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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

{ BY LEE EHMKE }

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This past November I had the privilege of traveling to Namibia, in southwestern Africa, with a group of Minnesota Zoo conservation supporters. We were overwhelmed by the stark beauty of the Kunene desert region, home to the largest intact population of rhinos outside of fenced reserves anywhere in the world. We were introduced to a cutting-edge initiative linking community development, tourism and research to save the black rhino and all the other animals that inhabit its

range. The efforts of the on-the-ground team of scientists, trackers, camp operators and guards were impressive and inspiring. It's great to know that the Minnesota Zoo, in partnership with Save the Rhino Trust and The Nature Conservancy, is playing a vital role in saving this vast tract of wilderness. This was “brought home” in a very personal way when our group learned about the thoughtful naming of the region's newest resident rhino calf—“Sota”—by the Namibian conservation team, honoring the Minnesota Zoo's contribution to the effort.

The Minnesota Zoo's new role in Namibia represents a continuation and expansion of a responsibility that progressive zoos all around the world are taking on: the direct involvement in and support of *in situ* conservation work. Our Zoo was among the pioneers of this concept in the 1980s, and it is now broadly recognized that zoos have the expertise and the capacity to make a real difference not just with our animals and guests “at home,” but in helping to save wild animals in the wild places they ultimately need to survive.

Lee Ehmke
Director/CEO

See Lee's video here.

See slideshow of images from Lee's visit to Namibia.

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The Minnesota Zoo is an accredited institution of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and is an institutional member of the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums and the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

The Minnesota Zoo is home to a variety of swine, ranging from the common domestic pig to the endangered Visayan warty pig of the Philippines. In May, 2010, the Zoo will introduce a new species in the Faces of the African Forest exhibit—the Red River hog.

{ANIMAL SPOTLIGHT}

PIGS AT THE ZOO

{BY SARA BENSON, SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR}



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RED RIVER HOGS

Found in the *Tropics Trail*

Red River hogs are a social species found in western and central Africa, south of the Sahara desert. They typically live in groups of 12 to 20, and sometimes in gatherings of as many as 100.

VISAYAN WARTY PIGS

Found in the *Tropics Trail*

Visayan warty pigs are extinct on all but two small islands in the Philippines. Habitat loss is the warty pigs' biggest threat, making survival difficult on an island with no escape options.

DOMESTIC PIGS

Found at the *Wells Fargo Family Farm*

Domestic pigs can be found on every continent on Earth except Antarctica. The domestic pigs at the Minnesota Zoo live in the Swine Barn on the *Wells Fargo Family Farm*, where you will find many piglets during April's "Farm Babies" event.

WILD BOARS

Found in *Russia's Grizzly Coast*

Wild boars are an important part of the web of life in many parts of Northern Eurasia including the Russian Far East. They reproduce quickly and grow big on the seeds of pine nuts found in the forests. In turn, they provide food for large predators such as bears, tigers and wolves.

The Minnesota Zoo is engaged in the conservation of animals and their habitats, locally, nationally, and around the globe. Learn more about these efforts online, and hear Jeff Muntifering's interview with Minnesota Public Radio about our conservation efforts in Namibia.



{ FEATURE }

THE ZOO'S AFRICAN BLACK RHINO CONNECTION

{ BY JEFF MUNTIFERING, MINNESOTA ZOO FIELD BIOLOGIST }



Halfway across the world in southwestern Africa sits a swath of land called the Kunene, roughly the size of Minnesota, complete with one fence, a few tar roads, some 70,000 people, and one of the most magnificent and critically-endangered animals on the planet: the black rhino.



The Minnesota Zoo, in partnership with The Nature Conservancy's Africa Program, recently teamed up to support a conservation program in Namibia through a local grassroots organization called "Save the Rhino Trust" (SRT), designed to help save this magnificent animal. I have lived and worked in Namibia, a vast and arid nation, since 2002—as a science advisor to SRT and most recently, as a field biologist for the Minnesota Zoo.

My eyes were opened to the unrivaled opportunity for rhino conservation in an area called the Kunene Region back in 2003 during a meeting of locals held under a lonely, majestic tree called a Shepherd's tree. From many miles away, the locals had converged for a community meeting under this tree, found in the middle-of-nowhere in northwestern Namibia. They make these long distance treks every 3–4 months to sit with their fellow "neighbors" and discuss wildlife and land use issues. The topic on this day, however, was special.

Working under the umbrella of SRT, we were asked to introduce our recovery program for the black rhino, an animal that had been absent from these parts for at least several decades but was important enough that the government and local conservation organizations wanted to save it. This initiative, spearheaded on the ground by SRT under the national government's Rhino Custodianship Program, led our crews to this area where we sat for two days, discussing our approach and options. We explained what SRT's 20+ years of black rhino knowledge had taught us about what rhinos need to survive in this incredibly arid region, and ways local communities could potentially benefit from returning rhinos to their lands. With cattle and goats roaming nearby, we watched and listened with anticipation as the community collectively decided it was indeed interested in the idea.

Evolution of Black Rhino Conservation in Namibia

Black rhinos are one of five rhino species: three live in Asia (Indian, Javan and Sumatran) and two in Africa (white and black). Currently listed as critically endangered, only about 4,000 remain on earth, living in small fragmented populations scattered across southern and eastern Africa. They experienced a catastrophic 96% decline across their entire range between 1970 and 1990, largely fueled by the black market demand for their horns.

In the rugged and harsh Kunene region, the

combination of the relentless work by local grassroots organizations like SRT and a few committed government officials helped to initiate anti-poaching patrols to deter would-be poachers and stabilize the population during the peak poaching years. Along with other "rhino friends," SRT developed a rhino monitoring system and database that stores details of each rhino sighting recorded during patrols. This long-term database—the longest running and most detailed rhino database in the world—now serves as a powerful tool that informs many of the management and land use decisions that may impact the region's rhinos. The simple fact that Kunene's black rhino population has more than tripled in the last two decades is testimony that Namibia's rhino conservation efforts are working.

Fundamental to Namibia's conservation achievements is that it is the only country in the world that has directly included habitat conservation in its constitution and it has pioneered landmark legislation that devolves governance and benefit rights of natural resources down to the community level. Now, local people who shoulder much of the burden of living with wildlife (i.e. lions killing livestock, elephants breaking windmills, etc.), are showing a vested interest in managing their natural resources in a more sustainable fashion in hope of developing their own tourism ventures. The rhino restoration model we promote embraces these principles to secure the wild lands that black rhinos need to survive. This is accomplished by providing an economic "trade-off" (tourism) to the local communities that choose to sacrifice potential livestock pastures for rhino grounds. Entering into this dialogue, as we did under that Shepherd's tree, illustrates the transition many Africans are currently facing between traditional and modern lifestyles.

Focusing on the wilderness approach around the black rhino is also strategic. As one of Africa's iconic, critically endangered species, it is a "flagship" for conservation; the black rhino can generate the hefty amounts of funding required to do large-scale, long-term conservation as well as motivate governments to act directly upon its behalf. It also serves as a classic umbrella species for vast wild places: protecting the rhinos safeguards numerous other species that also live there. This cutting-edge initiative to link community development, tourism and research to save the rhino and all the other animals that inhabit its range is impressive and inspiring.



Moving Forward

Much has changed since that meeting years ago. Since 2005, the Rhino Custodianship Program relocated 13 rhinos into seven community areas, expanding the Kunene range by nearly 10%. These strategic efforts are significant contributions to our goal of re-establishing a connected network of black rhino refugia in Kunene and others regions of Namibia. SRT's rhino monitoring training programs trained over 50 new rhino scouts in the region. We also implemented responsible rhino-based tourism ventures with a private tourism company - Wilderness Safaris. Our next goal is to begin evaluating rhino recovery suitability in the far northern rangelands of Namibia.

The Minnesota Zoo's involvement with this project has helped to put its home state on the map. Just a few months ago, while on patrol with SRT staff, we tracked down "Sharon," a female black rhino—only to discover a one-month-old healthy male calf at her side! All rhino calves that are monitored by SRT are given a first name with the same first letter as their mother, and the captain of SRT's tracking team decided to name him "Sota" in appreciation of the new partnership with the Minnesota Zoo. Like each desert black rhino under SRT's watchful eye, Sota's health and whereabouts will be regularly monitored by skilled trackers. We are very excited about Sota, and are hopeful that he will become a true representative of the future of his species.

The State of Minnesota now has a little namesake on the other side of the globe. One of the last truly wild black rhinos has been named "Sota" in honor of the Minnesota Zoo's direct involvement in the conservation of its species in Africa.



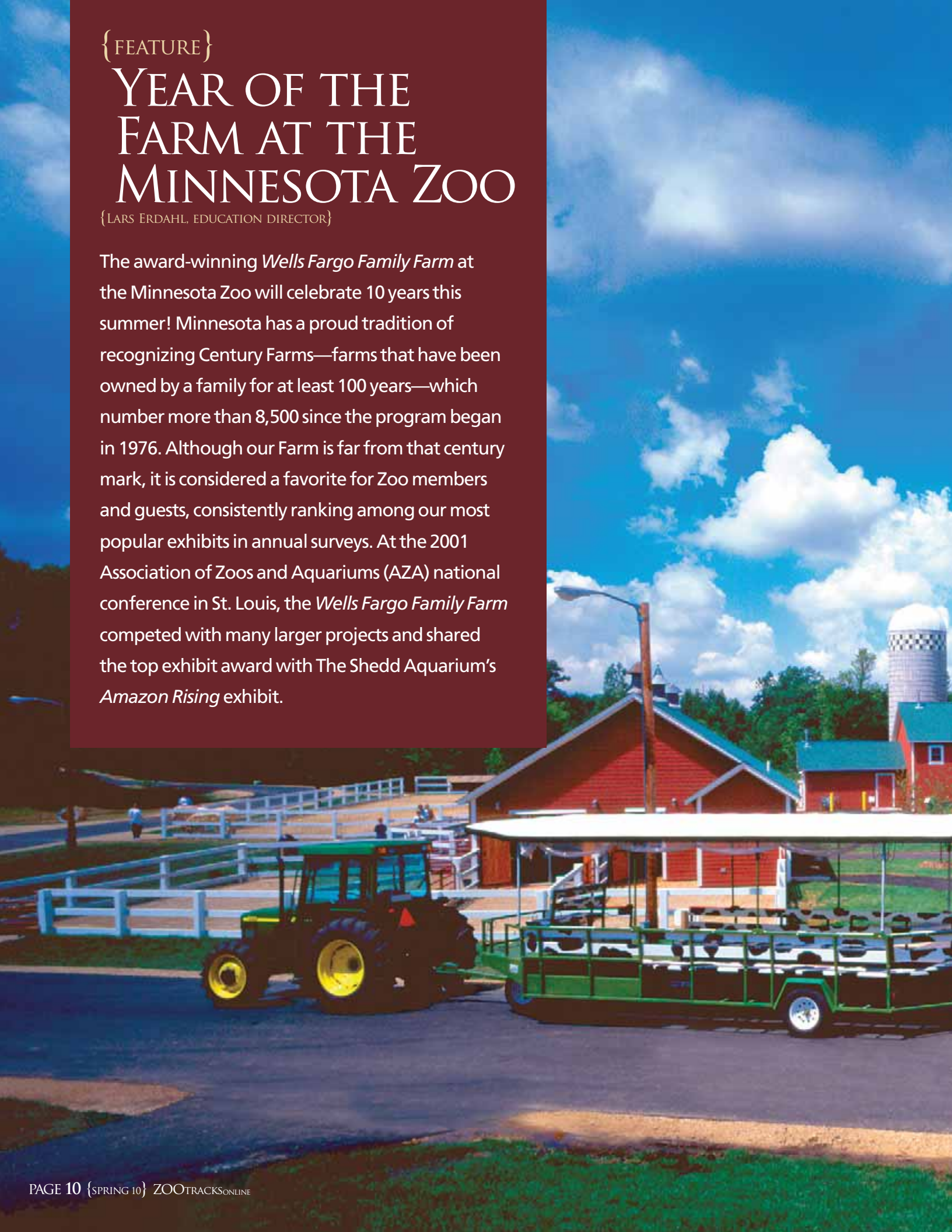
View additional images from our conservation efforts with Save the Rhino Trust in Namibia.

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YEAR OF THE FARM AT THE MINNESOTA ZOO

{ LARS ERDAHL, EDUCATION DIRECTOR }

The award-winning *Wells Fargo Family Farm* at the Minnesota Zoo will celebrate 10 years this summer! Minnesota has a proud tradition of recognizing Century Farms—farms that have been owned by a family for at least 100 years—which number more than 8,500 since the program began in 1976. Although our Farm is far from that century mark, it is considered a favorite for Zoo members and guests, consistently ranking among our most popular exhibits in annual surveys. At the 2001 Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) national conference in St. Louis, the *Wells Fargo Family Farm* competed with many larger projects and shared the top exhibit award with The Shedd Aquarium's *Amazon Rising* exhibit.







THE PAST: As someone who grew up on a farm near Blue Earth, helping to plan the Minnesota Zoo's Farm was a dream project. Working closely with farmers, various agriculture and breed organizations, the "Ag in the Classroom" program, the University of Minnesota, and students and teachers in urban, suburban and rural communities, the Zoo created a place that would encourage a caring attitude toward animals and nature. We wanted our Farm to represent a community of people, plants and animals striving to maintain balance with nature. Although sustainability has become somewhat of a buzz word lately, it has been a business practice on Minnesota farms for generations, and the Zoo's farm demonstrates this in many ways.

Like most zoos, the Minnesota Zoo's focus is on wild animals and wild places, but for most people our closest connection to the animal kingdom is with domestic animals—a connection that is often taken for granted. From programs to propagate rare breeds to the display of cloned cattle, we wanted to celebrate the past, present and future of farming in Minnesota. Although modern agriculture may generate controversy, the Zoo wanted to be an honest broker of information, presenting accurate information about agricultural practices to inform our guests without taking sides.

THE PRESENT: The *Wells Fargo Family Farm* is a real working farm. In each barn, there is a larger-than-life animal sculpture that displays everyday products that come from livestock. The milk produced by our cows is regularly picked up by a creamery where it gets made into cheese. We have partnerships with local farmers to produce young animals each spring and summer that eventually go to market. We are a training site where local veterinary students work with various breeds of domestic livestock. The Family Farm is a great place to experience and learn about the entire circle of life, from breeding to birth (or hatching) through responsible care to harvest.

Since the Farm opened, the annual "Farm Babies" event has become one of the Minnesota Zoo's most popular events. Its success might be partly due to cabin fever and the need for young families to get outside, but there's no doubt that coming nose-to-nose with a piglet, calf or goat kid can create life-long memories. As fewer and fewer kids have relatives on the farm, for many it might be as rare and exciting to get close to one of

our six breeds of dairy cattle as it is to see Amur tigers or grizzly bears.

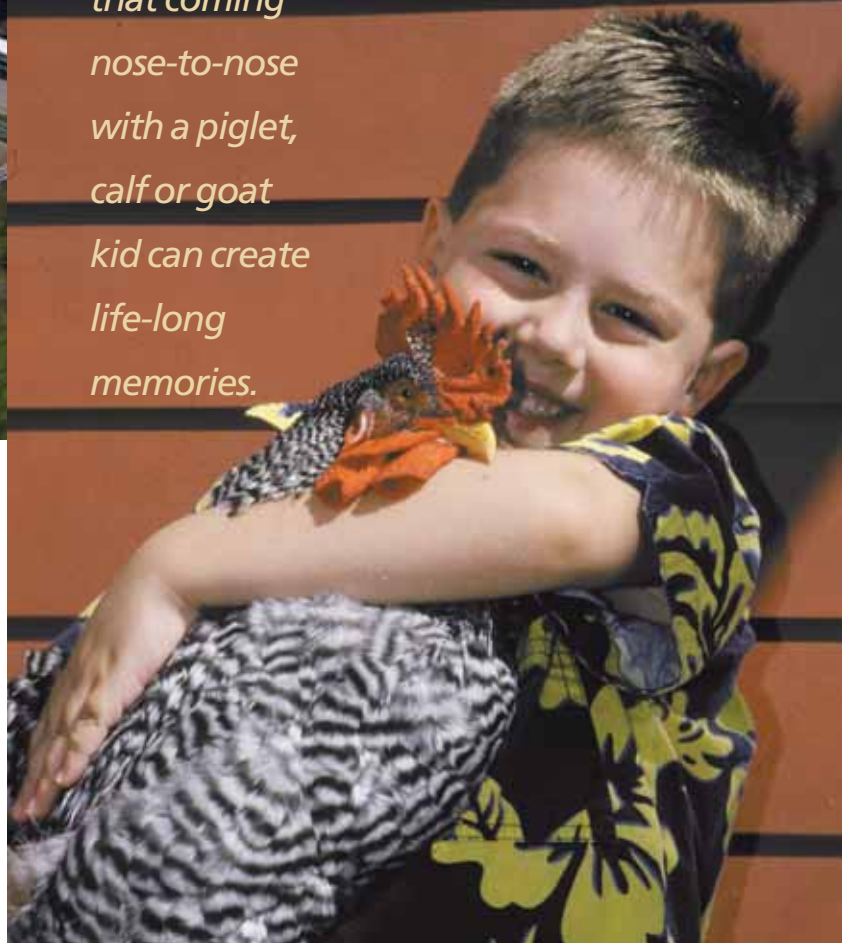
The summer Zoo Camp classes at the *Wells Fargo Family Farm* are always popular, from the Pigs on Parade class for preschoolers to the Farm Crew class for grades 7–9. Some classes have even witnessed the birth of a calf. Our team of American Cream draft horses, Prince and Duke, share daily Farm Tram pulling duties with the John Deere tractors, and are annual favorites at the Minnesota State Fair in the horse barn and the daily parades.

Agriculture and agricultural trade are essential to Minnesota's economy, averaging nearly \$8 billion in annual sales in recent years and employing one in every five Minnesota workers. The prices farmers get for their efforts have fluctuated, but the profit margins seem to keep narrowing. So far, more than 9 million people have visited the *Wells Fargo Family Farm* to share stories with children and grandchildren, reminisce about early morning chores, feed and groom goats, better understand where and how food is produced, and to make personal connections with life on the farm. One of the Farm staff recently shared a story of a young boy who was grossed out by the cow milking demonstrations, insisting that his family gets their milk from the grocery store, not from cows. I guess we still have some work to do.

THE FUTURE: Farming will continue to be a very important industry, not only in Minnesota but throughout the world. Farmers still gather at the grain elevator or over a cup of coffee at the local cafe, but their discussions today might include weather forecasts in Brazil and Argentina, access to markets in China and India, the latest crop or livestock genetics, conservation crop rotation, residue and nutrient management, and precision farming technology and equipment. The daily business of Minnesota family farms has adapted to the dramatic changes in technology and direct access to global markets.

This summer, the Minnesota Zoo is excited to host "Year of the Farm" to emphasize the role agriculture has in our state and to celebrate our popular award-winning exhibit. The festivities will begin with "Farm Babies" in April and will continue throughout the summer and fall with animal demonstrations, Zoo Camp classes, and events including the Family Farm Festival and Harvest Weekends. We look forward to seeing you at the Farm! For more information, visit mnzoo.org.

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{ ZOO PROFILE }

DEAN TREANGEN

{ BY SARA BENSON, SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR }

Dean Treangen is the Farm supervisor at the Minnesota Zoo. He has spent his whole life in the agricultural field, from growing up on a dairy farm in southeastern Minnesota to working at the *Wells Fargo Family Farm*.



Treangen first came to the Zoo in May of 2000 as a farm keeper. He became a zoologist in 2002 and then supervisor in 2003. Treangen attended the University of Minnesota where he earned a degree in animal science. Before coming to the Zoo, Treangen worked with dairy cattle, handling artificial insemination, embryo transfer and super ovulation.

The most challenging and rewarding time of the year for Treangen and the Farm staff is the Zoo's annual Farm Babies event, held in April. This year, Farm Babies will be featured for the entire month of April.

"My favorite part of Farm Babies is always the animal births, but it's also fun meeting the different people who come out each year," said Treangen. "For many families, it's a tradition to come out and see the animals in the spring."

Treangen and the farm staff really appreciate the extra volunteer help during the summer. He explains, "Our volunteers are great! We have about 120 volunteers helping us during the summer season. It'd be impossible without their help."



Perhaps you remember receiving an e-mail asking if you would like to join Minnesotans for a Great Zoo. Maybe you've seen reference to it in your e-news blasts. Or maybe this is the first time you have ever heard about it.

WHO ARE MINNESOTANS FOR A GREAT ZOO

{ FEATURE }

{ BY PEGGY ADELMANN, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER }

Minnesotans for a Great Zoo is a grassroots network across the state that believes the Zoo is an important part of the community and serves as a great gathering place for everyone. They believe it is a

valuable state environmental education institution, and understand and support the state, national and international conservation efforts the Zoo undertakes.

Over 1,000 members, donors, visitors and other supporters have joined Minnesotans for a Great Zoo since its launch. People from all eight congressional districts—even members from six other states—have joined our cause.

A special website, ourmnzoo.org, has been created for supporters to learn what's happening at the state capitol this year and how activities there will impact the Minnesota Zoo. It also provides an opportunity for members to share their stories, experiences and memories. Soon we hope to provide an opportunity for members to share their favorite Zoo pictures.

Once you join Minnesotans for a Great Zoo, you'll receive regular updates via e-mail. The site also provides an easy way for you to contact your legislators, tell them about your support for the Zoo, and why it's a special place for you. It's as easy as clicking "send!"

Please visit the Website, ourmnzoo.org, and consider joining the growing number of supporters who want the success and momentum of the Minnesota Zoo to continue.



{GREEN INITIATIVES}

A BRIGHT IDEA

ENERGY-EFFICIENT LIGHTING CHANGES AT THE ZOO

{BY DR. TARA HARRIS, CONSERVATION BIOLOGIST}

In an effort to be “green,” the Minnesota Zoo has taken many steps to improve its energy efficiency. Last year, we conducted an audit and learned how simple upgrades can add up to save energy and money. Since then, our electrical department has moved ahead by replacing lights and fixtures and installing motion detection sensors that turn lights on and off. We’re proud to announce that these upgrades are saving enough energy annually to power 380 average U.S. homes!



Jeff Ruud, who supervises the electrical department, has been leading the switch to energy efficient lighting. He says it’s not only good for the environment, it’s also a smart investment. The energy efficient lighting components we’re installing

don’t cost much more and they use less energy, saving the Zoo money over the long-term. In addition, the Zoo gets rebates from its electricity provider for making the replacements. For example, a new energy-efficient ballast (a lighting fixture component) costs \$14 but the Zoo gets a \$12 rebate for buying and installing it.

So far Jeff and his team have replaced over 3,000 light bulbs, 900 ballasts, and 50 exit lights with more energy efficient versions, and have installed 21 motion sensors. And they’re still only half-way done! Staff throughout the Zoo is doing their part, turning off lights as they leave empty rooms.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOO!

If every U.S. household replaced just one traditional light with an energy-efficient bulb, Americans would collectively save \$600 million on annual energy costs. That’s on top of the environmental benefits, such as cleaner air and fewer carbon dioxide emissions. Compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) are a great choice, since they use about 1/3 of the energy of comparable incandescent bulbs and last ten times longer. Just be sure to dispose of them properly. Other good tips include turning off the light as you leave a room and placing outside lights on a timer.

You can learn more about reducing your energy use, conducting energy audits, and obtaining rebates for energy efficient purchases by visiting your electricity provider’s website or energysavers.gov. Learn more about the Minnesota Zoo’s “green” initiatives by visiting the conservation section of our website, mnzoo.org.



{ EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES }

OUR BACKYARD LECTURE SERIES

Are you interested in native plant landscaping? How about attracting butterflies? Has buckthorn become a major issue for you? The Minnesota Zoo is pleased to present a free lecture series that brings these topics close to home with specialists in their respective fields. Online registration begins 30 days before the date of each lecture by visiting mnzoo.org/lecture.

April 29, 2010

**NATIVE PLANTS FOR
LANDSCAPING AND
RESTORATION**

June 10, 2010

**RAIN BARRELS AND BACKYARD
COMPOSTING**

July 14, 2010

ATTRACTING BUTTERFLIES

September 23, 2010

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{ BEASTLY BALL 2010 }

“ONE RED HOT NIGHT!”

A foxy red coat, flowing ear tassels, and a mane that could win any beauty contest – announcing the elegant Red River Hog, the star of the 22nd annual Minnesota Zoo Beastly Ball, “One Red Hot Night!” on Saturday, April 24, 2010. But don’t wait ‘til then to begin the fun ... it’s a celebration that begins now!

Start bidding on fabulous items in our Online Auction on April 9th! Look for amazing Zoo experiences, including behind-the-scenes tours, animal sponsorships, a birthday party, and more. There are also loads of other wonderful items such as tickets to shows and sporting events and certificates for restaurants and hotels.

Buy your raffle tickets today for an all-new, third generation Sienna minivan, donated by Twin Cities Toyota



Dealers. Only 3,000 tickets will be sold at \$20 each (cash or check only). Reserve yours by contacting Megan at 952.431.9310 or megan.hard@mnzoo.org, or purchase your tickets at the Guest Services desk. Your donation will support conservation and education initiatives at the Minnesota Zoo.

Join us for the Beastly Ball on April 24, hosted by Cities 97’s Lee Valsvik. Enjoy fantastic food, exciting auctions, an African Bazaar, and a host of other surprises. Tickets and corporate sponsorships for “One Red Hot Night!” are currently available. Please visit mnzoo.org or contact Megan with any questions.



APRIL 24 - 2010

{ ZOO HOURS }

March 1–April 30

9–4 daily

May 1–28

9–4 weekdays (Monday–Friday)

9–6 weekends (Saturday–Sunday)

May 29–September 7

9–6 daily

{ MEMBER NEWS }

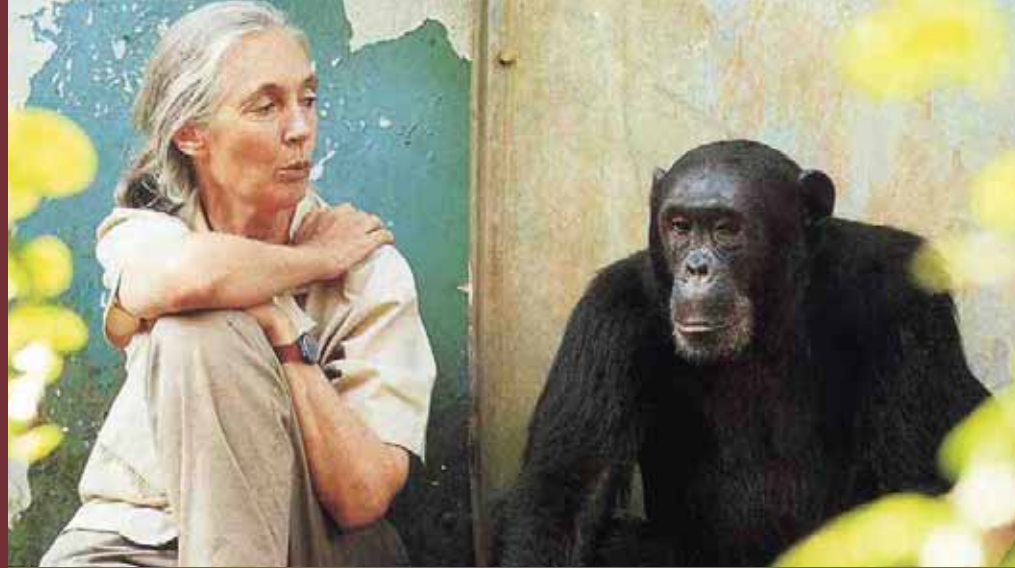
For additional Zoo member information, visit us online at mnzoo.org.

MEMBERS MONDAY

No large groups are scheduled on the first Monday of the month from October–April. Receive a 20% discount on all Lancer Food purchases on Members Monday by showing your current Minnesota Zoo membership card.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Your Zoo membership offers more than free admission and parking! The newest benefit is discounted admission (\$2 adult/\$1 child) for your guests. Remember, your guests can apply their discounted admission towards a membership before they leave the Zoo! To see a full list of member benefits, visit "Benefits of Membership."



{ EVENT HIGHLIGHTS }

FARM BABIES APRIL 1–30, 2010

Come out and enjoy the sights and sounds of spring at the *Wells Fargo Family Farm*. There's nothing cuter than baby chicks, piglets, lambs, calves, goat kids, and bunnies. There will be fun, hands-on kids' activities on April 2 & 3 and on Saturday, April 3, Peter Rabbit will be at the Farm.

EARTHFEST APRIL 17 & 18, 2010

Celebrate all things green at the Minnesota Zoo during EarthFest, a party for the planet, in honor of Earth Day. This weekend will highlight hands-on, eco-friendly activities for everyone. Find out more about recycling and sustainable living while enjoying music and crafts. Learn more about the Minnesota Zoo's conservation efforts in our backyard and across the globe.

DR. JANE GOODALL "A REASON FOR HOPE" MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010

Come to this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity at the Beth El Synagogue to hear and see Jane Goodall, founder of the Jane Goodall Institute & UN Messenger of Peace. Co-sponsored by the Minnesota Zoo and Beth El Synagogue. RSVPs are required.

SUBWAY MUSIC IN THE ZOO

The most popular outdoor concert venue in the Twin Cities is gearing up for another great summer of music! The concert schedule will be available May 1 at mnzoo.org and tickets go on sale in mid-May at Ticketmaster.

FACES OF THE AFRICAN FOREST MAY 29, 2010

Elegant Colobus monkeys join DeBrazza's monkeys, fruit bats, dwarf crocodiles, red river hogs and rock hyrax in the Minnesota Zoo's newest exhibit, *Faces of the African Forest*, opening May 29, 2010 in the Zoo's Tropics Trail. *Look for a special edition of ZooTracks in May!*

{ SAVE THE DATE }

For information on these and many other happenings at the Zoo, visit us online at mnzoo.org.

WELLS FARGO FAMILY FARM OPENS

April 1

MEMBERS' AFTER HOURS PREVIEW: FACES OF THE AFRICAN FOREST

May 26 & 28 – All Ages

May 27 – Adults Only

Pre-registration required by visiting mnzoo.org.

AVEDA BUTTERFLY GARDEN OPENS

June 20

ZOO CAMP 2010

Give your children an experience they'll never forget - a wild, week-long (or single day) adventure at the Zoo! From June 1–August 27, 2-year-olds to 12th graders will meet animals, make new friends, and have a ton of fun while learning. Zoo Camp was recently named the "Best Day Camp in the Twin Cities" for 2009. Online registration is now available. Check out the following camp offerings:

- Preschool (Turtlenecks and Monkey Suits, Rainforest Explorers, and more.)
- 1–2 grade (Animal Olympics, Animals at Play, and more.)
- 3–4 grade (Walk and Squawk, Zoo Safari, and more.)
- 5–6 grade (Ocean Commotion, Survival Training, and more.)
- 7–9 grade (Zoo Crew and Farm Crew)
- 10–12 grade (Marine Biology, Alaskan Adventure, and more.)



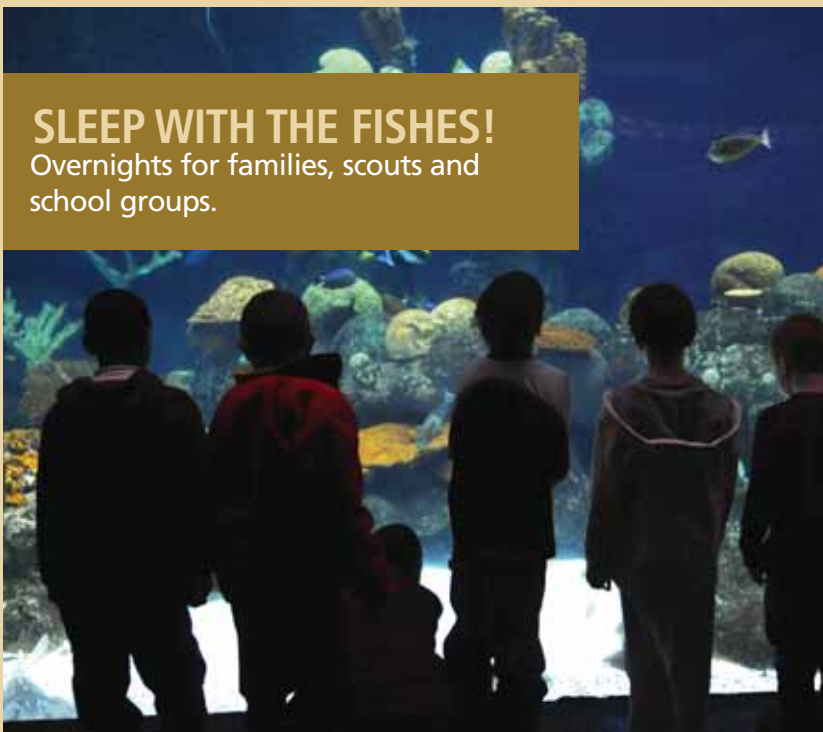
WADDLE, SLITHER & SLIDE!
Discovery-based programs for toddlers and preschoolers.

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Bear and Dolphin Encounters available weekends this spring!



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New in Discovery Bay:
Sea dragons are extremely delicate. They can be injured even by the simple touch of a human hand.