

Join in the fun at Maybury State Park

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources invites everyone to enjoy fun and farm adventure at Maybury State Park in Northville Township.

For all programs, which are free, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Summer Evening Series: Explore Maybury's natural and cultural history through a series of weekly hikes and slide programs each Thursday at 7 p.m., beginning June 21. Call 248-

349-3858 for weekly topics and meeting places.

All About Birds: Saturday, June 23, 11 a.m. We'll look at nests, eggs and feathers, and then take a hike to look and listen for birds at Maybury. Meet in the Visitor Center classroom.

Farm Stories for Kids: Join us for "Hay is for Horses" on Saturday, July 7 at 11 a.m. in the Visitor Center classroom.

Summer Grain Harvest: At Maybury Farm on Saturday,

July 14, beginning at 2 p.m. See how corn, wheat and other small grains were harvested and processed in the past. All activities take place at the Visitor Center.

Creepy Crawlies: Saturday, July 21, 11 a.m. Learn about these small, but fascinating, animals through activities and a guided hike. Meet at the Farm Demonstration Building.

For more information about the park, call (248)-349-8390.

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Designers: The National Monument Quilt was designed and made by students Kirstie Boykin, Jordan Boynton, Matteo Carlesimo, Brandon Dawod, Kelly Dennis, Eric Frisco, Amy Hemmeter, Senada Kajoshaj, Andrew Kashat, Miles Kinsman (not pictured), Travis Larzelere, Alison Lee, Jacob Lesondak, Hanain Majeed, Vera Marinaj, Jessica Miller, Daren Parker, Aric Pasciak (not pictured), Nikhil Patel, Helana Purry, Alex Schroeder, Molly Tyler, Erika Waldman, Joshua Woods (not pictured) and teacher Paula Crawford.

U.S. landmark quilt made by Lanigan 4th graders wins state, national awards

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When it comes to national monuments, Lanigan Elementary's new-promoted fourth graders told the story in a handmade quilt depicting 25 U.S. landmarks.

The students were recently honored with both national and state awards in the special projects division of The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, through a youth-oriented committee called the Junior American Citizens.

"The club was organized in 1901 to teach children about our government and the importance of being a good citizen," said

Paula Crawford, a fourth-grade teacher.

The JAC is open to all students from preschool to high school. The restoration of the Washington Monument was the impetus for the 2000-2001 theme, "America's Monuments - Historic Greatness Preserved for the Future."

The children in room 10 participated in this project with the help of teacher Liz Okopney.

"We researched information about various national monuments and then began the process of designing our individual quilt patches," Crawford said. "After many trials in designing our patches, we were finally

ready to make our design on our quilt square. We used fabric markers."

A book of submitted pictures depicted the children's step-by-step progress. "We checked with our teacher to see if we could move on to the next step," they wrote.

Okopney helped through the entire process, including sewing the backing on the quilt.

Student Jessica Miller drew the U.S. Capitol. "This is where all the laws are made," she said. Senada Kajoshaj, another student highlighted Mount Rushmore. "It was cool to see the presidents made out of rock," she said.

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