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Sunset Safari to start Thursday, June 5
June kicks off Spots & Stripes Forever Concert Series

ABILENE, TEXAS –The Abilene Zoo will begin summer hours this week, staying open until 9 p.m. with last admittance at 8:30 p.m. every Thursday for Sunset Safari. The Reptile House and the Ghost of the Bayou exhibit also will be open during these extended Thursday hours.

What's more, on the third Thursday of each summer month, the zoo will host a musical performance from the Spots & Stripes Forever concert series, accompanied by special guest exhibitors.

On Thursday, June 19, the Abilene Community Band will perform, while the members of the Model A Club will display their prized historic collection. The concert series is underwritten by the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council.



The tradition of Sunset Safari began to allow guests to see zoo animals 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 (closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day) 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. 325-676-6085. This summer, the zoo will be open every Thursday until 9 p.m.