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**Sunset Safari nights continue two concerts this month**

ABILENE, TEXAS –Guests to the Abilene Zoo will finish their summer on a high note when they enjoy two concerts during the month of August.



The Abilene Jazz Collective will perform Thursday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. The group's original concert was canceled last month because of rainy weather.

Guests also can enjoy the final concert of the Spots & Stripes Forever series Aug. 21, when popular local band Muddy Creek will perform country and western tunes starting at 7 p.m. That evening, the local Harley Club will exhibit their "hogs" -- a fun addition to the zoo's animal collection.



Zoo guests have been enjoying extended summer hours every Thursday for Sunset Safari. The zoo stays open until 9 p.m. each Thursday, with last admittance at 8:30 p.m.

The concert series is underwritten by the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council.

Sunset Safari nights allow guests to see zoo animals when the creatures are more active in the cooler evenings of hot summer days. Families also can enjoy dinner al fresco at the Watering Hole, take a ride on the train or shop in the Zoo Store.

The Abilene Zoo is home to more than 900 animals from 250 species. The zoo is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Last admittance is 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 3-12, \$5 for seniors aged 60+. Members are admitted free. Memberships start at \$30. [www.abilenezoo.org](http://www.abilenezoo.org). 325-676-6085.