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Students Visit Planetarium

Wendy Efirid removed a frozen mouse from a freezer, thawed it out a little and dried it with a hair dryer. She then placed the mouse and a corn snake in a terrarium. The corn snake was a little shy because there were so many people sitting around watching her, but she eventually decided that her hunger outweighed her shyness and she devoured the mouse.

Efirid is the director of the Rotary Science Center and Henry H. "Punky" Morton Planetarium, located in the old Central Elementary School cafeteria and auditorium on Camden Road. The people watching this exhibition were part of a Compensatory Education class from South Piedmont Community College. The class is composed of adults with a diagnosis of intellectual disability or traumatic brain injury and meets at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro.

Efirid explained to the students that the mouse would satisfy the snake's hunger for about a week. She also encouraged the students to watch the mouse as it moved through the snake's body as it was digested. This was just one of the things that kept the students entranced during their recent visit. The animal room was their first stop. Efirid hoped that touching or holding some of the animals would reduce some of the fears that students might have.

Snakes made up a large part of the tour and students were encouraged to touch and even hold some of the smaller ones. The ball python, however, was considerably bigger than the other snakes and was not available for the hands-on experience. Everyone was surprised that the snakes had such smooth underbellies and did not try to bite them. Efirid pointed out to the students that these snakes are not like the snakes they might see out in their yards or on the roads. These snakes are more like pets and were born in captivity.

After the snakes, the students saw a hissing cockroach from Madagascar. It was about 1 1/2 inches long and hissed loudly whenever touched. Some of the students were brave enough to touch him, but the hissing made it a daunting experience. Also included in the hands-on exhibits were a hamster and a gecko.

After the hamster, Efirid took the students to some other exhibits that were a little less nerve-wracking. In the Life Science area, there were many animal pelts and more than 50 mounted animals, including a huge Alaskan brown bear, an elk and a wild boar. This area was visually stunning and appeared to grab the students' interest.

"The Lives of the Earth and Environmental area. In this exhibit, students were allowed to visualize a tree's canopy, an erosion table, tree ring counter and magnetic ant bed.

The NASA exhibit features images from the Hubble telescope. There is also a large display detailing the life and work of John Kiker, an Anson County native and a NASA engineer.

For students interested in exploring the human body, including heart rate, eyesight, DNA, human skeletons and lungs, the Anatomy and Physiology Exhibit, provides plenty of information.

The final exhibit was the Starlab Projector. This room with a domed ceiling has the capability to seat 30 visitors at a time and can show 17 different presentations. After the students entered the room, Efirid turned



Wendy Efirid, right, shows a snake to (from left) Shelisa Cash, Keena Tillman, Instructor April Watkins, students Neal Carpenter, Ivory Phillips and, back, Daniel Davis.

out the lights and turned on the projector. Everyone was amazed. On the ceiling were the shapes of Zodiac signs. Efirid explained to everyone the Zodiac signs got their names and pointed out the diagrams of the stars and how they were arranged in the sky to look like the shapes of the Zodiac signs.

The students who visited the Planetarium were Neal Carpenter, Shelisa Cash, Daniel Davis, Ivory Phillips and Keena Tillman. The instructor for this class is April Watkins.

For more information about Compensatory Education at South Piedmont Community College, contact Scott Rivers srivers@spcc.edu or 704-272-5468. To schedule a visit to the science center and planetarium contact Efirid at 704-694-7016.

Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



Christmas Memories

Each of you no doubt have many memories of days gone by - especially around Christmas time. My remembering days go back a few years...when Santa delivered my first toy wagon, and later when he brought my first and only guitar. Of course I remember many Santa trips dating back to more than eighty-plus years!

The picture above is one of my more recent years. In fact this one was about thirty years ago. My dog Spot was looking forward to Christmas time, as you can see in the picture. He always enjoyed "his gifts" and never would bother anything else - except his food, and then only if you told him it was his...go ahead and eat!

Many children of today receive so much - it is like Christmas every day. Yet there are still many who are not so fortunate - for them let us remember, too.

Merry Christmas, you all! Ed

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My First Christmas In Heaven



I see countless faces around the world below, With tiny eyes like Heaven's stars reflecting in the glow. The sight is so spectacular, Please wipe away the tear. For I am spending my Christmas with Jesus Christ this year. I hear the many worship songs that people hold so dear, But the sounds of music can't compare with the angel choir up here. I have no words to tell you, The joy their voices bring. For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing. I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart; But I am not so far away. We really aren't apart. So be happy for me, dear ones, You know I hold you dear. And be glad I'm spending my Christmas with Jesus Christ this year. I sent you each a special gift, From my heavenly home above, I sent you each a memory of my undying love. After all, love is a precious gift, More precious than pure gold. It was always most important in the stories Jesus told. Please love and keep each other, As my Father said to do. For I can't count the blessings of love He has for each of you. So when you think of me, wipe away the tear. Remember, I'm spending my Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

We Love And Miss You Granny. Merry Christmas! To Naomi Meachum.... Love, Your Family

Telesha Rae Heilig Graduated from NC State University



Telesha Rae Heilig graduated from North Carolina State University on Saturday, December 17th with her Bachelor Degrees in both International Communication and

Africana Studies. She has taken a study trip abroad to Ghana, Africa. Telesha he graduated from Anson High School as an Honor Society Student in 2007.

Telesha's parents are Kim and Larry Heilig. Her grandparents are Charles and Raye Heilig.

Nancy Gathings Spencer



Nancy Gathings Spencer, 89, peacefully passed away at home Friday, December 16, 2011 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 6, 2012, in Martin's Funeral Home Chapel, Granbury, TX. Entombment: 3 p.m. in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the National Parkinson Foundation, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 5018, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5018 or by phone at 800-327-4545.

She was born to Sarah Eunice and Charles Joshua Gathings in Wadesboro, NC, which was her home until graduation from High School in 1940. After business training she was employed by Southern Bell Telephone Company. She met and married a young Army Lieutenant Roger Quarles Spencer, Jr. in October, 1942. The next four years, were occupied by her husband's wartime moves and raising her son born in 1944.

After the war years they moved to Granbury and Fort Worth, Texas. After adding two daughters to their family, they moved to Austin, Texas in 1951 where they lived and raised their children until 1973. During this period she dedicated herself to raising her children, staying active in church and community activities. In her work at the Highland Park Baptist Church in Austin she assisted in youth training, taught children in Sunday School, worked with Girl Scouts and volunteered in day care for the elderly. Later in this period, she worked for the Department of Public Safety and for Boone-Chapman Insurance Agency. In 1973, she and her husband transferred, upon his promotion to District Engineer with the Texas Highway Department, to Corpus Christi where she was active as a Red Cross Volunteer at the Naval Air Station Hospital, was a member of The Professional Engineers Auxiliary and was a member of the Caribbean Baptist Church. They loved retirement in Corpus Christi where they walked the beaches, fished and entertained family and friends until they moved to Granbury, TX in 2001 to be close to their youngest daughter and husband and other family. There they enjoyed new friends and relationships through their neighbors, residents of Quail Park Assisted Living and friends of Lakeside Baptist Church. A short time after the death of her husband in 2007, she was welcomed by her daughter and husband to share their home where she lived until her death. While there, she was fulfilled with meaningful relationships with neighbors, friends at the Senior Center and Church. She absolutely loved her friend and caregiver of ten years, Susan Epperson and her friend and caregiver of 5 years, Norma Chester... who helped her maintain a wonderful quality of life until she was called home to her Heavenly Father...

She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Roger Quarles Spencer, Jr. and five siblings, Eunice Lea McLester, Myrtle Beach, SC; Charles Joseph Gathings, Wadesboro, NC; Gay Rose Loy, Laurenburg, NC; John Edgar Gathings, Wadesboro, NC and Emma Barret Gathings, Carthage, NC.

SURVIVORS: Her children, Charles Spencer and wife, Karen, Sun City West, AZ, Sally Kersey and husband, Jim, San Antonio, TX and Patty Frisbie and husband, Gene, Granbury, TX; sister-in-laws, Johnibel Spencer Roberts, Jacksonville, FL and Bobbie Gathings, Wadesboro, NC.; five grandchildren; four great grand-children; cousins, nieces and nephews.