



Gifford - Hood engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gifford announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Dana Leigh Gifford, to Mr. Justin Michael Hood, son of Mrs. Jan Hood and the late Mr. Michael Hood.

Dana is a 2004 graduate of Fruitport High School and a 2008 graduate of Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Applied Arts degree. She is currently employed by Waypoint Sales in Grand Haven.

Justin, a 2002 graduate of Spring Lake High School, is currently employed by Bekins Audio and Appliance in Grand Haven.

The wedding is planned for May 22, 2010. •

Truer words were never spoken

(Courtesy, NOCCOA Monthly Highlights as submitted by Don Krukoswki)

A friend of mine opened his wife's drawer and picked up a silk paper wrapped package. "This," he said, "isn't any ordinary package." He unwrapped the box and stared at both the silk paper and the box. She got this the first time we went to New York eight or nine years ago. She has never put it on, saving it for a special occasion. Well, I guess this is it.

He got near the bed and placed the gift box next to the other clothing he was taking to the funeral home. His wife had just died. He turned to me and said, "Never save something for a special occasion. Every day in your life is a special occasion."

I still think those words changed my life. Now I read more and clean less. I sit on the porch without worrying about anything. I spend more time with my family and less at work. I understand that life should be a source of experiences to be lived up to, not survived through. I no longer keep anything. I use crystal glasses every day. I'll wear new clothes to go to the supermarket if I feel like it. I don't save my special perfume for special occasions; I use it whenever I want to.

The words "Someday" and "One day" are fading away from my dictionary. If it's worth seeing, listening to or doing, I want to see, listen to or do it now.

I don't know what my friend's wife would have done if she knew she wouldn't be here the next morning. This, nobody can tell. I think she might have called her relatives and close friends. She might call old friends to make peace over past quarrels. I'd like to think she would go out for Chinese, her favorite food.

It is these small things that I would regret not doing if I knew my time had come. Each day, each hour, each minute is special. Live for today for tomorrow is promised to no one. •

Scrapbook/crafters sought

(Submitted by Julee Brown)

Anyone interested is welcome to join our small group of dedicated scrapbook/crafters as we spend time working on various projects. We meet once a month on a Friday evening from 6 p.m. to midnight. We supply soft drinks and water. All we ask is for you to donate \$5 to the designated group and a small snack to share.

Meeting dates will be January 15 to benefit after school programs and March 12 benefiting field trips for everyone.

There is no need to register. Just come to Edgewood Elementary's cafeteria and ask for Julee. Please call Shelia at 231-865-3171 (extension 1047) if you have any questions. •

Tri-Cities Unity Golf Classic winners announced

(Submitted by Saint Mary's Parish School)

The 14th annual Tri-Cities Unity Golf Classic was held August 13, 2009 at the Grand Haven Golf Course. Monies raised from the event go to support Catholic education in the Tri-Cities.

Winners for the men's division are Jamie Roberge, Andy Zorn, Todd Robinson and Tim Taylor. Women's team members Nancy Laferriere, Carol Schollar, Linda Zolman and Janet Harestad captured first place in their division.

Additional raffle prizes were awarded, including a kayak, a television, Notre Dame tickets and high school and college-themed gear. •

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Wednesday & Thursday – December 16th and 17th
6:00pm to 8:00pm

Fruitport VFW and Englewood Farms
(Airline at Sheridan Road)

**** THE OFFICIAL TREE LIGHTING WILL BE WEDNESDAY AT 6:00PM ****

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- View Decorated Christmas Trees on Display
- Hay Rides
- Hot Chocolate and Chili



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Don't miss his arrival at 6:30. He'll be listening
to your Christmas wishes until 7:30.



Christmas Carols sung around the fire by
Edgewood Elementary's 5th grade class on Wednesday
&
Fruitport's Middle & High School on Thursday



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Questions, call 231-865-6370.