

## The Henry Doorly Zoo



I go to the Henry Doorly Zoo a lot in the summer. The Henry Doorly is a great place with lots of exhibits. They have a gift shop, exhibits, and even an animal nursery. They sometimes have stands with animal skins that you can touch. It's really cool! They have a mechanical ski lift they call the Skyfari. It crosses over a ton of exhibits where you can see animals from a birds view. You cross over a pond with fish in it. They also have an island with monkeys on it!

They have a butterfly exhibit. It's fairly new to the Henry Doorly, its maybe two or three years old. It's bright and colorful inside. You have to go in a room with all these mirrors around the walls. There's a fan to blow of "Hitch Hikers" which are butterfly's sticking to your clothes. The other part has all sorts of unique and weird bugs.

All around they have maps. When you walk in you can grab a small map and it shows you where all the exhibits are. They have a tram and a train you can ride on. They have carousal with some animals they have in the zoo. They have a farm/petting zoo area with goats, llamas, and all sorts of farm animals there. All around the zoo they let peacocks roam around.

At the Henry Doorly Zoo they have a garden they call "The Garden of the Senses". They have all sorts of birds some are out in the open. They have a parrot and a macaw. You can walk through the garden. It has a little stream and a pond. It's fun to go to the Garden of the Senses on a summer or spring day. They have a gong you can hit it makes a beautiful noise. They have a sun dial that's taller than me!

By Abby B



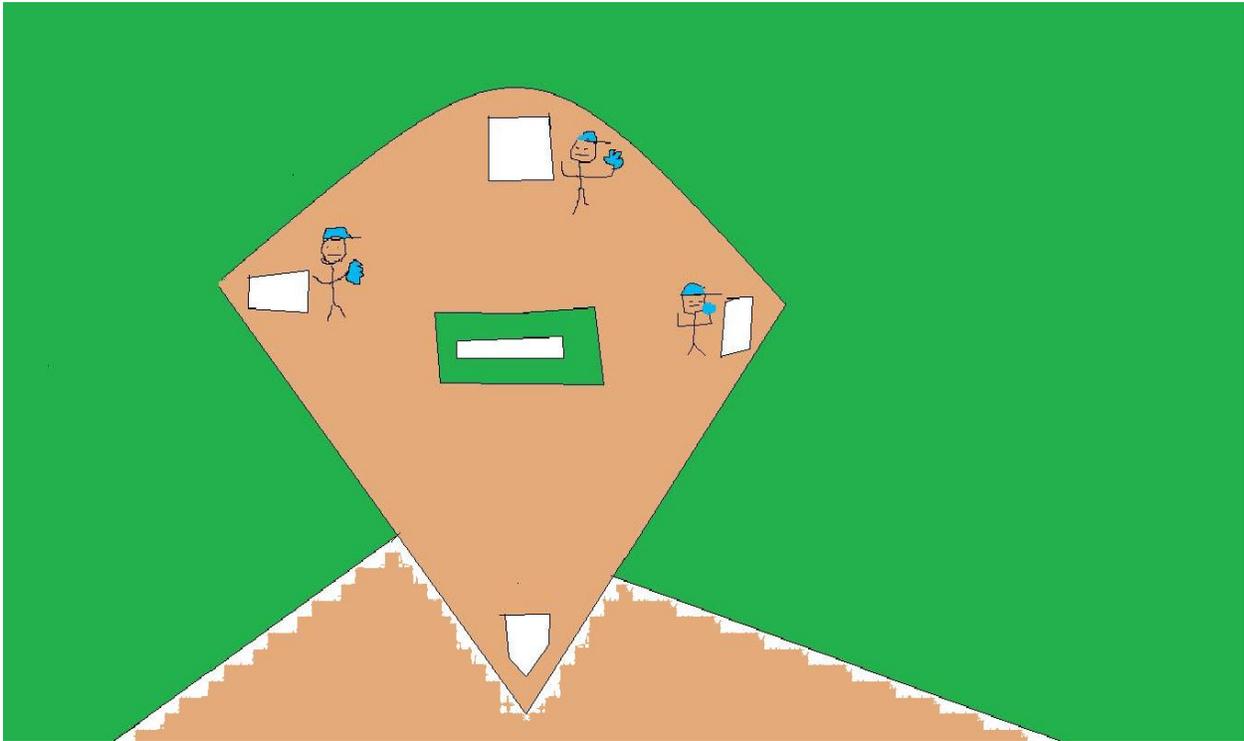
Our zoo is very big and has a record for its dome. When my family goes to Disney we do not even go to animal king dome because we have a zoo at home. There are so many animals and attractions' that if you were there for 2 days it would not be enough to do all the stuff. My favorite thing there is the rain forest because there is so much to see and play with. Then the sky fare or ski lift.

Our zoo is very big and has a train petting zoo ski lift and merry go round. They have a nursery to for baby animals. I also like seeing the polar bear he plays in water and is very furry. There are lots of food stands so you never go hungry. We go on field trips there to. In 1st 3trd and 5th grade.

Our zoo has many new things every year like Madagascar and the butterfly exhibit. Our zoo has so much to do like the attractions and all the animals. We have gorillas, bear, zebras, turtles, polar bears and so much more. Our zoo also has an I Max a 3d movie theater. When you walk in to the zoo you see a big wet globe you can play with it and spin it water comes out of it and go's all over it.

By: Elise F

## My first game at the new field



I love TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha, Nebraska because it is new and it's a very cool baseball field. I am going to tell you my story of the first time I went there. I was driving for what felt like an hour because I was so excited. When we got there I could feel the excitement in the crowd even though the game hadn't even started because the crowd was still cheering. I knew that the very loud crowd would be a big factor in the game because it usually was.

It was Texas versus North Carolina because both teams had lost their first game. I was very excited for the game because I knew it was going to be a good one. It was even more exciting because it was an elimination game so I knew each team would play that much better so they don't get eliminated. I don't like Texas so I was going to cheer like I had just won the Super Bowl for North Carolina because I wanted to see Texas lose in Nebraska instead of winning in Nebraska. It was a close and exciting game because both teams had brought their "A" game.

It was 0 to 0 in the seventh because both teams came to play and were playing their hearts out. I could feel the excitement in the crowd yet again because it was such a good and close game. North Carolina was up to bat with 1 out because of a line drive to third. It looked like it was going to go on forever even though it was only the seventh because both teams' defense was amazing. With a man on first Texas was trying to strike out the batter to stay alive and not to let them score the game-winning run. The pitch came, and then the batter hit a line drive home run to win them the game because in the last two innings Texas couldn't do anything against the amazing North Carolina defense. I loved going to that game because it was very exciting. I later went to 2 or 3 other games and enjoyed them just as much because they were just as close because it was the CWS.

By Evan

# Platte River State Park

I was in the car when the sun started to rise. I was bumping on a gravel road waiting for the sign that would read Platt River State Park. I stepped out of the car and smelt the horse patties. Then I hiked up a large just to see my Girl Scout troop waiting for me. It was time for Archery. I had to wait for a few minute until I could shoot the arrow

This kid that was one of the teachers thought me. He Talk to the only girl teacher at the archery part of the camp. She was more help than he was. He was saying that boys were smarter than girls. She said that you are telling a girl that. He said but she is different. Finally time to get on a 203 pound horse.

The horse was the one behind the leader and the leading horse. We went on the road slow until my horse tried to move fast, but we all had to stop for a slow and stubborn horse. The wind stared picking up. I was now all the way on the trail. I was bumping up and down a little scared on the trail. Finally we got off the horses and we went to a fire. The fire was hot, and sparks were going everywhere. We roasted hot dogs and marshmallows and we had a good time.



By Olivia F

## Henry doorly zoo

When I was walking down the aquarium I felt a chill down my spine. There were these creatures that were swimming over me. I scream [shark](#). But then I remember there is a glass thing that protects me.

When I go to the tiger cage it is very scary. You can get lucky and see the trainers feeding them. That is the best. But sometimes I get a little scared.

When I go to the gorilla cage that is the best. They pound on the glass and you fell a chill down your spine

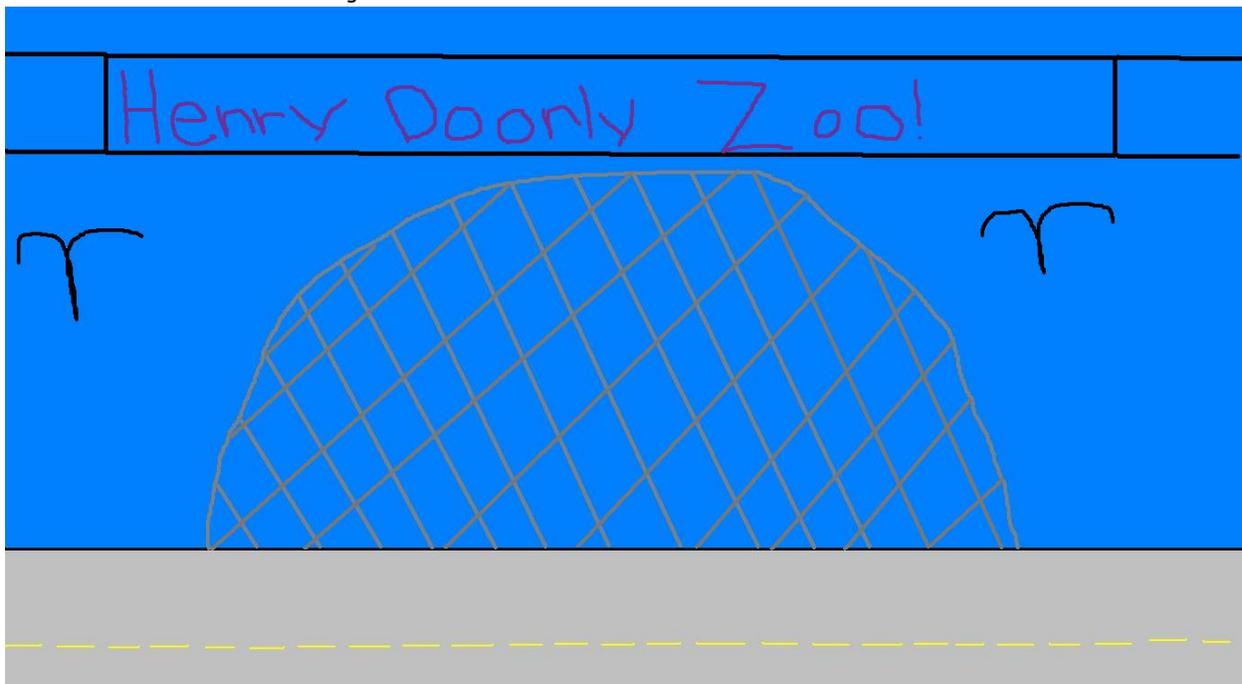


By Jacob C

When I went to the Henry Doorly Zoo with my dad and sister the first thing we did was wait in a really long line. I dread waiting in really long lines. As I looked forward I could see hundreds of people before me. I turned to my dad and said "I hate waiting in lines". He replied "me too". Finally they stamped our hands and we went in. The first thing we did was go into jungle. As we were walking through the jungle we saw monkeys and chimpanzees swinging above our heads. Then I saw a very colorful bird called a toucan. As we were leaving the jungle I asked my dad if we could go to the building with all of the fish and penguins. My dad said yes. When we entered the first thing we saw were the penguins. My favorite animal is a penguin so I was really excited. Then we saw the fish. There were so many little fish in one tank. It was so funny to see them swim around in their tanks.

Next I asked my dad if we could eat because by that time I was about to starve to death. So my sister and I both had a hot dog and some frozen lemonade. After that we went to the butterfly exhibit. It was a lot of fun to see them flying all around the room. As I was walking through a monarch butterfly landed on my finger. It was so cool. After that we left the exhibit. Then we went to go look at the gorilla exhibit. If you put your face up to the glass you can have a starring contest with them. When I do that the gorilla always wins. If you run up and down the hall the gorillas will run with you. It is so funny. After that we went to see the polar bears. The polar bears are really cute. When they're on the rock and you put your face up against the glass they will jump off the rock and meet you face to face. There are about three polar bears at the exhibit.

Next we went to the lion exhibit. The lion exhibit is one of the largest exhibits at the Henry Doorly Zoo. They have cages of lions outside as well as cages of lions that are inside. The cages usually contain about two to three lions each. If they are big lions there are usually only two in a cage. If they are small lions there is usually only three in a cage. As we were walking through the exhibit I was starting to get tired. We had gotten to the zoo at about 11:00 am. It was now about 3:00. We decided we were going to leave as soon as we were done looking at the lion exhibit. As we were walking out I told my dad and my sister that I had had a lot of fun that day. My dad replied "I had a lot of fun with you to sweetie". It was a long walk back to the car sense there was so many people there but I made it. When we got back to the car I was so happy because the car had air conditioning!

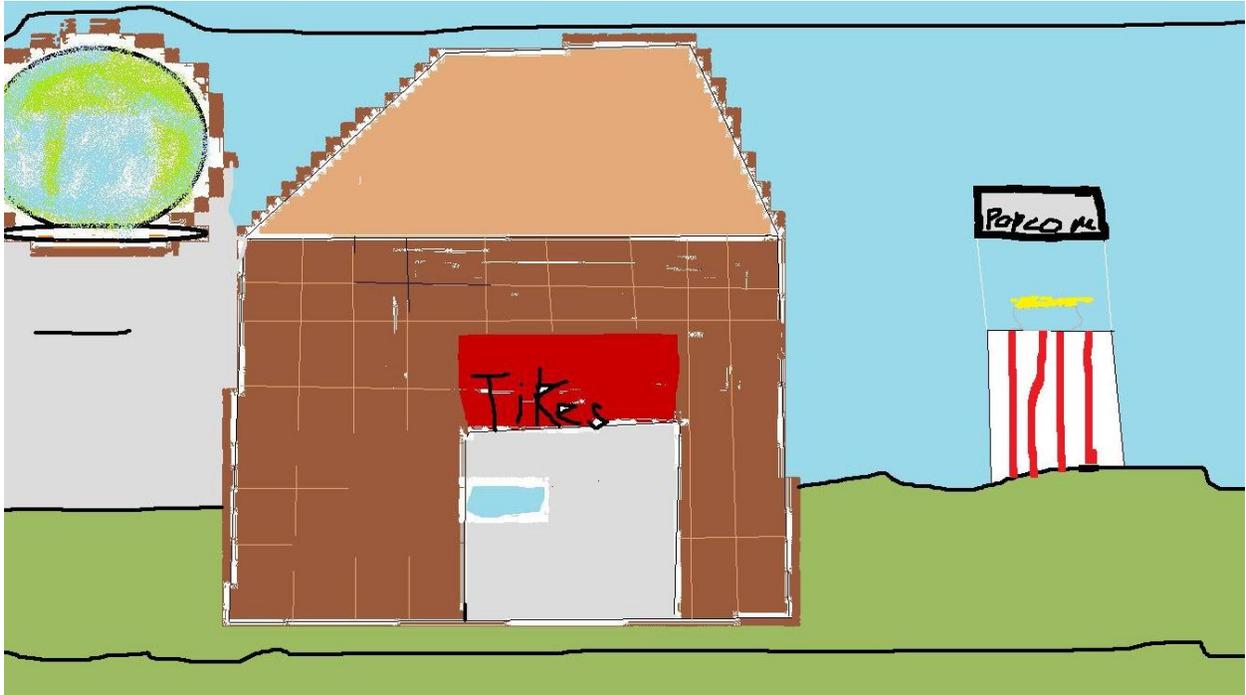


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When I went to the zoo I saw monkeys, lions, and bears. They have this thing called the sky safari. They have a nursery. There is an aquarium. There are the otters and the zebras.

You would like it very much if you lived here. They have a food court. They have a desert dome. It is very neat. You would like it.

It is one of the biggest zoos in the world. They have a train and a tram. There are sometimes wild turkeys. There are animals for the people to visit. Thanks for reading.



By Eli

## The Old Market

I have visited the Old Market in downtown Omaha. I was walking down the old brick rode which was very cold and dirty. I look up and hear my mom ask “where should we go to dinner?” I paused and looked around it was pretty crowded. Lots of people were playing their music for money. Then, I see a restaurant called Upstream. I turned to my mom who was looking at a clown who was making balloon animals. I asked “can we got to that restaurant?” “Sure” she replied. Then we went into the restaurant.

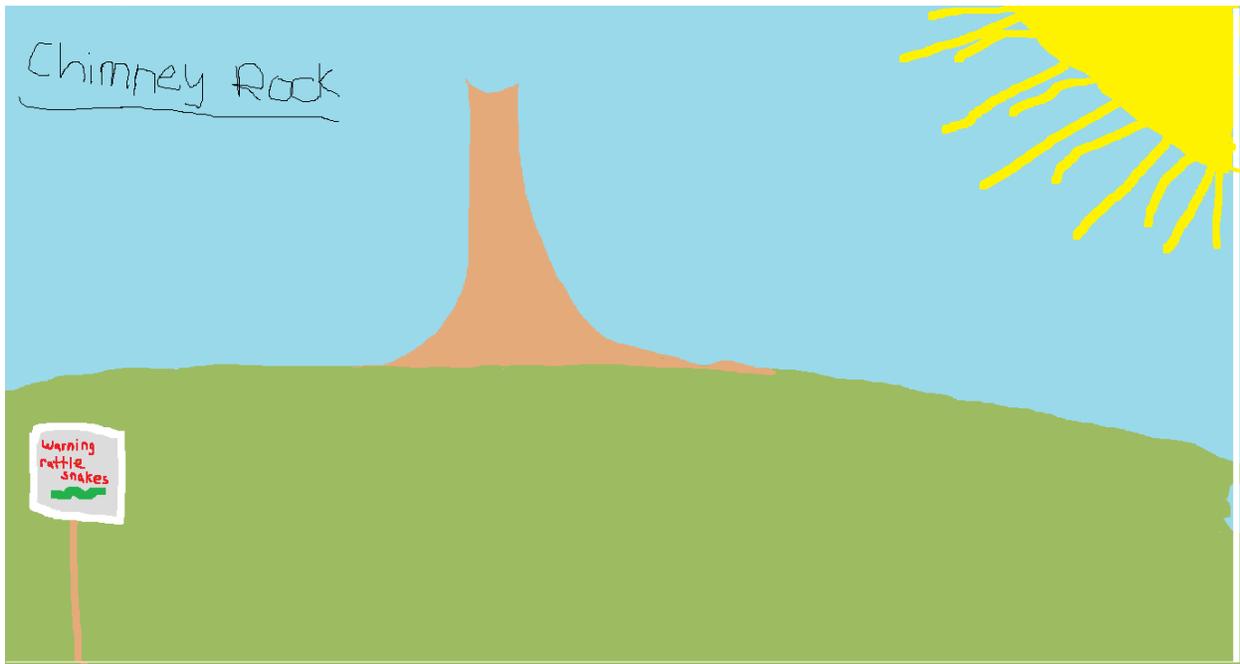
It smelled like apple pie as my mom told the waitress “table for 6.”She took us to our table which was upstairs. It was a pretty big restaurant. When we sat down I looked at the menu there was so much I could get. I decided to get chicken nuggets and french-fries. The waitress came back with our food. Yummm! It was so good I thought about getting 2nds.

After dinner we went outside and started walking and as we drew nearer to the candy shop the smell of cotton candy got stronger. I ran into the shop and saw so many candies you couldn’t even imagine. I looked real hard but the rock candy on a stick sounded the best. The on I got was blue. I opened it put it into my mouth and it was so good because the minute I was done we were already on our way home.



By Lizzie

## A Chimney Rock Visit



Once, I was on a ride to my grandma's house and it was a long ride so we decided to stop at Chimney Rock. When we got out of the car I felt a humid and hot breeze. We stayed on the grass since there were Rattle snakes in the grass. We knew that because there were signs that said "warning rattle snakes". When we were walking into the museum (that told us about chimney rock) I was the first one into the museum and when I got inside it was cold. When we got done learning about chimney rock we went to the gift shop.

When we were at the gift shop I wanted to get a toy wagon. But, my mom didn't let me. After we were done at the gift shop we went outside to see the chimney rock. When we got outside I felt a blast of humid air. Chimney Rock looked like a chimney but that's probably how it got its name. We weren't that close to it but it was still amazing.

My mom took a lot of pictures of us and chimney rock. It was really sunny and windy so it was hard to see. Once we were done looking at chimney rock we went and left. But, before we left my mom let me get a pencil that was used long ago. But, it did not look like a pencil. Once I got that we finally left.

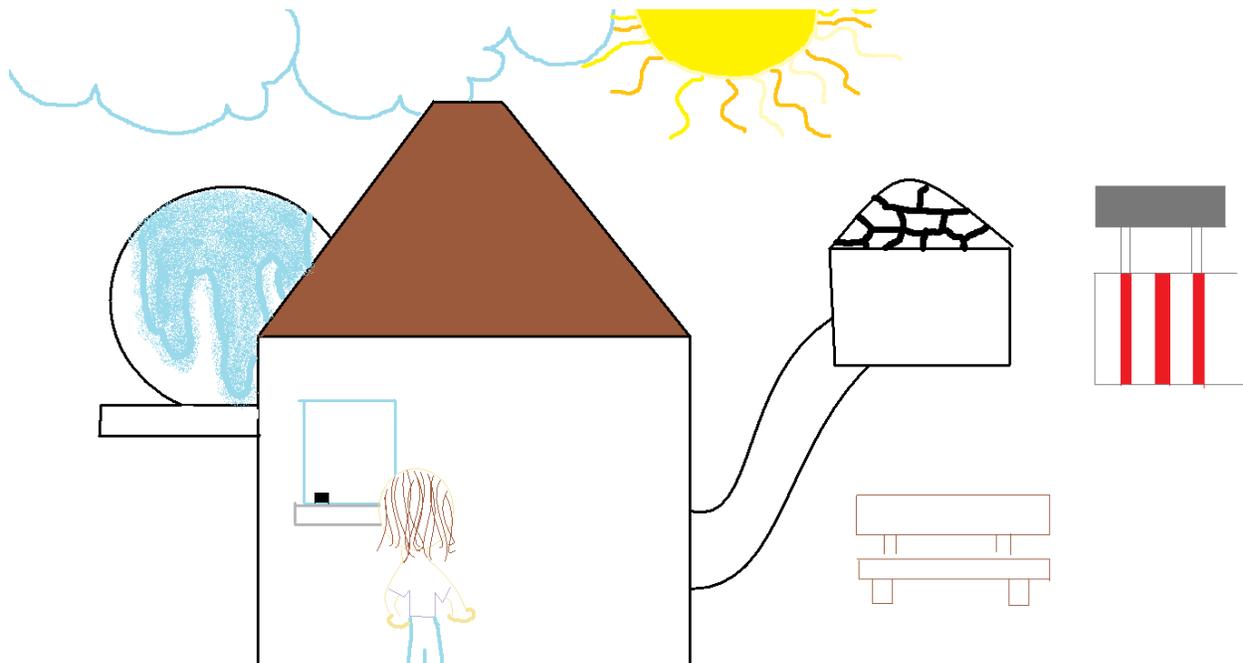
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When I went to the Henry Doorly Zoo there were so many things to do and so many animals to see. At the Henry Doorly Zoo I would always walk around first with family or friends. Later in the day we would probably get something cold to eat on a sunny day. The cold treats just melt in your mouth and taste soooo good on a hot day. We would see almost every animal there including zebras, tigers, elephants, swans, gorillas, fish, sharks, and even more.

The Henry Doorly Zoo is my favorite place to go during summer. My favorite animal that I have seen at the Henry Doorly Zoo are the gorillas especially when their wound up. Sometimes they do things that you don't even know gorillas can do. They bang on their chests and chase around other gorillas. They are very fun to watch. There is usually a whole crowd watching the gorillas because they are so fun.

Another thing that I love doing at the zoo are all the activities. You can feed the fish, walk around and enjoy the heat, or even go inside to look at the animals in the nice breeze. My favorite activity to do is the sky safari. It is one of the zoos newest activities and it is very popular. On the sky safari you can go over almost all of the animals to look down and see what is going on. When you are on the sky safari you feel like you are going to fall! That is what makes it fun. My friends and family share great laughs!

As you can see the Henry Doorly Zoo is filled with fun. It is a great place to go to enjoy the nature around you. Have fun!



By Katie A

## Pedestrian Bridge Fun

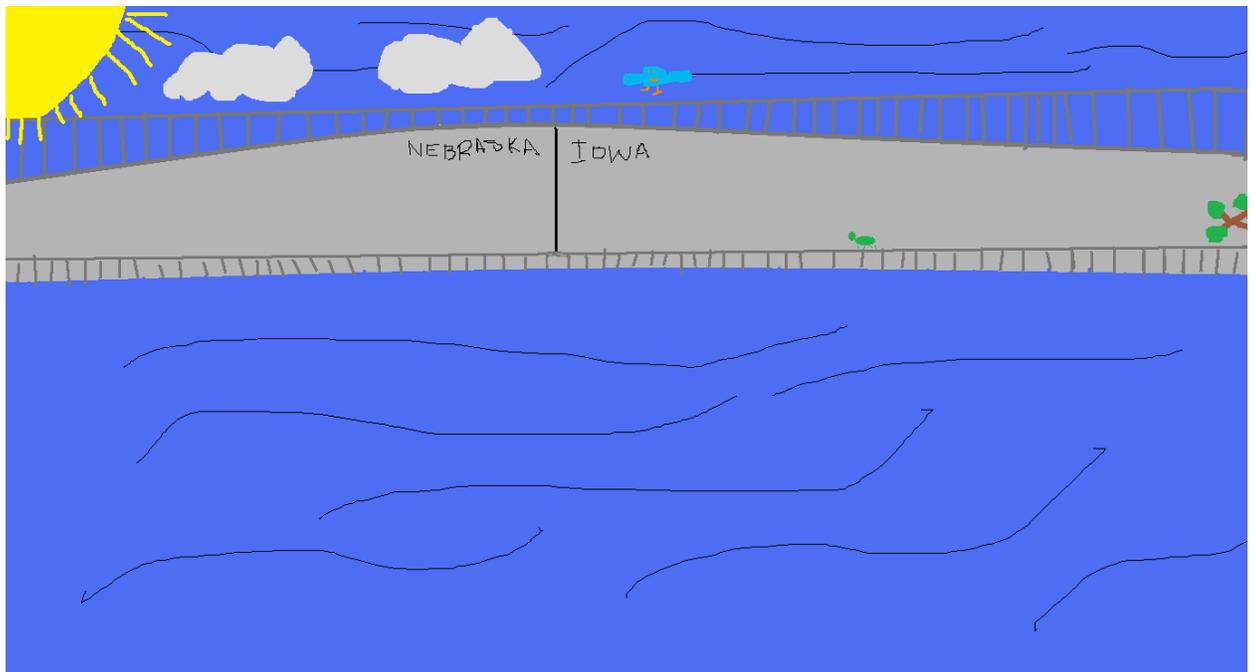
By Maddie A

I was in the warm car with my mom and two sisters I could feel the sweat starting to come down my face. We were almost there. Finally we arrived in downtown Omaha at the Pedestrian Bridge, but before we go to the Pedestrian Bridge we went to the cool spouts of water that spurt up off of the ground. It felt so good on my face and my arms and legs. My mom snapped a couple photos with her camera, and off we headed to the Pedestrian Bridge.

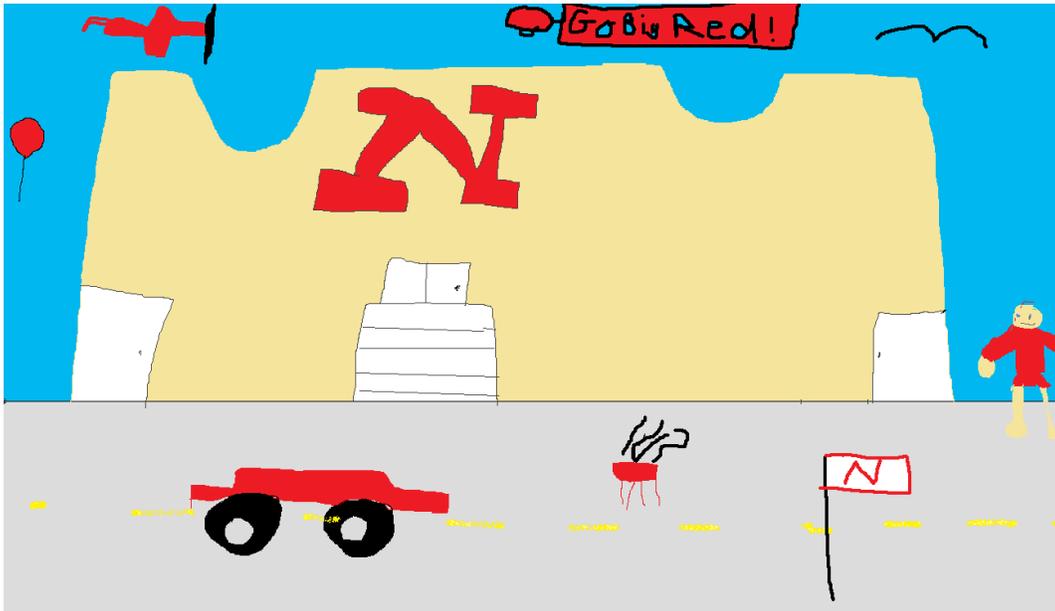
I sprinted on to the Pedestrian Bridge with the wind in my hair. I couldn't wait to be in two states at once, half my body in Iowa (our neighboring state) and Nebraska (the state that we live in). My mom kept taking pictures of the three of us (my sisters and I). Iowa kept getting closer and closer. The Missouri River was flowing over the banks so we couldn't go all the way into Iowa because it was closed off. Finally we reached the destination of Iowa and Nebraska my mom took some pictures of me being in two states at once.

It was so much fun being on the Pedestrian Bridge while the Missouri River felt like it was only 5 feet away from you because of how it was flooding, it felt like I was in a dream. After we got off the Pedestrian Bridge we drove to an ice cream place and got these ice cream cones that looked like they were almost a half foot tall it was so delicious, all the creamy chocolate and crunchy cone. The place we were at was across from the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo. We could see some of the monkeys from the view we were at it was amazing.

After we ate our ice cream we all ordered some lunch I got a juicy cheeseburger with mustard, ketchup, and crunchy, juicy pickles. It was so delicious I ate it all in what felt like 5 minutes. After we were all done with our lunches we headed home it took about a half hour to get home because we were in downtown Omaha and we live in Millard. It was an amazing day!



## My Day at Memorial Stadium



When I went to my first Nebraska football game it Was Nebraska vs. South Dakota State. I got to Lincoln pretty early so I could buy a souvenir and get it autographed. I went to the store on a cold day. My hands weren't cold because I had gloves. As soon as I got in the store I went to the mini helmet section. I found the perfect one. It's case was warm and the helmet was shiny. I went o the register to pay and the cashier sad in low voice "Is that all?" I said "Yes".

I got to the stadium early with my pen full of ink. Then I saw the big muscled man. As Dejon Gomes approached the more nervous I got. My dad told me in an excited voice "Go and get his autograph." When I walked up to him a tall man was talking to him. I didn't want to interrupt their conversation. So I waited and I finally got the courage to ask him for his autograph. He signed the helmet with glee. That day I also got Jared Crick's, Alfonzo Denerd's, Taylor Martinez's, Kyler Reeds, and PJ Smith's autograph. They were all big men with huge muscles. I was nervous each time I asked them. I hung around the cold tunnel until the Huskers came out. As I slapped their big hands I noticed the intensity in their eyes. That's how I knew they were going to win the game.

When they kicked off to the small South Dakota State Players, I got a pizza. When I was done the Huskers had the ball. All game they weren't so good, but they still won the game. Taylor Martinez fumbled a lot. We were lucky that 2 of their touchdowns got called back for penalties. The final score was Nebraska 13, South Dakota State 0. I hung around the tunnel for a little bit after I slapped their big sweaty hands. W hen my dad said it was time to go I walked out of the cold dark stadium slowly. It was a good day for the Huskers and me.

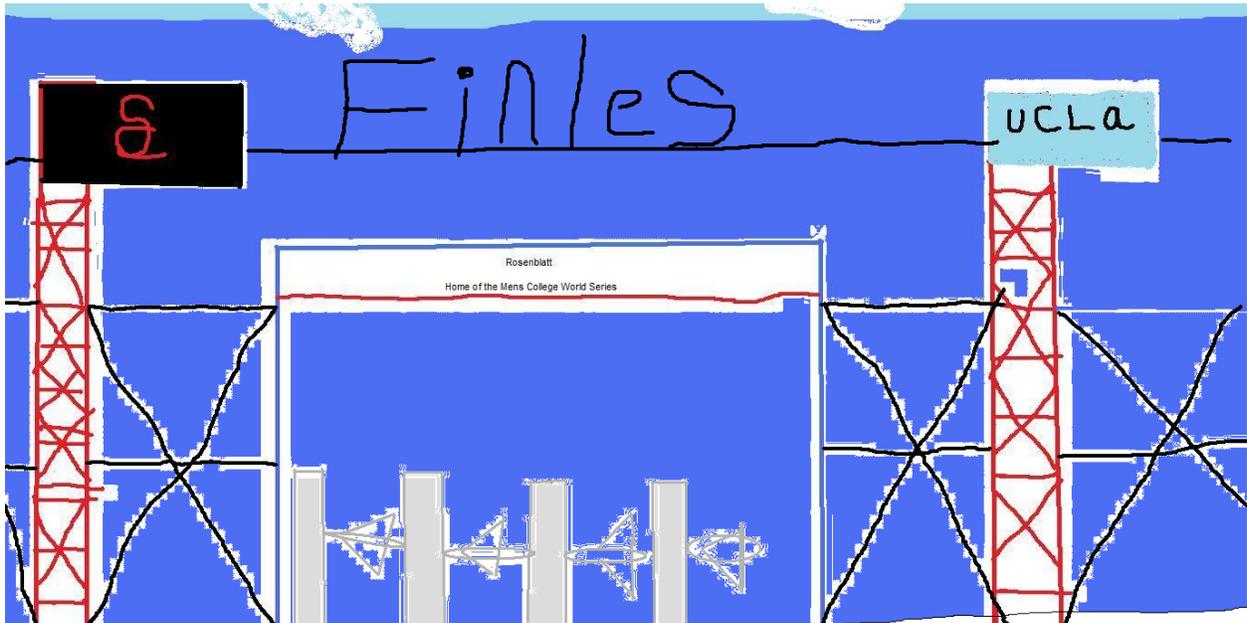
After I left the stadium I walked through the cold dark parking lot. My dad had to go to the bathroom so I went too. I got in the white pickup truck. I put a C.D. in that I got from the broken black glove box. When my dad pulled into a McDonald's parking lot I jumped with glee. McDonalds is my favorite fast food. I ordered chicken nuggets. The cashier had a high pitched southern accent. When we sat down to eat some other Nebraska fans sat next to us. They had low voices. The scent of cooked chicken nuggets filled the air. When we got back to the car, my eyes started drifting slowly. They were getting heavier and heavier until my eyes finally shut. When I woke up we were on the interstate. It was stilled crowded. The smell of cheap gasoline filled the air. My dad rolled up the windows. When we got home I dropped dead on the couch and went to sleep. By Colin B

## **Rosenblatt**

One day I went to Rosenblatt stadium. it was the last college world series game at Rosenblatt. I had been to more than 20 but none this cool. I had front row seats. I was on sports center and I was fan of the game of the game. I got to go in the dugout to meet the players and get autographs.

when I got their I was excited. I had to go through a huge line. I was getting board in the line. I was excited to see the stadium. later I was hungry, we got are seats and then got hot dogs. the game did not start for a hour we went and met the players and played games.

we went back to are seats and watched the game. we where sad to see the team we wanted to win loose. after the game we watched the awards be handed out to the winners. we got to watch the last day at Rosenblatt movie and see fireworks. it was so fun.



By Hunter

# The Zoooooo

Tommy Barrett 5C



One day when I was little I was on a field trip to the Henry Doorly zoo it was a slight breeze as if a spider was running down my back. I was having a lot of fun with my friends and as we were finishing the last trip to the smelly old alligator's one tried to bite my hand. I was running so fast I couldn't see my feet. As we got out all my friends were laughing at me. I guess I did feel kind of funny after that happened to me.

When we finished and we were all done laughing my friends were going to the rocks and the lions. My mom told us to be careful and I waited a little bit. When I went on the tigers I had a lot of fun. Then I went on the big six foot rocks with my friends. The last time I was on a rock that day I was slipping and slipping and I fell off write on the back of my head!

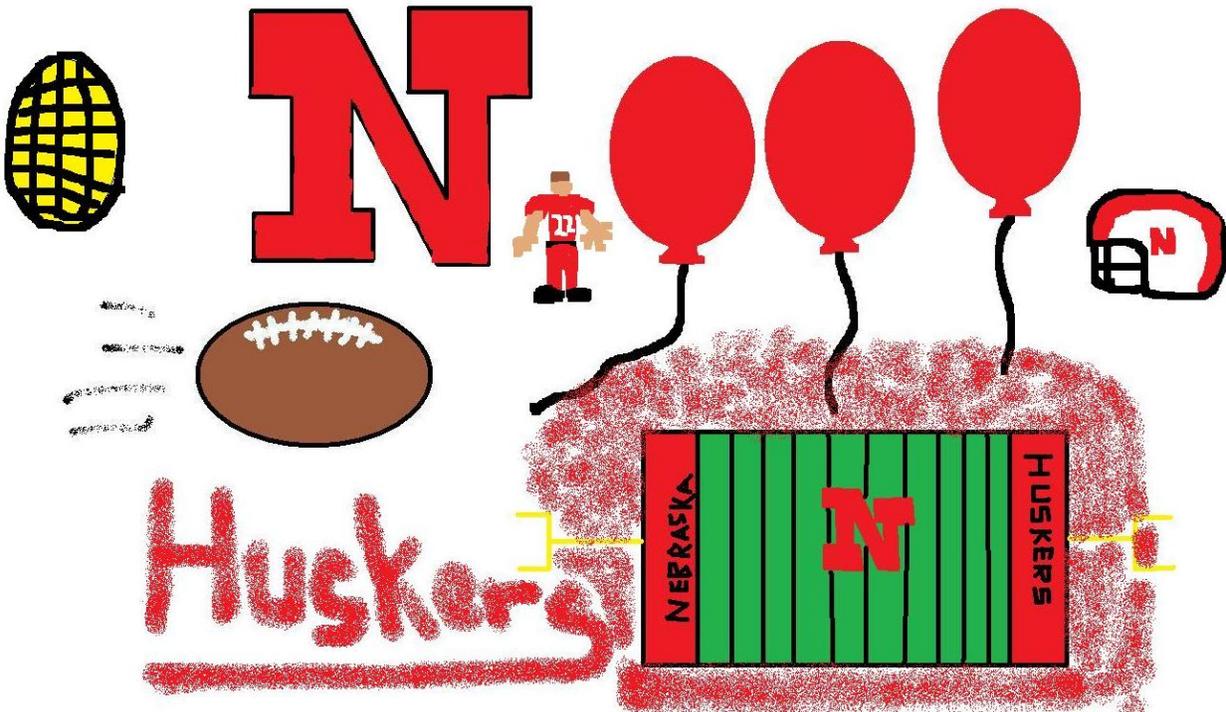
Some parents ran over to me and they helped me. The ambulance came and put a stretcher under me. Then they loaded me in the truck and took me off to the hospital. When I was at the hospital they told me that I was all right and they said we could leave. When we were leaving Jacob Leglighter came and sam Pane got me some movie sized candy. By Tommy B

## The Great Feeling of Memorial Stadium

It is always a great feeling to go to a Nebraska game. Every time I go it seems the crowd roars louder. It is awesome to see the thousands of balloons floating in the air after the first touchdown. It is the best sport to go to in Nebraska. If you live in Nebraska you have to go to at least one game.

I remember the feeling of the first Nebraska game I went to. Three hours before the game started I got there. Turning in all directions I could see nothing but red fans. Red was our teams color. After waiting a long time the players ran on the field as the crowd roared.

Everybody was on the edge of their seats as the kicking team blasted the ball to the Nebraska players. First down after first down the roaring continued. As you sit down eating your pizza you get red balloon. After Nebraska scores you let your balloon go. Looking up you see thousands of red balloons floating in the sky. When the game is over you feel great.



## The Ashfall Fossil Bed.



One day I went to the Ashfall Fossil Bed. "Where are we" I said. That's when my dad said "We are at a fossil bed". When we got out of the car I could feel the breeze of the wind brushing off my body. We walked over to the building and saw a lot of fossils of all different animals found in the fossil bed. When we were done looking at all of those fossils we took a walk out to the big fossil bed. We saw real frogs and lizards hopping and slithering away. We kept on walking when we saw a huge building.

We ended up in the building with a lot of sand and people digging up fossils. "What are they doing" all of us said. "They are digging up all of the bones" the parents said to all of us. "That is so cool" we all said. All of the workers were digging up all the bones that were from the ice age. They had so many fossils that it can't even take up a whole building! They were not even done with half of it in the summer of 2011! There were maps; TV's to see what the workers were doing up close, and a lot of bones. I said "There are a lot of fossils here". We say a turtle, alligator, and a mammoth there, too.

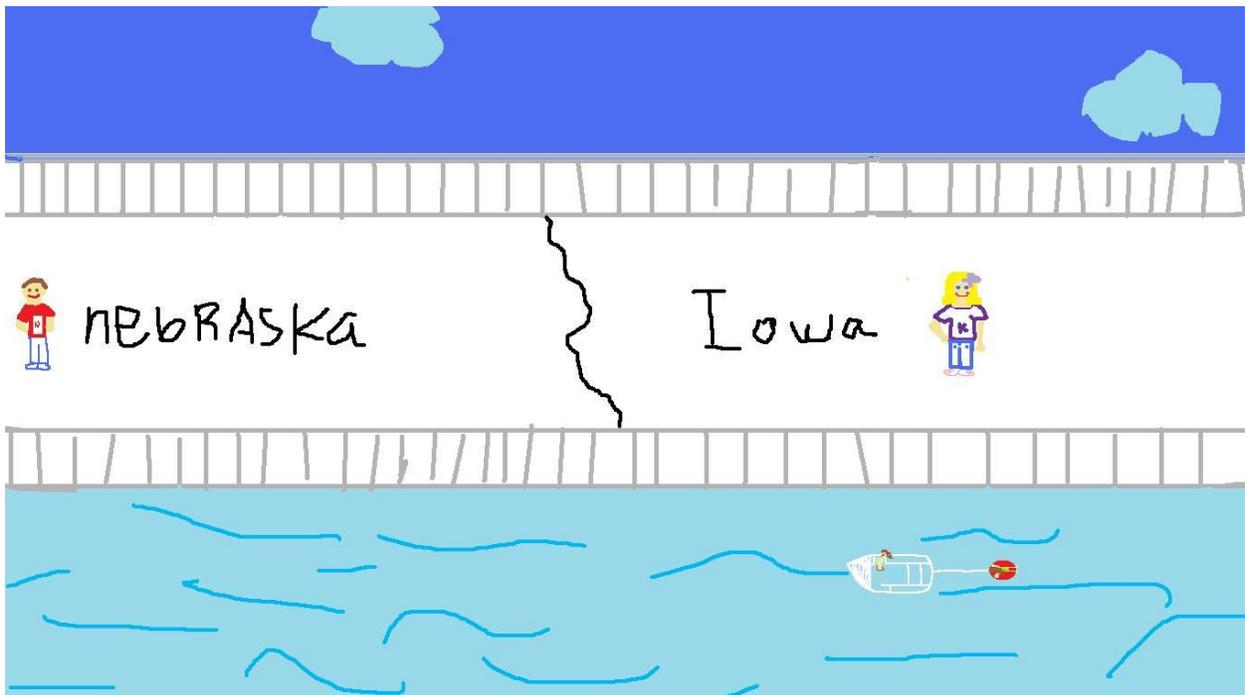
We got out of the building when we said "That was fun". We kept walking up the hill when we saw a big playing station for the kids in a distance. We started walking over there when we said "Where are the dad's". We figured out that they were taking a trail down to see a great view of the mountains. We just said "Oh well" "Let's just go play". So we went over to the play area and dug up fossils and sat down and waited till the dad's got back. When they finally got back, we went back to the car and got back on the road to the Niobrara River. By Lucy

## Pedestrian Bridge

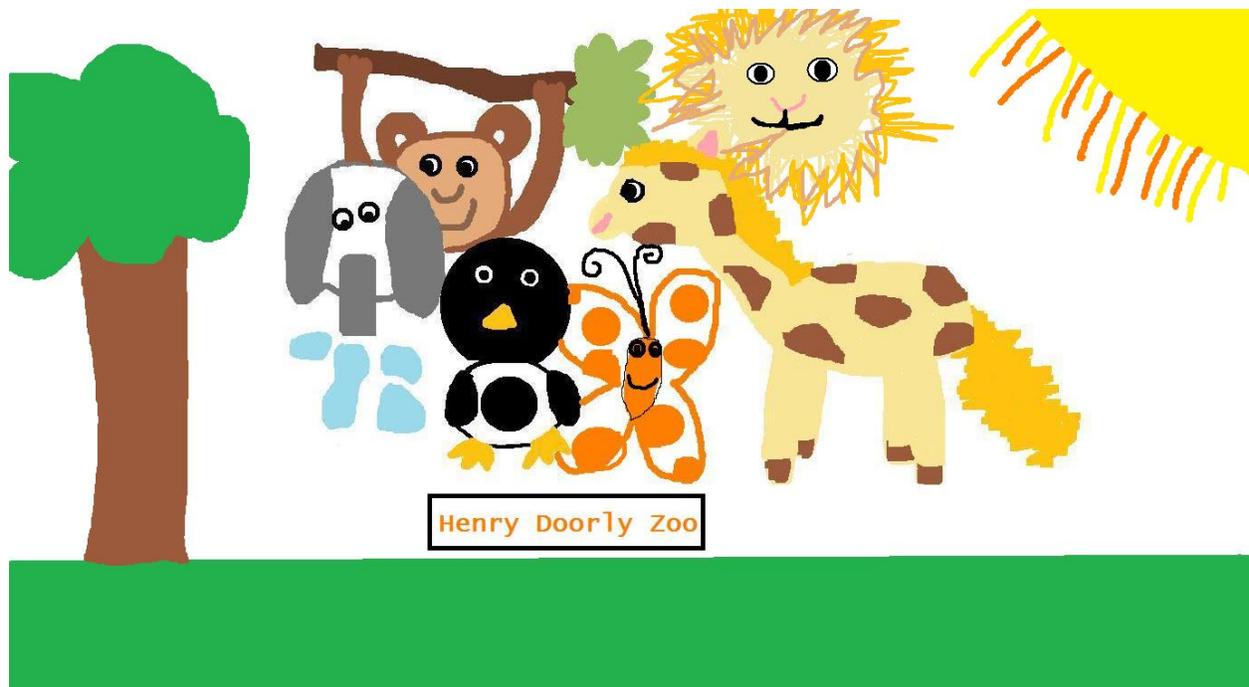
The Pedestrian Bridge is a big landmark in Nebraska. This Bridge goes over the Missouri River and across to Iowa. This Bridge is located in down town Omaha. You could bike, walk or run across this bridge. This bridge also has a big line separating Nebraska from Iowa.

One time I went to the Pedestrian Bridge with my family. We walked across the bridge feeling scared but happy inside. When we got to the middle of the bridge we could feel the cool breeze that the river was making as it flowed calmly down the stream. When you looked down you could see logs floating in the water, little fish and small people watching the river flow. It made me feel like a giant looking at the small people. I felt happy going across the bridge and going into Iowa.

A big flood once occurred on the Missouri river. All you could see was water raising. It was a terrible event. My cousins had come over so we had gone to see the river. There were several picnic tables where the water had risen. I felt bad for a lot of people whose houses had got damaged by the flood. I felt scared looking at the river all you could see was water.



By Elise B.



## The Zoo

Our zoo in Omaha, Nebraska is called the Henry Doorly Zoo. It is a lot of fun seeing the animals, learning about the animal's lives, and watching some of the shows when they feed the animals. The first time I went to Henry Doorly Zoo I was amazed by how fun and interesting it was. They have a lot of animals such as penguins, polar bears, monkeys, elephants, alligators, gorillas, they have an insect exhibit, they have a whole building full with butterflies, zebras, giraffes, and there is tons more to list but that would take a while. They also have delicious food there. If you're lucky sometimes you can actually get in to the zoo during summer time. Usually it's very busy because it's a great zoo.

Now that I have introduced the zoo you probably want to go there right! Well it's a ton of fun. They even have a skifari. It lifts you up almost like a ski lift. You get to see all the animals from that view! You get to go over the animal's exhibit! They also have a nursery. They put new born animals in the nursery and you can go visit! When the animals get older they can go live with their parents.

Henry Doorly zoo is probably one of the best zoos. I really would suggest going there. The gorillas at our zoo are really cool. If you stand on the ledge and act all tuff then they bang on the glass. It sounds scary but it's really funny! They have a new exhibit called the Madagascar exhibit. It's really cool how it has most of the animals from Madagascar.

## TD Ameritrade Summer Fun



It was a hot humid summer afternoon with the sun blazing out thousands of fans piling in to TD Ameritrade Park with the players warming up for their game. Outside of the park you hear the kids yelling having fun playing all of the festive games before the baseball. In the park you the clank of the metal bats hitting the hard baseballs and clunk the sound of the ball hitting the mitt. You hear the electronic sound of the ticket scanner scanning the fan's tickets who are already sweaty and you hear them sip their cool drinks. Now you hear the cheers of the fans while they hear their favorite team's player's names getting called out then right after that you hear the great singer with the piano in the background for the pledge of Allegiance.

Now the players are all ready and so are the fans the voices get louder as the teams take the field the away team ready to bat while the home team is ready to field the baseball. The first pitch goes right past the batter whoosh and then you hear the low voice of the umpire strike one. The pitcher gets the ball from the catcher and he gets ready to throw the ball and clank there goes a high fly ball deep hit but the outfielder makes a fantastic running catch. You're out says the umpire. 1 down two to go says the announcer. The next batter got struck out. Now there are two outs and the fans are ready for the next batter who has hit lots of home runs and the pitcher throws a curveball right down the middle and boom there goes the ball up and away now it's a free ball for the kids to get and the fans are going wild and that player and his team are happy and now they have the lead and the players swarm the batter home plate to celebrate.

Now the away team gets to bat but no points go on the board. None of the teams have scored since the first inning. Now it's all tied up in the bottom of the last inning and all the fans are ready and the away team gets no points but they still have the lead going into the bottom of the ninth. Now all the fans have gitters in their stomach and hope their team will prevail. Now all of the 20,000 fans are cheering as loud as they can. The first and second batter got struck out. Now it's the final out for the home team and the worst hitter is up. The away is ready to celebrate their victory until clank the batter hits a ground ball up the middle the home team fans and players are going crazy. The next batter is up the first and second pitches were both strikes now they are down to their final strike until three balls go past him. Now it's a three two count and your team might be heading home until clank it's a deep fly ball right pass the wall. It's a walk off homerun now a lucky fan is holding history in their hands. How could the other team not win this game said the announcer now they are heading back home. And now fireworks shoot in the air boom. Now all of the home team fans and players are going wild.

By Ben B

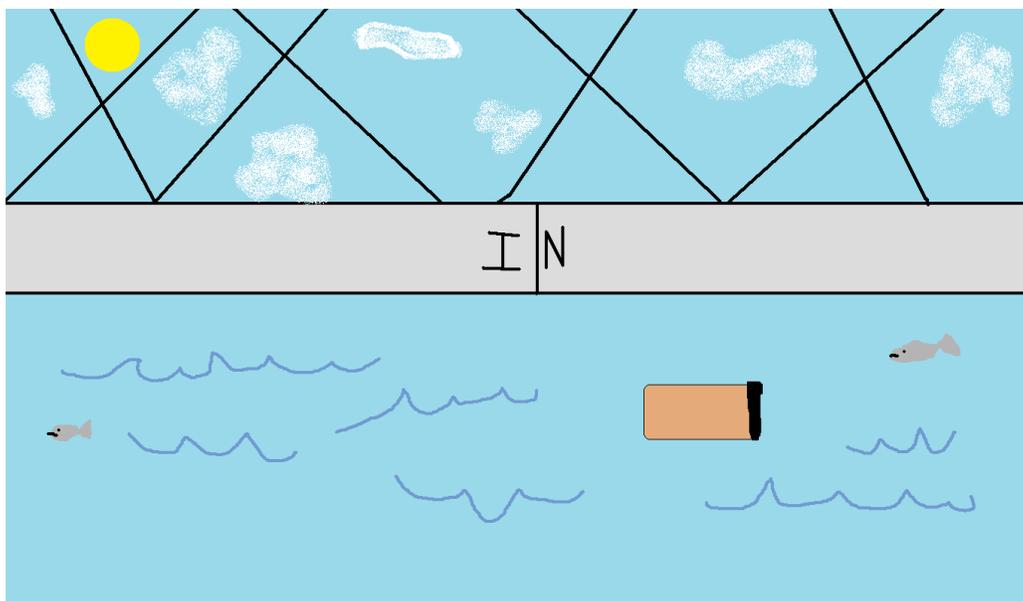
## The Border

One hot, sticky, summer day, we all put our heads together and thought about what to do. I came to my senses and after a while would do anything, BUT be at home. My mom suggested the pedestrian footbridge, but my most stick in the mud brother Dylan said, "I don't want to! It's boring!"

"How do you know, you've never even been!"

I said angrily. Dylan was out voted, so we all got in the car and drove. After what felt like an hour we finally got there! I got out of the car as soon as I could, but as soon as I saw the bridge, I wanted to hop right back in the car! The footbridge, I couldn't believe it was so tall! "Eep, gulp!" I mumbled to myself. Shakily I climbed up the stone steps, I'm really afraid of height. Was I going to fall through the steps at any minute? Was the bridge going to break? Could it hold my weight? I mean I'm only 70 pounds, but still! "Don't look down!" I told myself, "don't look down!" I looked down and saw the river rushing below, and completely freaked out. I felt my stomach lurch as my brother tried to climb up on the rail to see the river better. As soon as I started to walk after a while I wasn't so afraid.

I broke off in a run, because my mom had said, "The border will be coming up soon!" I had no idea what that meant, but it sounded exciting. I ran and ran, but after a while my lungs began to ache, and I slowed to a walk. Then my mom said, "Look at the Nebraska, Iowa border." I saw it. A straight black line, one side said Nebraska the other said Iowa. There I stood straddled between the one line, I was really on the border!



By: Emma Brisbois

## Memorial Stadium

I was walking when I saw one of the best things that I've ever see in my life. It gave me a little tingling thing when you get nervous or when you're excited. I was into the stadium when I felt a chilly breeze over my back. I have never been to this game before and I am feeling right now that I am going to remember it for a long time. I hope that it will be a good game for the huskers because they are my favorite team.

It is now time for kickoff and right now I am feeling very nervous because the opposing team looks very good. The huskers have elected to receive and we have one of the best returners in the country. I have just taken a bite out of one of the best hotdogs you will have in your life! It has been a horrible first quarter for the Nebraska they have turned the ball over twice already! Usually they don't play this bad in the whole game.

It is now the start of the second half and we are all tied up. The whole stadium is going crazy! I can't believe my eyes what is going on. I didn't see most of the third quarter because I was getting tired I so I had a pop. Nebraska was doing okay, but they were still down. Go, Go, Go I shouted when one of the Nebraska players had a wide open area of running area. The game began to get interesting it was the start of the fourth quarter Nebraska had tied the game up.

I can't believe it Nebraska just picked off an interception and returned it NEBRASKA IS UP! OH NO I said to myself as the buffalos scored. Nebraska had just returned the kickoff and got some good yards. I have now felt the joy of going to a Nebraska Husker Game. It was the best feeling I have ever had but, the game was still not over Nebraska had to march down the field and score the winning field goal or a touchdown. Yes I shouted as if the game was over. I could now feel the cool breeze at night, it was not the best feeling in the world.

It was now 05: seconds remaining either we throw a Hail Mary and go into overtime, or we kick a 57 yard field goal and win the game. Alex Henry was our field goal kicker and he is having a fantastic year. It's good as I shouted as the kick went in. OH MY GOSH! I shouted when Nebraska won the game. On our way home I fell asleep in the car. It was the best feeling in the world! Drew Carleton #9 11-17-11



## ZORINSKY LAKE COMMUNITY

A REAL IMPORTANT PLACE IN OMAHA IS ZORINSKY LAKE. IT IS CLOSE TO OUR SCHOOL, SO A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE LIVE IN THAT AREA. WE HAD TO DRAIN IT HERE LAST SUMMER. IT FELT AS IF NOTHING HAD CHANGED EXCEPT THE ONCE BEAUTIFUL LAKE HAS BEEN DRAINED BECAUSE OF AN INVASION OF ZEBRA MUSSELS. IT MADE ME FEEL REALLY BAD.

NO MORE FISHING, CANOEING, BOATING, WATER POLO, ALL GONE BECAUSE OF THE MUSSELS. I HATED THIS. WHEN THIS HAPPENED, IT TOOK AWAY A HUGE LANDMARK IN OUR COMMUNITY. NOW, THE EAST SIDE IS STARTING TO FILL UP, BUT THE WEST SIDE IS STILL COMPLETELY EMPTY. THE ZORINSKY LAKE WATER PARK EVEN HAD TO CLOSE FOR A COUPLE MONTHS BECAUSE OF THE MUSSELS. DRIVING TO THE WATER PARK, WITH THE WIND BLOWING THROUGH THE CAR, I FELT TERRIBLE SEEING THE CLOSED SIGN.

ON THE WAY HOME, THE BREEZE FELT DIFFERENT. YOU COULDN'T FEEL THE LAKE. SO INSTEAD I RESORTED TO GOING TO MY FRIEND'S POOL. IT WASN'T AS FUN AS GOING TO THE WATER PARK, MUCH LESS GOING FISHING OR BIKING ON THE LAKE. "MOM, LOOK AT THE LAKE NOW" I HAD SAID TO HER. "I KNOW." SHE HAD SAID BACK. "IT'S UNBELIEVABLE". WE HAVE HAD OUR LAKE BEEN DRAINED FOR ALMOST A YEAR AND A HALF NOW. IT'S REALLY BAD.

MY MOM ALMOST WISHES IT EITHER STAYED A LAKE OR STAYED DRY. "I ALMOST LIKE IT BETTER THIS WAY" SHE HAD SAID TO ME. "I DON'T" I SAID BACK TO HER. "I WISH IT WAS STILL A LAKE. ZORINSKY IS A BIG PART OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD". WITH ALL THE GREEN SHRUBS COVERING THE BARREN WASTELAND, YOU CAN'T FEEL THE BREEZE. YOU COULDN'T FEEL THE COOL BREEZE COMING FROM THE LAKE. IT REALLY MADE ME MADE WHEN THIS HAPPENED. NOT MUCH MORE GOOD SCENERY BY WHERE I LIVE. EVERY NOW AND THEN MY PARENTS WILL TALK ABOUT IT WITH ME. HOW THERE WAS NOTHING WE COULD DO. IT MADE ME FEEL HELPLESS. I FELT LIKE I WAS JUST A SPECTATOR. I JUST WATCH WHAT HAPPENS. I HAVE NO SAY IN IT.

THE LAKE BEING DRIED WAS SHOCKING, MADDENING, SADDENING, AND CONFUSING ALL AT THE SAME TIME. I KEPT ASKING, "WHO LET THE MUSSELS IN? WHY DID THEY DO IT? WHY?"

