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This is a press release highlighting the stamp cancellation event that will be a part of Ferris State University's 125th anniversary celebration. Attached is an image of what the stamp will look like. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact Sandy Gholston at (231) 591-2021.



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### **Special Postal Service Event Highlights Ferris 125th**

BIG RAPIDS – For those who have a nice letter they have been waiting to send to a special someone, there will be a unique event that will allow people to send off that letter, save a little hassle and help commemorate the 125th year of Ferris State University.

The Big Rapids branch of the United States Postal Service is holding a special and rare stamp cancellation event for Ferris and Big Rapids community members on the University's Founders' Day, Thursday, Sept. 3. Community members are encouraged to bring stamped letters or postcards to have them sent off to friends or loved ones during an event set to take place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Ferris' Campus Quad. Whether its letters, cards or bills to be paid, stamped letters can be mailed with a historic and rare stamp to commemorate the founding of Ferris State University 125 years ago by Woodbridge N. Ferris and Helen Gillespie Ferris.

Individuals can have a maximum of 50 items stamped. Beyond the limit of 50, items may be canceled at a rate of five cents apiece (up to 1,000).

“Stamp cancellation events are important in a community,” said Postmaster Darrel J. Kordie, of the Big Rapids branch of the U.S. Postal Service, who is finishing the final preparations to make sure the stamp cancellation event is a success. “It’s always an honor when you can have a stamp cancellation like this for us and for the community.”

According to Kordie, the special artwork for the event was custom made by Ferris Senior Graphic Designer Al Williams. Once designed, the stamp cancellation artwork was approved and the stamps were provided for use.

Individuals participating in the stamp cancellation can mail a letter or a postcard with any of the four custom-designed caches available for purchase with the commemorative cancellation postmark depicting the Ferris seal. The custom-designed stamp reads “125th Anniversary” and has “Founders' Day Station” printed on it with “Big Rapids, Michigan 49307” and the date “September 3, 2009” as part of the artwork.

Interested collectors are encouraged to visit the USPS Web site for ordering information by logging onto <http://www.usps.com/cpim/ftp/bulletin/2009/pb22266/pdf/pb22266.pdf> and checking out page 54.



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