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### **Ferris Hosts Regional Rube Goldberg Machine Contest**

BIG RAPIDS – The Granger Center for Construction and HVACR on Ferris State University’s campus will be filled with aspiring engineers Saturday, Feb. 27. An annual tradition for Ferris to host the Rube Goldberg Machine Contest, the competition has now grown to include a battle for high school students.

Competing high schools include Brandywine, Clare/Gladwin ISD, East Jordan and Mackinaw City. The task for high schoolers is the same as for Ferris’ team: Dispense an appropriate amount of hand sanitizer into a hand.

The Ferris Rube team, consisting of seniors Mike Dunakin of Grand Rapids and Kyle Hebner of Oscoda, and sophomore Bryan Williams of Lupton, will be uncontested for a shot at the national competition being held at Purdue University in March (when?). Since January, the team has been busy building two machines, one in Japan where they broke their previous world record for most steps to complete a task and the one they will run at the regional competition.

The competition is named after Reuben Garret L. Goldberg, co-founder and president of the American National Cartoonist Society. One of the most famous cartoonists in history, Goldberg earned lasting fame for his Rube Goldberg machines – machines that perform simple tasks in exceedingly complex ways.

The day begins at 10 a.m. with the Ferris Rube team. The high school competition will commence at 1 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

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