are Alright premieres on Tuesday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m. on ABC, Channel 7/507 in HD. This comedy series is set in the 1970's, and features a traditional Irish-Catholic family, the Cleary's, as they navigate big and small changes during one of the most turbulent decades. The parents, Mike and Peggy Cleary (played by Michael Cudlitz and Mary McCormack), are raising eight boys in a three bedroom, one bath house in a neighborhood outside of Los Angeles. The household is turned upside down when oldest son, Lawrence, returns home and announces he's quitting the seminary to go off and save the world, along with every else trying to live and fend for themselves.

Do Not Call Registries

Are you one of the many people getting frustrated with annoying telemarketing and sales calls? If so, there are a few things you can do to cut down on these types of calls. Make sure you have put your telephone numbers on the Federal and Texas No-Call registries. Both the Federal government and State of Texas have telemarketing rules that allow consumers to give notice to telemarketers that they do not wish to be contacted by them. Charities, political calls, surveys and debt collection calls are exempt from these rules.

You can register for the Texas No-Call List by going online at www.TexasNoCall.com. Fill out the online form and click Register. It is free to register your telephone numbers on the website. The site is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You will need to re-register your phone numbers every 3 years on the Texas website.

You can also register for the Texas No-Call List by mail. Print the form on the website and mail it to: Texas No-Call, 100 Summer Street, Suite 800, Boston, MA. 02110.

Make sure to also register for the Federal Do-Not-Call List on the website at www.DoNotCall.gov. Registration on this site is also free and it never expires. Once you register your telephone numbers, they stay on the site until you take them off. Just make sure to use a valid email address because it is needed to verify your registration on the site. Once you register, you will receive an email confirmation that contains a link you must click on within 72 hours to complete your registration.

You can also sign up for the Federal Do-Not-Call List by telephone. Call toll-free 1-888-382-1222 to register by phone. You must call on a phone associated with the phone number that you want to register.

By taking these steps, you can cut down on the number of telemarketing calls you receive.



Benefits of Landline Telephones

Don't think you need a landline phone anymore? You may want to think again! Landline phones have many benefits, some can even be lifesaving! Even if a caller can't communicate his or her location for any reason, emergency officials can dispatch help to the location immediately, which may mean the difference between life and death during an emergency!

Most people have wireless phones these days, and many think that means they don't need a landline phone anymore. But, it's just not so! Did you know that dialing 911 on a wireless phone does not provide the same level of response time as a landline phone? When you call 911 on a wireless phone, the actual location is not delivered to the 911 operator. They can see what cell tower you are calling off of, but can't pinpoint your exact location. But, when you dial 911 from a landline phone, your address is delivered directly to the operator, saving valuable time during a crisis. And, every second can count during an emergency situation!



Here's some other benefits to keeping a landline phone:

- They are great for families. Even young children can dial 911. It's also added security when the kids are home alone or staying with a babysitter. And, landlines are great for the elderly too, so they can keep their independence while family members can have peace of mind.
- Landlines work during ultra-peak usage times, when wireless towers may be overloaded and wireless phones unable to dial out. You also don't have to worry about keeping a battery charged up, remember where you laid the phone down, or if you have enough signal to make a call. A landline phone is always there, always ready when you need it. Even during a power outage, when wireless phones don't work, you can make and receive calls on a landline.
- A landline phone delivers dependable quality. When was the last time your landline phone dropped an important phone call?
- It is also a great way to reach friends and family, especially if they forget to turn their wireless phone on, or left it on silent or vibrate and can't hear it.

Landline phones provide convenience and dependability that wireless phones just can't! And, with XIT, you can bundle your landline phone with high-speed Internet and/or TV, and get the phone for only a few extra dollars a month.

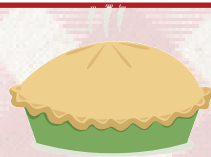
Go Paperless!

XIT offers paperless online billing. As an XIT customer, you can 'Go Green' and make your life easier at the same time! Go to the XIT website at www.XIT.net and click on the bill pay link on the left side of the page. Check it out and GO GREEN with XIT!

What's Cookin' at XIT

Baby Ruth Cookies By Norma Barrow

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| 1 ¼ c. sifted flour | ¼ c sugar |
| ½ tsp. soda | 1 egg |
| ½ tsp. salt | ½ tsp. vanilla extract |
| ½ c. margarine or butter | 1 c. Baby Ruth candy bars cut into small pieces |



Sift together flour, soda and salt. Cream together margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg. Stir in candy pieces and dry ingredients. Add vanilla and blend well. To enhance the flavor you can also add ½ tsp. caramel flavoring. Chill dough for 30 minutes. Drop dough by the half-teaspoonful onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until done.

Find more great recipes in the XIT Country Cookin' Cookbooks for sale at any of our XIT locations for just \$14.95 + tax. They make great gifts for any occasion!

Retirement Luncheon Held

The employees and staff of XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. held a noon luncheon to celebrate the retirement of Fidel Olivarez, Purchasing Coordinator/Engineering Department, on Thursday, May 24, at the Cooperative's headquarters office. Fidel's official retirement date was May 31, 2018.

The luncheon consisting of Beef tenderloin with all the fixings, was catered by Ten in Texas of Dalhart. Cupcakes decorated with fun retirement cartoons and sayings were served for dessert.

Mary and Fidel Olivarez are shown relaxing in their camper. Something they plan on doing a lot of while traveling around the country.

Fidel's retirement table featured photos of Fidel and his wife, Mary, with their camper, and three books were displayed - Motorhome & RV Retirement Living, RV Vacations for Dummies and the Good Samaritan's Road Atlas. The books were presented to Fidel as gifts from the Cooperative, along with the framed photos.

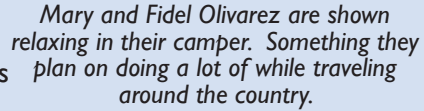
Fidel with his new copy of RV for Dummies. Mary, Fidel's wife, thought the book name was comical.



Fidel is shown standing behind his retirement table with his family members who were able to attend his retirement luncheon.

The books were presented to Fidel as gifts from the Cooperative, along with the framed photos.

Fidel retired after 16 years of service with XIT. Fidel and Mary plan on traveling around the country in their camper and spending time with their family. We wish Fidel much happiness in his retirement!



Payment Reminders

Please remember that any XIT payments made or received after 5:00 p.m. will not post until the following business day. Keep this in mind, especially if making a payment the day before disconnects are to be performed. Payments put in the drop box or paid on the morning of disconnects are subject to a \$55 Administrative Fee.



Any accounts that are disconnected for non-payment are required to pay a Reconnect Fee in order to turn the services back on. Paying just a couple days earlier can save you time and money. Don't wait until disconnect day to pay!

XIT also offers online bill pay for convenient bill paying on your schedule, automatic bank drafts and credit card drafting to make bill paying easier. Take advantage of these options to make sure your XIT bill gets paid on time with no late fees or penalties. Check out the XIT website for online bill pay information at www.XIT.net.

XIT's Dalhart Fiber Construction

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no breakdowns in speed because you don't have to share your connection with your neighbors, like you do with XIT's competitors. Everyone has his own fiber connection with XIT ... so everyone's speeds are reliable and constant!

If you are an existing XIT Communications' customer, you will be "automatically" converted over to fiber as soon as we get to your neighborhood! Existing customers will be moved from their existing plan to a plan with much higher Internet speeds than what they have today ... at no price increase. If you do not have XIT services, but would like to be included in the fiber optic conversion, please contact XIT Communications today to get signed up for services so that we can construct fiber to your location while we are in your neighborhood. This will ensure a more timely conversion of your home or business over to fiber optics.

At XIT, we can't wait for everyone to experience this wonderful technology! Get the best in high-speed Broadband Internet, High Definition (HD) IPTV and telephone fiber optic technology for your home or business. As always, we are here to serve you, and we do appreciate your business! Give XIT a call today – and LET FIBER OPTICS GET YOU MOVIN'!

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XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. sponsored the XIT Rodeo Scoreboard this year for the 82nd XIT Rodeo & Reunion, which was held August 2-4 in Dalhart. Shown presenting the check to Jeremy Lenz (Vice President-Director) is Sherry Steffen, XIT Customer Service Representative. XIT Rodeo Queen Candidates, XIT Directors and XIT Rural Telephone employees in the picture include: Front Row (Left to right) Tenia Ellis, Sofia Joyner, Sherry Steffen, Jeremy Lenz, Devan Running (2017 XIT Queen), Jaci Brown and Samantha Peavey and Breanne McCollum. Back Row (Left to right) Kathy Bailey, Jessica Sanchez, Clayton Caraway, Kyle Burk, Stewart Rogers, Trent Cunningham, Steven Yeager, Ryan Kennedy and John Brewer. (Not present: Director Winston Gilmore) XIT is the local telecommunications provider of high-speed Internet, IPTV, telephone and long distance services.

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