

OM teaches teamwork

Great minds made for great fun Saturday as 170 teams of students gathered at Rochester Adams High School for the fourth Odyssey of the Mind Region 12 competition.

More than 100 people volunteered their time to put on the meeting of the minds at Adams High, a new host school. Volunteers served as judges, hall monitors, door keepers and in many other positions. Region director this year was Chris Heck.

Teams meet now competitors at each level of competition. Categories teams select and their problem captains are as follows:

1. Ballooney cars (Theresa Fougno) — Teams design, build and run three small cars that will break moving and stationary balloons.
2. OMerdroid (Rob Guy) — Teams create and present a humorous performance that includes an OMerdroid that has physical human features and imitates human actions.
3. Can you dig it (Michelle Heck) — Teams create and present a performance about archaeology that includes four team-made artifacts and a team member who portrays an archaeologist.
4. Double trouble (Glenn Will) — Teams design, build and test one structure that is made up of two balsa wood and glue structures. One is a beam designed to bridge a gap. The other is a load bearing structure designed to rest on the beam structure and balance weights.

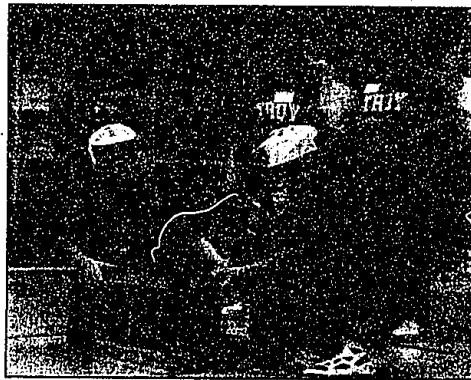
5. Heroic proportions (Sue Hoffman) — Teams create and present a humorous performance that includes a character that has one or more out-of-proportion characteristics, allowing it to do something better than it otherwise could.

- Primary — The Good News (Jennifer Hupfer) — Teams create and present a television news broadcast that includes three "positive" news stories.

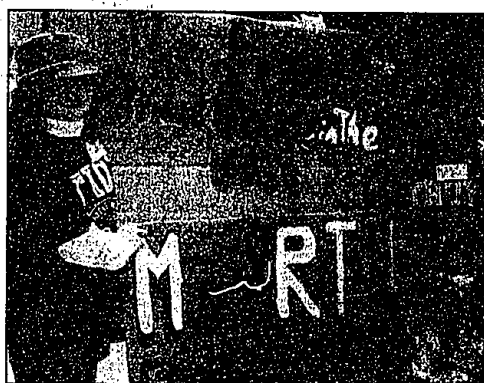


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Mindful judge: Even the judges got into the action at Saturday's Odyssey of the Mind as Deidre Dannecker (above) watches the Ballooney competition. Julie Pannuto (foreground, below) of Van Hoosen Middle School in Rochester plays the part of a pig in the 'Heroic Proportions' challenge. A partner in the fun is Brian Hosler (rear).



Weighty problem: Preparing to see how much weight their structure can withstand are Troy's Martell Elementary School students Jessica Bauer (lower left), Zachary Barnely (lower right), Rachel Granneman (upper left) and Bert Alexanian (upper right).



School pride: Caitlin Ryninger (left) and Rachel Granneman of Martell Elementary School in Troy show their school pride. The girls participated in a Region XII Odyssey of the Mind team designing, building, and testing a bridge structure.

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