

# The Village of Maybee

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## Council Corner

Residents of the Village Court sub-division were at the council meeting with their concerns about the curb condition on Antes Drive. Questions were also raised about the maintenance of the common areas of the sub-division. Council approved the upgrade of the village phone and internet service to keep pace with the demand for more high speed service. The revised zoning ordinance was presented and should be voted on at next months council meeting. The council also approved a proclamation making the month of May Motorcycle Awareness month.

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## The Library Table

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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.

### Pizza and Pages-- Maybee Branch Library

**Event Type:** Book Clubs **Age Group(s):** Teen **Date:** 4/19/2011

**Start Time:** 6:00 PM **End Time:** 7:00 PM

**Description:** Bring the book you are reading, talk about it, eat some pizza and then talk some more! Ages 13 and up! **Library:** Maybee Branch Library Pizza and Pages--Maybee Branch Library

### Mothers Day Craft

**Event Type:** Arts & Crafts **Age Group(s):** Children **Date:** 5/7/2011

**Start Time:** 11:30 AM **End Time:** 12:30 PM

**Description:** Show your Mother how much you care! Come over and join us as we make crafts for those amazing Moms in our lives! Materials will be provided, registration is required!

### Lego Building!--Maybee Branch Library

**Event Type:** General **Age Group(s):** All Ages **Date:** 5/14/2011

**Start Time:** 12:00 PM **End Time:** 1:30 PM

**Description:** Let your imagination run wild! Legos will be provided. **Library:** Maybee Branch

**The Maybee Day committee will be meeting April 21<sup>st</sup> at the village hall. Under the leadership of Mark Drouliard and Larry Richardson, the event should be bigger and better than before. Remember that this year it will be on May 21.**

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## **Maybee Day Baby Contest Sign-up**

**Maybee Branch Library**

**April 18 from 4 pm till 8 pm**

**April 23 from 9 am till 2 pm**

**babies 3 and younger within 5 miles  
of the village may enter**

**First prize \$50.00 savings bond**

**must have a picture to leave** (may be picked up later)

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The Village of Maybee web site is being updated to be more user friendly. Check out [maybeevillage.com](http://maybeevillage.com) and let us know what you think. If you have a problem using it call the village hall at 734-587-2900

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat Monroe has big plans and we need you to help! We plan on building 3 new homes this summer; we are currently working on a number of renovations and plan to complete additional renovations this summer! In order to maintain the construction schedule and complete these homes we need approximately 100 volunteers per week!

No skills are required and tools are provided!

All volunteer work directly with a construction supervisor or crew leader. These people will carefully train and lead volunteers to complete necessary tasks.

Volunteers are needed every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Sign up for one day or several days, we would love to have you!! Volunteers are also needed in the Monroe ReStore, Monday-Saturday. Tasks include cashiering, cleaning and organizing merchandise and helping customers. If you are interested in volunteering contact Christina at (734)243-2048 or [cmcnally@habitatmonroemi.org](mailto:cmcnally@habitatmonroemi.org). You can also go to [www.habitatmonroemi.org](http://www.habitatmonroemi.org), click on the blue "Volunteer Now" button, there you can view and sign up all available volunteer opportunities! We look forward to meeting you!

## **When I was a Kid growing up in Maybee.....by Marjorie VanAuker**

When I was a kid growing up in Maybee, it was the eve of the fast-food era. I remember my dad (Carl Rupp) driving us all the way to Melvindale to be treated to White Castle hamburgers (known as 'sliders' today and quite small). I could put away seven of them...plus a Big Orange...with no problem even at a young age. When a new hamburger place appeared on the scene, made famous by its neon Golden Arches, we went to Lincoln Park for the pleasure of balancing our steaming hot double cheeseburgers and out-of-the-world skinny fries on our laps and eating in the car. Their sign boasted that they'd already sold over 100,000 hamburgers!( I hear they are still doing quite well....)

Those were the days when eating out was *really* a treat and something families did infrequently. Now fast-food is an everyday solution to busy life-styles and easy to obtain. But picture Telegraph Road in the '50s' and early '60's without Arby's, McDonald's, Wendy's, Burger King, White Castle, KFC, Tim Horton's, the new Sonic, umpteen pizza places and submarine shops...and while we're at it...Meijer, Wal-Mart, all the strip malls, GFS, Lowe's, etc, etc. and you have a picture of the Telegraph Road of my youth. It was a vast wasteland of undeveloped property. There were three restaurants: The Little Dixie (now Grandes Lagos) which actually *was little* then, prior to it's additions, the Monroe Diner (now Shottenheimer's/ Irish Schnitzel) and a small restaurant located at the corner of Stewart and Telegraph where a bank now stands. I don't recall the restaurant's name but I do remember eating there only once and the food was *pretty bad* to say the least. So treats and eating 'out' required some creativity!

Actually, 'eating out' was taken quite literally! I remember Sunday afternoons when my mom (Esther Rupp) would take the day's dinner right from the oven, wrap it up in lots of dish towels, put a home-baked pie in a carrier, grab the picnic basket and we'd 'eat out' in a park. The park of our destination might be in the Irish Hills or the Ann Arbor area, which for me was waaaay too far away when I was hungry and smelling the roaster of chicken or beef roast setting snugly against my feet on the floor of the backseat!

Dad was also a great one to experiment with 'cooking out'. He 'perfected' blackened chicken and fish. It always makes me chuckle when I see blackened foods on the menus of very classy restaurants today. Dad's blackened foods were always accidental! Quite often when I was a kid, we ordered 'take-out' ... from the local churches and V.F.W. when they had fund-raising dinners. Since my parents were in business, we usually couldn't attend the Friday or Saturday night events in person so we'd order a carry-out. I'll never forget the fantastic fried fish, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw and lemon meringue pie from St. Paul's Lutheran Church delivered on real china, in a basket...all of which we returned later to the proper owners. Another favorite of mine was eating delectable pies, cakes and ice cream 'out under the stars' at the local church ice cream socials.

When it came to simpler treats, I suffered little. Maybe kids in my era didn't get 'Happy Meals'

or pizza every Friday night...but we had some pretty neat stuff! Grandmothers could do *anything* with graham crackers...a staple in every pantry. Mine would take a Queen Anne vanilla drop, put it on a graham cracker, warm the cracker in the oven and 'put a lid on it' (another cracker) and we grandkids would have her homemade version of S'mores. (I *still* do this whenever I find vanilla drops. I made them for my daughter when she was growing up and will make them for my grandson, too.) The Gramlich kids'...Larry, Sandy, Al and Dan's... grandmother, Frances Gramlich, used to make ice cream sandwiches with a scoop of ice cream pressed between two graham crackers which she served to us kids playing under the big shade trees in her front yard on the corner of Main St. and Blue Bush Rd. (Her house is occupied by Larry and Terri Gramlich who have now raised their family there.) I was lucky enough to be a recipient of a few of those sandwich treats.

My dad made home-made ice cream, at least once a summer, with the old hand-cranked ice cream freezer. And popcorn, made in a real popper with heat and oil, then salted and buttered to perfection, was a frequent Saturday night treat in winter. That aroma of popping corn was intoxicating! And it still lingered in the house the next day! A Saturday night treat on hot, summer nights would often be ice-cold watermelon kept frigid in Dad's ice house at the gas station. He'd bring it home with him when he closed up at 9 o'clock. The rind would be so crisp, it 'cracked' loudly when Dad cut into it.

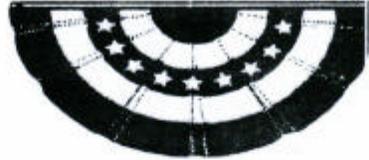
No doubt about it, our world today offers so much, we are overwhelmed with choices and availability. Variety! New amazing combinations of flavors! Atmosphere! Abundance! Where to eat? What to get? Yet, sometimes, I would give *anything* to go back and spend a day, reliving the simpler pleasures, such as these of my childhood... when I was a kid growing up in Maybee.

# MAYBEE DAY 2011

MAY 21st - SATURDAY 9 AM to 5 PM (parade at 10 AM) MAYBEE, MI



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



**Barker's Trading Post**

Cake, Pie & Cookie Auction  
11 AM



Rock Climbing Wall  
Air Bounce  
Kids Games



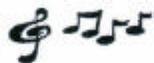
Wagon Rides

**PETTING ZOO**



*Crafters*

**Live Entertainment**

- "Benny & the Bricks"
- "Broken" 
- "Ian Darling"
- "Floral City Harmonizers"

**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

**HORSEBACK RIDES**



**Motorcycles** 

**Antique Tractor Display**

**Car Display** 

**Maybee Library Book Sale**



**Exeter Historical Society Bake Sale**



**WATER BALL EXETER FIRE & RESCUE**



**Maybee Day Sponsors**

Banas Lumber & Hardware - Barker's Trading Post  
BMF Welding & Fabricating - Citizen's Bank  
Country Auto Sales - Don's Tire, Battery & Lube  
Little Brown Jug - Maybee BP - Maybee Farmers Inc.  
MJD Water Hauling - On A Wire LLC - Pit Stop Pizza  
Stoneco Maybee Quarry - Maybee Day Committee

**Jaws-of-Life Demonstration**  
LMR Fire Department

**Dog Demonstrations**



