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## 'We Care' Food Pantry Established In County

The three Catholic Churches in Castro County have established a food pantry. "We Care" food program is available for those residents in need of food assistance.

If you or someone you know could benefit from the program, contact one of the Catholic churches for an application.

All information and contacts will be kept confidential. Each church secretary can receive your completed form, or they can be sent to Holy Family Catholic Church, PO Box 100, Nazareth, TX 79063

In Hart and Dimmitt, contact Mary Chavez, secretary for St. John's Catholic Church (Hart) and Immaculate Conception Church (Dimmitt). Phone numbers for Chavez are 938-2936 (Hart office), 647-4219 (Dimmitt office), or the home number for Chavez, 938-2405.

## Despensionario de Comida 'Nos Importa' Establecido en el Condado

Las tres Iglesias Católicas del condado de Castro han establecido un Despensionario de comida. El programa de comida "Nos Importa" es para los residentes con necesidad de asistencia con comida.  
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## Retirement Party Set For Tom McLain

Tom McLain is retiring from Hart Auto & Supply and Jim Black Oil. There will be a casual come-and-go reception with coffee and donuts at Hart Auto on Thursday, July 31, from 8-10 a.m. You are invited.

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## Hart Days Home Is Where The 'Hart' Is

## Jerry And Edna Kittrell Are Hart Days Parade Marshals

By Neoma Williams

On the morning of Saturday, July 26, Jerry Kittrell won't be at his usual post on Broadway, that of Hart Days Parade announcer. Instead, he will be in the parade, along with wife Edna, as the 2014 Hart Days Parade Marshals.

Jerry and Edna have called Hart their home for many years.

Edna Jean (as she is called by those who have known her since she was a young girl), is the daughter of the late Judd and M.E. Davis, who were Okies when they moved to Hart. Before Edna was born, M.E. went to Holdenville, Okla., to be with her parents, and have her mother assist in the care of the newborn Edna. After a few weeks, Edna and her mother returned to Hart.

Jerry came to Hart in 1954 from Springlake. He entered Hart school in the seventh grade.

"I didn't like him until the eighth grade," Edna said laughingly. The two began dating as sophomores at Hart High School. Jerry is the son of the late O.C. (Dink) and Vasca Kittrell.

The two are 1959 graduates of Hart High School. After high school, Edna completed a hair styling course at Jessie Lee's in Lubbock, and her first job was working in a beauty shop in downtown Hart, owned by then Rue Smitherman.

Jerry and Edna were married in 1960. The next year, they moved to Tulia, where she worked in a hair salon, and Jerry

worked at Cooper Electronics. The couple next moved to Lubbock, where Jerry completed an electronics course at Draughn's Electronics.

In 1964, they returned to Hart and Jerry opened Kittrell Electronics in downtown Hart, where the office for *The Pulse* newspaper is housed. Later, Kittrell Electronics had a location in Dimmitt, which later included being a Radio Shack dealer. The Hart location was closed in 1968. In 2003, Jerry and Edna sold their business to Terry and Ann Wydick.

Jerry recalls two particular incidents at Hart during his electronics years. A married couple who lived north of Hart on a farm were notorious for their arguments. Jerry was called to their home to repair their TV, which was on the blink after a lightning storm. The husband blamed his wife, who, he said, refused to turn off the TV during the storm because she wanted to watch "Betty Boop." Jerry said he had to sit down on the floor behind the TV and laugh while listening to their argument. He brought the TV to his shop in Hart and repaired it.

The other incident resulted in injuries to Jerry. He had been called to the hired hand house for the late Roy and Helen Taack. The hired hand was attempting to defrost a refrigerator. Jerry discovered too late that instead of using air from an air compressor to defrost the fridge, the guy had picked up a tank

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**Jerry and Edna Kittrell**  
 2014 Hart Days Parade Marshals

with propane in it. His wife was in the kitchen frying chicken on a gas cooking range. An explosion resulted, causing Jerry to have burns to his arms and face; he was hospitalized for 13 days. The hired hand didn't receive serious injuries, and his wife and children had gone outside before the explosion.

Jerry enjoys gardening and raising goats. He likes to fish, but hasn't done much of that lately. Edna likes to work in her yard.

The couple has three daughters. Theresa is married to Marlin Marble and lives in Grand Island, Nebraska; they have a daughter. Ashley of Dallas, who works at Buckner Children's Home. Allston, their son, is a building engineer and lives in Houston with his wife Danica, and their son Jack.

Daughter Melissa is married to Rod Carpenter, and they live in Farwell. They have three children, Logan, Luke and Katy. Logan recently graduated from

Texas Tech and is manager of the Lubbock location of Torchy's Tacos. Luke is a student at Texas Tech and daughter Katy will be a junior at Farwell High School.

Daughter Gayla and husband Coy Myrick live in Hart and have two children, Kelby and Lance. Kelby married Brooks Brock this month, and is an elementary teacher in Plainview. Their son Lance is attending college and helping with the family business of farming.

Jerry and Edna are active members of First Baptist Church of Hart, where he has been a deacon for 30 years. Edna has taught Sunday School and helped with the Girls' Auxiliary (GA's). Both were involved in the Church youth program with their daughters.

Jerry has been a member of the Hart School Board, and is in the Hart Lions Club, serving as Boss Lion two years ago.

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