

AWANA clubbers race to the finish

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Cooper Goldenstein and Max Dirks hold their breath as they spot their cars coming down the track.

—Enterprise photo

A large crowd packed the house for race day as cars of all shapes and sizes turned out for the annual AWANA Grand Prix last Sunday, March 4 at the Phillips County Event Center.

A special track and computer system allowed kids, family and friends to cheer for their cars as they whizzed by and the calculated time was displayed on the screen. Trophies were presented for both speed awards and design awards.



Winners in the AWANA Grand Prix are pictured from left, front row, Abbie Dille, Karlie Martin, Caden Sporhase, Rory Schneller and Cooper Goldenstein; and back row, Nick Ferguson, Ally Bohlender, Rylan Worley, Jesse Vasa, Reghan Worley, Rylee Schneller, Ethan Schneller and Max Dirks.

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In the Sparks division (grades K-2), Ethan Schneller took first place followed by Caden Sporhase in second and Max Dirks in third.

Rylee Schneller's car claimed first place in the T&T group (grades 3-6). Jesse Vasa came in second with Ally Bohlender placing third.

The final speed category combined the open division and the preschool-aged Cubbies. Rory Schneller took first place, Abbie Dille second and Nick Ferguson third.

One girl and one boy in Sparks and T&T were awarded the design trophies for their colorful, creative grand prix cars. Sparks winners were Karlie Martin and Cooper Goldenstein, and T&T winners were Reghan Worley and Rylan Worley.

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