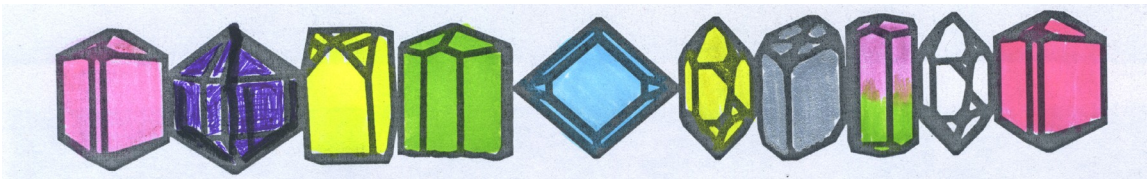
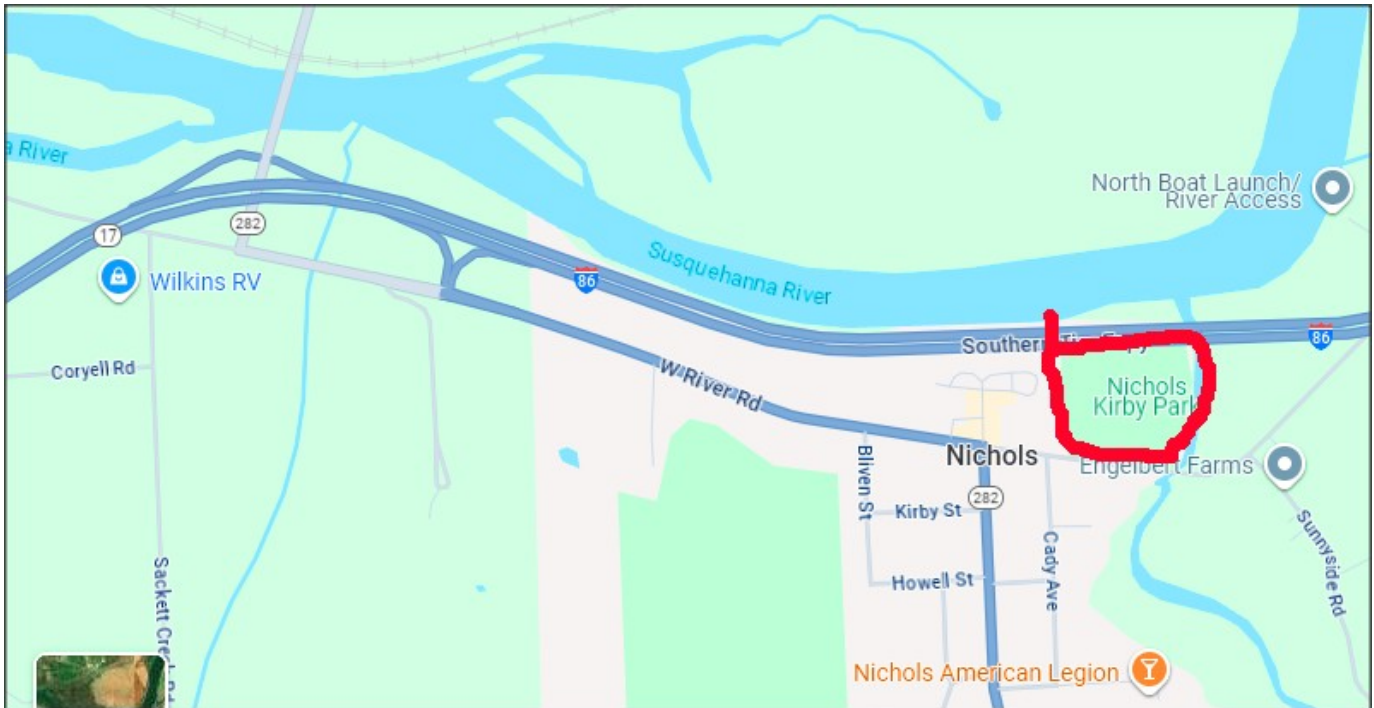


August Che-Hanna News Report

PRES NOTES.....Bob

August meeting picnic is here, map below. See Rockdoc notes at bottom. Since it is a picnic, if you have things to give away, trade, or sell, do bring them to the picnic along with your dish to pass.



VP NOTES.....INGA

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, August 17 at the Kirby Park, 182 E. River Rd Nichols, NY 13812.

We will gather at noon, eat at 1:00 P.M.

Bring a dish to pass, your own table service, and drink. We will have drinking water. Club is providing sloppy joes and buns. Inga will be preparing that. Trish will be bringing grilled hotdogs, rolls and fixings.

Activities: There will be gold panning for the kids before and after the meal. Any adults wanting to do that, please let Duane know so he will save bags of sand for you. We plan on using a water dispenser and buckets, (like last year), and the water spigot at the park.

If Wappasening creek is low, it will be a good spot to look for fossils and interesting rocks and take the pans to the creek. **Children need to be accompanied by an adult to venture into the creek.**

There will be several different clays for people to use.

Inga has two small butane torches to use to fire the precious metal clays. There will be plenty of safety equipment to use. There will be findings, as in ear wires, that can be added to the clay before firing. The precious clays need to dry before it is fired with a torch, so there will be a hair dryer to dry the clay before firing. You might want to bring one if you wish. Lots of YouTube's and videos on the internet on this process.

There will be clays that need to be baked to yield nice results. Two pasta machines and a big assortment of clay tools are still packed up and everything is ready to use. There will be one small oven to bake the clay at around 230 degrees Fahrenheit or you can take it home and finish it there. If it's hot enough, we might not even need an oven.

There will be air-dry clay. It can be used in various ways, adding flowers is one of them.

I hope we will see more people at this picnic than the July one. It is open to the public! Contact Inga if you have any questions or concerns. We will send an email reminder and directions closer to the picnic. Always check the Shin-Skinner on our website too.

Fall and winter meeting dates for Che-Hanna

Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club, Inc will start meeting on the 3rd Sunday of the month, starting on September 21. We are still at the Athens United Methodist Church, 118 S. Main St in Athens, but in a different room. We will try meeting at Bethel Hall. That is at the back of the church and the door is marked "Ramp Door".

There is a kitchen, so we can have coffee and snacks as per usual.

The Pebble Pups will meet at 1:00 P.M. as they have been meeting there for many years. The September 21 program for them will be a silent auction with play money. They will have set amount to spend on various rocks, minerals, fossils, etc.. We will check the last bid at 1:20 p.m. and the kids can take their loot. Perhaps the regular meeting program, not scheduled yet, will be a good program for them to attend.

There will be a planning board meeting at 1:30 P.M.

The regular meeting will start at 2 P.M. We believe that most of you will be back home before the football games get underway.

I booked the church from 12:45 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. for the following dates.

Sundays, September 21, October 19, November 16. 2025

Our Christmas Party will be at Wildfire in Wysox on Saturday, December 6.

Athens United Methodist Church on Sundays, January 18, 2026, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, 2026

Take a minute and mark those dates in your phone calendar or on your old-fashioned fridge calendar. We hope this meeting change will yield better attendance and less winter cancellations, especially before the show the end of March.

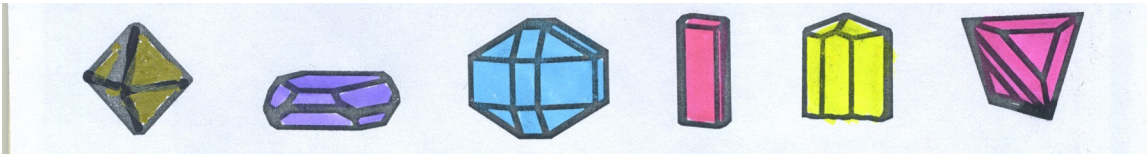
Any questions or concerns, please contact your club officers.

Please let Inga or Bob know if you would like us to schedule a certain meeting topic or speaker. We know the club has a diverse membership and many interests.

If you would like to present a program to the kids (they will meet at 1 p.m. before the regular meeting) or give a program to the regular club, let us know that too.

Always remember our MOTTO:

We Talk to Each Other - We Help Each Other - We Teach Each Other - We Smile A Lot!



SUNSHINE REPORT.....JoAnn

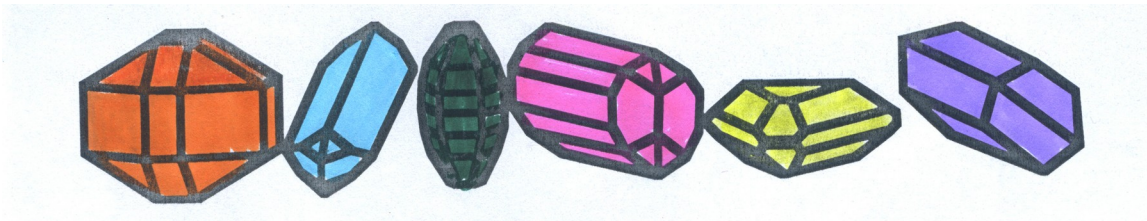
Hope you all are well. Those of you who are not, hope you feel much better very soon. Been missing some of you at the meetings and picnics and hope to see you soon.

The last picnic of the season will be on the 17th at Nichols Park. Lots of good food, games and things to do while there. Hope to see you there at Noon, eat at 1 p.m.

If you know of someone who needs some cheer, please let me know and I will take care of it the best I can. It's always nice to get a cheery card from the club and know they are thinking of you.

JoAnn

Lady Sunshine



PICNIC ENTERTAINMENT.....Dave

The saw will be the oil saw with the 6" blade. I found out it can be unattended and I can do crafts at the same time.

I have prepared for two different mica craft classes - geologic shapes and mica windows. They will be preceded by a demo of how to create the mica needed for the classes. There will be extra mica if others wish to practice. I guess that could be considered another class!

After food, I'll do a ring class or pendant class. Then Geoclue where the prizes will be the door prizes.

No raffle. No games. I'll stay until 4, if members want me to.

The oil saw will be cutting chalcedony geodes of 2" or less. Other geodes will be available. All will be free!