

The Voice of Maybee

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Council Corner

At the council meeting in January the village council established the zoning district for the Stoneco Quarry that is now part of the village. Also approved was a change to the ordinance that defined the effective period of the Special Land Use and how the setback requirements will be established. The vote was Liedel, Van Auker, Gross, Gramlich, Rogers and Gaylor in favor with Younglove absent from the meeting. A division of land was approved for Mr. Gilbert Steinman. The accounting firm of Cooley, Hehl, Wohlgamuth & Carlton was approved to handle the financial audit of the village.

Village of Maybee website

(maybeevillage.com)

If you have not visited the village website lately you might want to check it out. Many more pictures have been added including the latest Maybee Day and Christmas with Santa. The website also makes it easier to look up permits, ordinances, notices, meeting dates and park information. There are still a few more updates to be completed and if you have any suggestions to improve the site, please let us know.

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:** 6:45 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

Hugs for Soldiers: Make Valentines for our Troops

Age Group(s): All Ages **Date:** 1/21/2014 **Start Time:** 4:30 PM **End Time:** 5:30 PM

Send a hug in a Valentine's Day card to a hard working soldier. Supplies to make Valentine's Cards will be provided. You can also make a card from home and drop it off at the library. They have be post marked by the 31st for the troops to get them on time! Please visit <http://www.hugsforsoldiers.org/node/567> for information!

Lego Building--Maybee Branch Library

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

Date: Saturdays **Start Time:** 11:00 AM **End Time:** 1:00 PM

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

Health Insurance Marketplace Help

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

Date: 1/21/2014 **Start Time:** 3:00 PM **End Time:** 4:30 PM

Maybee Branch Library

The Family Medical Center of Michigan will have a representative here to help you sign up for insurance or answer any questions you may have regarding the Health Insurance Marketplace. Please call with any questions.

Copy of National honor received by Stoneco and Mr. Rick Becker in December of 2013

Outstanding Community Ambassador Honorees

Rick Becker believes in his company and recognizes that good community relations are of the utmost importance to Oldcastle.

- Rick leads efforts to convert quarry properties into Little League baseball fields for local youths. In recognition of his continuing community efforts, Rick was presented with a Michigan state seal signed by the governor.
- For many years, Rick has served as a volunteer member of the Monroe County Fair Board, working with the community to gain support by soliciting donations, organizing efforts to maintain the grounds, and actively participating in and encouraging youths to participate in 4-H and the fair's agricultural program. Rick also supports the 4-H animal auction.
- Rick lends his time to local education and athletics, including supporting and raising funds for booster clubs at multiple schools and raising funds for college scholarships. He took the lead when local schools decided to start a youth football program and raised more than \$10,000 for uniforms and equipment.
- For more than 10 years, Rick has volunteered at the local Christmas Festival program, helping it to grow from a small-town tradition to a weekend holiday destination visited by nearly 40,000 people annually.
- On many nights and weekends, Rick attends charity and church events in the community and works with state, local and federal officials to effect change. Rick encourages his fellow employees to get involved.
- Rick donates generously to many causes, including Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society. He is a lifetime member of the Monroe County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited.

Rick's contributions to his community are numerous, and his passion cannot be put into words.

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

When I was a kid growing up in Maybee, there was a huge old granddaddy of an oak tree that grew in the grassy lane on Dad's thirteen acres of property which he always referred to as 'the Back Forty'. This hunk of land was a small section of the original farm on which my dad, Carl Rupp, and his younger brother William (Wayne) grew up. That oak tree was in its youth, too, when my dad was a boy so it was special to him. It was the last remaining vestige of the old lane, now barely visible, on which the cows prodded down daily to the pasture. The same old lane that their old dog dutifully trotted down at the end of the day to herd those cows back home to the barn.

That old oak tree in its waning years was like an old friend of Dad's...a happy reminder of pleasant days past. If it could talk, it could tell lots of stories about two little farm boys as they worked, played, and got into plenty of mischief, I'm sure, as they grew up under its sturdy protection and watchful eye.

I remember being pretty impressed with the old oak's size when I was a kid myself. I picked up its pretty leaves for my annual school leaf collection projects and gathered acorns just for fun. We don't connect trees with having human feelings or characteristics but I think they do. I'd like to think the old tree watched me grow up, too, as I explored 'the Back Forty'.

Dad and the oak grew old together. When it began to show the signs of wear, that decades of harsh winters, droughts and occasional lightening strikes bring, you could see Dad's concern. Parts of the mighty tree were dying and falling to the ground. Dad would trim, clean up and spray around it. In his own way he 'doctored' his friend and tried to keep it going as long as possible.

But alas! One day lightening struck the oak and set it on fire! Dad jumped in his truck and drove directly to the fire station for help...he said he felt sheepish calling them because it *was* a tree! But, the firemen were successful and saved it once again. Of course, after that it looked more battle scarred than ever. The tree, like Dad, grew older and more worn. When dad left us in 1992, the tree had diminished to just a tall insect-eaten dead stump. Dad couldn't bring himself to cut it totally down to the ground.

So here we are today...both Dad and the tree are gone, belonging to the history of the previous century...except for...their offspring! The tall mighty noble oak fathered several youngsters, well on their way to carrying on the business of protecting the old lane. They are young, sturdy and well grounded. And as for Dad's progeny, that lane is now seeing the fifth generation explore its grassy pathway, dimmer still from the passage of even more years.

On Dad's tombstone in Northside Cemetery you will find etched a tall stately tree...a symbolic representation to 'two' once living embodiments of the best of all virtues...loyalty, kindness, caring, sturdiness, protectiveness and love. That was Dad and the old tree. We have all heard the saying, "The nut never falls far from the tree"! Well, if anyone wants to describe *me* as 'one of those nuts'...I'll take it and consider it to be the highest of compliments!

And, you know what? A hunk of that old oak still exists...gleaned from the pile of remaining dead bark and chunks of stump. It stands in a small flower garden in my backyard as an ever-present reminder that I was, and still am, connected to the past when I...*and Dad*...were kids growing up in Maybee.

A message from
Jamie R. Dean, B.S., M.S.Ed.

Recycling and Green Community Program Coordinator

Christmas time is approaching, that time of year when most traditionally shop until they drop buying presents for family and friends. The Christmas season leads to an increase in stress and anxiety along with the amount of waste generated. It is estimated that every year between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, 25 million extra tons of trash is generated in the United States, or about 1 million extra tons per week. That is all the boxes, wrapping paper, instructions, bubble wrap, ribbons, tinsel and cards that get ripped off and then discarded. There are many ways you can give without filling another landfill and celebrate the holiday season without having a negative impact on the environment.

- Give a gift certificate for a much-needed service, such as a massage, fancy homemade dinner, house cleaning or babysitting; or for a day out such as golfing.
- Give donations to an environmental organization, charitable group or animal shelter. Or donate a book to the library in the person's name.
- Shop for gifts at antique stores, estate sales or flea markets, since one person's trash is another's treasure.
- Don't forget the rechargeable batteries for electronic items, and to recycle any unwanted electronics. Visit www.co.monroe.mi.us/recycling for information on the county's e-waste recycling program.
- For kids, start a savings account or give stocks and bonds. It's fun to watch money grow and it teaches children the value of financial conservation.
- Buy a gift certificate to a local nursery for a tree to be planted in the spring.
- When shopping, bring your own shopping bags or consolidate your purchases into one bag rather than getting a new bag at each store on your shopping rounds.
- If you are shopping through catalogs or on-line, choose gifts that are easy to ship and won't require excessive packaging.
- **Don't forget to recycle your Christmas Tree at one of the following collection sites:**
 - o Bedford Township – Carr Park, 9240 Lewis Ave, Temperance – 734.847.6791
 - o Berlin Charter Township Hall – 8000 Swan View Drive, Newport – 734.586.2187
 - o Ida Township Hall – 3016 Lewis Avenue, Ida – 734.269.3045
 - o Monroe Charter Township Hall – 4925 West Dunbar Road, Monroe – 734.241.5501
 - o City of Petersburg/Summerfield Township – 87 Railroad Street, Petersburg (behind the DPW Yard) 734.279.1210

The Monroe County Recycling & Green Community Program, the Monroe County Road Commission and participating local municipalities offer this service free of charge to all Monroe County Residents. All tinsel and decorations must be removed from the tree prior to depositing it at one of the above sites. Please call the numbers listed for each site for times and additional information. Christmas trees will be accepted through **January 19, 2014.**

There are many ways to make this an unforgettable Christmas season while protecting the environment!

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