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### **Goodyear 5th-grade 'Mind' team competes**

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Palm Valley Elementary's fifth-grade Odyssey of the Mind team will participate in the state competition in Tucson on Saturday. The team placed first in a regional competition earlier this month.

Allison Fournier, fifth-grade social studies teacher, is the Odyssey sponsor. Team members are Emma Fournier, Jessica Graham, Meaghan Maxwell, Matthew McCaskill, Jake Schotter, Cassidy Urban and Kyle Wellman,

At the regionals, the team also got the Ranatra Fusca creativity award. The team used a "time machine" to move through different periods and worlds.

### **Women's art exhibit at EMCC**

An art exhibit, "Cover Girls: Women Breaking Through the Glossy Page," is featured at Estrella Mountain Community College through March 31 as part of Women's History Month.

Showcasing the art of Peter Bugg, this exhibit is displayed in Estrella and Komatke halls on the EMCC campus, 3000 N. Dysart Road in Avondale. The opening celebration includes an art walk and dessert reception from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. Details: 623-935-8055.

### **UTI honored for donating blood**

America Segura from Universal Technical Institute in Avondale was among the top 1 percent of award-winning blood drive coordinators recently honored by United Blood Services, earning a Hero Award for providing the largest impact on the blood supply.

Universal Technical Institute also received the award for the highest number of Power Red donations in the state, recruiting 749 donors to give double red cell donations.

