

The Village of Maybee

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Council Corner

The first hour of the council meeting was used to discuss the proposed new business on Sam Taormina's property on Bluebush Road. With all the questions answered the application should be submitted by the next council meeting. Progress is moving forward on the road paving project and the cement curbing should be complete the week of the 15th. The milling and resurfacing will be started shortly after. The intersection of Bluebush and Raisin will be left undone till after Labor day when the contractor doing the Streetscape will take over. The intersection will be concrete and not asphalt and will require a longer curing time. The new streetlights, trash containers and sidewalk work will also be started after Labor day.

The large shelter at the park is now complete and restored back to it's original beauty. Anyone who wishes to reserve the shelter for a special event may do so by calling the village office and leaving your name, phone number and date requested. There is no charge for this but if you require the use of electricity there is a \$10.00 charge for the day. The shelter will seat 50 people without a problem. There are also two grills available at the shelter.

Village Elections September 13

L.M.R. Fire Dept on Baldwin Rd.

Poll is open from 7:00am till 8:00pm

Village President, Village Clerk, Village Treasurer, & three Council Members

Car Cruise Night

Friday at Pit Stop Pizza

Starting at 6:00 pm

50s & 60s D.J. - 50/50 drawing

Cars will line up on both sides of Bluebush East of Raisin Street

The Library Table

734-587-3680

Open Gaming

Event Type: Gaming **Age Group(s):** All Ages

Date: 8/19/2011 **Start Time:** 9:00 AM **End Time:** 5:00 PM

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Date: 8/20/2011 **Start Time:** 9:00 AM **End Time:** 2:00 PM

Description:

Got game? Bring it! Have playing the Wii, DDR, Mario Kart on the Game Cubes or Guitar Hero

Book Clubs **Age Group(s):** Teen

Date: 8/25/2011 **Start Time:** 12:00 PM **End Time:** 1:00 PM

Description:

Talk about the book you're reading, eat some pizza and talk some more. Ages 11 and up please. Maybe Branch Library

Contact: [Kelli Venier](#) **Contact Number:** 734-587-3680

Book Clubs **Age Group(s):** Adult

Date: 8/29/2011 **Start Time:** 7:00 PM **End Time:** 8:00 PM

Description:

This month we conclude our potpourri selections. Just go to the shelf and pick anything you might not normally read and report back on your find. Come and join the fun, new members are always welcome at the Library.

For more information call 734-587-3680.

Event Type: Storytimes & Playgroups **Age Group(s):** Children

Date: 9/12/2011 **Start Time:** 6:30 PM **End Time:** 7:30 PM

Description:

Preschool storytimes increase the crucial language skills that help children get ready for school. They also promote listening skills and prepare them for social situations. Fun and engaging activities advance children's motor skills while creative art projects help develop color and shape recognition. **Library:** Maybe Branch

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

When I was a kid growing up in Maybee, one could tell it was August without looking at the calendar. Gardens that once sported tidy, easily cultivated rows of hopeful vegetables now looked like jungle undergrowth of 'plants gone-wild'. Morning dew was heavier, the blue jays, vacationing for most of the summer in northern Michigan, were raucously cawing once again in our backyards and the sounds of the night became deafening with the loud symphony of locusts, crickets and cicada. But the most telling sign of summer ending and fall approaching ...was the constant barrage of store ads for "Back-to-School" sales!

I had mixed feelings about those ads. First of all, I thought 'nothing like rubbing it in and taking away the joy of the last few precious weeks of freedom', but, on the other hand, it also meant a couple new outfits (plus that annual new pair of brown buckled shoes from Helzer's General Store)...and the anticipation of fun things that I really enjoyed about every school year.

I attended Maybee Public School in 'The Good Ol' Days' of public education. School procedure was pretty predictable in those days. As a matter of fact, most of the practices and methods being used were still the same as those used when my dad (Carl Rupp) attended Maybee Public School himself. It wasn't until decades later that technology changed the entire appearance of education as I once knew it. I've seen those changes from both sides of the desk, as a student for 17 years of my life and as a teacher for 34 years. I had no idea at the tender age of five, when my mother marched this shy little girl with the long blond banana curls up the steps of Maybee Public School that I was going to commit the next 51 years of my life to some form of education. I innocently walked into school September of 1952 and didn't walk out until June of 2005.

For example, we pupils practiced penmanship in a penmanship book all the way from learning to print in the first grade through polished cursive writing in the eighth grade. We had weekly spelling tests and spelling bees. In the upper grades we diagrammed sentences on the black board. With the introduction of computers to the classroom, most assignments are now typed and submitted via email. With spell check there's no need to know how to spell well or create a proper sentence as it's corrected for you by the press of a key. I discovered the effects of this the last six years of teaching high school English, when I became adept at 'decoding' the handwriting and spelling of papers I requested written 'the old-fashioned way'! Remember when 'cut and paste' actually required scissors and a little jar of sticky white paste? (The jar came with a flat wooden stick for application but most kids just used their fingers...and there was *always someone* who enjoyed *eating* their paste. But it was flour and water base anyway so no big harm done!). Now that computer phrase means highlighting a particular item or passage and moving it somewhere else without getting your hands messy.

We used real dictionaries, encyclopedias, paper, pencils, erasers, and pencil cases. My little grandson, Rob, (almost age three), will never know the joys of 'pen and paper' or the soft whisper of chalk against a shiny blackboard, freshly washed. To this very day, my right hand feels undressed unless it's holding a pencil or pen! And the days of chalk boards have segued to glossy white boards and colored markers. I'll never forget the fall I walked back into my classroom at Orchard Center High School and discovered that over the summer all the blackboards had been shattered from the walls and replaced with white boards. Silly though it sounds, I truly wanted to cry...it was the end of an era.

When I started my teaching career at St. Joseph's School in Maybee, I followed in the steps of those who preceded me. It was the first time in my educational career I needed a book bag! (Up to that point my books were carried in my arms, even in college!) Into it I put a plan book in which to outline my daily lessons, a grade book in which to record the students' grades and lots of red pencils! My classroom shelves were equipped with a set of the latest encyclopedias and many, many dictionaries. If I needed to communicate with a parent, I called them directly on the phone or sent a note home. When I ended my career at Orchard Center High School in Monroe 34 years later, I was emailing my weekly lesson plans to the office, recording all grades into my computer's electronic format and, at the end of the marking period, sending them directly via email to the main administration building. I was in contact with parents via email also. There was no need for encyclopedias and, at the very end of my last year, when I requested additional dictionaries for my book shelves, my request was denied. They were considered 'obsolete' and not worth the expense. It was the end of another era.

There's a whole lot more knowledge for our young people to learn nowadays and the advanced technology is necessary. But I'm glad our assignments at Maybee Public were written in long-hand, that we got to write on blackboards with dusty white chalk, that both of our school rooms had a globe and an upright piano! We didn't have a science lab or a music room. But I liked it that way. It was a comfortable and unthreatening setting. We learned our lessons well and went on to succeed in the big school environment of high school and college. There's a lot to be said for the old fashioned teaching methods...we must remember, it was some of those folks who learned by 'the old methods' that went on to create 'the new methods' for today's students.

At this very moment, I will hit a key and send this story on its way to its destination. Was it easier to compose and correct? Yes, it was! But you'll have to take my word for it that my handwriting is pretty good, too! Nevertheless, I still treasure those days of my country learning that took place right here in our little town when I was a kid...growing up in Maybee.

St. Joseph Maybee

Maybee Michigan

Parish Festival

Saturday, September 10, 2011

- 4:00pm Family Mass
- 6:00pm Horseshoe sign-up
- 6:30 - 8:00 Auction
- 5:00 - 8:00 Steak Roast
- 7:00 - 11:00 Texas Hold'em
- 7:00pm Horseshoe Tournament
- 9:00 - 12:00 Dancing to Hoozier Daddy

Sunday, September 11, 2011

- 11:30 - 4:30 Chicken Dinner
- 12:00 noon Horseshoe sign-up
- 1:00pm Bingo starts and horseshoe tournament
- 1:30pm Kiddie Tractor pull
- 2:30 - 5:00 Family Fun Concert
- 2:00pm Garden Tractor pull
- 4:00 - 8:00 Dancing with the K-Tones
- 7:30pm Baby contest winner
- 8:00pm Raffle drawing

