



# Connections

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## Everybody Loves a Parade ... it's Time to Plan for the 2025 Veterans Day Parade!

**Mark your calendars for Tuesday, 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 Tuesday, November 11, 2025.**

**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 Chester Rose.**



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# WE SALUTE OUR XIT VETERANS



**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.



**LANDON 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.

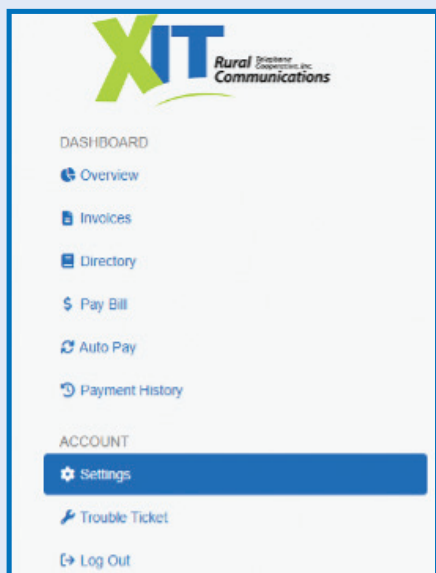


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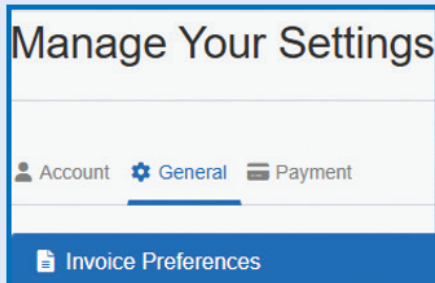
## Go Paperless with XIT

Did you know that XIT offers paperless online billing? As an XIT Customer you can GO GREEN and make your life easier and your mailbox emptier! If you are already an online bill pay user: Log into your account > Settings > General and make your preference change under "Invoice Preferences".

### Step 1



### Step 2



If you want to be an Online Bill Pay user, go to the XIT website at [www.XIT.net](http://www.XIT.net) and click on the bill pay link on the left side of the page. You will need to have your XIT invoice for reference when you sign up!

**GO GREEN WITH XIT!**



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 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 7:30 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.**

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| Master of Ceremonies:   | C.J. Unruh, Army Veteran – Vietnam                                              |
| Speaker:                | Bob Deyo                                                                        |
| 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:            | ROTC Group from Palo Duro High School in Amarillo - Instructed by Marvin Bettag |
| 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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## 11th 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.**

### **Dalhart**

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

### **Stratford**

806-366-3355 • 401 N 3rd St



# Rise and Shine to Fight Hunger!

XIT Communications kicked off our 11th 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.

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!***

## Donate Your Food Items Easy As 1,2,3!



**Purchase breakfast food items from the grocery store of your choice!**



**Drop your donations off at any XIT Communications office!**  
(Vega Participants can drop their items off at the Chamber of Commerce or Taylor's Vega Market)



**Receive your FREE reusable XIT tote bag as our Thank You!**



**Robert Sullivan**  
**IT Technician**



## XIT Welcomes New Team Member

Robert joined the team as an IT Technician in late August of this year. He is married to his wife, Lauri, and together they share three sons and one grandson. Robert was born and raised in California and then lived in a few other states before finding a home here in Dalhart. Robert has an AA degree from Pueblo Community College and continued his education at Western Governors University. In his free time, Robert enjoys serving the Lord in ministry, spending time with family, and technology. Robert is a great asset to the XIT Team, and we are so thankful to have him!

**Welcome to the XIT Family!**

## Moving???

Please make sure to provide XIT Communications with at least a 2-week notice when moving to a new home and 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. We appreciate your cooperation!



## Gift Basket Donation from XIT Communications

*Ashley Posthumus is shown picking up a gift basket that was donated by XIT Communications for St. Anthony's Annual Oktoberfest!*



## Discounts Available for Low Income Customers

Need assistance with paying your Internet or telephone bill? The Lifeline Assistance Programs are available to qualifying low-income residents as part of federal and state support programs.

Lifeline is available from XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and XIT Communications. Lifeline provides a monthly discount on basic telephone from the state of Texas and/or federal program and Internet on the federal level.

On our website link below, you will find direct links to the Public Utility Commission of Texas and Lifeline Support websites where they explain more about the program along with other resources. <http://www.xit.net/services/lifeline.asp>



## Updated Cell Phone Numbers & Email Addresses Needed!

Call today and talk with one of XIT's Customer Service Representatives to update your records on file.

- Dalhart – 806-384-3311
- Boys Ranch – 806-533-3355
- Vega – 806-967-3355
- Sunray – 806-563-0311
- Beverly Hills/Borger/Fritch – 1- 800-232-3312

## What's Cookin' at XIT

Baked Potato Soup by M'Lea Allison

- 1 ½ lbs. potatoes
- 1 cup instant potato flakes
- ¼ lb. butter
- ¾ tsp dried basil
- 2 cups diced onion
- ½ tsp Tabasco sauce or Louisiana Hot Sauce
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 5 cups water
- 1 cup milk
- ¼ cup chicken broth or stock



Bake potatoes, remove skin and dice. In a large Dutch oven, melt the butter at medium heat and sauté onions until they turn clear. Add flour to butter and onion mixture to make rue. In a separate container, combine water, chicken broth, potato flakes, basil, Tabasco and desired seasonings. Whisk until the lumps disappear. Slowly add liquid mixture to onion and butter rue. Slowly add milk and cream. Increase heat to medium-high heat and stir until thickened. Reduce heat and add diced potatoes. Serve with cheese, bacon bits, sour cream, chives, etc.

**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 2025, November 6-13, the Dalhart Rotary Club will set up their 3rd 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 they have also partnered with The Hospital Foundation to raise money for the new nursing home as well as Snack Pak 4 Kids. 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.

Find more information on how you can honor a Veteran, First Responder or Healthcare Hero by visiting the Dalhart Rotary Clubs Facebook page or by reaching out to any Rotarian!

**XIT Communications is a proud LIBERTY SPONSOR for the Dalhart Rotary Club's 3rd Annual "Court of Courage" Fundraiser!**



Pictured left to right: Trena Howell (XIT Sales & Customer Relations Representative), Kristy Detwiler (Dalhart Rotarian), Selene Schumacher (Dalhart Rotarian), Holly McCauley (Dalhart Rotarian), and Kathy Duggan (XIT Assistant General Manager).

## *XIT is a Proud Supporter of the Community!*



XIT Communications recently sponsored the 14th 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.



Pictured here receiving the swag bag donation and sponsorship check is (left to right): Jared Alamo (St. Anthony's Youth Minister), Bree Pollard (St. Anthony's Youth Member), and Avery Vasquez (XIT Marketing Representative).

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## We Are Here For You!

If you have any questions or problems with any of your XIT services or your monthly XIT statement, please don't hesitate to contact one of our 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!

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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| <i>Dalhart Headquarters</i><br>12324 US Hwy 87<br>P.O. Box 711<br>Dalhart, TX 79022        | <i>Dalhart Downtown Office</i><br>1624 Tennessee Ave.<br>Dalhart, TX 79022 | <i>Stratford Office</i><br>401 North 3rd<br>Stratford, TX 79084 |
| <i>Boys Ranch Customers</i><br>806-533-3355                                                | <i>Vega Customers</i><br>806-967-3355                                      | <i>Sunray Customers</i><br>806-563-0311                         |
| <i>Internet Help Desk</i><br>Out of Area (Toll Free) 833-968-5828 - Local DID 984-960-3512 |                                                                            |                                                                 |

If you prefer, you can also send inquiries by email at [customerservice@xitcomm.net](mailto:customerservice@xitcomm.net).

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

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