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**Spots & Stripes Forever Concert Series Thursday
to feature Abilene Jazz Collective and Classic Cars**

ABILENE, TEXAS –On the third Thursday of each summer month, the zoo hosts a musical performance from the Spots & Stripes Forever concert series, accompanied by special guest exhibitors.

On Thursday, July 17, the Abilene Jazz Collective will perform, while the members of the Classic Car Club will display their prized historic collection. The concert series is underwritten by the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council.



Summer hours at the zoo mean Sunset Safari nights, when the zoo stays open until 9 p.m. with last admittance at 8:30 p.m. The Reptile House and the Ghost of the Bayou exhibit also will be open during these extended Thursday hours.

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.