



## March 2025 issue

The next regular meeting will be on THURSDAY, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW Post at 3400 Veterans Drive in Traverse City. See below for more information.

The next regular meeting of Pebble Pups will be at 5:30 pm, April 17, in the big room where the regular club meetings are held.

## March Highlights

Vice President Bob White presided over the meeting while President Hallman was in Chicago. He also gave the short program announcing a new Dinosaur Museum in South Bend, Indiana. Deb Bull presented an interesting program on Dinosaur "Mummies".

## Food Pantry Donations

Lorna Coe and Jim and De Elder would like to thank all that have brought items for the food pantry and clothing donations. Due to the success of the program, it will continue at every meeting. Non-perishable food items, ***(Please check to make sure that there are no expired dates on the food items, they can't be accepted by the food banks if they are expired.)***, personal hygiene products, children's new underwear, sizes elementary to teens, toothbrushes and toothpaste. As an added incentive, every time you donate items, put your name in the hat for a drawing, which will take place at our Christmas dinner.

## Facebook Page

Visit the club's Facebook page at this web address. There is also a link on our club website. <https://www.facebook.com/TCRockhounds>

## Upcoming Field Trip and Special Event Information

Please forward ideas for field trips to Dave Regalbuto. His contact information is listed below.

### **Sunday April 27, 2025 Field Trip: Onomonee Road Beach/Spit**

Lake Michigan is down, so we have a great opportunity to visit this exposed spit offshore from Onomonee Road Beach:



**Location:** 8 miles NE of Leland; 3.75 miles SW of Northport, via either Gills Pier or Carlson Road to Onomonee Road. Meet at the turnaround at the lakeshore. If you end up in the big lake, you've gone too far!

**Time:** Lets meet at 1:30 at the turnaround.

**Bring:** Dress for the weather; we'll hunt rain or shine, unless severe weather is imminent. Waterproof footwear/knee-high waders suggested, along with buckets, scoops.

**Please note:** Onomonee Beach is unimproved - there are no bathroom facilities.

For those tireless rockhounds who want to explore yet more Leelanau shoreline, check out Peterson Park, about 3 miles (as the crow flies) to the north. It's a quite a few stairs from the

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park down to the lake. And if you are passing through Leland on the way to/from Onomonee, you can try Van's Beach in Leland for some possible Leland Blue stones.

You are welcome to contact me with questions and/or suggestions.

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Some other possible trips in the coming months include a trip to the South Haven - Benton Harbor area to hunt for lightning stones; a trip with the Pebble Pups to the Sleeping Bear area, and a trip to a local gravel pit. More details later on these!

## Membership Information

From Cathy Kowaleski, Membership Chair:

You must be a paid member to continue to receive club benefits (participation in classes, outings and receiving club newsletters.) Dues are \$15 Adult or \$20 for a couple, Juniors (8-17) \$5, and those under 8 are free with an adult membership. Name badges are an additional \$8 per badge. Thank you!

Make checks out to GTARMC.

Membership dues may be mailed to:

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## Club Email Addresses

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To send a request for classes or workroom time, please send an email request to our club scheduler.

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If you have any photos that you would like to share of club events or members, those can be sent to:

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To view club photos on Flickr, enter the following web address:

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From Sandie Bull:

Dear Club Members,

I want to thank everyone for being so helpful and kind to me the past 3 years while I was “Treasurer” of the Rock Club. I’m so happy we have a great person to take my place. I have been working with her the past few months on taking over the job. Her name is Callee Newhouse. She is a CPA and she has had a lot experience with Non Profit organizations. She is very excited to get started and to get to know the Club better and its people.

Again her name is Callee Newhouse. Her e-mail is [callee.newhouse@gmail.com](mailto:callee.newhouse@gmail.com)

## Pebble Pups News

~~Ice Age Odyssey: Hiking through the Legacy of the Ice Age~~

~~Location: Brown Bridge Quiet Area~~

~~Theme: Exploring the Ice Age~~

~~Date: April 12, 2025~~

**The April 12 trip has been canceled!**

The May 3<sup>rd</sup> trip is still scheduled.

The following Pebble Pup field trip is announced for your consideration. Mark your calendars. Please register through Steven Veatch. He needs the pebble pup name and which parent/guardian will be coming. Collecting is allowed on the May 3rd. Last year several pebble pups hit a lagerstatten (jackpot).

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**Ancient Echoes Expedition: Journey into the World of Fossils**

**Location: Sabin Loop- Fossil Beach**

**Theme: Fossil Discovery Hike**

**Date: May 3, 2025**

**Time: 10 am to 12 pm**

Description: Embark on an extraordinary adventure with the "Ancient Echoes Expedition: Journey into the World of Fossils," a thrilling hike that invites you to step back in time and explore the geological wonders of our planet. This immersive program guides hikers through a captivating landscape rich in ancient echoes, where fossilized remnants tell the tales of prehistoric life. Led by seasoned experts in paleontology, the expedition combines the excitement of a scenic hike with hands-on fossil discovery, offering participants the chance to learn about ancient creatures. As the trail winds through breathtaking vistas, participants gain a deep appreciation for the geological history that shaped the world we know today. This hike is not just a physical journey but a profound exploration into the mysteries of Earth's past, fostering a connection between pebble pups and the awe-inspiring narratives concealed within the rocks and fossils of the landscape.

## Pebble Pups Celebrate National Poetry Month

### Pebble Pup Haiku Poetry

Inside is lightning  
It looks kind of like copper  
The shape of a state  
—Brody Dymond

Metamorphic rock  
It shines like a red diamond  
It is very hard  
—Brody Dymond

Gray coral with holes  
It looks like a nest of bees  
But it's really not  
—Brody Dymond



## Pyramid Poems

Ice Age Mammoth  
Large, hairy  
Stomping, running, living  
I wish they weren't extinct, don't you?

—Landon Chichester



Dinosaur  
Big and fierce  
Stomping, eating, fighting  
I would like to see a dinosaur (if it didn't eat me)

—Brody Dymond

Ocean  
Cool and clear  
Alluring, waving, and sailing  
Source of marine life. Would you go swimming here?



—Elly Maher

### **The Diamonds**

Hard and beautiful  
Shinning and sparkling  
Quietly  
Hidden with sapphires  
—Elly Maher

### **Fossil**

Hard and rough  
Hiding and asleep  
Quietly  
A fossil fish  
—Landon Chichester



### **A Diamond**

Clever and blue  
Wanting and waiting  
Awesomely  
The hardest mineral  
—Brody Dymond

