

**COMMUNITY SERVICE: ROCK AND FOSSIL PRESENTATIONS**

By Nancy Akins (photo provided by Nancy)

On April 15, Miss Claire Benne was given a rock and fossil presentation for her 4th grade class as part of her birthday celebration. We touched on the Mohs scale of Mineral Hardness and a piece of talc was passed around for all to scratch with their nails. Their class had been studying volcanoes, so igneous rock samples, along with sedimentary and metamorphic, were viewed and of course, the old favorite, baking soda and vinegar volcano. One of their favorites was the comparison of Lodestone and man-made magnets. Like all children, they showed a great deal of interest in all of the fossils and, what child doesn't like rocks?



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On April 17, 2018, I did a Rock and Fossil Presentation for Step-Ahead Child Care and Preschool in Clive, Iowa. A very attentive group thoroughly enjoyed seeing and handling all of the different rocks and fossils. The Megalodon Tooth and Iron Pyrite were among the favorites. Coprolite was also in the running.

I had done a presentation for the 4th grade class at Maple Grove Elementary in the Waukee School District. When little sister (Graclynn Benne) heard about it, she wanted one at her school, too. How can a great-grandma say no?

It is always a toss up; who is having the most fun - grandma or the kids?



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Don't forget about the big field trip in July, going to the Rocky Mountain Federation Show and field trips in the Rapid City, South Dakota area. Jim and Sharon Marburger have been working to gather information about this trip; finding optional places for our club to go collecting or just some other "touristy" things to do. You can find an update on this trip inside this Pick & Shovel. If there is somewhere in particular you would like to go on this trip, let Jim know. He will try to work it in to the schedule.

I hope our paths cross this month. Cheers!

Some Beer finds



Some Wyoming finds



Photos by Jayne Beer

