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Zoo celebrates birth of flamingo chicks

ABILENE, TEXAS – The Abilene Zoo is proud to announce the addition of three new flamingo chicks that hatched earlier in the week.

“The parents are doing a great job caring for the chicks,” said Abilene Zoo Executive Director Bill Gersonde. “Lucky guests might be able to catch a look at the young when the parents stand to feed the chicks or as the chicks begin to wander off the nest over the next few days.”

This year’s chicks are a pleasure to see after last year’s hail storm interrupted the nesting season and killed four birds.

The new chicks are on exhibit with their parents in the Wetlands Boardwalk area of the zoo.

The Abilene Zoo is home to more than 900 animals of 250 different 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 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. with last admittance at 8 p.m.

Mission Statement: *The Abilene Zoo is a place of learning and adventure, where families make memories, share the joy of discovery and become inspired to preserve wildlife.*