

CAMP CREEK THRESHERS' SHOW

By Sharon Marburger (photos by John Moss, Donitte Stiles, & S. Marburger)

The weekend of July 20 & 21, 2024 was the time to be in Waverly at the Camp Creek Threshers' Show. The club put up displays of petrified wood, Eddie's table of an assortment of items, a variety of tumblers and flat laps, Pleezy (a cast of the plesiosaur the club dug up in the 1960s at Valparaiso, Nebraska), and a fluorescent room.

Approximately 800 people came through the Harness & Saddlery Shop on Saturday and Sunday where we were stationed. Each person who wanted one, received a free tumbled stone from Jim Marburger. Mike Stiles manned the fluorescent display, explaining where the specimens came from and why they fluoresce. He also shined his UV light on the tumbled stones so the kids could see if their stone was UV reactive. Imagine the joy of discovering their stone fluoresced! Donitte Stiles ran the Gem Dig, helping the young ones find gems in their assigned gravel. Eddie kept count of the people entering the building, and shared his knowledge of rocks with anyone who asked. Brett talked to a lot of people about his petrified wood exhibits, and he had to do other Thresher duties as assigned. Wooly came out for awhile, answering questions and imparting knowledge. John Moss visited for about a half day, relieving Mike at the fluorescent booth and taking photographs.

Brett was kind enough to bring air conditioners to the building. It was stifling in 2023, but this year we remained comfortable. It also helped that it was nearly perfect weather for this event.

Brett and his mother, Kay, were extremely kind to provide birthday cake for the workers, and to sing happy birthday to me. It was the perfect end (for me) to the event.

Any and all club members may participate in this event. Talk to Brett about helping out next year.



These photos by Sharon Marburger



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