

# Paw Prints May 2016

**Volunteer Recognition Breakfast** It was a day at the circus for the volunteer appreciation breakfast. The self-proclaimed “Worst Show on Earth” rolled into town and although the acts were terrible, the food and camaraderie were world class. Here’s what you missed:





***We had brand new volunteers, old friend, foundation members and record breaking volunteers at the breakfast this year.***

***Clockwise from top left:***

***Earle takes an order from Doro Hellyer***

***Happy diners make short work of short stacks!***

***Peggy takes in the grandeur of the experience with amazement.***



The primary reason we hold the appreciation breakfast each year is to thank all our wonderful volunteers and acknowledge the important work they do for the Park. This year, we recognized Lois Lindt for 8,000 hours of volunteer service to Northwest Trek, the first volunteer ever to donate that much time. Lois has been a volunteer for over 30 years, starting out in the education department and now tracking all volunteer hours and staffing special events. It is special people like Lois that makes this place so special.

**Park Notes:**

- The new Kid's Trek has been a huge success, as we combined good weather with a first rate experience to have the busiest April Northwest trek has ever seen.
- We have babies! Lots and lots of babies. Baby beavers, baby bison, baby caribou. Maybe they are here for Kid's Trek too!
- Bear Camp is coming May 14 and 15. You really need to come out and watch the black bears tear apart a camp site if you haven't seen it yet.
- Construction continues, as you will soon see new buildings in the maintenance area (a storage pole barn) and in the Animal Operations area (new keeper offices).

**Birthdays:** The May Birthday kids! People born in May are said to be hard working, enthusiastic and always on the move. That certainly holds true for these May babies (to continue the theme). Happy birthday!



Lowell Ashlock 5/6



Patty Medak 5/25



Barb Weisser 5/27