

## COMMUNITY SERVICE: ROCK AND FOSSIL PRESENTATION

By Nancy Akins

On June 6, I presented a fun and educational Rock & Fossil show for the children, grandchildren, and residents at the Cotner Center. About seven children and more than 20 adults attended. The children enjoyed hands-on looks at fossils including megalodon and shark teeth, trilobites, coprolite (dino poop), and petrified wood. Scratch and sniff rocks (sulfur) were passed around and they all guessed what it was. There were some pretty funny answers, but fireworks or gun powder was the usual answer. Nature's only magnet (lodestone) was compared to man-made magnets. In addition, it took a joint effort to erupt the ever popular baking soda and vinegar volcano (igneous rocks). As much fun as the rocks and fossils might have been, watching the children was more fun.



**The volcano.** (Photo by Pat Akins, Sr.)

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