

Keeping It Complicated

Students at Holy Rosary School were under pressure to perform Thursday night during the school's annual Rube Goldberg project demonstration. Seventh grade students displayed their colorful Rube Goldberg machines to fellow students, teachers and families, while science teacher Mike Montanari looked on with his grade book. Every year, Montanari assigns his 7th graders the task of creating their own Rube Goldberg machines and then proving their machines can pass an intricate test of requirements. A Rube Goldberg machine (named after the American cartoonist and inventor) is a deliberately complex contraption in which a series of devices that perform simple tasks are linked together to produce a domino effect, where activating one device triggers the next device in the sequence. Holy Rosary students had to use basic items found around their homes to construct their machines, with no electricity, wind-up toys, or pre-assembled toy sets allowed.





