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# Keeping In Touch

Summer is quickly coming to an end which means back to school time again. I hope everyone had a fantastic summer and was able to enjoy lots of time at Emporia's wonderful Zoo.

Thinking of school and education, I would like to give a shout out to Michelle Sagers, our Zoo Education Coordinator, and to all those that help her in reaching out with the Zoo's education program. I was fortunate to get to sit in on Michelle's visit to the Elmendaro Township Library in Hartford this summer. She did a wonderful job of sharing fun facts about the Zoo animals with the kids in the Summer Reading Program. The kids really enjoyed Michelle's visit and, of course, meeting the little owl that came to visit too. Thank you, Michelle, and to all the staff and docents that help with the Zoo's great education program!

EFOZ is so excited about the Oasis Capital Campaign at the David Traylor Zoo! The expansion of the Zoo Education Center is one of the projects in this campaign that will be a great benefit for everyone. If you haven't had a chance to see the changes that the Capital Campaign will bring to the zoo, come on down and look at the renderings on display just inside the main entrance. They are wonderful changes that will make the zoo even better than it already is! These are very exciting times at the David Traylor Zoo!!

Have a great school year everyone and be watching for lots of fun events happening at the David Traylor Zoo!

– Janel Wiederholt, EFOZ President

## Upcoming Events

October 31	4-5:30pm	Boo In The Zoo
November 3	10-11am	KidZoocation
November 20	5:00pm	Happy Holidayze

*The Zoo will be closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.*



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# Director's Report

Hello Zoo Friends,

It is almost impossible to imagine there are only 4 months remaining in 2018. We have been very busy. We recently announced the Oasis Campaign which is the first multi-million-dollar campaign for the Zoo. The multi-million-dollar campaign includes renovation and new construction combined to advance the mission of education and conservation.

The Zoo will add new and expand some of the existing animal exhibits. Other projects will enhance the zoo's landscape and the visitor's experience, creating greater educational and entertainment opportunities. The goals of the campaign will keep the Zoo focused on its never-ending mission to experience the larger natural world through unique animals in their habitats. Our hope is that the new renovations and additions will leave visitors feeling happy, refreshed, renewed and wanting to visit again.

EFOZ has raised \$3.6 million dollars towards the Oasis Campaign goal! A leadership gift of \$1.5 million from the Walter S. & Evan C. Jones Testamentary Trust made the campaign a reality for the EFOZ Board, Campaign Leadership Committee and the Zoo Staff! We are also extremely grateful to the E.L. & Z. Irene Hopkins Foundation for the gift it provided on the renovation and expansion of the Zoo Education Center.

During the quiet phase, the Jane & Bernard Reeble Foundation, William & Aloha Preston Trust, Trusler Foundation, Emil Babinger Trust and the Lewis H. Humphreys Charitable Trust joined the two lead donors and dozens of individual and business donors. We cannot express our thanks enough to all those who have helped us reach this point of our goal.

With more than 90,000 annual zoo visitors, campaign leaders said the Oasis Campaign was an important step in the life of the Zoo. Practical items like parking are a necessity and the education programs are growing by leaps and bounds so the addition to the education center and outdoor area are a priority.

The North American River Otter Exhibit at \$850,000, is the signature new animal exhibit, an addition to the Zoo which is the final and largest project to be funded by the campaign. I believe North American River Otters will be a wonderful addition to the zoo and fun for guests to observe their antics and entertaining agility. Anyone joining us in the public phase of the campaign will ensure that the otter exhibit will be completed!

Until next time.....

*Lisa Keith, Director*

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2018*

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# Encountering Education



*Guests learn about ocean artifacts at Stroll & Show*

Summer has sped by with lots of fun activities here at the zoo! June was National Zoo month and we kicked off the month with Stroll & Show. Families strolled through the zoo and visited with our docent about artifacts including shark jaws, coral, and sea urchins. Kids experienced how blubber insulates animals from icy cold water and created their own crab from recycled egg cartons. The evening capped off with an outdoor viewing of "Dolphin Tale".

We continued our focus on oceans and how to have a positive impact on this vital ecosystem throughout the month of June. As a landlocked state, we often overlook the importance our oceans have on regulating our weather, climate and atmosphere.



*Zoo guests make "better bags" at Open House*



*kids make bottle cap magnets on World Oceans Day*

The ocean and the amazing marine life that live there is suffering from plastic pollution. Did you know we use more than 100 billion plastic bags each year in the U.S.?

Many marine animals die each year by mistakenly eating plastic or becoming tangled in it. Here at the zoo we're fighting back by teaching the importance of minimizing plastic use and recycling. On World Oceans Day we made magnets using recycled bottle caps to remind us of this. At Open House we used old T-shirts to create reusable "better bags" a fun inexpensive option to plastic bags. You can fight plastic pollution too, by making your own better bag, creating recycled art or buying products with less plastic packaging.

Our Zoo Docents worked extremely hard to pull off a great year at Zoo Camp. Twenty-four third and fourth graders spent a week with us learning about endangered species. Activities included learning how to help protect amphibian species, and the recovery efforts of local endangered species like Black-footed ferrets. The week capped off with a skit performed in front of family and friends featuring endangered species masks and facts made and researched by our campers. On August 20<sup>th</sup> we joined forces with Mobilizing Literacy to host a Back to School Celebration! Kids were able to enjoy a story, music and dancing and learn about animal movement here at the zoo plus enjoy some Crispitos and Twinkies!



Zoo Campers paint endangered species mask



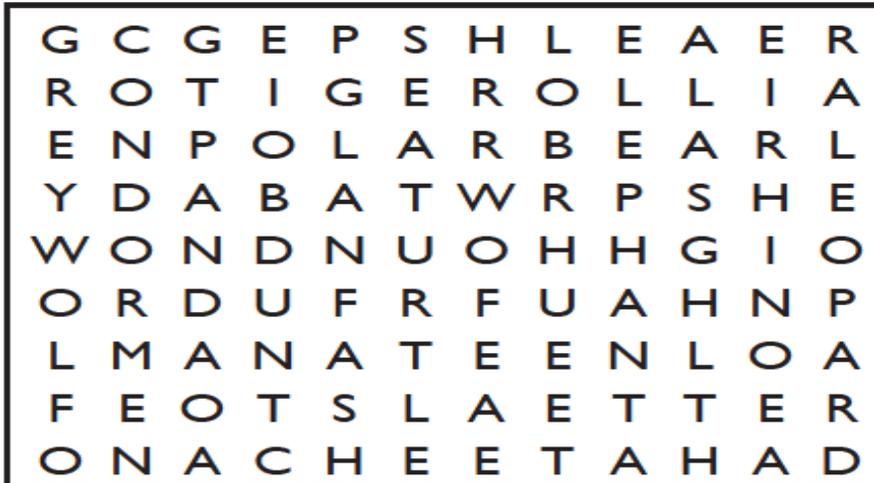
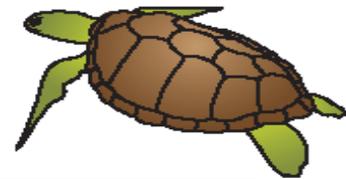
Zoo Campers following a scent trail

Join us for more great fun this fall! Boo in the Zoo will be held October 31st from 4-5:30pm. Throw on your costume and bring the family to enjoy trick-or-treating in the zoo! We hope to see you soon!

---Michelle Sagers, Education Coordinator

# ENDANGERED

All these animals are endangered, which means they are in danger of going extinct.



The names of all these animals are hidden in this word search. They can go horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. Can you find all of them?



- CHEETAH
- MANATEE
- SEA TURTLE
- WHALE
- TIGER
- PANDA

- LEOPARD
- RHINO
- ELEPHANT
- POLAR BEAR
- CONDOR
- GREY WOLF





Every year between 1,000 to 5,000 Orangutans are killed in palm oil concessions destroying their rainforest habitat. This has led to a 50% decline in Orangutan populations between 1999 and 2015. Palm oil is a common ingredient found in everyday household items such as shampoo, makeup, cereals and candy. YOU can help by making sustainable choices when buying tasty treats for trick-or-treaters. Download the FREE sustainable Palm Oil Shopping Guide App v2.0 or use this factsheet to help you choose companies committed to using certified sustainable palm oil. Make a difference for wildlife like the Orangutan and Sumatran Tiger this Halloween!

**CONSIDER PURCHASING THESE SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL CANDIES FOR YOUR VISITORS**

Nestle	Baby Ruth, Butterfinger, Crunch Bar
Wanka (Nestle)	Sweetarts, Bottle Caps, Laffy Taffy, Nerds
Con Agra	Fiddle Faddle, Crunch & Munch, Poppy Cock
Kellogg's	Rice Krispie Treats, Fruity Snacks, Pop Tarts, Austin Crackers
Kellogg's	All Keeber Brand Crackers
Hershey's	Twizzlers, Jolly Ranchers, Whoppers, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Almond Joy
Hershey's	Mr. Goodbar, Heath Bars, Milk Duds
Mars	Snickers, Twix, M&Ms, 3 Musketeers, Milky Way, Skittles, Dove Chocolates
Justin's	Peanut Butter Cups, NutButter (All flavours)
Lindt and Spungli	Lindor Truffles (All flavours)
Ghirardelli	All flavours
Walmart	Great Value Brand products (Candy, Cookies, Crackers)
Kraft Foods	Kraft Caramels, Cadbury Creme Eggs, Tableron
Nabisco	Nutter Butter, Chips Ahoy, Oreo

*KidZooocation - November 3 10-11am*

*For children 4-7 years of age*

Register online at [www.emporiazoo.org](http://www.emporiazoo.org), call 341-4365 or fill out the registration form and send it with your fee to: Emporia Zoo Docents / PO Box 345 / Emporia KS 66801-0345. Fee: per child \$5 / discounted for EFOZ members \$3

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

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*The undersigned, as parent or legal guardian of the registered participant states that he/she understands that the Emporia Friends of the Zoo, the City of Emporia, and the Emporia Zoo Docents are not and shall not be responsible or liable for any illness, injury to person or damage to property resulting from the KidZooocation Activity, and the undersigned, on behalf of themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators, and the registered participant and their heirs, executors and administrators, do hereby remise, release and forever discharge the City of Emporia, Emporia Friends of the Zoo and the Emporia Zoo Docents from all claims, demands, actions or causes of action on account of any injury or illness to the participant or damage to property resulting from or during the KidZooocation Activity and the attendance thereat, and does further waive any claim resulting from any photograph, photographic likeness or video tape taken of the participant while attending and participating in the KidZooocation Activity and does further authorize the use of such photograph, photographic likeness or video tape by and as deemed appropriate by the Emporia Friends of the Zoo and the Emporia Zoo Docents.*

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# Oasis

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*Entrance*



*Education Center*

# Oasis

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*North American River Otter exhibit*



*Laughing Kookaburra exhibit*