

The Voice of Maybee

Village of Maybee

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Council Corner

The October council meeting had a large number of residents from Exeter Township in attendance to voice their concerns about the possibility of the village annexing the Maybee quarry. More investigation into the matter is still needed. A lot of the information that is brought up at the meetings is based on rumors and opinions. Until it is part of a village ordinance or signed contract it is only an opinion. The village council will let all the residents know when something is decided.

A great deal of damage has been done at the park. If you notice anything happening at the park that should not be, please call the sheriff's department to check it out.

The Library Table 734-587-3680

Preschool Story time

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

Day-Mon. Start Time: 6:30 PM **End Time:** 7:15 PM

Day-Thurs. Start Time: 10:00 AM **End Time:** 10:45 AM

Story times 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

Harvest Hootenanny!

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

Date: 10/18/2012 **Start Time:** 6:00 PM **End Time:** 7:00 PM

Gather 'round the campfire and listen to stories from our guest story teller. The night will be full of crafts, harvest treats and games so be sure to register in advance and secure your place in this night of fun!

Toothpick Bridge Competition

Event Type: Arts & Crafts **Age Group(s):** Teen

Date: 10/20/2012 **Start Time:** 10:00 AM **End Time:** 1:00 PM

Join us in celebrating bridge day by constructing your own out of toothpicks! Supplies will be provided. Participants are welcome to work alone or in teams. Participants will be given 3 hours for construction. Bridges will be left at the library and then tested the following Saturday October 27th.

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY - OCTOBER 27th - 8AM - 12 NOON

CARLETON FARMS LANDFILL

FOLLOW GUIDELINES INSIDE EXETER TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

MAYBEE TRICK OR TREATING 10-31-2012 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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

When I was a kid growing up in Maybee, by October we students at Maybee Public School had a month of learning under our belts and were well settled into routine. But around this very time... early fall... the first 'interruption' in routine was about to happen...and that was the annual taking of school pictures. In drawers and boxes across our great nation are hidden the results of those picture-taking days. It was a day of anticipation...and dread. In the blink of an eye...literally the fraction of a second that it took to hear the snap of the shutter and the photographer to say, "Next!"...would forever be recorded, the worst hair-dos and fashion faux pas of that particular school year. Every year I hung onto the reoccurring hope that *this year* would be different! My picture would turn out to be 'absolutely beautiful' but, time and again, it turned out to be '*absolutely NOT*'! I recall the year when I was probably seven or eight years old, I decided to be creative with my hair and curl my straight bangs for the next day's school picture. All night long I wore a prickly brush roller perched securely against my forehead...it was uncomfortable to say the least...but the thought of the beautiful result was worth it! When I removed the roller in the morning, I was alarmed when my bangs "boinged" back into a tightly rolled coil on top of my head as if they were a wound tight window shade! No amount of brushing, combing or water would relax them. Once again another year's attempt to 'project my inner beauty'... foiled.

Our parents never seemed to mind what our pictures turned out to look like. Photos that were clipped from the sheets of the standard package deal were sent in Christmas cards, stuffed into billfolds and, worst of all, framed in 8 x 10 frames to be displayed publicly on a wall or table top.

What I *do find* the most interesting about the group classroom photos taken in the 1950's and 60's in small rural schools across the country is how they all look the same. Students were all seated at their desks, hands folded on top. Girls wore plaid dresses or cute little sweaters and boys wore flannel shirts displaying cowboys or horses. Girls had loopy banana curls or tightly wound Little Miss Toni perms. The teacher stood at the back of the room next to the upright piano and a student at the front of the room had the honor of holding the little placard that displayed the name of the school and the year. We all seemed to possess 'that look' that could easily be interchanged with any other rural school room in the Midwest and no one would be the wiser!

Well, so goes the unavoidable growing up experience of school pictures. We've all been there and kids are still undergoing the same dread and anxiety of what to wear and how to look. The variety and presentation...and price...of the experience has changed drastically though. It's no longer just sitting on a box, lifting your chin and smiling at the camera!

But happily one thing **STILL** remains the same...everyone goes home with a little plastic comb...just like we did when I was a kid growing up in Maybee.

A few answers to questions about the Village of Maybee

The village was established in 1873. At that time it was just a part of Exeter Township. In 1899 the village was incorporated and became a General Law Village. This changed quite a few things about the village. It was now self governing and had a Council President, Village Clerk, Village Treasurer, a Village Council, and back then even a Marshall. The village now collected taxes to maintain the government, maintain the roads and sidewalks, be responsible for street lighting, help support a fire department, create a village park, become part of a multi government library system, establish and maintain two sewer systems (sanitary and storm), and adopt a set of rules (ordinances) to keep everything moving. Because of the population of the village, Exeter Township is still used for property tax assessment and Monroe County tax collection. If the village would not have incorporated it would have remained under the jurisdiction and control of Exeter township and would have been a village in name only like the village of Scofield.

A few months ago a member of the council brought a proposal to the meeting to look into the possibility of annexing the land that is now owned by the Maybee Stone Quarry. This does not move the quarry into the Village of Maybee but expands the boundaries of the village to include the quarry. At the present time the village does not have any control over what the quarry does, the hours of operation, when the blasting occurs or when the trucks come through town. The village also does not receive any compensation for repairs that are needed to keep the roads up. **IF**, the village decides that it would be in the best interest of the residents to pursue the option of annexation, the village would now be the governing body that would set the rules for the quarry and would be the recipient of tax money and any other compensation that would become part of it. The village would also have a great deal of input into what would happen to the excavated property once the mining operation was completed. There is a lot more options for the property than you might realize. The final decision regarding the annexation is up to the Monroe County Board of Commissioners.

If you have any questions regarding what is taking place feel free to discuss it with the Village President or any of the Council Members.

Leonard Gaylor, Larry Gramlich, Tony Lieto, Marge Van Auken, Mark Liedel, Dale Younglove, or John Gross.

Phone numbers for the above are on the village website

When I was a kid growing up in Maybee will return in two months