

## Group gets lots of help in search

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The number of volunteers who showed up Saturday and Sunday to help look for missing teen ager Joanna Rogers as tounded even the search's organizers.

About 500 people packed the parking lot at Xtreme Village, 1201 84th St., Saturday morning to search a 10-mile ra dius around Joanna's home. About 200 people participated Sunday.

"Oh, my goodness, we were just amazed," said Dana Ames of United Response Search and Rescue Team, the non-profit Dallas-area group that organized the weekend search.

Joanna was last seen about midnight May 3 after returning home from her job at Subway on 82nd Street and Akron Avenue. When her mother went to wake her up the next morning, she was gone.

An Amber Alert was issued May 6 by the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office. The 16-year-old is 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighs 125 pounds. She has long red hair.

Ames' group normally counts on between 70 and 200 people to help with searches, she said.

The massive group of volunteers led to some unexpected problems, such as insufficient parking.

The Xtreme Village parking lot filled up rapidly, and "because there was no place to park, we were having to turn people away," Ames said.

On the plus side, the sheer number of volunteers allowed authorities to accomplish more than expected.

"We were able to do three days of searching in one day," Ames said. "We were extremely pleased with how the search went."

The search allowed authorities to cover some areas that hadn't been inspected, sheriff's Lt. Cody Scott said.

However, Scott didn't anticipate mounting additional large-scale searches unless authorities receive a specific piece of information on Jo anna's location, he said.

Ames said her group would come back if requested.

Although the weekend's search didn't uncover any clues on what happened to Joanna, sheriff's deputies "now have a list of volunteers that could be called on at will," Ames said.

The Carole Sund/Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to Jo anna's safe return.

If Joanna's disappearance is deemed a crime, Gandy's Dairies has posted a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the suspect or suspects.

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