



**See Ya' At
Hart Days!**

Hart Auto & Supply

JIM BLACK OIL CO.



**Parade
begins at
10 a.m. on
Saturday.**

**Inflatables will
be ready for your
children's fun
after the parade.
Arm Bands sell
for \$10 for your
child to enjoy this
fun event.**

**Hart Economic Development
Corporation is sponsoring a
brisket and rib cook-off on
Saturday. Contact Vickie
Ethridge at 938-2183
for details.**



ED HARRIS LUMBER CO.



**Enjoy The Lions Club Parade
Saturday Morning.**

**Brown Crop
Insurance
Services, Inc.**



***The Beat
Goes On!***

As in the words of the old Sonny and Cher song, "The Beat Goes On," the tradition of Hart Days goes on. This is an important part of small town America. Towns like Hart are struggling for many reasons, including the absence of families of our pioneers. It's a balancing act for people of diversity to live together. While Hart's demographics have switched over the years, I think that those of us who really call Hart home have managed to make this transition work. It will require constant attention, however.

We must stay united! The days of the 1950s are gone—for some, this was a good time; for others, no. Don't fall victim to the ranting of some in our political world that we need to return to the 1950s and "Make America Great Again." America is great because of the changes in people's hearts. Ask people of color how well they were treated in the 1950s (and before and after for that matter); ask women how well they participated in equality. We don't want to return to Mad Men mentality.

I grew up in the 1950s and became a teenager in 1960 with the election of JFK. I have seen lots of change, and I think America is still a great place and has become more tolerant. Tolerance and eventual acceptance are good—ask minorities and women. I grew up in a Southern Baptist Church, which now includes minorities, albeit it is a small percentage compared to Anglo members. But, talk about change. Southern Baptists came about when Baptists split into Northerners and Southerners because of slavery. Imagine that! A Christian religious group that condoned slavery, but most current members have repudiated that ugly stance.

I urge you in the upcoming Presidential election to listen and read with an open mind—don't just find someone you agree with—read newspaper and magazine articles that tell you the whole truth. We cannot let someone as amoral and uninterested in learning the tenets of American and World history as Donald Trump become the President. Think NATO—it came about after WWII to help keep peace in the world, and it has been successful for its members. Remember WWI history and WWII—we don't want to return to that.

Neoma Williams

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