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Eight years ago I came to Garden City to join the Lee Richardson Zoo team. Since then I have learned a lot about the history of our community's zoo. From the first two skunks, to the flood, the first accreditation, Penny the elephant, and more; the more I learn, the prouder I am to be part of such a cornerstone in our city. Lee Richardson Zoo has touched everyone in Garden City and the surrounding community. One of the best parts of being a part of the Lee Richardson Zoo team is seeing the pride that this community has for Lee Richardson Zoo. Our community shows such support for Lee Richardson Zoo that it swells my heart with happiness.

This weekend we want you to join us in celebrating what our community has created and evolved for the past 90 years. Come out to Lee Richardson Zoo on Saturday and you can join us in a day of learning, fun, and even some snacks. Exhibitors from various partners of Lee Richardson Zoo will be here. There will be keeper talks throughout the day. Come vote for the best "Favorite thing about Lee Richardson Zoo" photo and the best decorated birthday cake, because how can you have a 90th birthday without cake? Bring your little and big zoogoers in their cutest and fiercest animal costumes for the Wildside Walk at 1:30 p.m. The Wildside Walk will begin by the rhinos and head toward the Finnup Center for Conservation Education and the Nature Play Space where refreshments will be given to all zoo guests that wish to have a small snack (as long as the snacks last). A full list of keeper talks can be found at the Safari Shoppe and pay attention to our social media pages, such as Facebook and Twitter.

Garden City has every right to be proud of Lee Richardson Zoo. The zoo is one of the top zoos in the nation. It has been accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums for over thirty years without any gaps, an accomplishment that less than 5% of USDA licensed exhibitors in the nation can claim. Garden City did not set out to create a roadside menagerie. Garden City set out to create a top

notch conservation and educational facility where community members can enjoy themselves and every visitor can experience the surprise and awe of the natural world.

The staff of Lee Richardson Zoo is proud to continue the mission of zoological excellence that the community has entrusted us. We will continue to inspire our community and connect us all to the world at large. Thank you for letting me be a part of such a fantastic endeavor.