

# Pinewood Derby 'the highlight of the year'

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A block of wood, four nails and four wheels made dreams a reality for 20 Cub Scouts, ages eight to 10, at the Pinewood Derby.

In its sixth year at Boring School, the Derby has

become "the highlight of the year," according to Andy Anderson, scout master.

Anderson has coordinated the Derby since it first began in Boring.

An electronically controlled track, which slopes and is 55 feet long, supports five race cars at a time.

Each racer is monitored by electric sensors that pinpoint the winner to the split second.

For two months the boys have planned for the big Derby. They received the car kits as Christmas gifts from Boy Scout Pack 707.

There are a few rules to

follow when building a racer.

Parents are allowed to help assist their sons in their creation by cutting and carving, but the majority of the time spent on the car had to be completed by the scouts themselves.

Individual cars were not to be made more than two and three-quarters inches wide, seven inches in length and five ounces in weight.

Details such as steering wheels, painting and decals are permissible but were not to exceed certain specifications. The car had to be "free wheeling," with no starting devices.

Winners of each race were scored and tallied. The winners raced their counterparts until they were narrowed down to six finalists.

Jean Mosser, secretary-treasurer, said that the boys really become excited about the event.

She said, "The kids love it—absolutely. It gives them something to look forward to."

All cars are screened prior to the race for specifications.

"We want to give every boy an equal chance," Anderson said. "A lot of time and effort goes into this."

The six finalists will compete in district at

Multnomah Kennel Club Estacada.

Over 200 Cub Scouts are expected to attend from the Thunderbird District, which includes Gresham, Boring, Sandy and

Winners include Tom Croft, 8, 1st; Luke Scheuler, 8, 2nd; Duane Toyooka, 9, 1st; Eric Reynolds, 9, 2nd; Wes Stevens, 10, 1st; Darrell Anderson, 10, 2nd. Design trophies: Corey Anderson, Mike Dugger and Ben Hager.



Boring Cub Scouts race cars during the Pinewood Derby.

Photo by Gwen Bogh

## Kuchta enlists in Air Force

Anthony J. Kuchta, son of Joseph and Christel Kuchta, 21360 Firwood Road, Sandy, enlisted in the United States Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program (DEP) Jan. 15, according to SSgt Dan Baker, the local Air Force recruiter.

Kuchta, who will graduate this year from Sandy Union High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force July 14.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six-

week basic training course, he will receive further training in his chosen

career field in the general aptitude area.

He will be earning his

credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and other Air Force technical training schools.

## Colby Ray Summer born

David and Beverly Summer of Brightwood announced the birth of Colby Ray.

He was born Dec. 16, weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces. He was 21 inches long.

Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. R. Richard Summer, Lanham, Maryland, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Searls, Boring.

Mrs. A.C. Cooper of Lorain, Ohio, is a great grandmother.

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