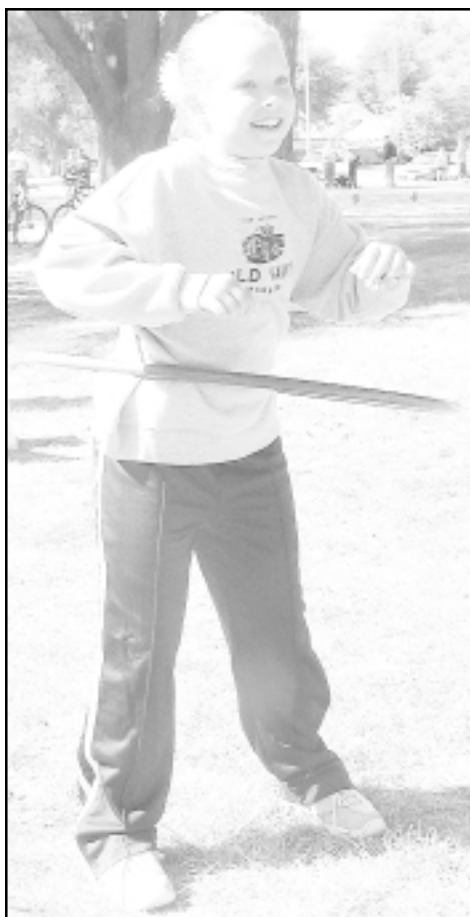




Gary Schlosser, owner of Schlosser Concrete, helped kick off the 6th annual Sunflower Festival on Saturday at Chambers Park with a ping-pong ball race down Center Avenue. He tossed the numbered balls around in a cement mixer and then let them loose on the street. The Goodland High School Band raised \$900 off the contest to help pay for a trip to the Alamo Bowl.



Cassidi Hickson (above), 2, played on the see-saw at the park's playground after being a contestant in the Sunflower Princess contest. She didn't seem to mind that she didn't win the tiara. Jade Herl (right), 9, spun a hula-hoop around her waist for 3 minutes and 48 seconds, but it wasn't good enough, as the winner had a time over 53 minutes.



# Sunflower Festival

*Event has successful 6th year and keeps growing*



Adrienne West (above), 12, competed in the balloon car races, while Jo Simmons (left), festival coordinator for the Chamber, and Michael Smith, 13, stumbled to the finish line in the three-legged race.



**Photos by Rachel Miscall**

Erin Fulton, 7, painted her version of a sunflower on a huge canvas at the Carnegie Arts Center set up. Many children and adults took turns creating the sunflower field painting, which will be displayed at the center.