

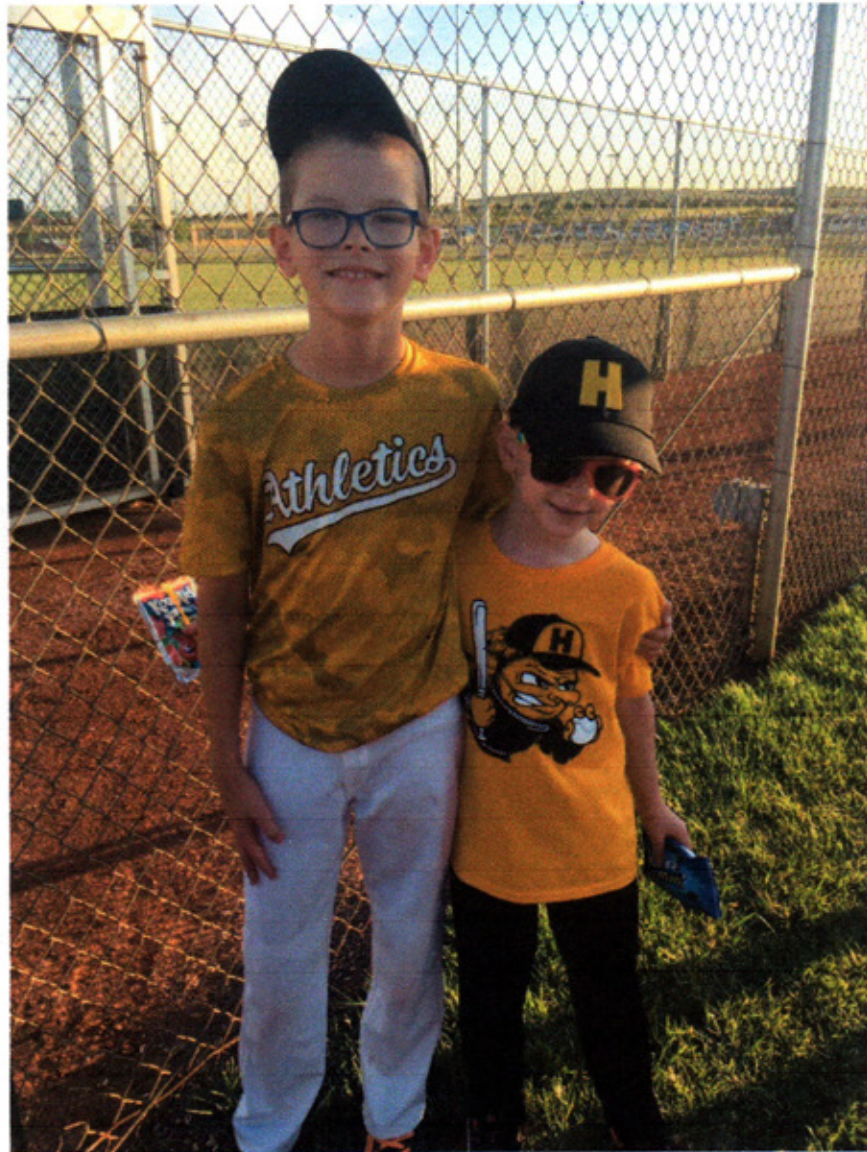
The Zoo World Series



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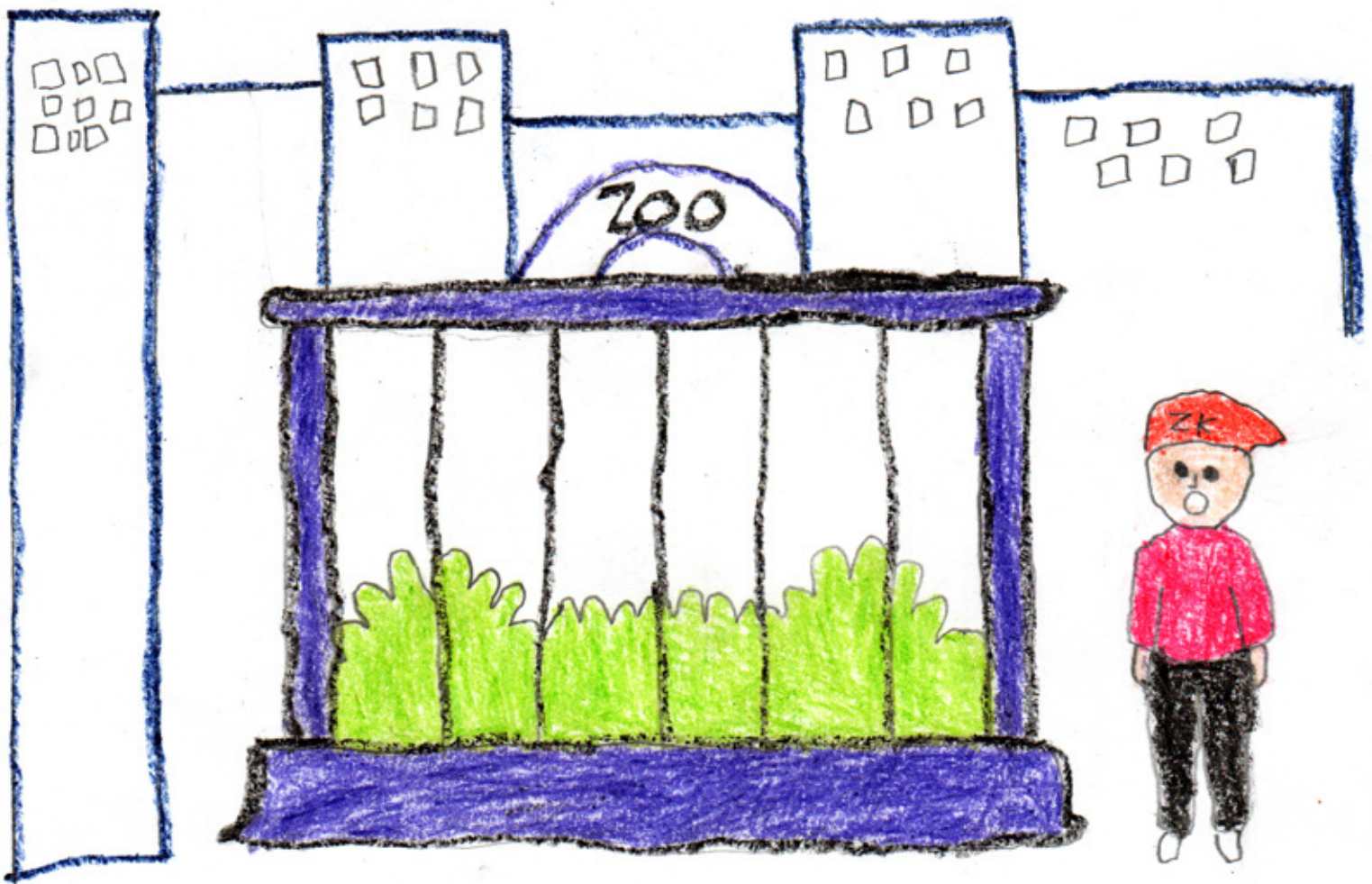
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Dedication

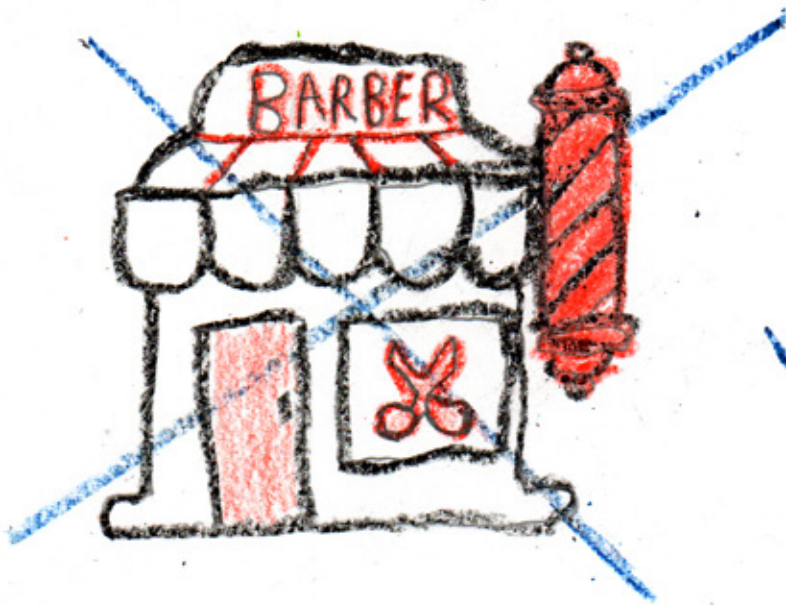


To my big brother, Malachi who taught me how to hold my glove straight. I hope you and Daddy are having your own World Series in Heaven!

J. A. M.



Charlie the zookeeper took pride in having the healthiest zoo animals in the city. One day when he was delivering the monkeys breakfast, he was devastated to find they were missing! In fact, he couldn't find any of his other animals either. He began his search around the city.



He remembered his animals were getting a little too Shaggy, so he decided to start at the Barber Shop. No luck there! Next he remembered his animals loved hot dogs, so he tried the hot dog stand. He had no luck there either. Charlie began to worry he would never see his animals again and he would have to close his zoo forever.



But he still had one more place to look.
The baseball field. He couldn't imagine why his
animals would be at the baseball field, but he
might as well check. Charlie couldn't believe his eyes.
Not only were his animals at the baseball field, they
were having a Zoo World Series! It was wild animals
versus zoo animals. Charlie's zoo animals were desperate to
win that shiny golden trophy to display at the zoo.



The Zoo World Series was in the bottom of
the 6th. Charlie's Zoo animals were unfortunately losing
0-4. This was going to take a major comeback if they
wanted to win that beautiful trophy. Those wild animals
sure knew how to pitch strikes! The Zoo animals were
scoreless in the bottom of the 9th.



Mayachi the monkey was up to bat. He was the smallest but toughest of them all, and the pitches were at full count! Mayachi hit a grand slam! This took the game into extra innings. The animals battled it out in the 10th inning and Charlie's Zoo animals got the winning score. The crowd was going WILD! The zookeeper was very impressed.

Not only did they win that big golden trophy, but they became the most famous zoo animals in the world!

Last Man Standing



Jenson Miller is an active 11 year old from Gorham, Kansas. This is Jenson's final year being a part of the PBS Kids Writers Contest. He would like to thank Smoky Hills PBS for sponsoring this competition that he and his 5 older siblings have been a part of for the past 15 years. When Jenson is not writing and illustrating books, you can find him playing the piano and violin, shooting hoops with his homeschool basketball team, and of course on the baseball diamond perfecting his batting and first base skills. While he's never played the game with zoo animals, he thinks if he ever had the opportunity, it might just make him a better ball player!