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Hatching the Past at the Danville Science Center

DANVILLE — Dig for dinosaur eggs like a real paleontologist. Touch a real dinosaur leg bone fossil. Examine a model dinosaur nest. Ever wonder what dinosaur families were like? Did little dinosaurs ever meet their parents? Find out what scientists are uncovering in the visiting exhibition **Hatching the Past** at the Danville Science Center Saturday, **Jan. 23-Monday, Sept. 6**.

“This is a great opportunity to find out more about how dinosaurs lived — and how scientists make those discoveries,” says Danville Science Center Director Jeff Liverman. “**Hatching the Past** encourages your reasoning and creative abilities to formulate new ideas and understand more about dinosaurs. Think about adaptations that allow modern egg laying animals to survive in today’s conditions. An added feature of this exhibit is that the written information is in both English and Spanish.”

Scientists have discovered that dinosaurs first roamed Earth 225 million years ago in an era called Mesozoic. Peruse the exhibit to discover where dinosaur egg fossils have been located. Along the way you meet scientists who have found these egg fossils.

What does a coffee can filled with baby dinosaur bones mean? Its discovery leads to a former nesting ground of large duckbilled dinosaurs. Some fossils even show a nest with an adult and many young dinosaurs, leading to natural questions about dinosaur parenting skills.

“Hatching the Past brings dinosaurs to life in a way you may not have experienced before your visit,” says Liverman with a smile. “I fully expect some people will come away new insight into dinosaurs as living creatures, and some may leave exclaiming, ‘What cute babies!’”

Hatching the Past is owned by StoneCompany.com Inc. It is sponsored at the Science Center by the Kiwanis Club of Danville Foundation.

Hatching the Past is included with Science Center admission. Tickets are \$5 for ages 4-12 and 60+ and \$6 for ages 13-59. For Science Center information call 434-791-5160 or visit www.dsc.smv.org. The Science center is located at 677 Craghead Street.

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