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Council Corner

Last night's council meeting was once again a full house with many residents from the Village of Maybee and also Exeter Township. A petition was presented by Lisa Orrison to the council with the signatures of a hundred residents of the village that she had collected going door to door in the village that were in favor of the annexation of the stone quarry. After more discussion regarding the matter, a committee was formed to draw up a complete package to present to the council. The council will then decide on what would be the best for the residents of Maybee.

The budget for the L.M.R. Fire Dept. was approved by the council for the year 2013/14.

The Library Table 734-587-3680

Preschool Story time

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

Day-Mon. Start Time: 6:00 PM **End Time:** 7:00 PM

Day-Thurs. Start Time: 10:00 AM **End Time:** 11:00 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

2013 Blues Series: "THE BIG GIG"

Event: Music **Age Group(s):** Adult, All Ages

Date: 2/23/2013

Start Time: 7:00 PM

Description:

It's been called "a history lesson with a backbeat," it's Michigan's longest-running annual blues celebration, and it's ready to mark its 26th year with another once-in-a-lifetime lineup of faces both familiar and fresh. "THE BIG GIG!" starring Rev. Robert B. Jones, Gaye Adegbalola, John Latini & The Flying Latini Brothers with The Lovers & The Liars, and The Lionel Young Band.

The Big Gig! is an extremely popular event—no tickets are required, but seating is general admission, first-come, first-served, until venue capacity is reached. Event is held at the Monroe County Community

College, Meyer Theater. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

This activity is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Minigrant program, administered by the Arts Alliance.

Tuesdays at the Movies

Event Type: Movies **Age Group(s):** Adult, Seniors

Date: 2/26/2013

Start Time: 6:00 PM

End Time: 8:00 PM

Description:

The Maybee Branch Library would like to welcome you to join us for Classic Movie Tuesdays. All showings will be at 6pm. Please feel free to bring your favorite movie snacks. ages 18 and up please.

Arsenic And Old Lace "1944" Cary Grant and Priscilla Lane

Sense-Stations

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

Date: 3/2/2013

Start Time: 10:00 AM **End Time:** 11:00 AM

Description:

These stories and activities are designed to enhance your child's' motor skills and sensory development. For caregivers, and children from 1 to 5 years old.

Preschool/Toddler Dance Party

Storytimes & Playgroups

Age Group(s): Children

Date: 3/7/2013

Start Time: 10:00 AM **End Time:** 11:30 AM

Description:

Come shake your sillies out and dance with your friends! There will be bubbles, parachute play, the chicken dance and more!

Teen Tech Training

Teen Computer Classes **Date:** 3/12/2013 **Start Time:** 5:00 PM **End Time:** 6:00 PM

Join us to learn everything technology the library has to offer. We will cover the MCLS home page, homework websites, ordering and borrowing ebooks/audiobooks, and more! Ages 10 and up please!

Paper Recycling

Don't forget to use the paper recycling bins located behind the library, Banas lumber, Exeter Township office and Raisinville Township office. Money earned from all four locations help the Maybee branch library.

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

When I was a kid growing up in Maybee, my life was pretty simple and I grew to appreciate simple things. I was thinking the other day how common place items that were pleasant to have around have pretty much vanished from our lives without us realizing it. For example, remember when drugstores always had soda fountains? No self-respecting drugstore would have considered NOT having one. Cokes served in glasses of crushed ice with a straw, sundaes in tall lily-shaped dishes lined with paper cones, BLT's or egg salad sandwiches, or perhaps a hamburger or hot dog with potato chips served on real china plates...nothing fancy...but so delicious and enjoyable. The soda fountain was an oasis of refreshment in the midst of a day's worth of shopping.

How about candy dishes? Every grandma or favorite aunt had a fancy dish fully stocked with candy that would be setting out on the side board or coffee table ready to be passed to guests who dropped by. My grandma Rupp had a glass chicken setting on her kitchen table and by way of that pretty little chicken, I learned every candy ever produced by the Brach candy company. It was always a pleasant surprise to see what the dish held...sometimes it was multi-colored chewy licorice pieces in black and pink and white, or little disks of chocolate sprinkled with tiny white beads, or red and white peppermints wrapped in cellophane, I liked the bridge mix best with chocolate covered raisins, nuts and malt balls. You never knew exactly what was inside each piece until biting into it. I liked that memory so much that I have a chicken-shaped candy dish myself which holds candy befitting the changing holidays for the sole gratification of one little four year old grandson.

Another thing rarely seen anymore is a stove with a deep well (a what???)... a deep well. It was a big soup kettle-like pan that hung below the surface of the stove top. It was used for steaming puddings, soups, canning, stewing, etc. My mother used hers frequently and I especially remember the wonderful bread or suet puddings that came out of its depth. It was a really handy accessory in a kitchen and I think we should still have them!

I also miss plain old clunky-looking radios housed in attractive wooden cases that took up space on the counter or dresser tops. They had dials and numbers that could be fine-tuned by the delicate touch of the operator. Maybe it even had a built in alarm clock like the radio that woke me up every single morning at six AM while I was in high school to the sound of six clanging bells announcing Marshall Wells and his farm report on WJR. (Boy, I hated those bells...). Those radios were pretty and had personality.

I'd like to see the return of roadside picnic tables. Those little pocket parks along the scenic routes of our beautiful state where families pulled off and shared a picnic lunch while they traveled. But, of course, most have disappeared because fast food drive-thrus and four lane highways have eliminated the need for them. Some of the best meals of my life were at picnic tables built from Michigan pine.

Speaking of tables, why do restaurants avoid real cloth tablecloths...or have no tablecloths at all? I imagine faster cleaning, sanitation purposes and cost effectiveness have lead to the elimination of the 'niceties'. But I miss them. Once in a while a lady likes to get really dressed up and go 'out-to-dinner' where they still use white table cloths and real napkins.

And lastly, I miss clocks that tick. I like to 'hear' a clock doing its work rather than flipping or blinking its big block numbers at me. Those old clocks also had more personality because they came in all sorts of shapes, sizes and number styles...Roman numerals being my favorite. And sometimes, that ticking bedside clock had a warm glow on its face as you squinted at it in the dark and it reassured you that you still had a few more hours left to sleep. It was a comforting friend keeping watch at night. I liked that. Clocks that tick are a grounding touchstone in our lives providing a dependable rhythm to the daily routine of life.

I know all of these things can still be found *somewhere*, but they are a rarity. And that's too bad because it's often the simplest things of our lives that we remember with the greatest fondness...such as these are from the days when I was a kid growing up in Maybee.



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Seth Dewitt from Troop 511**

For his Eagle project Seth organized some of the scouts from his troop and obtained sponsors to pay for the supplies needed to construct ten planter boxes for the Village of Maybee. These will be filled with flowers in the Spring and placed along Bluebush and Raisin Streets.

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