

## ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY REPORT

September 2014

Attendance was good this summer and the Baby Boom promotion was well received.

We had a nice turnout for the special members only sneak peak at the Pride of Racine Presented by Johnson Bank. Names for the lion cubs were selected after a city-wide naming contest. Zuri, Enzi, and Hodari were the winning names.

Animal Chats will be on weekends only in September.

The Norco Aviary will be closed after Labor Day. We sold a record 12,276 seed sticks this year.

The lesser adjutant storks laid two more eggs. We should know if they are fertile by the middle of September.

The AEDs are being replaced with a new model that we will be kept on the facilities golf cart. All the first aid kits are also being replaced.

Progress is being made on the deck for the new platform tent being erected in the Charles & Jennifer Johnson Land of the Giants. It will be used primarily for Slumber Safaris (sleepovers at the Zoo) and Zoo Camp.

Slumber Safaris generated near record income this year.

Zoo Camp had another banner year and several sessions sold out.

We are attempting to modify the tiger pool drain valve key so that we may continue to fill the lower pool in the tiger exhibit.

We are installing a closed circuit camera in the red-tailed hawk exhibit so that people can watch Gateway's Rudy the Red Hawk online.

The Animal Crackers Concert Series had a good year that included excellent weather and near record attendance.

The Classic Car, Truck and Bike show also enjoyed favorable weather and attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

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