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Council Corner

The September council meeting did not have a lot on the agenda. Supervisor Cheryl Baltrip from Exeter Township was again in attendance and voiced her concerns over the Stoneco Quarry removing silica sand. It was her opinion that the sand was a dangerous product and should be investigated by the village council. She also voiced her displeasure with council president Gaylor over the recent annexation of the quarry.

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:** 7:15 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

Lego Building--Maybee Branch Library

Gaming Age Group(s): All Ages

Date: 9/14/2013 **Start Time:** 11:00 AM **End Time:** 1:00 PM

-Open play for anyone who loves to build with Legos. -Legos will be provided

Tuesdays at the Movies

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

Date: 9/24/2013 **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. ages 18 and up please.

Come September 1961 Rock Hudson and Gina Lollobrigida

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

When I was a kid growing up in Maybee, I was exposed to great words of wisdom, over and over again, in the form of old family expressions that some may refer to as 'old adages'. Personally, I call this form of expression "euphemistic phrasing", in other words, making a strong 'suggestion without being blunt. For example: "Children should be seen and not heard." is another way of telling your kids, "Be quiet, you're too young to know what you're talking about." (I heard that more than once!) But whatever their accurate classification is, I learned many lessons in life by their repetition paired with my own personal experience.

One doesn't realize how many of these expressions we absorb and salt away in our brain's storage room until one day, when the right situation presents itself, the appropriate phrase all of a sudden tumbles out of our mouth without any forethought. When my daughter, Sarah, was little and I saw she was about to do something she shouldn't, I found myself saying, "Let's not and say we did!" Whoa! My Grandmother (Mary) Rupp used to say that all the time to us grandkids! It *almost* sounded as if she was encouraging us to fib! In actuality she was trying to stop us from what she foresaw as an impending disaster OR perhaps from making a potential mess that *she'd* have to clean up!

It's very useful and one I now use on my grandson, Robbie. I hope I'm present when someday without thinking, my daughter discovers 'she' has just said it to *her* children and grandkids. It will be one of those 'Oh, no! I'm turning into my mother' moments!

Sometimes we overuse certain sayings to the point of annoyance to others. I'm sure if that same daughter had a nickel for every time she heard me say, "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it," she could have paid for her own college education! Some phrases are so common they can even be abbreviated...such as, "Don't count your chickens" (who needs to add...before they are hatched.") Just a waste of time...you get the idea.

All people at one time or the other get themselves into situations they could have avoided had they used some common sense. When I was guilty of this, my parents chided me with, "You made your bed, now lie in it." Or the comparable, "You buttered your bread, now eat it!" If stated in a fit of fury, it might come out, "You buttered your bread, now lie in it!"...it made no difference, I still got the gist of it. When I wouldn't let up talking about a situation that just couldn't be changed, my dad, (Carl Rupp), would say, "How long are you going to keep beating that dead horse?" As in the fact that a dead horse can't get any deader no matter what you do to it, some circumstances simply can't be changed. Accept...and move on!

As life dealt its cruel blows and I lost people, pets and relationships, Dad would explain the cycle of life to me and use the variation of "No use crying over spilled milk." He'd add, "Life *can be cruel* and hard to understand...but there's no use crying about it...you'll never get out of it alive anyway." (No truer words were ever spoken.)

But I think the MOST important message I ever learned from my dad, and which has become my mantra throughout my life is "You only get out of something what you put into it." Effort, perseverance, devotion and work pay off. If you cease your efforts and failure follows, you have no one to blame but yourself. Life owes you nothing, but you owe everything to life. Definitely...these are great words to live by.

Whatever the words of wisdom or how they were assembled and presented to me, I know they were meant to teach and guide me along a positive pathway and stick with me for the rest of my life. However, there was *one* that Dad used when I would say something deeply profound for my age. He'd nod in agreement and say, "You're as right as two rabbits." Never did figure that one out...when I was a kid growing up in Maybee.

Alston Family Benefit

Alston family has extensive medical bills due to two recent major illnesses. A spaghetti dinner will be held on Saturday, September 14th, from 4-7 p.m. at St. Joseph Madonna Hall to help the family out. Volunteers are needed to set-up, serve, serve the dinner and clean up. Also needed are baked goods for desserts and for the bake sale. Donations for a raffle would also be appreciated. Any questions call Rita Beaubien at 587-7085 or Cathy Fix at 587-2141. We hope to see everyone there.
