



**PRESS RELEASE: Ferris to Celebrate Founders' Day Activities on Sept . 1**

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Included below is a press release reminder regarding the Founders' Day activities taking place at Ferris State University on Sept. 1. Any questions about Founders' Day activities can be directed to Sandy Gholston, interim assistant director of News Services.

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Ferris State University is set to showcase its history as part of Founders' Day Celebration activities on Thursday, Sept. 1 from 3 to 7 p.m. on the Campus Quad.

Founders' Day is the annual time for students, faculty, staff and the community to come together and celebrate founders Woodbridge and Helen Gillespie Ferris and their contributions to what is today known as Ferris State University. Public event activities include an ice cream social, music, a giant laser tag arena, racing, bungee run, bouncy boxing, stone hands, a raffle at 6:30 p.m. and other fun activities for participants as Ferris celebrates 127 years.

In case of rain, Founders' Day events will be moved indoors to the Student Recreation Center.

As part of Founders' Day Celebration, Ferris' History Task Force will dedicate a new stained glass window in the Ferris Mausoleum in Highland View Cemetery in Big Rapids. The stained glass window replaces a pane broken by vandals in the 1970s.

For the first time, the resting place of Woodbridge, Helen and their sons, Phelps Fitch and Carleton Gillespie, will be showcased as part of an open house from 2 to 4 p.m.

Ferris President David L. Eisler and stained glass artist Richard Hanley, of Omnibus Studios Inc., will offer remarks at the mausoleum beginning at 2 p.m. In addition, History Task Force members plan to open the mausoleum to the public as Ferris celebrates its 127th anniversary.

For more about Woodbridge Ferris, visit:  
<http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/news/founder/>

Here is a story on the open house for the mausoleum:  
<http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/news/archive/2011/august/founders.htm>

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