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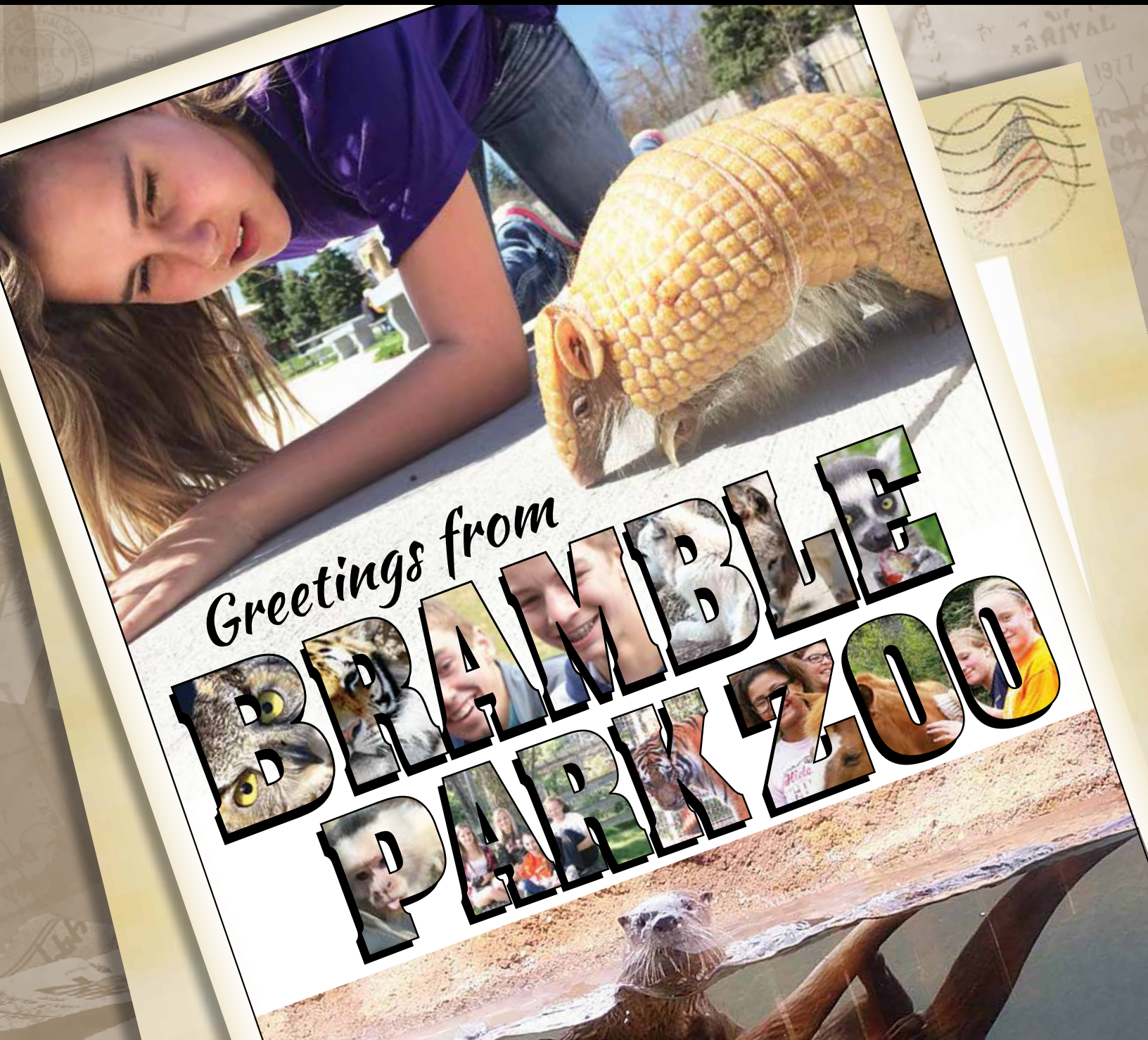
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ANIMAL CHATTER

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*A little
creativity
from the
Girls
Rule
girls!*



Chamber After 5

Welcome!



**Bramble
Park
Zoo**



*A new edition
to the family!*



Hallo from Germany



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Greetings from Bramble Park Zoo,

The Bramble Park Zoo has been enriching lives of visitors for over 100 years. Today, we are one of the areas most significant educational, recreational and conservation icon's, serving more than 65,000 guests annually. Of those guests, over 21,000 people participated in educational programming and 15,000 had fun at our special events.

As you read this newsletter, we have many exciting reasons why Bramble Park Zoo is a destination for fun and excitement. We are always enthusiastic to share updates about new and existing animals and fun and unique experiences available at the zoo.

This year, we completed the black & white ruffed lemur exhibit, sponsored by First Premier Bank & Premier Bankcard. We also renovated the red kangaroo building to improve the area for winter holding. Contractors constructed an improved camel fence for safety and security and improved the main parking lot. Some of the new animals and births include various species of fish, American bison calves, canvasback ducklings, numerous pygmy goats, huacaya alpacas, baby sand boas and a three banded armadillo. All these new animals and exhibits improve the visitors' zoo experience.

There were many students and teachers from South Dakota, Minnesota and North Dakota who visited the zoo for unique educational experiences. We offered many summer educational programs for youth and teens and provided visitors with keeper talks and animal encounters. This also created a unique destination for educational experiences. Our magnificent gardens provide many native and ornamental trees and shrubs. We also display many native prairie plants that attract butterflies and numerous insects. This creates a beautiful background and environment for visitors to enjoy.

As we celebrate "destination Bramble Park Zoo"; we look at all the wonderful things we offer our guests to truly make it a place to come to again and again. Bring your family, bring your friends, become a member and volunteer.

Thanks for all your support!

Dan Miller, Zoo Director

*Creating
Memories!*



*Guests learning about
Australia*

*Bramble Park Zoo animals love their
Watermelon Pizzas*

*Enriching
lives!*

EARLY OUT ZOO CLASSES **school age**

Continue your school day of learning and fun during these afterschool programs at the zoo scheduled on teacher in-service/early out days.

Time: Classes run from 12:30-4:00 p.m. and include a snack

Fee: \$15 + tax per program

- **Photo Safari** – Wed., Sept. 28
- **Critter Coverings** – Wed., Oct. 26
- **Born in the USA** – Thurs., Nov. 10
- **Holiday Hay Day** – Fri., Jan. 20
- **Operation Zoo** – Wed., Feb. 22
- **Having a Ball @ the Zoo** – Wed., March 29
- **Enrichment Extravaganza** – Fri., April 21



Show is free with paid admission or membership



**SHOWING AT
BRAMBLE
PARK ZOO
Sunday,
Sept. 25th • 2pm**

FREE POPCORN!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Watertown Radio Chili Cook-off

Make plans to attend the 22nd Annual Chili Cook-Off at Bramble Park Zoo on Saturday, September 24th. Admission to the zoo is only \$4. The public is invited to purchase a cup and taste each contestant's chili at 1:00pm. If you enjoy cooking, enter your team and invite all of your friends. For more information or to register a team, call Watertown Radio at 886-8444 or Bramble Park Zoo at 882-6269.

Reduced Fee: LAZS membership or \$4 spectator admission for ages 3 and up

Public tasting wristbands - \$3 per person

Chili teams – call for pricing

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2016

TIME: Zoo hours 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Chili tasting 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. –
or until it runs out!



Thrivent Financial Free Day

The Codington County Chapter of Thrivent Financial is sponsoring a Free Day at the Bramble Park Zoo! When the weather is cool and the kids have gone back to school, make plans to attend this day when the animals come out to play.

Reduced Fee: Free for everyone

Date: Saturday, October 8, 2016

Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm



ZOO BOO

Join us for a spooktacular evening filled with ghouls and goblins! Youth will be able to trick-or-treat, visit ghostly "boo"ths, and observe the animals at the Bramble Park Zoo. This special event, sponsored by Power 106.3, will provide a safe and enjoyable Halloween experience for all ages. If your business or organization would like to set up a candy station, just give the Zoo a howl at 882-6269.

Reduced Fee: 2 & under: free

3-12 years: \$7

13 years & over: \$7 or LAZS membership
(membership not valid for youth admission)

Note: Presale tickets = 1 hour early admission through the Express Entrance!

Date: Saturday, October 29, 2016

Time: 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

(Presale ticket holders may enter at 1:00pm)



Breakfast with Santa

Visit with Santa and his animal friends at the Bramble Park Zoo on Saturday, December 10th between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Enjoy breakfast, provided by Burger King, along with other activities inside the Discovery Center. Please wear proper winter attire to view the animals outside at the zoo. Participation is limited to 250 people, so get your tickets early at the zoo.

Reduced Fee: \$6 presale (everyone 3 and over) or \$7 at the door (if available)

Date: Saturday, December 10, 2016

Time: 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.



Education Programs

Zoo Education programs include a hands-on approach to animal discovery, activities, games, art and interaction with zoo animals.

- A minimum of six participants is needed to hold each class session.
- **Deadline to register is one week before each program begins.**
- To register, go online to **www.watertownparkandrec.com** or contact the Bramble Park Zoo at 882-6269
- Parents of younger children may attend.
- During drop-off please accompany your child into the Discovery Center and release them to staff.



FALL ZOO SCHOOL **ages 2 thru kindergarten**

Times: Thursdays 1:30-3:00 p.m. or

Fridays 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$12 + tax per program

- **Bear Necessities** – October 13 or 14
- **Leader of the Pack** – October 20 or 21
- **Turtle Power** – November 3 or 4
- **Hide and Seek** – November 17 or 18



Bramble Park Zoo traveled to **IC's KOT** over the summer to present science programs.



Girl Scouts earned their Pets Badge during a ZooSnooze and field study trip to Critter Mart and More.



Maggie in the Meantime performing during Sunset Zoofari in June.



First ever Kids Dime Auction at BPZ



Terry Redlin Environmental Center

Ice Fishing during the winter inside the Terry Redlin Environmental Center

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6TH GRADE DAY POSTERS



Facto (Lontra Canadensis)

- The river otter's habitat is the oceans or rivers.
- The river otter weighs 65 pounds. Also it is quite long!
- An otter's life span is about 23 years.
- The river otter is a member of the weasel family.
- Otters spend at least 2 to 3 hours grooming them selves (they are neat freaks).
- Otters have about 1 to 3 pups at birth. They are blind and helpless.
- Otters learn to swim at about 2 months of age.

Q: What do Otters eat?

A: Shellfish, Sea urchin, Crabs, Seaweed, Fish, mussels, Oysters.

Q: What kind of predators do Otters have?

A: Humans, alligators, bobcats, and Bears of Alky.

Q: How many babies do Otters have?

A: 1-2 million hairs per sq. inch.

Q: Do Otters have a nickname?

A: Yes, Their Nickname is "Coolest" for their hair.





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Thank you for being a Lake Area Zoological Society Member!

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We invite you to renew your membership for 2016/2017 so you will always know What's Up at the zoo. LAZS member benefits include free and speedy admission to the zoo for one year, free or reduced admission to over 100 participating zoos and aquariums, members' only specials, and an evening picnic at the Zoo. An LAZS membership makes visiting the Bramble Park Zoo affordable and fun every day of the year. And, as an LAZS member, you are helping support the Zoo's conservation and education missions locally and globally. As a non-profit, the Bramble Park Zoo depends on your support to continue to add new things at the Zoo!

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 Wendy Friskop
 David Gaikowski
 Kathy Geffre
 Karen Hall
 Sandy Hannasch
 Lori Hauge
 Renae Hoss
 Janessa Husmann
 Dorothy Iverson
 Elda Rae Jensen
 Elizabeth Kargiotou
 Michelle Kuhlman
 Buddy LaFramboise
 Leah Luken
 Renee Mack
 David Meis
 Lisa Moen
 Tim Olson
 Grant Osthus
 Kendra Owen
 Sharon Roberts
 Betty Schiley
 Beverly Stormo
 Boyd Tesch
 Kennedy Tietz
 Kirsten Titze

Jim Stoudt
 2016 LAZS picnic Redlin print winner.

ANIMAL SPONSORS

Zoo Parent(s)	"Wild Child"
Ellie Connor.....	Peacock
John, Sarah & Anna Lunzman.....	Gray Wolf
Adam Kiefer	Gray Wolf
Hailey Janssen	Wood Duck
Mr. C's 5th Grade Class	Gray Wolf
Wurth Electronics G&R	River Otter
5 W's Fifth Graders	Chinchilla



ROOTS & SHOOTS GROUPS WERE HOWLING WITH THE WOLVES

On the morning of July 27, eight children and coordinator Barb Struwe from the Roots & Shoots Terabytes class at Bramble Park Zoo started a trek to the International Wolf Center in Ely, MN. The first stop was Chahinkapa Zoo in Wahpeton, ND. There, they were joined by nine members of the Chahinkapa Zoo Roots & Shoots group and their staff. After a long drive through wooded northern Minnesota, they arrived. The event included presentations for the group on wolf research, wolf collar GPS search, wolf communications, and a chance to meet the new Arctic wolf pups (Grayson and Axel) being introduced at the center this year. A highlight was sleeping in the auditorium with windows to the wolf habitat. About 11:30 pm, student heads popped up like dominos from sleeping bags to watch and listen to the wolves howl to each other. Upon waking up in the morning, one student opened his eyes to see the female wolf of the pack staring at him from the other side of the glass.

When asked what their favorite part was, Shayla Kufahl summed it up by saying, "I don't have a favorite part it was all great!" The interactive events planned by the International Wolf Center kept the students busy and engaged in learning throughout the 2 day event. Arnold Jibben also liked the whole event but especially sleeping with the wolves and watching them interact. Anika Birkelo stated she liked hearing the wolves howl and she has a great video to prove it. Weston Jenson learned that wolves howl three different ways. Sam Cruft said he didn't know that wolves retire and he liked watching how majestic they were. Addison Barth enjoyed the wolf pups and found it interesting to learn that when a pup licks its mom in the face it means the pup wants mom to regurgitate food for it. Lachlan Kassa was impressed with a wolf's great sense of smell. Ernest Jibben found it interesting that wolves have scent glands in their feet.



The role of the International Wolf Center is to teach the world about wolves, knowing that each person's opinion of wolves affects the wolves' population and chances of survival. The 15 students were perfectly quiet and absolutely in tune with the wolves' movements and interactions with the other wolves. It was an amazing experience for everyone.



Outreach display during **Clear Lake Science Night**

ANIMAL UPDATE

3.2.1 = 3 males, 2 females, and 1 unknown sex. To save space when communicating with other zoos, we use this system to indicate the number and sex of each group of animals.

ACQUISITIONS

Salt water fish
2.0 Jersey calves
1.2 Domestic geese
0.0.6 Leopard frogs
0.0.9 Tiger salamanders
0.1 Guinea pig
0.0.13 Fresh water discus fish
1.9 Ring-necked pheasants
0.2 Huacaya alpacas
1.0 Three-banded armadillo

DISPOSITIONS

0.0.4 Red eared sliders
0.0.1 Screech owl
1.3 Canvasback ducks
1.0 Greater scaup

DEATHS

0.1 Ring-necked pheasant
0.1 Peafowl (unknown)
0.1 Ring-necked pheasant (unknown)
0.0.1 Rainbow trout
0.0.1 Zebra finch
0.0.2 Tiger salamander
0.0.1 Red tailed hawk
0.0.1 Giant gourami
1.0 Peafowl (mink)

BIRTHS & HATCHES

0.0.2 American bison
0.0.4 Canvasbacks
0.0.2 Snow geese
4.3 Pygmy Goats

REHAB BIRDS

Night hawk
Bald eagle
Screech owl
30 wood ducks
10 mallards
14 wood ducks
Screech owl fledgling
Canada goose gosling
Common egret
0.2 Bald eagle
Great horned owl

STATUS

Died
Euthanized – Aspergillus
Hand raised
27 released; 3 died
Released

Will release
Released
Died from lead poisoning
Hit by car - died

MEMORIALS

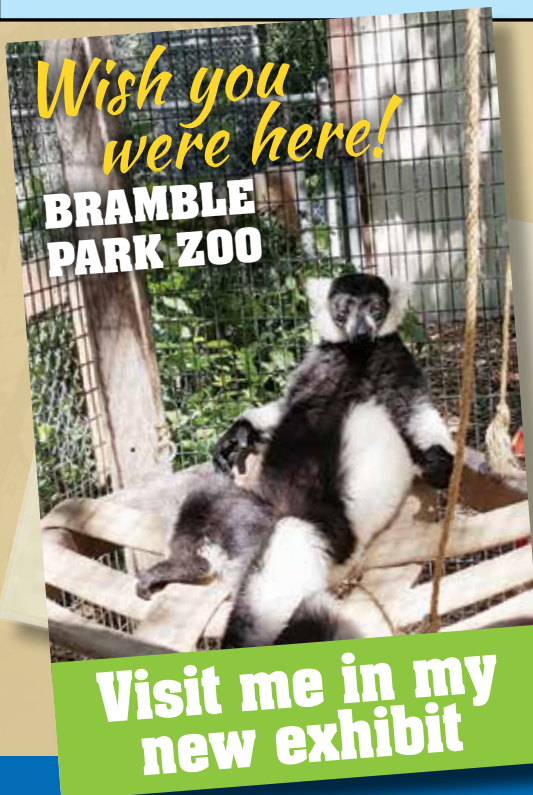
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Georgia Fishman
Jason Saugstad
Arnold Helseth

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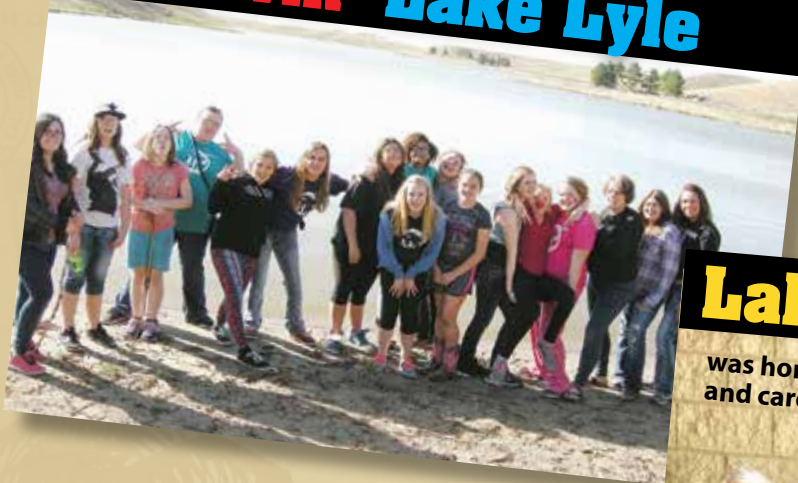


Keepers

unloaded 800 bales of hay to feed the animals



Lovin' Lake Lyle



Playing Bingo

during winter games



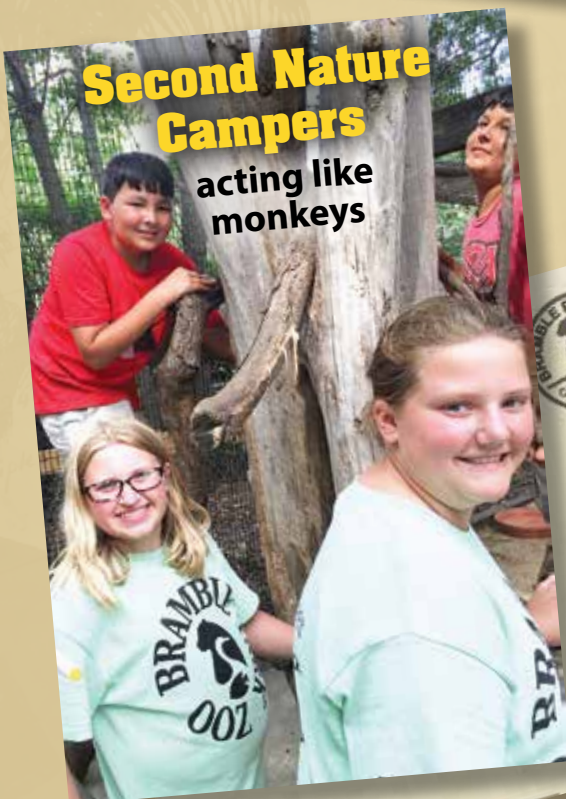
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was honored for their continued support and care of the animal collection



Second Nature Campers

acting like monkeys



Phil Baker entertained the troops during...

Midco Free Day



Staff and volunteers
worked hard in the

KidZoo barn



Watertown Second Graders



Young Explorers had



Zoo School Students learned about animal senses



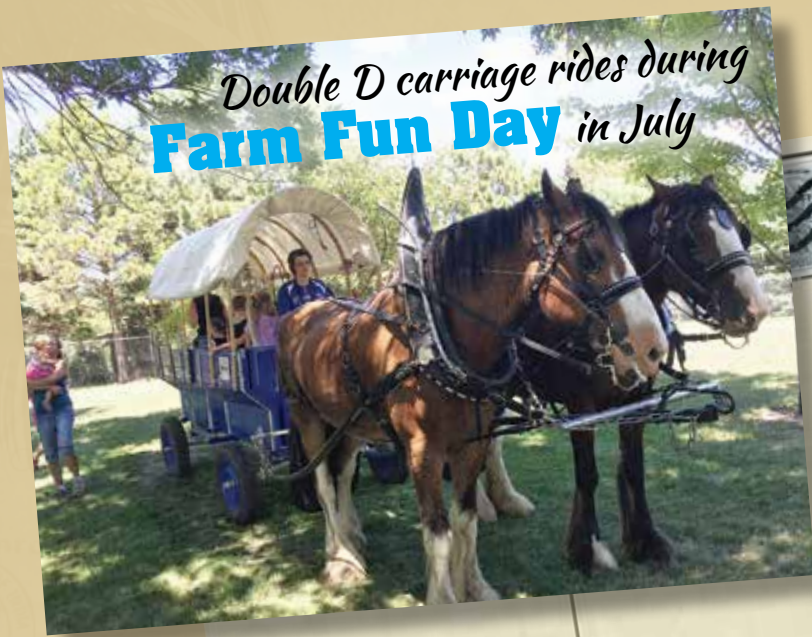
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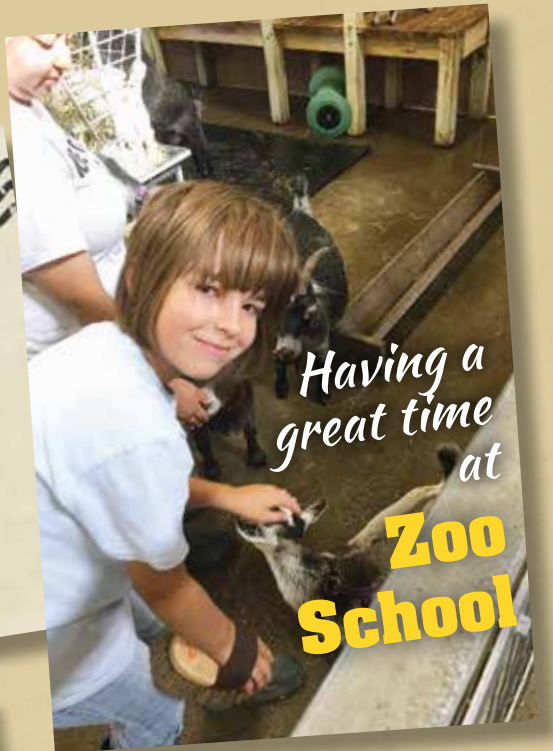
workshop at the
Minnesota Zoo



Double D carriage rides during
Farm Fun Day in July



Having a
great time
at
**Zoo
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Rule**
at Way of
the Horse
Equine
Assisted
Learning.



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**Eating!
Eating!
Eating!**

Summer Camp at the Zoo



**It has been a
hot one this
summer!**
Many animals enjoyed frozen treats.

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The mission of the Lake Area Zoological Society is to promote and stimulate interest in the Bramble Park Zoo and support the zoo's development and programs through fundraising, marketing and other initiatives designed to enhance the zoo experience.