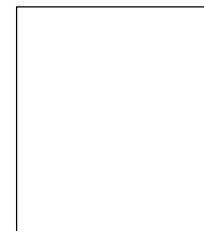


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To:

Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc. 9516 N. Rome Rd., Athens, PA 18810

PURPOSE: The club was organized in 1962 in Sayre, PA to assemble for the purpose of studying and collecting rock, mineral, fossil and shell specimens, and to develop skills in the lapidary arts. We are members of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies, and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

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Sunshine Report *by JoAnn McGuire*



Greetings! There are some club members who need our prayers as they are dealing with a few medical issues. Get well to Trish Benish who fell. She is slowly coming along and will have shots in her back to help. Bill Dimmick is still in remission from his cancer but is having problems with his heart so sees his doctor soon.

He doesn't have a car so has not been able to get to meetings. Hopes to have his brother bring him in January. Had a nice phone chat with him on Saturday. Says to tell everyone Hello. Frank Meadows is not up to par right now. Hopefully he feels better soon and is able to go back to teaching.

If you know of anyone who needs a card or phone call, please let me know and I will do my best to see it gets done. Hope you all had a Merry Christmas with family and friends, if you could get together. Hope that 2022 will be a much better year for all.

Stay safe; stay well.

Miss Sunshine
JoAnn

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**NEXT MEETING IS AT ATHENS METHODIST CHURCH ON
 JANUARY 12TH AT 7PM. BOARD MEETING AT 6PM.**

C.Bourne photo



Inga Wells

Junior Rockhounds / Pebble Pups News

By Inga Wells

The Pebble Pups will be meeting on Sunday, January 9th from 1 to 2 P.M. at the Athens United Methodist Church 118 S. Main St. We will be meeting in the upstairs Bethel Hall, so use the ramp door access. We will start the meeting with a pizza party. You may bring cookies to share with the group. Normally, we do not do food at our meeting, but this is our traditional holiday party where we

make plans for the year. I have a small craft program planned, a wish stick. You may bring your own stick, about 10 to 18 inches long or use the ones I will be bringing. Every family will again receive their basket of supplies and have their own table. We will err on the side of caution, and the church requires that mask will be worn unless you are eating or among your own family group.

As per tradition, we bring in items for the food party - if you are able and wish to do so. If time allows, we will play Mineral Bingo with prizes.

You may ask, what is a wish stick? You write a wish for the year 2022 on a posted note and attach it to the stick and wrap it with yarn or whatever you like. We are hoping to glue a rock at one end of the stick to make it extra special. I burn my wish stick in the first campfire of the year.

Any questions or concerns, please contact me via my cell phone, 607-425-7426 or Facebook messenger.

In case we have to cancel the meeting, that will be on the Junior Rockhound Facebook page, and I will try to contact everyone.

Inga

Program for the Club meeting on Wednesday, January 12, at 7:00 P.M will be hands-on fossils.

Anna Markevitch will present a program on fossils. She will bring in some of her awesome museum quality fossils, especially some dinosaur fossils she recently acquired. New dinosaur discoveries have been all over the news recently.

Dave Millis will bring in some of flats of fossils he collected at the Deep Spring dig and everyone that wants one, can have a free fossil or two. Some might be lucky and find parts of the trilobite, *Dipleura dekayi*, famous for that location. Brachiopods and other fossils from this location are pretty neat too.

If you have a fossil that you would like to have identified, please bring it. We will be glad to help you find the phylum or family of your fossil. When collection fossils, the location where you found it. is the most important information.

Please invite a friend, coworker, neighbor to our meetings and tell them about our show in March.

In case the meeting is canceled due to the weather, we will post on the Club Facebook page and website and try to notify you via email or a phone call. Please feel free to contact me via my cell phone or Facebook messenger, 607-425-7426, or any of the other club officers.

Hope to see you in January,

Inga



January Birthdays

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| 7 – Tony Karpovich | 7 – Max Grimm |
| 7 – Phyllis Robison | 7 – Kristin Westbrook |
| 8 – Adele Conden | 9 – Suzanne Niver |
| 16 – Dominic Ferrante | 20 – Lynn Derstine |
| 25 – Onnah Thompson | 28 – Scott Chaffee |
| 29 – Peggy Huffman | |



January Anniversaries

- 5 – Duane & Inga Wells

Rockhound of the Year Award

I would like to thank all my Che-Hanna members for the award I received at the Christmas party. It was a complete shock. Inga said she started it and all agreed. It is very much appreciated.

Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope 2022 will be much better for all.

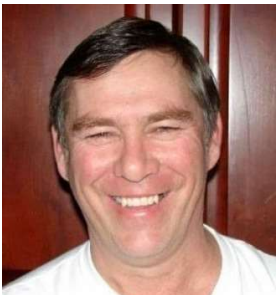
It was so good to see so many who attended the party. Was nice to see Julie Fluke. She hasn't been out for a while. She looks so good and said she feels good. We missed Trish, due to a lumbar fracture. Missed John and Dee but thank them for the pretty card we all received. Was a fun party. Thanks to Mary Walter for the fine job of entertainment. Had to count Herkimer diamonds in a jar. There were a LOT! I think she said 750+. We also played a Christmas movie trivia game and Ted and Jeff had to do a memory game with rocks. Each member also received a soap stone carved heart from Dave. Sandy Keener said from her back surgery she is doing much better. Good time, good memories. We did miss our friend, John Morgan, who recently passed away. He was a faithful club member, loved meetings and picnics and field trips. He was a good friend to all, especially the Jack Walter family. He will be missed. Hope to see you all next year.

Miss Sunshine
JoAnn

Photo by Bob McGuire



Bruce Benish presenting JoAnn McGuire with the Rockhound of the Year Award.



Tom Beck

In Loving Memory

Thomas A. Beck, 69, of Sunbury, passed away Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021, at his home in Seven Points.

He was born April 18, 1952, in Sunbury, a son of the late Robert and Doris (Steele) Beck.

Tom graduated from Shikellamy High School in 1970 and Williamsport Area Community College in 1972. He began his construction career doing carpentry work for Paul Minnier. Later he was a tile setter for Schoffstall and then Donald Martin Ceramic Tile. Following these careers, he enjoyed helping auctioneers Jeff Dunkelberger and David Searles.

He was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing, trapping, and collecting rocks and minerals. He was also a very talented artist, painting outdoor, wildlife, and nature scenes.

Tom is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Helen Beck of Sunbury; his grandson, Trey Beck; his niece and nephews, Jennifer Fisher, Mark Beck, and Matthew Beck; and his great-nephew and great-niece, Logan and Lauren Fisher.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Scott Beck; and his sister, Cynthia Gass.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, at the United Lutheran Church, 167 Seven Points Road, Sunbury, with the Rev. Andrew Weaver officiating. In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, all attendees will be required to wear a mask.

Arrangements are by the Jerre Wirt Blank Funeral Home, Northumberland.

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To send flowers to the family of Thomas A. Beck, please visit:

https://the-daily-item.tributestore.com/?oId=23500795&source=FSC&utm_source=AdPerfect

December Club Meeting Minutes

by Mary Walter

Our meeting for December was a Christmas party at the Sayre Best Western. There were twenty-five members in attendance. Trish Benish was unable to attend due to an injury.

There were a lot of great conversations (catching up) before and after the meal.

- The meal of Prime Rib, chicken Marcella, pork roast were nicely prepared and delicious.
- There were a few members that took part in the gift exchange.
- Tony and Lou DeMarco provided us with some lite Christmas music during the party.
- Some games were played, how many herkimers are in the jar, christmas movie trivia, and a memory game.
- Dave Millis share with us one of his latest creations, a beautiful ship made from mica.
- Our next meeting is January 12, 2022 at the Athens Methodist Church There will be a board meeting before hand.

- HERE IT COMES AGAIN It's time to be thinking our March Show what can you do to help, maybe do a display case. Any time you can give is appreciated.

Hope everyone came thru the holiday season safe and healthy,
Mary Walter