



# Connections

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This beautiful cover photo was taken by Kristine Olsen, President of the Dalhart Chamber of Commerce. The photo was taken in her back yard at dusk a couple of years ago.

## Do You Roku?

Just a reminder that XIT Communications currently has a promotion going on for all new and existing XIT high speed broadband Internet customers!

All new XIT Internet customers who sign up on the 6/1 mbps package or higher can receive a FREE Roku Streaming Stick when they have their services installed. Existing XIT Internet customers who upgrade to at least the next higher level of service are also eligible to receive a FREE Roku Streaming Stick.

So what is a Roku Streaming Stick? It is a compact stick similar to a flash drive that plugs into the HDMI port on most TVs. It gives customers the ability to watch more than 1200 channels of entertainment, including movies, TV episodes, music, news, sports, kids' shows and other programming (free and paid), all in 1080P HD video. The Roku Stick streams from your broadband Internet service and works through your TV. Use the included Roku remote control to access the sleek and easy-to-use Roku user interface with shortcuts to movies, TV shows, Netflix, and more.

The Roku Streaming Stick can also be purchased at any of the XIT office locations for \$49.99 plus tax.

XIT Communications is excited to continue this promotion and to give our customers a new option in TV watching. Come by one of our offices today, and let us show you our always-fast, always-on, broadband high-speed Internet plans and introduce you to the Roku! Then, you can be one of the many that say, "I Roku Too!"



# Meet XIT's New Employees

*XIT is pleased to announce two new employees to our XIT organization! Janie Sneller is a Customer Service Clerk who is currently training and working in both our Dalhart downtown and Stratford offices. Janie has lived in Dalhart for 38 years. She is married to Jeff Sneller, and the couple have 6 children. Janie worked for Hilmar Cheese before coming to XIT. Welcome Janie!*

*We would also like to introduce Jeanna House, Accountant, who works in XIT's headquarters office in Dalhart. She is married to Wesley House, and is the proud mamma of twin 3-year-old boys, Brody and Landon. The family moved to Dalhart from the Oklahoma City area in February of this year. Welcome Jeanna! We are very happy to have both of them join our XIT Family!*



Janie Sneller



Jeanna House



*XIT recently made a donation to the Texas Tumbleweeds Gymnastics Booster Club for their golf scramble which was held recently. XIT Communications was a golf hole sponsor. The funds raised went to assist the regional and national competitors with their expenses.*



*XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and XIT Communications recently made a donation to the Texline Community Days. Presenting a check to Heather Luther of Texline (right) is Tiffani Ballew, XIT Customer Service Clerk. Texline Community Days will be held on Saturday, June 6th. The funds will be used to purchase prizes for the contests and drawings.*

## New XIT Directory Coming Soon

Our 2015 directory comes out in July and is delivered to all area local addresses by mail. Extra copies of the 2014 book are still available at any XIT office location for pickup. Put one in each vehicle for quick use when on the road.

### The XIT directory features:

- Large, Easy-to-Read Print
- Convenient Size for Home, Office or Vehicle
- Yellow & White Page Listings
- City & County Government Information
- XIT Calling Feature Instructions
- Amarillo/Canyon Residential & Business Listings



## Attention XIT Bill Pay Customers

If you pay your XIT bill at home by computer or through your online bank account, please make sure you have our billing address as XIT Communications, P.O. Box 711, Dalhart, TX. 79022. We have several payments that are still coming into XIT's old P.O. Box 1432 in Dalhart. XIT will be discontinuing this old box number in the near future, and we want to make sure your payment arrives to us safely and in a timely manner.

Thank you so much for your assistance!

# Call 811 Before You Dig!

With the warmer weather now here, many people are starting to work outside their homes and businesses on home improvement and landscaping projects. XIT wants to remind you that Texas law requires that anyone digging 16" or deeper on private property or any public right-of-way to call the Texas One-Call Center prior to digging. Everyone, contractor or homeowner alike, must call at least two business days prior to the start of digging. If you have to dig, call the statewide telephone number: 811. For more information, please visit [www.texas811.org](http://www.texas811.org).



## Dalhart Fire Department Donation

XIT recently made a donation to the Dalhart Fire Department for their annual chili supper which was held in March at the Rita Blanca Coliseum. Kathy Duggan (left), XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Assistant Manager, is shown here presenting the check to Dalhart Fire Chief, Curtis Brown (right). XIT is a proud supporter of local organizations and events in our communities.

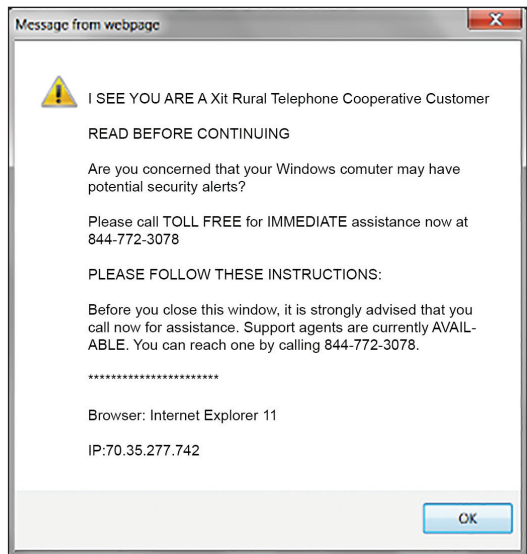
## Fraudulent Surveys & Messages

XIT has noticed an increase in fraudulent messages that are occurring on the Internet. XIT Rural Telephone would like to inform our customers of these issues and let you know that these are fraudulent and that XIT Rural Telephone is not associated with these messages or the people putting them on the Internet.

For instance, one of our employees recently was on YouTube and a popup box came up that stated "Dear XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative User, You've been selected to participate in an anonymous survey about your experiences with XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative. In consideration for your time, at the end of the short survey you will be presented with several exclusive reward offers (worth at least \$70)." This message is no way associated with XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, and we warn customers against participating in these types of surveys as they are fraudulent and may cause harm to your computer.

Another notification that we are aware of came across when one of our employees was working on a home computer. A popup box came up on the screen that said "I see you are an XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative customer. Read before Continuing. Are you concerned that your windows computer may have potential security alerts? Please call toll free for immediate assistance now at 844-772-3078. Please follow these instructions. Before you close this window, it is strongly advised that you call now for assistance. Support agents are currently available. You can reach one by calling 844-772-3078." Again XIT Rural Telephone is not associated with these types of messages and the phone number in question does not belong to XIT Rural Telephone. This is fraudulent and any participation in these types of messages are at the customer's own risk.

Please be advised and watch out for these types of security threats. If you happen to come across any messages like this that looks like it is from XIT Rural Telephone, please give us a call at 806-384-3311. We can confirm if, indeed, it did come from XIT or not. We want to protect our customers as best we can and let you know of any potential threats we find.



# Got Internet?

Don't own a computer or laptop? Too expensive? No problem anymore! With today's sleek and small devices available on the market, anyone can enjoy the benefits and enjoyment of the Internet, without having to break the bank. Tablets like I-Pads, Kindles, E-Readers, Gaming Systems, Smart TV's, and other devices now allow anyone to connect to the Internet without the old "computer" anymore. And, these devices are a lot smaller than the normal computer but have a larger screen to view than a cell phone, making them the perfect fit for anyone of any age!

With any of these devices, a customer has the ability to browse the Internet, email, check out Facebook, chat on Tango, download books, games or music, view photos and so much more! The benefits are almost endless!

AND, XIT offers some terrific residential broadband Internet packages for this very reason! With speeds of 3, 6, 12, or 20 mbps, customers can have the speed they need for everyone in the family. Residential prices start at only \$39.00 per month, so staying within the family budget is easy! Give XIT a call at 244-3355, and let us get you the speed you need today and connect you to the world of the Internet!



## Summertime Boredom

School will be out in just a couple of weeks and then parents all over will soon be hearing these two famous phrases ... "I'm bored" or "there is nothing to do"! With IPTV from XIT Communications, we can help alleviate the summertime blues. XIT carries all your kids' favorite channels including: TV Land, Nickelodeon, Disney, Disney XD, Cartoon Network, Discovery Family Channel, Animal Planet, Nick Jr., Comedy Central and many more. Or have them give our FREE Karaoke a try! It has the two things kids love – music and singing! To access the free Karaoke, with the XIT remote control, select [Menu>VOD>Free On Demand>Music>Karaoke>Select Genre>Select Song>Rent>Enter Purchase Pin and Buy](#). There is no purchase fees for Karaoke. So, let the kids have some fun! Give XIT a call today at 384-3311 to get the best in TV viewing for your family!



## Staying In Touch On The Road

People are busy these days and seem to be spending more and more time away from home. Whether it be traveling for work, kids' ballgames or the much needed vacation, stay in touch on the road quickly and easily with XIT email. As long as you have Internet access, you can access your XIT email. Just log onto our website at [www.xit.net](http://www.xit.net) and in the upper right corner click on the Webmail link. Use your email address and password to log in. Once in your mailbox, you can see any new messages you have received as well as send outgoing messages. XIT will keep you connected ... even when you are away from home!

## What's Cookin' at XIT

Lemon-Poppy Seed Zucchini Bread By Sandra Dixon

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|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 c butter (softened) | 1/4 tsp baking soda | 2 2/3 c sugar         |
| 1 c sour cream        | 2 Tbsp lemon zest   | 2 c shredded zucchini |
| 4 tsp poppy seeds     | 3 c flour           | 6 eggs                |



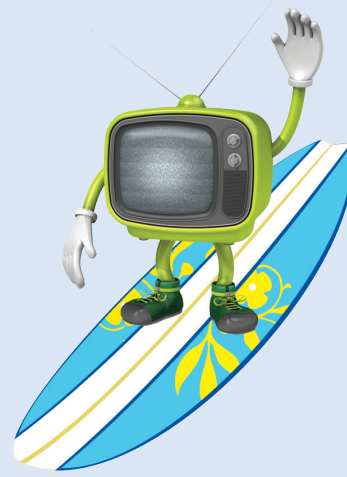
1 tsp salt

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Beat butter until creamy. Gradually add sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time. Sift together flour, salt and baking soda. Add to butter mixture alternately with sour cream. Beat until blended. Stir in the zucchini, lemon zest, and poppy seeds. Spoon into greased and floured bread pans. Makes 2 loaves: 9-3/4 x 5-3/4 or 3 loaves: 8-3/4 x 4-3/4. Bake at 325 degrees for 40-45 minutes.

Find even more great recipes in the XIT Country Cookin' Cookbook available for sale at any of our XIT locations for \$14.95 + tax. They make great gifts too!

# SMART SURFING...

**Dark Matter** is a 13-episode science fiction series premiering on the Syfy channel. The series follows six passengers aboard a spaceship bound for an unknown destination who wake up from cryo-sleep with no memory of who they are or how they got there. Their investigation into their situation triggers a series of interactions that provide clues to their individual identities, and why they've been brought together to fulfill their mission. The series premieres on Friday, June 12th at 9:00 p.m. on XIT's IPTV channel 95/595 HD or channel 46/460 HD in Vega. Check out this action-packed series.



**Aquarius** is a 13-episode drama series on NBC. It stars David Duchovny, who plays Los Angeles police sergeant, Sam Hodiak, a decorated World War II vet and homicide detective. The show is set back in the year 1967. Sam barely recognizes the city he is policing anymore - with the long hair, cheap drugs, rising crime, protests and free love. When Emma Karn (played by Emma Dumont), the 16-year-old daughter of an old girlfriend, goes missing in the sea of hippies, Sam agrees to find her. He enlists the help of Brian Shaf (played by Grey Damon), a young, idealistic undercover vice cop, who behaves like a hippie and fits in with the people being questioned. Unknown to them, their investigation will lead them to Charles Manson, when Emma joins a small but growing band of drifters under the leadership of the career criminal. Be sure to check out the 2-hour series premiere on Thursday, May 28th at 8:00 p.m. on Channel 4, 504 in HD.

**Clipped** is a new comedy series premiering on Tuesday, June 16th at 9:00 p.m. on TBS, Channel 66/566 HD on XIT's IPTV or Channel 35 in Vega. This comedy centers around a group of barber shop coworkers who all went to the same high school together, but ran in very different crowds. Now, they find themselves working together at Buzzy's Barber Shop in Charlestown, Massachusetts. George Wendt stars as Buzzy, the owner of the barber shop, who must deal with all their different and unique personalities. Give it a view!

**Zoo** is a thriller drama series about a wave of violent animal attacks against humans across the planet. As the assaults become more cunning, coordinated and ferocious, a young renegade biologist must race to unlock the pandemic's mystery before there is no place left for people to hide. This exciting 13-episode series premieres on CBS, Channel 10 on Tuesday, June 30th, at 8:00 p.m. Check it out!

## Channel One Announcements & Advertising

Do you have an event coming up that you need to inform the community about? A reunion, church event, or school function? Then check out XIT's Channel One! Channel One ads are seen by thousands of local folks in our area who may be interested in what your group is doing!

Just a reminder, there are no fees for birthday or anniversary announcements, school functions, church activities, community ads, lost ads or items to give away.

All other ads are billed on a weekly basis and provide great economical advertising. Personal ads are \$10 per week, business ads are \$20 per week. Graphics or photos must be in JPEG format. There may be a small set up fee, depending on the ad creation time.

XIT must receive information for Channel One at least 24-48 hours prior to the event start time to allow for the ad to be created and posted. Information can be dropped off at any XIT location or emailed to [marketing@xitcomm.net](mailto:marketing@xitcomm.net).

Keep us in mind for all your advertising needs, and we will help to get your word out!



## Storm Alerts

It's that time of year again ... the storms build quickly and the rain showers appear ... along with the storm alerts on your TV from the American Broadcasting System. Although they are for everyone's protection, they can be a nuisance if they are not for your immediate area. If you encounter a weather alert on your TV while watching one of your shows, simply press any button on the XIT remote control (except the volume keys) to remove the alert notification. This will allow your TV show to continue without any viewing interruptions. This also works when Amber Alerts are issued on your TV.



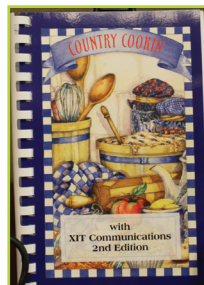
## Need The Perfect Gift?

Spring and summer are the seasons for celebration! Weddings, birthday parties, anniversary get-togethers and social gatherings are in full swing. If you are looking for that perfect wedding or birthday gift, a little thank you or just a "you're special" gift, then we have got an idea for you!

Come by any XIT office to pick up a copy or two of our XIT Country Cookin' 2nd Edition Cookbooks. These wonderful cookbooks are filled with over 600 of the tastiest recipes you will find from the finest cooks in our local area! They make a great gift that keeps on giving all year long!

The cookbook features recipes such as Hawaiian Sunset Cake, Peach Enchiladas, Watermelon Fire & Ice Salsa, and more. The cookbooks are only \$14.95 + tax. At this price, you can get several to have on hand when you need a quick gift. XIT also has some of the first edition cookbooks available for purchase too at the same low price.

And, make sure to pick up one of each for yourself too! It is the cookbook you will pick up and use again and again!



## XIT Sponsors Senior Center Fundraiser ... Celebrates Former Employee's Birthday

XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative's management and employees recently participated in a fundraising meal for the Dalhart Senior Citizens' Center. Guests were treated to a sit down dinner, served by XIT management, employees and their families, consisting of brisket, baked potatoes, green beans, salad and rolls. Guests also registered for door prizes that were given away during the course of the evening. The cost of the meal was by donation and the whole community was invited. The center raised \$1183.00 that evening in donations from the meal.

At the same time as the fundraiser, XIT also hosted a 90th birthday reception for Ruby V. Smith of Dalhart, former XIT Office Manager/Bookkeeper. Ruby turned 90 on May 18, 2015. She was presented a beautiful corsage of spring flowers when she arrived. Ruby worked for XIT for 33 plus years and wore many different hats before her retirement in 1987.

The gathering room at the Dalhart Center was decorated for the special occasion with pink rose bud vases with baby's breath on white tablecloths with hot pink placemats. A table of framed photographs from Ruby's past employment at XIT was a focal point in the room. The table was adorned with a bouquet of hot pink roses and another table held a tiered birthday cake with a rhinestone '90' cake topper. Jimmy R. White of Lubbock, Former XIT General Manager, attended the reception to honor Ruby. Guests enjoyed birthday cake, chocolate covered strawberries, nuts, mints, Sixlet candy 'pearls' and punch after their meal. It was a great time of fellowship and celebration for all who attended.

We hope Ruby had the happiest of birthdays with many more to come!



Ruby V. Smith is shown at the photo table which featured many photos of her past days when she was employed at XIT.



This photo shows just some of the many folks who came out to the XIT fundraiser meal for the Dalhart Senior Citizens' Center recently. Guests enjoyed a sit down dinner served by XIT management, employees and their family members.



XIT Communications recently gave a monetary donation to the 2015 Dalhart High School Project Graduation Program. Shown here accepting the check from Kathy Duggan (front right), XIT Communications Assistant Manager, is Gretchen Hales (front left), XIT Customer Support Representative. Also shown (back left to right) are Marisol Wheeler, XIT Customer Service Clerk; David McCollum, Installation & Repair Technician; and Shawna Butcher, Accountant III. The four XIT employees all have children graduating this year from Dalhart High School. Not pictured are Kristen Hembree, XIT Engineering Assistant, and Bill Green, XIT Combination Technician, who also have children graduating from Dalhart High School.

## Local XIT Office Contact Information

At XIT Communications, we strive to make it as convenient as possible for all our customers to reach us at any time to add new services, upgrade services, have billing questions, or any other issues that you may need to assistance with. Please call one of our convenient numbers below:

<b>Dalhart customers call:</b>	244-3355 or 384-3311
<b>Stratford customers call:</b>	366-3355
<b>Boys Ranch customers call:</b>	533-3355
<b>Vega customers call:</b>	967-3355
<b>XIT Internet Help Desk:</b>	1-800-687-0780
<b>XIT Trouble Number:</b>	244-0811

If you are not an XIT customer yet, give us a call today and let's work together to get you telephone, broadband high-speed Internet, and Cable TV service that you will enjoy for years to come! XIT wants to be your service provider!

## Attention All Shutterbugs

As warmer weather approaches, more and more folks will be wandering outside to enjoy the nice weather. For many, this means the camera will be coming out of hibernation too!

XIT is looking for vibrant, colorful and unique photographs for our 2016 XIT Directory Photo Contest. The winning photographer will receive \$100 in addition to the bragging rights of their photo being published on the cover of 10,000 telephone directories delivered to our local communities.

The guidelines are simple and there is no limit on the number of entries a person can submit:

- Photos should be taken in the highest resolution available and in portrait (vertical) layout. No black and white photos please.
- Be sure to include your name, address and a contact number with your entries. Include a brief description of each photo including who, what, when and where.
- We prefer photographs that do not show children's faces. Photos from back, side or looking downward are acceptable.
- All photos become the property of XIT Communications and may be used for advertising purposes in addition to having it featured on the cover of the directory.
- Digital photos can be submitted and emailed online at [xit@xit.net](mailto:xit@xit.net).
- Photos can also be submitted by mail. Please submit photos at least 5" x 7" or larger in size. Photos can be mailed to: XIT Communications, Attn: Photo Contest, P.O. Box 711, Dalhart, TX 79022

Photos must be received by Friday, December 11, 2015, to qualify for the 2016 directory contest. Any photos received after this date will be entered into the contest for the following year.



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## Reverse Telephone Lookup

Have you ever come across a phone number that you don't recognize? Many people will not answer a phone call if they don't recognize the number or know the person who is calling them. XIT offers a way to find the local name or number of that call quickly and easily! It is called a reverse number lookup, and XIT has it available online on our website.

Just go to XIT's website at [www.xit.net](http://www.xit.net). Click on the Reverse Lookup Link on the left side of our homepage. Just locate the phone number from the numerical listings to see who the number belongs to. It's just that quick!

Or, do you have a person's name but need to find their phone number? This can be done too! Just click on the Reverse Lookup Link and press the 'Control Key + F key' to bring up a search box. Type in the last name, then the first name. The listing will appear highlighted in blue.

Reverse Number Lookup is just another way XIT tries to make our customers' lives more simple and convenient. The listings on the website are updated yearly after the XIT Regional Telephone Directory goes to print. Give it a try!

### 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**