And More Happenings

Pictured above are some of the winning cars at the Pinewood Derby-style event which raised nearly $800.

Race raises money for rifle pit

The recent Pine Car Derby Races raised nearly $800 for restoration of the historic rifle pit at Caswell Beach.

Christy Fox, finance officer for the Town of Caswell Beach, organized and ran the day-long event held at the Caswell Dunes clubhouse last month.

"It was a fun event and everyone is ready to do it again, although we will need a bigger area for sure," Fox said.

Town staffers Joy Guinn and Chad Hicks assisted, as did Caswell Beach commissioners Marti Hardy and Deborah Ahlers.

The racers used a Boy Scouts of America track and sold car kits. Some participants brought in model cars that were built more than three decades ago.

The race was part of an ongoing effort to restore the World War I-era target range pit that borders Oak Island Golf Course. The pit was once a part of the larger Fort Caswell complex.

Three-year-old Henry Herstine, assisted by grandfather Ronnie Ratliffe, took the grand prize for the fastest car.

Other winners were:

Business — 1. Foxly Photography, 2. Yaupon Fire Department. 3. Mr. Rooter Plumbing of Cape Fear.

Individuals — 1. Sydney Fox, 2. Daisy Hicks, 3. Drew Fisher.

Adult — 1. Ronnie Ratliffe, 2. Sherry Ratliffe, 3. Brittany Boose.

Family — 1. Henry Herstine, 2. Bogan Herstine, 3.Emma Snapp.

Youth — 1. Luckas McHarg, 2. Ella McHarg.

No Go All Show — 1. Yaupon Fire Department, 2. Bo Boose, 3. Sydney Fox.

Overall fastest cars (each category racing against each other) — 1. Henry Herstine, 2. Foxly Photography, 3. Sydney Fox.