



Cover photo was taken by Laura Rogers of Stratford. Her photo of hay bales out in the field was taken on Steve Baskin's farm in Sherman County last year.

## In Memoriam E.H. Little - 1929-2013

Long time XIT Rural Telephone director, E.H. Little, passed away Tuesday, September 10, 2013 in Dalhart, Texas at the age of 84. Services were held on Thursday, September 12, 2013, at 2 P.M. at the First Baptist Church in Dalhart, followed with burial in the Texline Cemetery.

E.H. Little was born May 2, 1929, in the Westway community near Hereford to Earle Homer Little and Gracie May Little.

On June 2, 1947, E.H. married Marcia Marie Robbins. They moved to the Texline community of Draper in 1954, and were married for 37 years until her death in 1984. On January 3, 1987, E.H. married Rita Sharon Frye, and they were married for 26 years.

In addition to being a horseman, rancher and farmer, E.H.'s career as a law enforcement officer spanned 42 years and included Dallam County Deputy Sheriff for 12 years, Dallam County Sheriff for 17 years and Constable for 13 years.



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In 1983, E.H. was elected as a director for XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. He served District 1, Dallam County, for a little over 30 years. In March 2012, he was re-elected for another three-year term. He has also served as a board director for the XIT Rangers.

E.H. considered himself a Christian first and foremost. He was a deacon at Texline Baptist Church, Sunday school superintendent at Texline for 25 years and a supporter of the Cowboy Church, as well as a loyal member of the First Baptist Church in Dalhart for more than 20 years.

E.H. also possessed a talent for poetry, something of which many people may not be aware. He shared his love for his Lord through his writings, including a beautiful poem entitled "God's Greatness" (see poem below).

He was a 4-H leader and enjoyed working with children to instill his love of agriculture and was a role model to many. He worked cattle just for the fun of it, and he loved XIT Rodeo & Reunion celebrations. He rode in the XIT Rodeo parade for 50 years in a row and competed in and won the Pony Express race and wild cow milking events numerous times.

He was a counselor and advisor to many, but he was a true friend to everyone he met, including some whom he arrested. He was a father figure for many, inside and outside of his family.

Survivors include his wife, Rita Little; his daughters, Peggy Foster and husband James, Becky Baxter and husband Victor, Sharon Mathews and husband Jim Bob, Melissa Frye; and a son, Kevin Frye and wife, Leslie. His family also included numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

XIT directors and employees are very appreciative for the 30 years of dedicated service E.H. provided to XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. He will be dearly missed by all of us!

## God's Greatness, By E.H. Little

*We can see it in the sunshine,  
In each sunrise,  
In the blazing glory across the skies,  
Magnificently displayed for all to see,  
In the flowers and in the fields,  
In every tree.*

*We only need look at the storm cloud,  
With its lightning flash and thunder so loud,  
As the clouds open up and the rains come down,  
to fill the cracks in the dry parched ground.*

*Then a beautiful rainbow across the blue,  
Showing the world that His words are true,  
God's greatness is here for all to see,  
For He made this world for you and me.*

*His greatness is present as it has always been,  
He sent His Son to blot out our sin.*

*If only we accept Him, we have life evermore,  
Then someday, we'll meet Him on that golden shore.*

*As we come in His presence and Jesus we meet,  
We'll bow down before Him, and fall at his feet,  
Knowing His greatness in all that we see,  
But GREATEST of all,  
He SAVED even me!*

## Call Before You Dig

Texas law requires that anyone digging 16" or deeper on private property or a public right-of-way must call the Texas One Call Center at least two days prior to digging. If you have to dig, please call the statewide telephone number: **811**. This helps to prevent accidental line cuts which can not only disrupt service to customers, but can be costly to repair. Always call 811 before you dig!

## Spoofing Is On The Rise

XIT has recently been alerted to the fact that Caller ID Spoofing is on the rise across the country in regards to telephone service. "Spoofing" is when a user deliberately falsifies the telephone number and/or name relayed on the Caller ID screen to disguise their true identity as the calling party. The thief may then try to collect sensitive information from the unsuspecting recipient. The caller may try to obtain information such as bank account numbers, social security numbers or other personal data by making it appear as though they are calling from your bank, a credit card company or other agency. Many times they will use names and phone numbers from local areas which they are calling.

If you have Caller ID and have received a call from a telemarketer without the required correct Caller ID information, or if you suspect your Caller ID information has been falsified, you can file a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). There is no charge for filing a complaint. You can file a complaint with the FCC's Consumer Center by calling 1-888-225-5322 or online at [www.fcc.gov/complaints](http://www.fcc.gov/complaints). Stay safe and XIT will keep you informed!



## Mark Your Calendar!!!

Dates have been announced for XIT's Christmas Open Houses! Mark your calendar to come by and enjoy a delicious BBQ meal with all the trimmings, register for door prizes and help us in celebrating the 2013 holiday season!

Open houses in Dalhart at both our headquarters and downtown locations will be held on Friday, December 6. Our Stratford Open House is set for Friday, December 13. Invitations will be mailed to all XIT customers closer to celebration time to remind everyone. Bring on the holidays!





## XIT Director Serves as Parade Marshal

Mr. Gary Finch of Dalhart was selected as the 77th Annual XIT Rodeo & Reunion Parade Marshal this year. Gary currently serves as the secretary/treasurer for the XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Board of Directors, where he has served for the past 41 years. The parade was held on Saturday, August 3rd, and was a fun and entertaining event for all.

Mr. Finch is a lifetime resident of Dalhart, having grown up on the Finch Brothers' Ranch, which was owned and operated by his parents, Lora and Allyn Finch. Gary graduated from Dalhart High School in 1958.

After graduation from high school, he attended college at Texas A & M University, where he earned a BBA in finance in 1962. Shortly after graduation, he moved back to the Finch Brothers' Ranch in Dalhart to begin his adult life.

Gary and his wife, Ann, are the proud parents of three daughters: Staci Thompson, Jennifer Niemann and Elizabeth Maybin. The couple also have eight grandchildren.

Very active in the community, Mr. Finch is a member of the Central United Methodist Church where he has actively taught Sunday school for many years.

He also serves on the Dalhart Federal Savings & Loan Board of Directors, where he has served now for 32 years. He currently serves as the board president. Gary has also served as an XIT Rodeo & Reunion Director for the years 1974-1976, and served as the president in 1976.

Gary enjoys living in Dalhart and loves the people and traditions of Dalhart. In our opinion, he was the perfect person to choose as XIT's Parade Marshal this year! Congratulations Gary!

## What's Cookin' at XIT

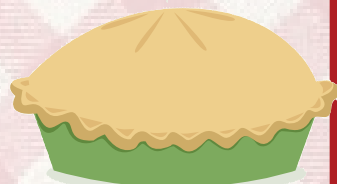
Taco Soup by Kerrie Barrow

2 cans ranch style beans  
16 oz. can diced tomatoes  
1 can whole kernel corn

1 pkg. Hidden Valley Ranch salad dressing mix  
1 pkg. Schilling Taco Seasoning mix  
2 lbs. hamburger meat, browned

Brown hamburger meat. Add ranch dressing mix and taco seasoning mix to meat. Add corn, beans and tomatoes. Heat soup to a simmer, stirring occasionally for 10 minutes. Serve with tortilla chips.

This recipe is featured from our 2012 Country Cookin' Cookbook now available for sale at any of our XIT offices for only \$14.95 each. The new cookbook is made up of 709 of the tastiest recipes from the finest cooks in our area! Come by and get yours today!



# SMART SURFING...

**Enlisted premieres on Fox November 8th at 8:30 PM on Channel 14 (HD Channel 514).** This new comedy is about three brothers on a small Florida Army base and the group of misfits who surround them. The Hill brothers include Pete (Geoff Stults), Derrick (Chris Lowell), and Randy (Parker Young), who all serve in the Rear Detachment (Rear D) Unit of the Army.

This unit is comprised of the soldiers left behind when everyone else is deployed, because they're not quite good enough to be sent overseas, yet not bad enough to be kicked out of the Army. Between hijacking tanks, inventing new drinking games and accidentally blowing up a fuel truck, the brothers will inadvertently discover the key to strengthening their long-lost childhood bonds. Check out this new comedy that looks to be a big hit in laughs!



**Coming to ABC this fall on Tuesdays at 8:30 PM is the new series, Trophy Wife.**

Reformed party girl Kate (Malin Akerman) becomes Pete's (Bradley Whitford) third wife, after she falls into his arms (literally) at a karaoke bar. Kate ends up with an insta-family that includes three stepchildren and two ex-wives. Juggling all this new baggage is uncharted territory for Kate, who finds support with her best friend Meg (Natalie Morales), a party-hearty singleton and the only woman Kate knows who has less experience with kids than she has. Check out this new series on Channel 7, or Channel 507 in HD.

**Extreme RV's new season begins Sunday, Nov. 3rd, at 9 PM on the Travel Channel.** Check out the most extreme luxury mobile homes and RV's on the road today. These rolling million-dollar, mega-mansions with luxurious interiors and themed designs, will put most real homes to shame. In each episode, go inside three incredible shops, grab a wrench and a welder, and jump in on some one-of-a-kind extreme RV builds. Follow these outrageous rolling mansions, vintage restorations and crazy camping vehicles as they come to life! With each customer build, the drama will be in keeping the budget in line and finishing the project on time. Check it out on Channel 36 (HD Channel 536).

**COMING IN DECEMBER ...** Music Choice is changing up the music lineup beginning on December 10. Five new channels will be coming onto the lineup including: Teen MC, Pop Rhythmic, Pop Country, Y2K and Love Songs. There will be a couple of name changes: Retro Rock will change to Rock Hits, True Country will change to Country Hits and Dance/Electronica will change to Dance. The Classic Alternative channel will be removed from the lineup. Watch for these coming changes.

## XIT Classifieds Now Online!

XIT Classifieds is a great way to sell your goods or services in an easy and inexpensive venue! You control if your ad is viewed locally or nationally, so you reach the customer base you want to connect with. You don't even have to leave the house to list your ad!

Setting up an account on XIT Classifieds is quick, and listings can be posted the same day. Personal accounts are FREE and listings are unlimited! Business accounts are \$3.00 per month and .50 per listing after the first FREE listing.

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Shown here receiving their winnings are Darla Bowers of Dalhart (2nd from left) and Marlene Hurt (far right). Presenting their prizes are Mary Brazell (far left) and Lupe Duarte (2nd from right), XIT Communications' representatives.

## Drawing Winners Announced

XIT Communications recently held a Back to School Promotion at our customer care centers. Persons who brought in donated school supplies to our offices were registered in a drawing for a \$100 bill. Darla Bowers was the lucky winner in Dalhart, and Marlene Hurt won the money in our Stratford location. Special thanks to everyone who participated in the promotion and donated to those needing a little extra help in these hard times.



## XIT Rodeo Sponsorship

Shown here with the new XIT Rodeo & Reunion "Hoopie" were the 2013 XIT Rodeo Queen Candidates (top left to right) Shiann Fiese, Alyssa Nials and Jessica Fischbacher. Presenting a check to XIT Rodeo & Reunion Director Chris Bell is Kathy Duggan, XIT Communications' Assistant Manager. Also pictured are Jason Swain, (XIT Rodeo & Reunion Director) and Trena Howell (XIT Communications Sales & Customer Relations Representative). XIT Communications was the proud sponsor of the 2013 XIT Rodeo & Reunion scoreboard during the XIT Rodeo which was held in early August.



XIT Communications recently sponsored the Texas Tumbleweed Gymnastics Team from Dalhart on their trip to Nationals which were held in Kansas City, Mo. Team members include (top, left to right) Autum Rutherford, Katie Lower and McKayla Hyer; (Bottom, left to right) Danielle Lewis, Calie Rutherford, Devin Rutherford, Maddi Beckner and Madison Todd. The team is coached by Russchelle Hanbury (not pictured).

## Billing or Service Questions?

If you have any questions about your services or billing, please contact your local XIT office: Dalhart at 244-3355 or 384-3311; Stratford at 366-3355; Vega at 967-3355; Boys Ranch at 533-3355; or call our Toll Free number at 1-800-232-3312. If you prefer to send your inquiry by email, please email us at [customerservice@xit.net](mailto:customerservice@xit.net). Give us a call!

## IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN ... Time for the XIT Regional Telephone Directory Photo Contest!



- No limit to number of entries
- Color photos in Portrait (vertical) layout only in the highest resolution possible
- Winning photo wins \$100 and the bragging rights to our 2014 XIT Regional Directory cover
- Include your name, address, contact # and information about the photo(s) submitted
- Deadline for entry is December 13, 2013.
- Email photos to [xitcom@xit.net](mailto:xitcom@xit.net) or mail to XIT Communications, Attn: Marketing Department, P.O. Box 711, Dalhart, TX 79022



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Often times when you call into the office, our customer service team may be able to help you resolve your issue right over the phone. If the issue is more complicated, a trouble ticket will be generated and an XIT technician may be dispatched to your location for troubleshooting. It is important when you call us to give us as much detailed information as possible about what you are experiencing with your service. The more information you give us, the better.

If you are experiencing an Internet related issue, you can also contact the Internet Help Desk toll free at 1-800-687-0780 for technical assistance. If you have questions about your XIT bill or services, please contact your local XIT retail location:

- Dalhart – 244-3355 or 384-3311
- Stratford – 366-3355
- Vega – 967-3355
- Boys Ranch – 533-3355
- Toll Free – 1-800-232-3312

Your satisfaction is important to us, so please give us a call if you experience any problems! If you don't get a quick resolution to any trouble or disruption of service, please re-contact XIT as soon as possible and request your issue be escalated to management. We are here to serve you, our valued customers!