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Celebrate Hippo Birthday With Pancakes

Dickerson Park Zoo, Village Inn Restaurants, Star 92.9FM and Friends of the Zoo invite guests to "feast with the beasts" and join in celebrating Henry the Hippo's 30th birthday during Pancakes in the Park on Saturday, Aug. 27.

From 7-10 a.m. at the zoo's Bush Country Café, Village Inn will prepare pancakes and sausage and serve a choice of coffee, juice or milk to zoo guests. The cost for breakfast is \$5 for adults and teenagers and \$4 for children ages 3-12; Friends of the Zoo members receive a \$1 discount per person. Proceeds from Pancakes in the Park benefit Friends of the Zoo activities at Dickerson Park Zoo.

Following breakfast, guests are invited to join Dickerson Park Zoo's staff in celebrating Henry the Hippo's 30th birthday from 11 a.m. to noon. The zoo will serve slices of chilled watermelon to zoo guests; children can play in an inflatable bounce house. Zookeepers will feed watermelon to Henry at 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and noon.

Henry the Hippo is one of the zoo's most popular animals. He was born Aug. 29, 1981, at the San Francisco Zoo and arrived at Dickerson Park Zoo on March 20, 1982.

Zoo admission will be charged beginning at 7 a.m. "Early-bird" discounted admission will be offered from 7-9 a.m. (\$5 for adults and teens; \$3 for children ages 3-12). Regular zoo admission fees will be charged beginning at 9 a.m.

Dickerson Park Zoo is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission fees are \$8 for adults and teenagers, \$5 for seniors age 60 and older, \$5 for children ages 3-12 and free for children age 2 and younger. Friends of the Zoo members are admitted free; FOZ memberships are \$65 for an annual pass. For information about zoo events, visit www.dickersonparkzoo.org or call 417-864-1800.

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