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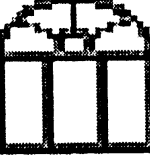


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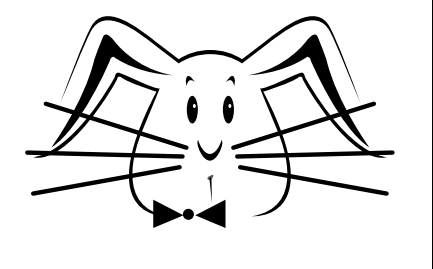
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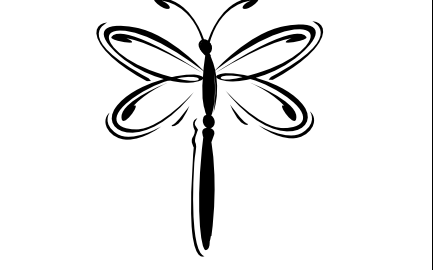
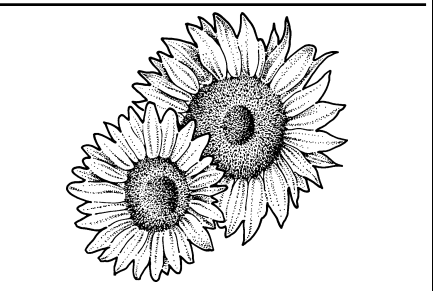
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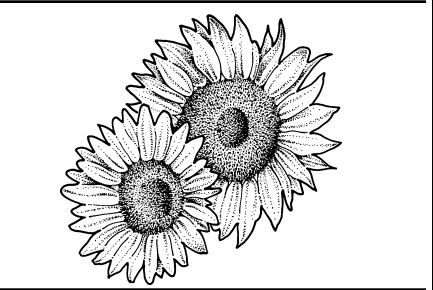
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Chanté and Morgan Quenzer watched as their cars raced against each other. Chanté's Lightning McQueen won in the Cubby's division of the Awanas Grand Prix on Saturday at the Goodland Bible Church.  
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## Racers of all ages get day at track

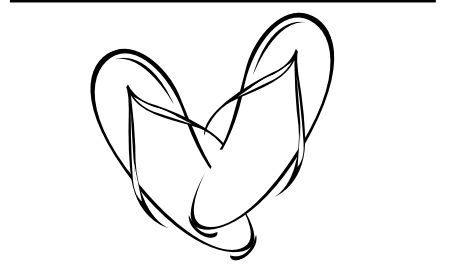
**By Pat Schiefen**  
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Vroom! Vroom! Vroom! Drivers start your engines.  
Youngsters and adults got a chance to race their handmade grand prix cars last Saturday at the Goodland Bible Church. Awanas, youth group, meets on Wednesdays and has been working on their cars since Thanksgiving.  
The cars came in every style from police cars, Batmobile, Lightning McQueen from the movie "Cars," a pencil, Barbie's car and others. The builders of the 44 cars ranged in age from preschool to seven adults.  
If anyone needed help they came an hour early to Awanas and an adult would help them cut out their car from the starting block of pine, said Chad DeJong, pastor of Goodland Bible Church. Each person had to sand, seal and paint their cars. The cars couldn't be longer than seven inches, wider than 2 3/4 inches and not taller than three inches. The maximum weight for the finished cars was five ounces. Graphite could

be used as a lubricant.  
The winners of each group were:  
•Sparky's (Kindergarten to second grade). First place was Katie Purvis, second Jacob Amack and third Kaileigh Sloan.  
•TNT (third to sixth). First place was Jacob Schnabel, second Raquel Tomsic and third Emily Purvis.  
•Trek (seventh to eighth). First place was Breanna Quenzer and second Jaron Ragels.  
•Cubbies (preschool). First place was Chanté Quenzer, second Morgan Quenzer and tied for third Bryson Ihrig and Logan Ihrig.  
•Adults. First place was Lee Ihrig, second Loren Schnabel and third Stan Purvis.  
The cars were also judged on design. The results were:  
•Sparky's. First place was Katie Purvis, second Jacob Amack and third Erica Hernandez.  
•TNT. First place was Makayla Kennedy, second Brooke Heinrich and Brevin Bergsma.  
•Adults. First place was Lee Ihrig, sec-

ond Mario Hernandez and third Todd Quenzer.  
The overall winner was Schnabel with a time of 3.13. The next fastest time was 3.19.  
Dejong said this is the first year for the grand prix.  
"Everyone really enjoyed the race and it had not been done here before," he said. It has been a part of Awanas program for some time.  
The race track was borrowed from the Mesa Hills Bible Church in Colorado Springs and was built by cadets at the Air Force Academy.  
"We started with 44 chairs and ended up with 70 chairs set up," DeJong said. "There were three to four grandparents who traveled a long way to watch."  
He said it helps when the cars are as close to five ounces as possible and have the weight in the front or middle of the car.  
DeJong said that Schnabel said he did not use graphite. He used something else and wasn't telling.



Brianna Quenzer (left photo) helped her little brother Morgan get his Batmobile to the starting gate of the track. Katie Purvis (above left) and Kaileigh Sloan anxiously waited to see how their cars run in their race. Purvis took first place in her age group.




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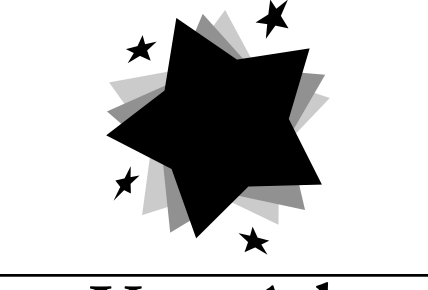
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