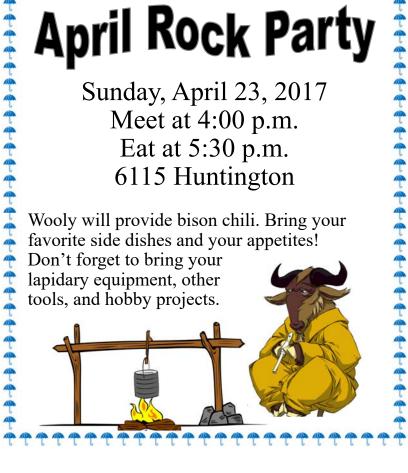
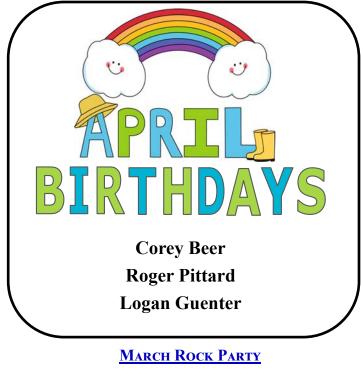
Pick & Shovel





By Sharon Marburger

The Rock Party was hosted by Nick and Nykky at their Beatrice home on March 18. Nick had the grill going on the back deck, loaded with burgers and dogs. Nykky had an assortment of other food items inside, and the guests placed their contributions with the rest.

The Nickys (as I like to call them) gave us a tour of their home, sharing their artwork, music, and hobby loves with us. They are an awesome young couple and, if you have not yet, please take some time to get to know them. Their enthusiasm bubbles, and they are pretty good field trip finds locaters. I am jealous of how many fossils and artifacts they discover while on their river walks!

A nice group of members showed up for this party: Brian, Jayne, and Corey Beer (and Jayne's sister, Judi); Charles Bachle; Judith Bay; Andrew Tiedje; Ed Ridge; and Jim and me. We enjoyed the fellowship, stuffed our faces and our tummies, then set up the grinding units. Jayne and Nykky worked on some Labradorite in the kitchen while Corey and I set up on the back deck. It was just warm enough weather that we didn't freeze our little fingers off while grinding cabochons.



It was a fun time with fellow hobbyists. If you haven't attended a monthly rock party, put it on your calendar to attend one of the upcoming events. You will have a mammoth-sized amount of fun!

