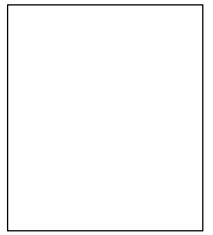


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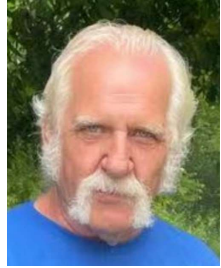
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Bruce Benish

President's Message

By Bruce Benish

Greetings to all, I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving. We had some family over which made for a pleasant day. The Christmas party is December 11 at the Best Western in Sayre. I hope we have a good turnout, the menu sounds delicious. Thanks to the party comity who put this together.

Dues are due this month. That's about it for now.

Bruce

**IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES.
MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE BY
DECEMBER 31ST**

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**NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE CHRISTMAS DINNER
HELD AT THE SAYRE BEST WESTERN ON DEC 11TH
PARTY AT 1 PM, DINNER AT 1:30 PM**

C.Bourne photo



JoAnn McGuire

Sunshine Report by JoAnn McGuire

Get well to all those who are not feeling well at this time. Hope you feel better soon.

If you know of anyone who needs some cheer or a phone call, please let me know and I'll do my best to take care of it.

Hope to see you all at the Christmas party. It'll be here before we know it. The year has gone by so fast.

Take care, everyone, and stay safe; stay well.

Miss Sunshine



December Birthdays

3 – Fran Sick
8 – Hazel Remaley
15 – Amanda King
27 – Bruce Benish



December Anniversaries

No Anniversaries this month

C.Bourne photo



Inga Wells

Junior Rockhounds / Pebble Pups News

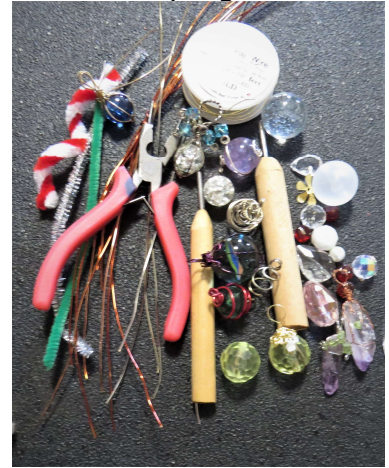
By Inga Wells

The Junior Rockhounds met on Sunday, November 21 at the Athens United Methodist Church. We welcomed new members, Grandma Dorothy Stevens, her daughter-in-law Nicole, and grandkids Atticus and Olivia. We tried our hands at wire-wrapping marbles and baubles. Dorothy tried wrapping a bundle of wires to wrap a Herkimer she had collected. The older kids made wire cages for marbles and beads. The little kids used pipe cleaners instead of wires. James made a very cute Christmas angel.

I wish I had taken photos of the items the kids created. For many years, the Pebble Pups sold wire wrapped marbles and baubles for a Dollar at Artsfest in Athens. I brought some examples left from that and a few unfinished ones.

The photo features some of the stuff that was on hand to create our art. I heard the kids had fun and that is the important thing. We try to teach each other with hand-on activities. We share what worked and also our frustration when our creations do not turn out as we planned to make them. Dave will have a few customers for his wire-wrapping during the summer picnics.

Photo by Inga Wells



The next meeting will be on Sunday, January 9 at 1 P.M. at the Church. We will have our traditional winter fun pizza party, make a decorated wish stick and play a game while any glue on the stick dries. You can bring your own small stick or use some that I have collected.

Inga

November Board Meeting Minutes

by Mary Walter

Board meeting Held at Athens Methodist church 7 board members in attendance

- Trish Benish read the treasure report, approved for audit
- Christmas Party At Sayre Best Western December 11th Party will start at 1pm Dinner will be at 1:30 Bar will be available from 12:45pm to 1:30pm
- Meal will be: Prime rib carving station Chicken Marcela Tossed salad/dressing Rolls Broccoli salad Italian roasted potatoes Baked ziti/no meat Glazed carrots Assorted desserts Beverages
- No gift will be given this year, we are offering a higher price meal
- It's time to pay your dues -Pebble pups are meeting Nov. 21st at 1pm, at Athens Methodist Church. Will be doing wire wrapping
- Dave Millis did tonight's program bag of rocks, identifying rocks Dave Millis will also be providing the January 2022 program
- There was a discussion about getting show information out on Facebook, asking members to share the post Motion to adjourn 1st Inga Wells 2nd Hazel Remaley

November Club Meeting Minutes

by Mary Walter

- Bruce Benish called the meeting to order
 - there were 19 members in attendance, we also had 2 guests
 - Trish Benish read the treasure report
 - October minutes were read
 - club dues need to be paid by the end of the year.
 - Dave Millis provided specimens for the door prize Mark your calendar
 - reservations for the Christmas party are due by December 1st, a final count needs given to the Best Western.
 - Christmas party will be held at the Sayre Best Western - starting at 1pm, dinner will be served at 1:30pm in the Prince room - the Prince room is downstairs, there is an elevator
 - a cash bar will be open from 12:45pm to 1:30pm - dinner will be Prime rib carving station, Chicken Marcela, Rolls, Tossed salad/dressing, Broccoli salad, Italian roasted potatoes, Baked ziti/no meat, Glazed carrots, Assorted desserts, Beverages
 - Sunshine report: Sandy Keener had a procedure done and is recovering at home
 - Mark your calendar - Show information Show dates March 25th set up, March 26st & 27th show, clean up following show The fire hall has a new advertising sign we will be able to use Dealer contracts are out , 3 have been returned
- When show advertising for the show comes out please share on Facebook - Pebble pups will be meeting at the Athens Methodist church on November 21st at 1pm. They will be doing wire wrapping
- Motion was made to adjourn
approved
- Dave Millis did a very nice hands-on program: rock identifying, he provided each member with a bag of rocks for them to experiment on. He explained: Moh's scale and how to check hardness, fracture, cleavage, luster, heft, streak plate, crystal shape, fluorescents, radio activity. Dave showed specimen of what you get when lightening hits the dirt.



Thank you to all our veterans



Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving

Mary Walter
Secretary

If you'd like to learn more about rocks, here's a great video from Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCAmMCMK4Qo>