

# The Voice of a Lee

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## Council Corner

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With the testing of the lagoon system complete the council decided that more damage would be caused by trying to clean the lagoons than by waiting until they are at the level where they really need cleaning. The matter of cleaning the storm sewers was also discussed and the village will be contacting the Monroe County Drain Commission to use their Vac truck to clean them out. Also discussed was the clean-up process needed from the fire at the old “Maybee Hotel”.

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### **The Fire of 2010**

100 years ago the West side of Raisin Street was destroyed by the big Maybee fire. This was the section of Raisin where Liedel Funeral home and the Village Hall now stand. Tuesday fire destroyed the old Maybee Hotel on the East side of Raisin. This was probably the oldest building in Maybee dating back over 130 years. It really hurts to see part of the history of a small town destroyed. To the families that lived there we are truly sorry.

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### **The Library Table**

**734-587-3680**

**Now with free Wi-Fi**

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### Preschool Storytime

**Mondays @ 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM & Fridays @ 10:30 - 11:30**

Preschool Storytime is intended for kids ages 3 years to 5 years. This program offers stories, songs, movement activities, art experiences, and fun each week.

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## When I was a Kid growing up in Maybee.....by Marjorie Van Auker

When I was a kid growing up in Maybee, I learned to enjoy, at a very early age, the simple pleasures of life. At the time, I didn't realize their enduring value, but as I matured, I began gathering, in the deep recesses of my memory, a collection of the small everyday occurrences that brought me comfort and pleasure throughout the years. All this popped back into my mind recently when my grandson, Little Rob, 19 months old at the time of this writing, toddled to my pantry door and waited for a treat. He smacked his pacifier down onto the floor with great force, tucked his chubby little hands behind his back and waited with great anticipation for.....a soda cracker....lo-fat, at that! And that started me remembering...

When I was small and stayed overnight with my grandparents (John and Mary Rupp) in their little farm house on Stewart Road, I loved waking up on summer mornings to a cool breeze blowing across my face from the open window. On the breeze came the scent of pink roses that were climbing up the trellis right outside that window. I could hear the rooster in the chicken coop crowing his greeting to the new day just as the mantle clock in the living room bonged a very early hour. And if those weren't *enough* simple pleasures...Grandma was frying potatoes for breakfast and I could hear the sound of the sizzle and smell the aroma. Put all those together and I felt happy and secure in my childhood world. Those things were my "soda crackers".

I recall a few years ago when my mom had her *third* hip replacement. It was a long, grueling, worrisome surgery for her. When the day finally ended with her back in the hospital room following a long stint in recovery, she was drained of energy. And she asked the nurse to please bring her a cup of tea. The nurse complied and when a small styrofoam cup, with the wet string and tag plastered to its side, was placed in Mom's hands, she closed her eyes, took a sip and sighed deeply with relief from the simple comfort it gave her. That was her "soda cracker" that day.


I've lived in Maybee my whole life and I still enjoy the simple pleasures of small town rural life that I've experienced many times over. I look forward to that first crisp day of autumn when the furnace clicks on for the first time. I can always "smell" that initial blast of heat after the furnace has been off all summer. It's doubly pleasurable if I happen to be standing near the heat vent and feel the welcome warmth against my legs. How many times have I looked out my windows to catch the peachy pink light that floods the yard and street after a spectacular sunset...it's fleeting but it always stops me in my tracks to watch it. Likewise I've watched many a Michigan blizzard swirling outside my windows as the wind bangs against the glass and I experience that moment of feeling secure and warm and safe. I love the rustle of the dry leaves as Halloween-ers traipse through them as they cross the yard to my door...the smell and sound of the mill, sometimes running day and night through the height of harvest season... the ball being clanked by the aluminum bat followed by cheering coming from the ball park...the bell at St. Joseph's Church ringing nine, twelve, three and six o'clock hours, often followed by the chimes playing a hymn (which stops me again to listen)...and the sound of the first birds chirping at 430am as they realize a new day is soon to dawn. These are but a few of those simple pleasures...those soda cracker moments...that give me great comfort, cost nothing and only require that I notice them. Everyone has his own collection of simple pleasures...we should never ignore those moments but value them highly because they are fleeting. I recently ran across this little verse printed, of all places, on a roll of paper towels:

"It's the simple joys, the simple pleasures, the heart remembers and deeply treasures."

May you never lose the anticipation of the moment and may your life be filled with "soda cracker moments" just as mine has been since I was a kid... growing up in Maybee.


# MAYBEE DAY 2010

JUNE 12th — SATURDAY 9 AM—5 PM DOWNTOWN MAYBEE, MI




**Barker's Trading Post**  
All-Day Flea Market


PARADE 10 A.M.




Carriage Rides



**Barker's Trading Post** Cake, Pie & Cookie Auction




Rock Climbing Wall  
Air Bounce  
Kids Games



**Baby Contest**  
Open to children 3 years old and younger who live within a five mile radius of the Village of Maybee  
First Prize: \$50 SAVINGS BOND donated by:  
**Citizen's Bank**



PETTING ZOO



## Crafters


• Raisin Valley Blue Grass  
• Floral City Harmonizers  
• Cottonwood Cloggers  
• Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Live Entertainment



**Local Area Schools PIZZA EATING CONTEST**

Cheer for your local school!  
Pizza from **Pitt Stop Pizza**.  
Contest held in **Barker's Auction Barn**.  
\$50 Prize will go to the Athletic Department of the winning school.  
**\$50 Prize donated by B.M.F. WELDING & FABRICATING**



**COOKIE BAKE-OFF** Two Categories: ADULT & CHILD

Provide 6 cookies for judging plus one dozen more for the auction. Include recipe for all components. Entries must be made from scratch and from edible products only. Entries judged on the following criteria: **Taste, appearance & originality**. Judging conducted by team of professional chefs.  
**\$25 Prize for each category. Sponsored by: MAYBEE FARMERS, INC.**




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Maybe Farmers Inc. — MJD Water Hauling  
Pit Stop Pizza — Maybe Day Committee

**Library Book Sale**



**Exeter Historical Society Bake Sale**



**Jaws-of-Life Demonstration**