

Wild Things

AQUATIC THEMES, TIME TRAVEL & YOUR PASSPORT, PLEASE

Kohl's Wild Theater returns to the Zoo

New Shows Premiere: May 23; four free performances a day, seven days a week through Labor Day at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

There's something wrong in the oceans. Rivers are being polluted. And all the while people — and a chicken — are traveling back and forth in time! What's going on? You'll find out when Kohl's Wild Theater (KWT) kicks off its fifth season at the Milwaukee County Zoo. "This summer we're going to address a lot of critical issues, from water pollution to extinction," says Dave McLellan, the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's theater program coordinator. "We're going to use interesting concepts — like time travel — to see how we can learn from past extinctions in order to try to prevent future ones." Kohl's Wild Theater, the Society's live theater program, is made possible by a partnership with Kohl's Cares. Each show is 15 minutes long and is performed on the KWT stage in the farm area. Here's a glimpse of what you'll see:

The iRiver Cleanify App

Jackie is a kid with nothing to do but homework and chores. Boring! But when Jackie drops his phone down a storm drain, he chases it into the Milwaukee River. There he learns about animal "kids" that are raised in the river and the challenges their river home faces. Join Jackie as he travels upstream and learns that being a kid is great, and that easy "chores" can help the animals growing up in our local river.



Jackie, played by Sherrick Robinson, and a dragonfly nymph, played by Libby Amato, have a dispute in "The iRiver Cleanify App" play.

Dr. McGhee Learns About the Sea

In this play Dr. McGhee's office is overrun by sick sea creatures, but what is causing the illnesses? Why is a decorator crab's new shell flimsy? What's irritating the gills of a leopard shark? Help Dr. McGhee — a "certified genius" — discover what can be done in Wisconsin to help animals living in oceans all around the world.

The Time Traveler's Chicken

Clucky the chicken has accidentally broken her egg. With the help of Dr. Thinker's time machine, Clucky travels back in time to be more careful. Along the way, Clucky and Dr. Thinker find bird relatives in the past that have gone extinct and a surprising prehistoric connection. Join Clucky and Dr. Thinker on this time travel adventure to learn from the past so we can care for endangered animals in the future.

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KIDDING AROUND AT NIGHT

Kids' Nights **MEMBERS ONLY**

Sponsored by WaterStone Bank

July 7, 9 & 10, 5-9 p.m., Milwaukee County Zoo

Free admission with Zoo Pass card & photo ID.

Reduced Milwaukee County parking fee:

\$11 from 5-8:30 p.m.

Zoo Pass Plus members receive free parking.

Many kids have to come indoors when the street lights turn on. But at this annual members-only Zoological Society event, kids can stay out late. You're invited to one of three after-hours nights at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Family-friendly activities, live entertainment and scrumptious food await you — along with the Zoo's animals. Many animals get active as the sun begins to set, and the entire Zoo will be open for this prime animal viewing time (the Herb & Nada Mahler Family Aviary will close at dusk). You'll also get half-price admission to the Zoo's special summer exhibit, Expedition Dinosaur, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets. This \$1.25 member admission price starts at 5 p.m. every day of the event (Society members must present their Zoo Pass card and photo ID for reduced admission).

As you make your way through the Zoo, you'll find so much to see and do. Keep your eyes peeled for Wild Willy, the famous strolling juggler. Kohl's Wild Theater will have shows at 5:30, 6:15 and 7 p.m. each night in the farm area. Let your kids unleash their inner rock star with UB the Band, sponsored by American Family Insurance (located on the Briggs & Stratton Zoo Terrace Stage). Hear DJ Tim Sledge play kids' favorite hits on the Flamingo Patio stage, sponsored by Great Clips. Check out the tunes of Lisa Edgar & RAZZMATAZZ at the Ralph



Photo by Richard Brodzeller

Xavier S., 3, of Waukesha, jams on the drums at last year's event.



Memberanda

We value your relationship with the Zoological Society of Milwaukee. The Society does not sell member/donor information to third parties, but may share limited information with the Milwaukee County Zoo for the purpose of confirming membership status.

Zoological Society office hours: Through May 22 Weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Weekends, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **May 23-Labor Day:** Weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Weekends, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Zoo hours through May 22: Daily, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **May 23-Labor Day:** Daily, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **Please note that the Zoo's Small Mammals Building opens at 10:00 a.m. Admission gates close 45 minutes before the posted Zoo closing hours. Zoo animal buildings close 15 minutes before posted Zoo closing time.**

Payment information at Zoo admission gates: The Milwaukee County Zoo staff does not accept checks for Zoo Pass purchases or renewal payments at the Zoo's admission gates.

School field trips & company picnics: Zoo Pass free-admission benefits do not apply when a child visits the Zoo as part of an organized class field trip or when members attend an employer's company picnic held at the Zoo. Due to the many busloads of school groups visiting the Zoo, gate staff is not able to board each bus to verify Zoo Pass memberships without causing potentially dangerous traffic backups onto Bluemound Road. The discounted fees paid for educational outings and company picnics include additional Zoo-visit benefits.

Help us get new members! In April we send out our membership acquisition materials. Sometimes, if addresses or names don't match exactly with the names on lists we rent, a member may receive our information. If that should happen, please pass it along to a friend with your encouragement to join the Society. We get many new members this way. Thanks!

Who can use member cards? The person(s) named on the Zoo Pass is the owner of the card. Your Zoo Pass cannot be given to someone else to use. Please have your identification ready to present along with your Zoo Pass as you enter the Zoo. The Society and the Zoo retain the right to invalidate any Zoo Pass being used inappropriately.

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Evinrude Landing Stage, sponsored by Lifeway Foods. Do you still have energy? Great — head over to the Peck Welcome Center for Mad Science, Karate America demonstrations, animal-themed crafts and temporary tattoos, sponsored by KinderCare Learning Centers. Back at the U.S. Bank Gathering Place you can enjoy the Main Street Song & Dance Troupe, which features some of the most talented high school performers in the metro-Milwaukee area. Near the giraffes you can try to scale a 25-foot-high Adventure Rock climbing wall. If you reach the top you'll be taller than Bahatika, who at 14 feet is the Zoo's tallest giraffe.

All of these activities will make you hungry. No worries — there will be a variety of food to choose from, such as barbeque from Saz's Catering, Noodles & Company's mac and cheese, Asian delights from Wong's Wok or zesty pizza from Palermo's® Pizza. Or try dinner from some of Milwaukee's favorite food trucks, like the Gouda Girls, Kona Ice, Eats & Treats, Farm Fresh Bowls and Five Star Nacho. Top off your dinner with a root beer float to support the Sponsor an Animal program. To further support the Sponsor an Animal program, check out The Nutman in the U.S. Bank Gathering Place and purchase nuts and candy. While you're there, visit the Society's Extravanzoo Sale. Here you can find T-shirts, plush-toy animals and animal sponsorship packages.

The Penzeys Spices Carousel and the North Shore Bank Safari Train will run till dusk (weather permitting) at regular prices. You are invited to the event on the night specified on your invitation, which will arrive in mid-June; however, if that date is inconvenient, you may attend on one of the other evenings. The event will be held rain or shine. All activities (including the reduced-price dinosaur exhibit) start after 5 p.m., when parking is \$11. Parking during the day is the regular price of \$12. The Zoo's admission gates will close for the day by 4:15 p.m. and re-open for this members-only event at 5 p.m.; however, Society members may stay in the Zoo during this time. The aviary will close at dusk.



Cara S. (left) and Jamie D., both 13 and from Delafield, enjoy mac and cheese at a previous Kids' Night. Photo by Lila Aryan

Special Offer

Visit any WaterStone Bank between June 1 and July 2, 2015, show your Zoo Pass card and get one ticket good for a free ride on the Penzeys Spices Carousel during Kids' Nights. Visit WSBonline.com for branch locations.

KOHL'S WILD THEATER

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A Climb Through Time

Help clue-finding Kiddo on a futuristic adventure to save orangutans. But pay close attention: Some clues in this play aren't always what they seem, and the future of orangutans may depend on what Kiddo learns about the present.

Passport Control

Make sure to pick up a KWT passport at the theater in the farm area. Get your passport stamped every time you see a show at the Zoo. Actors will also perform interactive skits at three different exhibits every day, so make sure to get your passport stamped there, too. Children who fill their passports receive a prize. Bonus stamp: If you attend a KWT show in the community during the summer months, get your passport stamped and receive a bonus prize!

Bring Kohl's Wild Theater to you

Kohl's Wild Theater outreach continues to reach festivals, schools and community events within a one-hour radius of the Milwaukee County Zoo, free of charge. Performances are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Julie B. at the Zoological Society of Milwaukee, [414-258-2333](tel:414-258-2333), or KWT@zoosociety.org, for available dates. For more information, go to wildtheater.org.



Photo by Richard Brodzeller

Michael Black plays Kiddo in "A Climb Through Time."

The Sounds of Summer



Photo by Richard Brodzeller

Christel B., of Milwaukee, dances with daughter Lillian, 3, at last year's event.

Sunset Zoofaris

Sponsored by Tri City National Bank

June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 6-9 p.m.,

Milwaukee County Zoo

Free Zoo admission for Zoo Pass members with photo ID.

Non-members: Adults, \$6.50; ages 3-12, \$5.50;

FREE for children 2 and under; or \$20 per carload (with a maximum of 10 people).

No parking fee. For details, call 414-256-5466.

Interesting sounds will be heard at the Milwaukee County Zoo, but not all of them from the animals. In addition to a lion's roar or a peacock's cry, music will fill six June and July Wednesday nights at the Zoo. Catch a different band each week at the Flamingo Patio Gazebo stage from 6:15 to 8:45 p.m. at this annual summer concert series. Tour the Zoo and visit your favorite animals after hours. Animal buildings will be open until 8:45 p.m. (the aviary closes at dusk). Check out the Zoo's special summer exhibit, Expedition Dinosaur, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets (exhibit admission is \$2.50 per person).

After you've seen and listened to it all, grab a bite to eat from the Zoo's Flamingo Café or Lakeview Place restaurants as you enjoy a relaxing evening at the Zoo with friends and family. Here's a lineup of this year's bands: June 24, 3D (acoustic rock); July 1, The Orphans (classic rock favorites); July 8, Downtown Harrison (impersonates famous singers such as Frank Sinatra, Elvis, Johnny Cash, Neil Diamond, James Brown, Tina Turner and more); July 15, Riding Shotgun (rock, pop and country covers); July 22, Dirty Boogie (pop, rock); and July 29, Blue Light Scene (covers and originals).

Tri City National Bank customers: Get a free ride on the Penzeys Spices Carousel. Stop in at any branch after June 1 and get a free-ride ticket while supplies last. (Valid June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2015, only during evening Sunset Zoofaris. Does not include Zoo admission or parking. One ticket per person per bank visit.) Visit tcnb.com for bank locations.

Do Like Your Dad

Father's Day at the Zoo

Sponsored by Prairie Farms Dairy

June 21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Dads get free Zoo admission (parking not included); no coupon necessary.

Zoo gates close 45 minutes before Zoo closes.

Free Zoo admission for Zoo Pass members with photo ID.

Milwaukee County parking fee: \$12.

For information, call 414-256-5466.

Most gorilla troops consist of a dominant male — called a silverback — and a number of females and their offspring. Typically the silverback is the father of the young gorillas in the troop. At the Milwaukee County Zoo, silverback Cassius recently became a new father. In gorilla troops, silverbacks play an important role — they teach young male gorillas how to behave, preparing them for adulthood. Most human fathers also help raise their children, molding them to become mature, successful adults. Show your dad how much you appreciate the impact he's had on your life and bring him to the Zoo on June 21. All dads get free admission! While you're at the Zoo, check out a free theater show in the farm area. You can also visit this summer's special exhibit: Expedition Dinosaur, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets.



Photo by Richard Brodzeller

Bryan B. (left), of North Liberty, Iowa, and son Nicholas, 2, pet a bunny at last year's event.

Sweet (Animal) Dreams

Snooze at the Zoo

Sponsored by Kellogg's & Sentry Foods

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday, August 12, 13, 14 or 15, starting at 5 p.m., Milwaukee County Zoo.

Members: \$135 for family of four; non-members, \$160.

For individual rates and discount details, go online: zoosociety.org/Snooze.

Registration is online only and begins May 18 at 8 a.m.

for Zoological Society members; registration for non-members starts May 19 at 8 a.m.

For details, call Special Events, 414-258-2333.

The sun slowly sets behind a lake. Leaves gently rustle in the fading light. The smell of a campfire wafts over tents. Bucolic scenes like this occur all over Wisconsin every summer. You can have a similar experience with a twist — you can sleep near exotic animals at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Each night at the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's annual campout, campers can enjoy a movie, kid-friendly activities, s'mores around a group campfire (sponsored by The Sleep Wellness Institute), and a buffet dinner. The next morning, enjoy breakfast and a day at the Zoo! This Society fundraiser is a fun, safe camping experience for families (especially for first-time campers) and youth groups such as Girl and Boy Scouts. It's the only time each year when the general public can camp at the Zoo.

This popular event fills quickly, and we encourage you to register early. Registration is held online on a first-come, first-served basis (see start times above). You will be registered as soon as you submit your payment information. If you or a member of your party has special needs, please let us know in the comments area online.

Special Offer: Buy any two Kellogg's cereals and/or Kellogg's Pop-Tarts and save \$10 per family or \$3 per individual. Please visit zoosociety.org/Snooze for instructions on how to redeem this special offer.

Mulligans and Gilligans

Birdies & Eagles Golf Tournament

Sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

July 27, 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Ozaukee Country Club in Mequon; \$350 per person; registration begins at 10:30 a.m.; shotgun start at noon.

Register at zoosociety.org/Events/GolfOuting or call 414-258-2333 by July 1.

Maybe you're feeling generous and offer your opponent a mulligan? Or perhaps competition is intense and you insist on a gilligan? Competitive or not, there's much fun to be had at the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's 26th annual golf outing. This Society fundraiser offers a variety of fun course events and hole-in-one opportunities. It's a perfect occasion to network with metro-Milwaukee business leaders. You can also participate in a raffle and silent auction. A day on the links will make you hungry. Satisfy your hunger at a buffet lunch, and later enjoy a gourmet dinner. Proceeds help support the Society. Last year's event raised more than \$115,000.

On the Web: See photos from a previous golf event at zoosociety.org/GolfPics.

Pictured from left are Mathew Simpson, of Wauwatosa; Michael Stanley, of Menomonee Falls; Brian Thimmesch, of Sussex; and Nick Galfano, of Brookfield. The foursome was getting ready to hit the greens at last year's event. Photo by Richard Brodzeller



Dave S., of West Bend, blows up an air mattress while daughter Kaitlin, 6, watches at last year's event. Photo by Richard Taylor



Fun, Hands-on Zoo Classes

All classes are run by the Zoological Society of Milwaukee.

What makes Zoo classes and camps so special? One thing is the huge array of topics that are sure to interest almost any child. Then there are the talented, hardworking teachers who make the classes and camps fun and educational. But there is another group of people who are an integral part of the success of the classes and camps: Zoo Pride volunteers called Eager Beavers. "Many of our multi-part art and learning projects for children need to be made from scratch, but this requires fine motor skills that our young participants haven't developed yet," says MaryLynn Conter Strack, enrichment program coordinator. "That's why our Eager Beavers do the tracing, cutting, stapling and gluing required to prepare materials for the many projects that children in our programs later assemble." Jessie Franz, an Eager Beaver volunteer, says she loves "seeing the children with their completed projects — they look so happy!"



zoosociety.org/Education

Isabella T., 2, of Colgate, Wis., models the frog costume she made in Leap Frogs summer camp. Photo by Richard Brodzeller

An Amazing Safari

Animal Safari

Aug. 29, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; behind-the-scenes tours run 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Call 414-258-2333 to become an animal sponsor.

Almost everybody has been in a kitchen. But how many people can say they've been in a kitchen that caters to birds? You can if you participate in the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's behind-the-scenes event at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Animal Sponsors can go behind the scenes on this special day and check out the kitchen in the aviary, see the indoor hippo area and more. Not an animal sponsor? No problem — you can sponsor an animal at the event and join the tours! Consider sponsoring one of our feature animals — a Humboldt, gentoo or rockhopper penguin — for only \$25. You'll get a plush-toy penguin of your chosen species and more! Or, sponsor all three penguins for \$65. You'll save \$10 and receive

On the Web

Sponsor an animal at zoosociety.org/SponsorAnimal



Liam M., (left), 2, of St. Francis, and his brother Robert, 10, listen while Zoo Pride volunteer Dick Tyk, of Crystal Lake, Ill., tells them about what elk eat.

Summer Camps, sponsored by Penzeys Spices

It's not too late to sign up for Summer Camps! From "Carousel" for 2-year-olds to learning about the job of a zookeeper for 12- to 14-year-olds, there is a camp for every child. Registration for June-August 2015 is open now. We offer child-care services before and after our camps for children ages 6-14 (7:30-9:15 a.m. and 3-5 p.m.).

"Zoo to You" School programs

Teachers, bring the Zoo to you! Education programs are available at the Zoo or as outreach to schools. Register now for October-May 2016 programs.

"We love Zoo classes! My son always talks about all of the information he learned. He wears his costumes at home and looks forward to the next class."

**Nancy and Kevin U.
Mequon, Wis.**

UWM Course at the Zoo for Teachers

Study of the World's Endangered Species, June 20 and 21. Learn techniques to develop lessons and use the Zoo as a teaching resource. Call University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Outreach at 414-229-5255 for information and registration.

Workshop for Early-Childhood Teachers

"Dinosaurs" is a 2½-hour workshop on Saturday, July 25, for early-childhood teachers. Workshop content is mainly for educators of ages 2-5. It includes background information, classroom station ideas, project samples and a tour of the summer exhibit, Expedition Dinosaur, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets. Register online at zoosociety.org/TeacherEdu.

David P., 3, of Wauwatosa, makes a giraffe-themed craft in "Gentle Giants" summer camp.

Photo by Richard Taylor



a Humboldt, gentoo and rockhopper plush toy. Even if you are not an animal sponsor, you can go to the Peck Welcome Center to see examples of enrichment items that members of Zoo Pride, the Society's volunteer auxiliary, make for the animals. There will also be a Sensory Safari designed for guests with special needs, allowing them to touch different animal mounts. Young children will enjoy crafts and temporary tattoos. Animal sponsors also get half-off admission to the special exhibit on dinosaurs!

Make Some Art!

Kids 17 years old and younger can participate in the Kids' Green Art Contest. Create art projects of an animal using only discarded material (tape, glue and other fasteners are OK). Artwork must fit in a 2-foot-square section of a table and be light enough to be carried by one person. Entry deadline is Aug. 15. Drop off your project at the Society's office between Aug. 22 and Aug. 28; it will be displayed at the event. For more details about the contest and to participate, go to zoosociety.org/SponsorAnimal/GreenArt and fill out an entry form by Aug. 15, 2015.

Lexi S., 11, of Oshkosh, poses with her entry for the art contest.



Photo by Mary Mathare

Going Green is Good



Photo by Richard Brodzeller

Zoo Pride volunteer Susan Schwabenlender, of Waukesha, helps Oscar W., 4, of Cedar Grove, pick a tree to plant at last year's event.

about the amazing feat of bird migration. You can watch zookeepers band birds and get banded yourself. Then, follow a simulated migration path through the Zoo. You'll face the same risks as migrating birds, and you can learn how to help save birds' lives by crafting bird decals for windows to help prevent collisions. Tree saplings will be handed out at Macaque Island, and you can learn about the importance of tree diversity and the dangers of the emerald ash borer. There will also be self-guided tours of trees in the Zoo's urban forest and a Nature Zoomobile Tour that highlights conservation efforts on Zoo grounds.

Annual Appeal

Revvng up for Red Panda Renovations

In the future, the Milwaukee County Zoo hopes to have a family of red pandas. When that day comes, they'll need an updated habitat where they can run, climb and create a little "panda-monium." That's why for the 2014-15 Annual Appeal, we hope to add additional things to the exhibit like:

- A taller, more secure structure to protect the red pandas from wild animals, such as raccoons, that can pass on diseases
- A roof to provide shade on hot summer days because red pandas prefer cooler conditions
- More trees and branches for climbing, resting and watching Zoo guests
- Special areas for enrichment activities and food treats to keep the pandas' minds active

When construction is completed, the Zoo hopes to introduce young female red pandas to our male. Hopefully they'll produce little red pandas and create some "panda-monium" in the renovated exhibit!



Photo by Richard Brodzeller

Dash enjoys a cool fall day.

Donate Here

To give to the Zoological Society's 2014-15 Annual Appeal, please see the flyer packaged with this magazine, go online to helpmcredpandas.com, or call 414-258-2333. All donations are tax-deductible.

The funds raised will help upgrade the Red Panda Exhibit. Donors of \$100-\$249 have their names listed on a sign; donors of \$250-\$499 receive larger recognition on a sign; donors of \$500-\$999 receive individualized recognition; donors of \$1,000 or more receive larger individualized recognition; and donors of \$2,500 receive individualized recognition on a bench to be placed in the Milwaukee County Zoo. To comply with WI Statute Section 440.455, a financial statement of the Zoological Society will be provided upon request.

Volunteering

A Million Hours Serving the Zoo

One million hours. That's more than 41,000 days or 114 years. That's how much time Zoo Pride members have contributed in service to the Zoological Society of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee County Zoo over four decades.

Zoo Pride, the Society's volunteer auxiliary, celebrates its 40th anniversary this year, and it has earned the right to celebrate. The organization has become indispensable, with volunteers found in just about every area of the Zoo and the Society. "Zoo Pride helps make the Zoo great," says Chuck Wikenhauser, Zoo director. "It would be difficult to do everything we do without them."

That's especially true with animal observation. Volunteers on the Animal Watch Committee do just that — watch new or baby animals to make sure they're settling into their new homes, staying healthy and getting along with other animals in their exhibits. For example, volunteers watched the Zoo's harbor seal pup, King Julian, for hours at a time after he was born last summer to make sure he was nursing and didn't get stuck anywhere. "They do the observations that we really need to do but don't have time to do," says Tim Wild, curator of large mammals. "They keep an eye on things and make sure the animals don't get into trouble." When a new cheetah jumped into the moat on its first day on exhibit last July, a Zoo Pride member was there and called a keeper right away.

Many volunteers help in the Society's Conservation Education Department, which handles school and scout programs, classes and camps for the public, and Kohl's Wild Theater. Zoo Pride members do everything from leading tours to monitoring phones to assisting in the classroom, says James Mills, director of conservation education. Five or six volunteers work daily preparing materials for classes, particularly art projects, with groups of 30-40 volunteers chipping in on designated prep days. Volunteers enhance the children's experience just by interacting with them, Mills says. "They communicate their passion for animals and the Milwaukee County Zoo. Very importantly, they model their own interest in being inquisitive, life-long learners, and they encourage program participants to enjoy, study and care for nature."

Zoo Pride members even lead behind-the-scenes tours for donors, auction winners and other VIPs, Wikenhauser says. "That's a really significant step as far as their training and our trust in them." In fact, Wikenhauser says he often sings the virtues of Zoo Pride when he goes to national conferences and meetings.

Lynn Wilding, the Society's volunteer services coordinator, says Zoo Pride is made up of an impressive group of people. The organization counts active and retired teachers, accountants, biologists, homemakers and students among its ranks. "They have so much passion and knowledge, and so many skills," she says. "They're part of the heart and soul of the Zoo."

By Stacy Vogel Davis



Zoo Pride volunteer Priscilla Kuehn shows a turtle shell to Griffin M. (left) and John F. of the fourth- and fifth-grade class at Wauwatosa STEM school during a class about animal adaptations. Photo by Bob Wickland

Join Zoo Pride

You can become a Zoo Pride volunteer by attending a two-session introductory training. Additional training is available depending on your areas of interest. For more information, call **414-258-5667** or visit zoosociety.org/ZooPride.

Sponsor Frankie, an Alpaca

Photo by Richard Brodzeller



Frankie the Alpaca.

If beauty is in the eye of the beholder, then the same is true for cuteness. Some people think the Milwaukee County Zoo's two red river hogs are cute. Others vehemently disagree. But there can be no disagreement when it comes to fluffy, doe-eyed alpacas — they are cute! These domesticated animals — not to be confused with llamas — look like they're wearing permanent smiles. Alpacas hail from the Andes Mountains in South America and are prized for their fleece. Frankie, the Zoo's newest alpaca, gets her first shearing this spring! If you think alpacas are cute — and you know you do — sponsor Frankie. She was born in August 2014 to mom Marcella. Her body is reddish-brown, but her legs and face are white. Frankie's keepers describe her as precocious and curious. You can sponsor Frankie as a gift for only \$30 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Sponsorship includes a plush-toy alpaca, a certificate of sponsorship, a fact sheet on alpacas, an invitation to a behind-the-scenes

event in August, sponsorship recognition on our "All in the Family" donor board for a year and more. Offer good until Aug. 31, 2015.

SPONSOR FRANKIE, AN ALPACA

- I would like to sponsor Frankie the alpaca.
- I would like to give Frankie the alpaca sponsorship as a gift.



Gift Recipient: Name _____
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 Gift card message: _____

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 Address _____
 City, State, ZIP _____
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I would like _____ package(s) at \$30 each. Add \$5 per package for shipping & handling. . . \$ _____
 I would like _____ additional plush-toy alpaca(s) at \$5 each \$ _____
 I would like _____ additional decal(s) at \$1 each \$ _____
(Plush toys & decals include 5.6% WI sales tax and are not tax-deductible.)

Total amount \$ _____

Online: Go to zoosociety.org and click on the plush-toy alpaca picture to order or call 414-258-2333.

Credit Card: Please charge my: Visa MasterCard

Acct. No. _____

Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____ (Last 3 digits in signature area on back of credit card)

Signature _____ Print Name _____
as it appears on credit card

Check: Make payable to **ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** and mail this order form with payment to:
Alpaca, Zoological Society, 10005 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226-4383

Alpaca offer ends Aug. 31, 2015. The tax-deductible portion of this sponsorship is \$24. Merchandise included in the package is not tax-deductible and includes 5.6% WI sales tax. Plush-toy offer good while supplies last.

The proceeds from the Sponsor an Animal program enhance animal exhibits and help all animals at the Zoo. In accordance with WI Statute 440.455, a financial statement of the Zoological Society will be provided upon request.

ZOO VENTURE



Zoo Ball 2015

Sponsored by Johnson Controls, Inc.

Saturday, June 27, 2015, Milwaukee County Zoo.

Prices start at \$300 per person

Visiting the Milwaukee County Zoo is always an adventure. You never know what kind of animal behaviors you might see. That's why the theme for this year's Zoo Ball, sponsored by Johnson Controls, Inc., is Zoo Venture. Zoo Ball is the Society's largest fundraiser. Chairing this year's event are Charles and Cheryl Harvey of Milwaukee. Now retired, Charles was the chief diversity officer and vice president of community affairs for Johnson Controls, Inc. Celebrating its 32nd anniversary, this black-tie event has raised more than \$9.3 million for the nonprofit Society. The evening includes cocktails, gourmet dining and dancing. The dining venues are made possible thanks to support from U.S. Bank; the welcome reception is sponsored by the Brewers Community Foundation; entertainment is sponsored by Generation Growth Capital, Inc. The event's extensive auction will feature prizes such as dining experiences, travel packages and sporting event tickets, spa specials and much more. For an invitation or details on sponsorship opportunities and corporate tables, call Special Events, 414-258-2333.

FASCINATING DINO FACTS

Expedition Dinosaur

Sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets

May 23-Labor Day

Exhibit located behind Small Mammals Building.

\$2.50 per person admission. Free admission for Zoo Pass members at the Prehistoric Preview June 2, 3 and 4 from 5-8:30 p.m. with Zoo Pass card and photo ID.



Dilophosaurus
Photo by Lila Aryan

Paleontologists continue to learn new things about well-known dinosaurs. Here are some interesting facts about some of the dinosaurs you can see at this summer's dinosaur exhibit.

PACK ATTACK

In 2014, researchers found dinosaur tracks belonging to three tyrannosaurids, close relatives of T. rex. Placement of the footprints indicate the three were likely hunting in a pack; therefore, T. rex may have hunted in packs.

SPITTING 'SAUR?

In the movie "Jurassic Park," dilophosaurus was about the size of a large dog and famously spit poison at its prey. But at 650 to 1,000 pounds, it's doubtful dilophosaurus needed poison to subdue prey. At the Zoo's special dinosaur exhibit, dilophosaurus will spit water — so watch out!

WHAT A HEADACHE

It was thought that stegoceras' thick, dome-shaped skull was used to ram heads with other stegocerases, like bighorn sheep. New research suggests stegoceras' neck was too long to support head ramming. It probably swung its neck and smashed its head against opponents.

CRACK THAT WHIP

Apatosaurus, a species of sauropod, had an unusually long tail resembling a bullwhip. A computer model found that the crack of its tail tip produced a cannon-like boom heard for miles.



BE A PALEONTOLOGIST

Kids can dig for replica dinosaur fossils at the "dino dig."

SAY "ROAR"

Get your picture taken in front of (or on) a T. rex!

Kids practice their paleontology skills at the dino dig. Photo by Lila Aryan

Insider Tips

Fox is Faster than a New York Minute

New Yorkers are well known for being in a hurry. In the Big Apple, you have to hustle to catch a bus or hop on the subway. Ariel, the Milwaukee County Zoo's newest female fennec fox, hails from the Bronx Zoo in New York City. When she's not resting, Ariel scurries around her exhibit at a frenetic pace that makes a New Yorker look slow in comparison. "Ariel is full of energy because she's 1 years old," says Stephanie Harpt, a zookeeper in the Small Mammals Building where Ariel lives on the nocturnal side. "It's like she's excited about life."

Ariel's pep is due not only to her age. In the wild, fennec foxes have to scurry in a hurry. When they aren't chasing after food — such as rodents, reptiles and insects — they need to keep an eye out for swooping birds of prey. In addition to protein, fennecs also forage on plants. Because they live in the Sahara Desert in North Africa and parts of the arid Sinai Peninsula, fennec foxes can go for long periods without water. They're the smallest canid, or dog-like, species, but have the largest ears in proportion to their bodies. Their large ears serve various purposes. In the daytime they radiate heat, keeping the fennecs cool. They also provide acute hearing, allowing fennec foxes to detect prey underground and hear approaching danger. Thick, long hair keeps them warm during cold desert nights and protects from the hot sun during the day.



Something on the ground catches Ariel's attention. Photo by Richard Brodzeller



Ariel was brought to the Zoo to be a mate to resident fennec fox Duke. Rhonda Crenshaw, area supervisor for small mammals, describes her as shy but sweet. "She's not aggressive at all." So far Ariel and Duke are on cautious terms. "Sometimes they like to be together and sometimes they don't," says Crenshaw.

Although members of the canine family, Crenshaw says fennec foxes exhibit many feline-like behaviors. "My favorite thing about them is they're like half dog, half cat," she says. "They dig like a dog, but climb like a cat. Their personalities are more dog-like, but they are very independent and do things on their own terms like a cat."

By Zak Mazur

Ariel pauses for a moment to examine her surroundings.

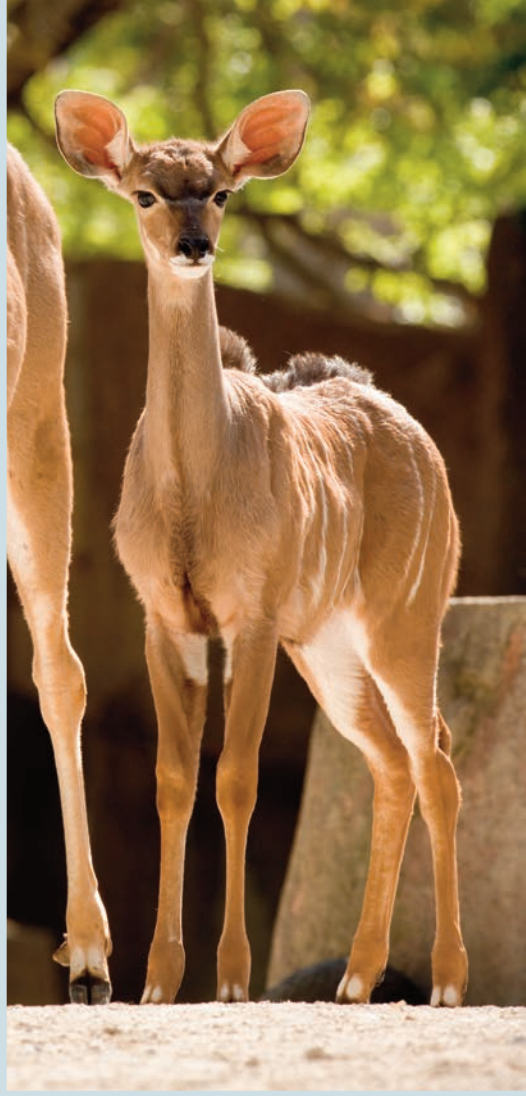
Photo by Richard Brodzeller

New Experiences for New Kudus

When you're very young, many experiences are firsts. This is the case for Rocco and Gordon, two young male greater kudus born at the Milwaukee County Zoo on Jan. 10 and Feb. 17 respectively. On April 3 they ventured outside for the first time as they made their way into the African Waterhole Exhibit. "Kudus are warm-weather animals," says Danielle Faucett, Zoo area supervisor for Winter Quarters, where warm-weather animals live during the cold months. "Since they were born during winter, they never had a chance to go outside."

When the entry-exit door was opened, the two young kudus were hesitant as they stepped out into the exhibit. "Then Rocco started running around," says Faucett. Gordon, however, was timid. "He actually ran back inside and didn't come out until two females, Tamu and Teshi, went out." After about two hours they both began exploring the exhibit. "Gordon stayed close to the adults, but Rocco was adventurous and didn't seem to mind leaving the adults."

With the addition of Rocco and Gordon — named after celebrity chefs Rocco DiSpirito and Gordon Ramsay — the Zoo's kudu herd numbers eight. In the wild, males can weigh up to 600 pounds. They're mostly solitary, but during mating season they typically join groups of females, which usually number three to 10. Greater kudus are found throughout Eastern and Southern Africa and prefer to live in wooded areas. They're not threatened, but in some areas populations are thin because their habitat is being converted to farmland. Besides predation from big cats, hyenas and wild dogs, male kudus are hunted for their magnificent twisted horns. Their horns are rarely used in defense against predators, nor are they an impediment when negotiating wooded areas. When kudus run, they tilt their chins



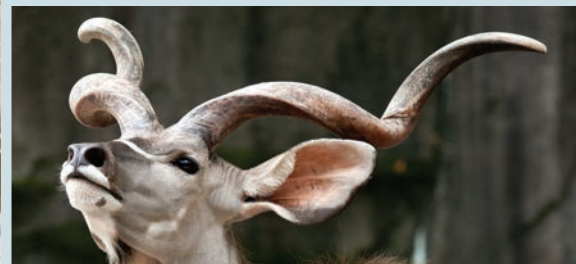
A young kudu at the Zoo. Photo by Richard Brodzeller

up so that their horns lay against their backs, allowing them to move easily through dense bush. One day Rocco and Gordon will also sport such horns.

By Zak Mazur

◀ *A young kudu at the Zoo.*

Photo by Richard Brodzeller



▲ *An adult male kudu at the Zoo displays his horns. One day Rocco and Gordon will have similar twisting horns.* Photo by Richard Brodzeller

Helping Hands

Want to give a helping hand? Whether you're excited about our events, education programs or conservation efforts, you can help! Details on the Web: zoosociety.org/Support.



Photo by Richard Taylor

Terryhon M., 9, and grandmother Alice Lawrence, both of Milwaukee, admire a stuffed bison at the event.

Seeing Behind the Scenes

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at the Milwaukee County Zoo? On March 14 and 15, 16,806 Zoo visitors found out at Behind the Scenes Weekend, sponsored by **Prairie Farms Dairy**. Guests visited the kitchen in the Small Mammals Building to see the different foods the animals eat and how meals are prepared. In the basement of the Aquatic & Reptile Center (ARC), zoogoers learned how thousands of gallons of aquarium water are maintained. They also visited the tortoises in their winter digs in the ARC. The lion dens in the big cat building were a big hit, as well as tours of Winter Quarters where the warm-weather animals stay during the cold months.

Zoo Vet Receives Award

To be a successful doctor, one must have intimate knowledge of the human body. But imagine being a doctor of 2,724 animals representing different species of mammals, reptiles, birds and more! It sounds like an impossible feat, but Dr. Roberta Wallace, senior staff veterinarian at the Milwaukee County Zoo, has been doing it for almost two decades. Additionally, Wallace conducts critically important conservation research on wild Humboldt penguins in Chile. Thanks to those efforts, Wallace received the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's prestigious *Pan paniscus* conservation Award at the 20th annual Serengeti Circle Luncheon on March 12. (*Pan paniscus* is Latin for bonobo.) "Dr. Wallace's work extends beyond the Zoo," says Dr. Robert M. Davis, president and CEO of the Society. "She's conducted research to help conserve wild populations of Humboldt penguins in Chile for almost two decades. Her dedication is without measure. The Society and the Zoo are proud of her accomplishments and grateful to have her on our team."



Photo by Richard Brodzeller

Dr. Roberta Wallace



Photo by Richard Brodzeller

Lynn Wilding and Dr. Robert M. Davis

Proud of Zoo Pride

Last year Lynn Wilding, volunteer services coordinator for Zoo Pride, the volunteer auxiliary of the Zoological Society of Milwaukee, received the Wile Volunteer Management Award from the Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee. On April 9, 2015, Zoo Pride got another feather in its cap when it received the Inspire by Example Team Award from the Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee. "In its 40 years of existence, Zoo Pride has contributed more than 1 million hours of volunteer services," says Dr. Robert M. Davis, president and CEO of the Society. "In 2014, 630 Zoo Pride volunteers donated more than 50,000 hours. Zoo Pride also hosted the Association of Zoos and Aquariums Docent & Volunteer Conference in October, which attracted more than 400 people. We at the Zoo and the Society couldn't do our critical work without

Zoo Pride, and we're proud they were recognized for their hard work and dedication." Says Lynn Wilding: "I am proud to work for an organization that not only encourages my professional growth, but also provides volunteers with opportunities that add value to the Zoo, the community and their own lives. Zoo Pride volunteers are truly deserving of this award."

Platypus Circle Members See Zoo in New Light



Photo by Richard Brodzeller

Richard and Penny Krejci

Penny and Richard Krejci always enjoyed visiting the Milwaukee County Zoo with their children. In retrospect, Penny realized she spent as much time looking after her energetic children as she did admiring the Zoo and its animals. "I never had a chance to ponder what goes on behind the scenes," she says. All that changed when she and Richard, of Muskego, became Platypus Circle members in May 2014. The Platypus Circle is made up of individuals, corporations and foundations that share a passion for supporting the Zoo and nonprofit Zoological Society of Milwaukee, which raises funds for the Zoo. We asked the Krejcis about their first year as Platypus Circle members.

Zoological Society: You've been members of the Platypus Circle for almost a year now. What have you learned?

Penny: Going behind the scenes was a real eye-opener. We never imagined how much work goes into maintaining the exhibits and how much effort is put into looking after the health of the animals.

Zoological Society: Why did you join the Platypus Circle?

Penny: We joined so that our grandchildren and future generations will be able to enjoy the Zoo.

Zoological Society: What do you find most appealing about the Zoo?

Penny and Richard: We could walk around the Zoo for the whole day and still not see everything. We love the variety of programs and events offered. We love watching the reaction of our grandchildren when they see the animals.

Zoological Society: Do either of you have a favorite animal?

Penny: I love the giraffes. I cannot tell you how much I enjoy the platform where you can feed them.

Richard: I love the bears!

Zoological Society: Why do you think people should become Platypus Circle members?

Penny: You get to meet such an amazing group of people who all love the Zoo. When you join, you'll be able to share the Zoo with your friends and family throughout the year.

Richard: It's a nice perk to be able to lend your Platypus card to friends and relatives so that they also can visit the Zoo.

For more information about the Platypus Circle, call Kim Peterson at 414-918-6151, email kimp@zoosociety.org or go to zoosociety.org/Platy.

Make a Planned Gift – Simba Circle!

The Simba Circle recognizes the extraordinary people who have named the Zoological Society of Milwaukee in their will or other estate plans via a planned gift. By making this thoughtful commitment, you create a legacy ensuring that the Society continues carrying out its mission of supporting the Milwaukee County Zoo, educating the public and conserving wildlife for future generations. Members enjoy a wide array of benefits. To learn more, call Kim Peterson at 414-918-6151, email simba@zoosociety.org or go to zoosociety.org/Simba.



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What's Happening

Details Inside

May 10

Mother's Day at the Zoo, sponsored by Lifeway Foods.*

May 16 & 17

Party for the Planet at the Zoo, sponsored by American Transmission Co.*

May 18

Zoo Pass members' online registration starts for Snooze at the Zoo, sponsored by Kellogg's & Sentry Foods.

May 23

The Zoo's hours change to 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.

May 23

Expedition Dinosaur, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets, opens.†

May 23

Kohl's Wild Theater performances return to the Zoo.†

June 1

Zoological Society Summer Camps begin (through Aug. 13).

June 2-4

Prehistoric Preview, Zoo Pass members-only event featuring free viewing of Expedition Dinosaur, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets, AND food trucks.

June 21

Father's Day at the Zoo, sponsored by Prairie Farms Dairy.*

June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Sunset Zoofari (evening concerts), sponsored by Tri City National Bank.*

June 27

Zoo Ball 2015, presented by Johnson Controls, Inc.

July 7, 9 & 10

Kids' Nights, sponsored by WaterStone Bank.*

July 27

Birdies & Eagles Golf Tournament, sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

Aug. 6

Registration for Fall Zoo Classes begins.†

Aug. 12, 13, 14 & 15

Snooze at the Zoo, sponsored by Kellogg's & Sentry Foods.

Aug. 20-23

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel a la Carte presented by Meijer.**

Aug. 29

Animal Safari.**

Sept. 1

Fall Zoo Classes begin (through Dec. 22).†

Sept. 4

Senior Celebration, sponsored by Wheaton Franciscan Senior Health.**

Sept. 12 & 13

Family Farm Weekend, sponsored by Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board.**

Sept. 13

Ride on the Wild Side, sponsored by Wheaton Franciscan – Midwest Spine & Orthopedic Hospital/Wisconsin Heart Hospital.†

Sept. 26

Zoological Society members-only field trip to Field of Dreams in Dyersville, Iowa.†

*Zoological Society members get free Zoo admission with their Zoo Pass card and photo ID. The dinosaur exhibit admission is extra, except for Society members during the Prehistoric Preview on June 2, 3 and 4 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Members must show their Zoo Pass and photo ID at the exhibit ticket booth for free exhibit admission on these dates. Those with Zoo Pass Plus also get free parking.

†More information on these events will appear in future issues of Wild Things.



Sunset
Zoofari

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Richard
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