

The Voice of Maybee

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Council Corner

The village council meeting was rather quiet compared to earlier meetings. The resignation of Councilman Anthony Lieto was accepted and he was replaced by Mr. Marvin Rogers. Many thanks to Tony for his years of service as a councilman. We all wish him the very best. A big welcome to "Brad" Rogers to the village council. The matter of the Stoneco Quarry will be taken up at the April meeting. A point of clarification regarding the petition that was signed by many of the village residents. This was a petition to express your support for the council to vote on the annexation issue on your behalf and not a vote by you. This was a *petition* and not a *ballot*.

Another item discussed by the council was the Voice of Maybee newsletter. Some of the people present expressed a desire to have the newsletter sent by mail the way that it was a few years back. The cost to do it this way is approximately sixty-five cents per copy and at the present time there would be 290 copies per month. If you know of someone that would like to receive the newsletter and does not have access to a computer (Library computers are free to everyone) please let us know and we will try to remedy the situation.

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

Origami Box Making

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

Date: 3/18/2013 **Start Time:** 6:00 PM **End Time:** 7:30 PM

Description:

Come and make cute little boxes to hold your tiny treasures. Need a gift box, learn how to make them with paper you have lying around. We will have different materials to use to make and decorate them.

Tuesdays at the Movies

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

Date: 3/26/2013 **Start Time:** 6:00 PM **End Time:** 8:00 PM

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.

Reel Fun Family Movie Afternoon--Maybee Branch Library

Movies: All Ages

Date: 4/2/2013 **Start Time:** 1:00 PM **End Time:** 2:30 PM

Description:

When an evil spirit known as Pitch lays down the gauntlet to take over the world, the immortal Guardians must join forces for the first time to protect the hopes, beliefs and imagination of children all over the world. Feel free to bring movie time snacks to enjoy during the film! Rated PG; 97 minutes

Sense-Stations--Maybee Branch Library

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

Date: 4/6/2013 **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.

Proclamation

Designating May as Motorcycle Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the Month of May is the nationally recognized month motorcycles become more prevalent on our streets, the need to be aware of their presence is of the most urgency; and

WHEREAS, Motorcycle Awareness Month is designed to increase public awareness about motorcycles; encourage their safe and proper use among motorcycle riders; is worth special recognition; and

WHEREAS, and overwhelming number of car-motorcycle accidents could be avoided with due regard, respect, and awareness of motorcycles on the streets and intersections; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of motorcycle awareness as a distinct part of driver education curriculum and motorcycle rider education programs will help promote safe driving and motorcycle riding practices; and

WHEREAS, citizens should recognize the fact that motorcycle operators have the same rights and privileges as operators of other vehicles on all roads and highways; and

THEREFORE, it is in the best interest of our community and the citizens to note the increase in the amount of motorcycle traffic, as we enter the warm weather months, to enable the reduction of accidents and injuries involving motorcyclists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Village of Maybee do hereby recognize May 2013 as **MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH**

and we call this observance to the attention of all our citizens and encourage all motorist and motorcyclist to drive safely.

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

When I was a kid growing up in Maybee, I never gave a whole lot of thought to my family's heritage. As a matter of fact, had anyone asked me what nationality my family name of Rupp was, I would have innocently replied, "American!" I was born in the USA, as were my parents and grandparents, so guess we were *always* here, right? I considered myself as American as "Baseball, hotdogs, apple pie and Chevrolet" just as the old TV commercial used to tout. What I was completely oblivious to as a youngster were all the signs pointing to my obviously quite German ancestry.

The signs were all around me, I simply didn't recognize them at the time. The old red German brick farm house on Hoffman Road where all my great aunts and uncle still lived in the 1950's-60's should have been a big clue right there. That house was built by *their grandparents* in the style of so many other brick farm houses in this area built back in the 1860's by industrious German folk who found their way to Michigan's rich farmland...land that was similar to what they had left in their homeland. And with their skills as masons, those German folks crafted from this area's rich supply of clay, the bricks to build their study, but simple homes. In the barn at the Hoffman Road farm remained some of those brick molds way up into the 1960's. I had no idea what those molds were in those days but I do today and sure wish I had them. What a highly prized piece of my heritage that would be!

I should also have taken a clue from the fact that my grandpa, John Rupp, taught me, at a very young age, how to count to ten in German. I remember sitting next to him on the couch and holding up the correct number of fingers as I recited "eins (eyens), zwei (tsveye), drei (dry), vier (fee-a), funf (foonf), sechs (zex), sieben (tsee-ben), acht (akt), nuen (noin), zehn (tsayn)!!

Then there were the foods. Some cultures salt or dry foods to preserve them, but Germans are great 'picklers'! Give a German a fruit, vegetable or meat and eventually it will find itself in some sort of brine, be it sweet, sour, salty or spicy! My German ancestors were frugal people who wasted no part of anything grown or raised. So pantry shelves and fruit cellars were laden with crocks of sauerkraut, meats pickling in salt brine, pickled pig's feet, ring bologna, head cheese (do you *really want to know...?*), jars of pickled pears, beets, beans, spiced peaches and apples, pickles of every variety, be it sweet or sour, even pickled eggs! I feasted on these delicacies along with the rest of my relatives having no clue the recipes were passed down from one German generation to the next.

Plus there were the cookies...especially at Christmas. My great aunts would make such pretty cutouts at Christmas, all decorated delicately with colored sugars and flavored with anise...and hard enough to break your teeth. I loved those cookies...because they were wonderful when 'dunked' in coffee, tea or milk. (Germans are also 'dunkers' *as well as* 'picklers'!). Besides the sugar cutouts, there were the traditional lebkuchens made with molasses or sorghum. Seems like every German lady had her own special version of the lebkuchen that involved the type of dried fruits or nuts used, the addition of 'just a little wine' or even the shapes into which they were cut. There were chewy fruit cookies loaded with candied fruit and spices, and my personal favorite, the pfeffernusse which were small, round anise-flavored molasses cookies coated with a sweet white glaze. My grandmother, Mary Rupp, also made cookies during the year called 'Rocks' which were lumpy dark cookies filled with dates and nuts. (They were called 'Rocks' because they *looked like* _____, not because they were *as hard as* ____!) Germans are known for cooking hearty, filling, flavorful fare and I relished it all as I was growing up.

I now know all about my heritage and take pride in its traditions and culture. I have discovered that the name Rupp comes in many forms and variations: Krupp, Crup, Ruppe, Ropp, Ruff, Rupprecht, Ruppert, Kroeps, to name but a few. The early Rupp families appeared in America as early as the 1700's and ship's manifests list many that arrived in New York City, and other cities on the eastern seaboard, before making their way westward to settle heavily in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois.

I'm really glad that my immediate descendants decided on 'this' particular area rich in good farming soil. Here they discovered others with the same hopes and dreams and together established a thriving community, built their red brick homes and founded several German Lutheran churches in the area, including our own St. Paul Lutheran in Maybee. Our village has a long, rich German heritage and I'm happy to have finally discovered that 'this American girl' was a part of it...when I was a kid growing up in Maybee.



Typical German style farm house

Maybe Recreation Summer Ball Programs

It's that time of year again and time to think baseball & softball! We have T-ball to travel teams. Boys ages 3-19 and girls 3-14. T-ball (3-6) is \$20, Pee Wee (6-9) and Minors (boys 10-12 & girls 10-14) are \$25 and Travel teams (Boys 13/14 and 15-19) are \$35. We also sell Fan Shirts for family members to purchase for \$12. This is a great way to show support of your child's team. Practices will start first week in May with games starting first week of June. We're in need of some coaches and assistant coaches for our teams this season.

Ball forms are available at Citizens Bank, Maybee Library, Maybee Marathon and Independent Dairy. Our youth summer leagues are having sign ups on March 23 & 24 from 11:00-1:00 pm at the concession stand off Raisin St. Return ball form and payment to: Maybee Recreation P.O. Box 66, Maybee, MI 48159 or drop off at Citizens Bank. Deadline for signing up your child is April 1, 2013.

We also have Adult Coed on Sundays starting in May for 8 weeks. Fee is \$250 per team plus \$12 umpire fee per game. We're also trying to form a Wooden Bat Men's Baseball League (18+). This would possibly be played on Saturday evenings. Still ironing out the details of this league.

We have games every night of the week starting at 6:00 pm and on Sundays starting at 2:00 pm. Please come out and support your community by watching some games. If interested in any of our leagues or have questions, please call Kathy Coleman-Director at 384-5291.

Beginners T-Ball ____
Advanced T-Ball ____
Boys Pee Wee(6-9) ____
Girls Pee Wee(6-9) ____

Ball Registration Form

Maybe Recreation Commission
734-384-5291

____ Boys Minor (10-12)
____ Girls Minor (10-14)
____ Boys Traveling (13-14)
____ Boys Traveling (15-19)

Name: _____
Last First

Address: _____
Street or PO Box City Zip Code

Phone: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____

Birthdate: _____ Grade (12-13): _____ Ball Age: _____ Age on May 1, 2013
Sex: M F Shirt Size Adult – S M L XL 2X 3X
Circle One Child- S(6-8) M(10-12) L(14-16)

Check if interested in: Coaching ____ Assisting ____ Sponsoring a team ____
Umpiring _____

Registration Dates: **Sat. & Sun. March 23 & March 24** from 11:00am - 1:00pm
at Maybe Ball Park. You can get forms at Maybee Library, Citizens Bank, Maybee
Marathon & Independent Dairy (or download from computer)
Return with registration fee to Citizens Bank or mail to
Maybee Rec., PO Box 66, Maybee 48159.

Deadline: Monday., April 1st or a \$5.00 Late Fee will be charged!
Registration Fee: T-Ball \$20 Traveling Teams \$35 All Others \$25
Fan Shirts Only \$12!! Get the same shirt as your child! State size needed.
Shirt Size Adult -S M L XL 2X 3X