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Hippo calf born from the DD:

Zoobilation 101

Zoo Birth:

Two jag cubs born

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Male hippo calf and two male jaguar cubs born at Montgomery Zoo

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Magical Creatures

Education program, Saturday, Sept 10, 10am - noon

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Zoobilation

Welcome to stingray Bay, Thursday, Sept 15, 6pm - 10pm

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Ballet and the Beasts

Montgomery Ballet at Zoo, Friday, Sept 23, FREE admission

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Montgomery Zoo

MANN WILDLIFE LEARNING MUSEUM

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Stingray Bay
Janey Whitten Sabel, MAZS President

To our dear Members and Friends of the Zoo:
Please mark your calendars for the 2016 Zoobilation Extravaganza.

Who: Guests must be over 21 years of age
What: Evening of entertainment, food and adult beverages
Where: Montgomery Zoo (2301 Coliseum Parkway, 36110)
When: Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 6 pm
Why: Annual fundraiser for the Stingray exhibit
How: Tickets online at montgomeryzoo.com or call 240-4900

Zoobilation is known for its fun and excitement, excellent heavy hors d’oeuvres from area restaurants who donate their time, resources, and energy to a great evening, and the beer and liquor companies who create delightful adult beverages for your enjoyment. (Please see vendor list on montgomeryzoo.com). Also, area businesses generously donate items for the silent auction. You’ll be extra pleased with the new method of bidding electronically from cell phones this year. We’ll teach you how!

The Montgomery Area Zoological Society, the fundraising arm providing funds for special projects and exhibits at the zoo, are your hosts for the evening. Along with excellent leadership of Zoo staff, we work hard all year to make this evening one you’ll enjoy and attend in upcoming years. The Society is 30+ individuals who work the membership tables at other events, personally donate funds, maintain relationships with our vendors, prepare and appear in TV/radio advertising, strategize long term

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Who’s Who

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Zoo and Mann Museum Hours
The Montgomery Zoo and Mann Museum are open from 9:00am-5:30pm every day with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day. The last ticket is sold 4pm and animal exhibits begin closing at 4:30pm. Last Mann Museum entrance is at 4:30pm.

Combo rates (Zoo and Mann Museum)
Adults: $20, Children (3-12yrs old): $15, Seniors 65+: $18, 2yrs old and under: FREE.

Zoo Admission
Adults: $15, Children (3-12yrs old): $11, Seniors 65+: $13, 2yrs old and under: FREE.

Mann Museum Admission
Adults: $7, Children (3-12yrs old): $6, Seniors 65+: $6, 2yrs old and under: FREE.
Director Talk | Stingrays

Doug Goode, Montgomery Zoo Director

Stingrays coming soon to the Montgomery Zoo’s collection of animals, attractions and educational facilities.

The Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum is gearing up for construction on a new interactive touch and feel stingray exhibit called Stingray Bay. Interactive exhibits have proven popular at zoos and aquariums across the country with visitors flocking to sites offering unique opportunities to experience wildlife first-hand. Following the great success of a temporary exhibit constructed for Zoo Weekend in 2013, the Zoo and Montgomery Area Zoological Society set out on a four year process to raise funds to build a permanent structure on zoo grounds. Stingray Bay will be the only touch and feel aquatic feature of its kind in Central Alabama.

Located adjacent to the Mann Museum along the path leading to the Chimpanzee display, Stingray Bay will be fully enclosed and will feature more than 20 live stingrays in a 26 by 12 foot oval shaped temperature controlled saltwater pool. Observation panels will be placed along the sides so guests can watch the animals swim. During scheduled times, guests will be able to reach into the pool to touch and feed the stingrays as they swim past. In addition to stingrays, the new exhibit will include other aquatic species for viewing such as horseshoe crabs, starfish, and sea urchins.

The opportunity to encounter wild animals through interactive touch and feel and feeding experiences creates a great environment for learning. Children in particular will be able to learn more about the all of the aquatic species living in Stingray Bay while discovering first hand if stingrays feel soft and slimy or rough and sandpapery. To ensure the safety of each guest, the stingrays’ barbs will be clipped regularly. This clipping process causes no discomfort to the animals and is similar to trimming your own fingernails.

During the previous four Zoo Weekend and Zoobilation fundraising events, money has been raised to fund the construction of this exhibit. The Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum along with the Montgomery Area Zoological Society thanks the many individuals, families, and corporate sponsors who have championed this fundraising effort with their monetary, advertising, and volunteer support. We are currently in the process of finalizing plans and look forward to beginning construction soon with the goal of opening Stingray Bay during the winter of 2017.

Bringing stingrays to the Zoo. It takes a lot of work, fine donors and generous sponsors to bring a state-of-the-art stingray exhibit and educational facility to the Montgomery Zoo.

Zoobilation September 15

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ZooZoobilation 101: The where, what, when, why and how of Zoobilation. From what to wear to who can come and what to expect during this star-studded, evening of fine dining, refreshing drinks, jazzy live entertainment, action-packed auctions and so much more.

Zoobilation is an annual fundraiser held at the Montgomery Zoo. It is a fun-filled evening complete with entertainment, culinary samplings from area restaurants plus an auction. Decorators will magically transform the Zoo grounds into an evening of music, food, dancing and fun! Every year a theme is chosen. This year’s theme is “Welcome to Stingray Bay” in honor of our new building project, a touch-and-feel Stingray exhibit and educational facility.

Who can come? Everyone 21 years old and older is invited – both Montgomery Zoo Friends Members and non-members – but you will need to purchase a ticket.

Does everyone mean adults and children? No, sorry, this is an adult cocktail party. You must be at least at 21 years old to attend.

How much does it cost? Tickets are available for purchase for $50 each. This ticket includes admission to the event, entertainment, food and beverages. Sponsorship packages are available for corporate partners and include extra tickets, name recognition and more. Please contact the Zoo office at (334) 240-4900 for more information on sponsoring this event.

How do I purchase a ticket? Purchase online at montgomeryzoo.com, contact the Zoo office at (334) 240-4900 or during your next Zoo visit.
Zoobilation is an adult cocktail party and fundraiser for the Zoo. This year’s event benefits the new touch and feel Stingray exhibit. The event includes food and drinks from the finest local eateries, live entertainment, dancing, live and silent auctions, good fellowship and mingling opportunities with local dignitaries and politicians, fun times and so much more. Join us!
Twilight Tuesday, July 5, served as the launching pad for our new pygmy hippo calf to make his grand debut. Mom and calf can be found on display daily 9am - 4:30pm daily in a special exhibit in the Zoo’s South American realm.

The Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum is proud to announce the birth of a pygmy hippopotamus calf. The male calf was born on April 3, 2016 at the Montgomery Zoo. On Tuesday, July 5 at 3pm, a group gathered to celebrate the debut of the calf with his mother in their newly renovated exhibit located in the South America realm of the Zoo.

The calf’s mother, Lola, was born in 2008 at the Marwell Zoo in England and his father, Nile, was born in 2002 at the Singapore Zoo. This pygmy hippo birth is important because males are not often born in captivity. Additionally, this calf is not currently represented genetically in the North American pygmy hippo population.

Prior to his July 5th debut the calf and his mother remained off display to allow time for bonding. A new exhibit was constructed in the South America realm of the Zoo. This area will provide a safe and secure environment for the young calf while on display to the public.

The pygmy hippopotamus is a large mammal native to the forests and swamps of western Africa. A cousin of the much larger common hippopotamus, the pygmy hippo is semi-aquatic and relies on proximity to water to maintain moisturized skin and a cool body temperature. Reclusive and nocturnal, it is a difficult animal to study in the wild. However, pygmy hippos have a history of breeding well in captivity. The World Conservation Union estimates that less than 3,000 pygmy hippos remain in the wild.

Though pygmy hippos share the same general form as the hippopotamus, they grow to approximately half the height and one quarter of the weight of their larger cousins. Full grown, the pygmy hippo typically reaches 30-32 inches in height, 59-70 inches in length, and 400-600lbs in weight. It is estimated that pygmy hippos can grow to ten times their birth weight by the age of five months.

The Montgomery Zoo’s other adult pygmy hippopotamuses can be viewed in their permanent exhibit in the Africa realm of the Zoo. Mother and calf will be located in their newly renovated exhibit, built specific for them, in our South America realm.

NAME THAT HIPPO CALF, BABY! Many of you may have participated, sent in a few names or even started your own hippo naming campaign on social media. After the little fellow’s debut on July 5, we started taking in name entries. We received nearly 600 name entries from members, school children, local celebrities, keepers, and who knows all. Then we had the mighty task of narrowing the selections down to three awesome names. The three finalists were Monty, Henry, and Lyle. In the spirit of the election year, we decided to hold a single-day election. On Tuesday, August 23, thousands came to polls by voting online or during a visit to the Zoo or Museum. The public has spoken. Drum roll please... and the name of our new male pygmy hippo calf is MONTY. Welcome Monty to the Montgomery Zoo, and thank you to everyone that submitted a name and voted!
Twilight Tuesdays

Trying something new and fun for Tuesdays

During Tuesdays in July (July 5, 12, 19 and 26), we altered our regular hours so guests and members could enjoy the Zoo and Museum during the cooler hours of the evening. Guests had the opportunity to see the animals while enjoying the various rides and attractions under the stars. Each Tuesday in July operated under a different fun theme, games or a special event.

- July 5 -- African Pygmy Hippo calf debut
- July 12 -- Game Night
- July 19 -- #Where\’sNanny Night
- July 26 -- Super hero and Costume Night

We had a lot of fun, and for those of you that joined us, we hope that you did too.

Twilight Tuesdays recap

Hippo calf debut

Monty is the perfect name for this little fellow. He is the first pygmy hippo successfully bred and born at the Montgomery Zoo, and in the City of Montgomery. His name represents and ties directly back to the City of Montgomery, its residents and the town that we call home. Monty will make a great ambassador to our city.
The next time you’re heading over to the Overlook or planning to stop at the Giraffe Encounter Post, swing by the African Aviary and see how many different birds you can find.

There are currently eight bird species and one mammal species on display in this exhibit. You’ll most likely find our Kenyan Crested guinea fowl along with our flock of Helmeted guinea fowl foraging on the ground as they spend the day searching for insects. Guinea fowl, colloquially known as guineas, are abundant throughout subsaharan Africa. They inhabit cultivated farmland and open grasslands with scattered trees and shrubs that offer protection from predators and nightly roosting opportunities. They gather in large flocks that remain together throughout the year as they search for seeds, fruits, insects, lizards, and snakes. Guineas are swift sprinters, and prefer to run rather than fly when disturbed. They are well known for their raucous calls. These loud and harsh vocalizations make guineas excellent warning systems to other animals when predators approach. Females have a two-pitch call that sounds like “buck-wheat.” Males are only capable of producing a single-pitch call. The sexes are otherwise indistinguishable.

Another easily recognizable species is the Sacred ibis. These medium-sized black and white birds are fairly common in Africa, and have been introduced all over the world. They are found in wetlands, deltas, swamps, and other aquatic habitats. The lack of feathers around their head and neck along with a thick downward-pointing bill make these birds very well adapted for probing the mud for frogs, fish, and aquatic insects. Ancient Egyptians worshiped and mummified these birds, which they believed symbolized Thoth, the god of knowledge.

Our pair of Crowned hornbills are easily identifiable by their large red beaks, yellow eyes, and their curious nature. They hop around on the branches closest to the visitors to get a good look at everyone who walks by. In the wild, they inhabit forests of east Africa. They are opportunistic feeders and will catch mice, small reptiles, and flying insects. They also eat seeds and fruits as they become seasonally available. As with all other hornbill species, the male will help with nest building and eventually seal the entrance with mud. He will leave an opening big enough only for food to be passed to his mate while she incubates the eggs and raises the chicks.

Hamerkops may not be as noticeable due to their shy nature and small stature. They have brown plumage, black legs and feet, and a black bill. Their head shape, along with their pointed bill and crest give them a somewhat hammer-like appearance, hence their name. Scientists recently learned through genetic analysis that hamerkops are not closely related to any other living bird species. They constitute their own family, due to their many unique characteristics. These birds are known for constructing massive nests which may span five feet across and are strong enough...  

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African birds

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to support a fully grown man. Look for their nest next time you stop by the aviary!

Two of the most elusive birds are the Lilac-breasted roller and the Speckled pigeon. They can usually be found perched in the uppermost branches. The lilac-breasted roller is about the size of a crow, but it’s plumage is much more flamboyant - containing green, orange, white, lilac, and various shades of blue. It is the national bird of Kenya and a handsome bird to behold. The speckled pigeon is similar in size and shape to the pigeons we have here, but with a bright red area around the eye and violet wings with white speckles. They inhabit urban and agricultural areas where they feed on grains, nuts, and vegetable matter.

The final bird I’d like to introduce is our female African black duck. African black ducks are closely related to and resemble mallard ducks, but their plumage is almost completely black with the exception of blue on the wings. They live in rivers, lakes, and streams and feed on aquatic insects and plants.

The aviary is also home to a pair of blue duiker, the exhibit’s only mammals. Blue duikers are the smallest of the duiker family, which includes 22 species that range across forests of subsaharan Africa. Duikers get their name from the African word for ‘diver,’ a reference to how they disappear into the forest undergrowth when disturbed. As adults, blue duikers are about 13 inches tall and weigh approximately nine pounds. They are diurnal (active during the day) and feed on fruits, flowers, and bark. They form monogamous pairs that defend a small territory which they mark by rubbing their preorbital scent glands (oil-producing glands located near the eyes) on bushes and tree trunks. Blue duikers have stable numbers in the wild, and continue to flourish.

The next time you’re at the Overlook, test out your new bird watching skills and see how many of these feathered (and furry!) gems you can identify.
Two male jaguar cubs, Todd and Scott make their public debut on Friday, August 5 at the Montgomery Zoo, on display 9am - 2pm daily at the Jaguar exhibit in the South American realm.

On May 21, 2016, two Jaguar cubs, both males were born at the Montgomery Zoo. These two cubs are the third litter born to Nakita, a seven year female spotted jaguar, and the father, Kai an 11 year old black male jaguar. Both cubs are black like their father; which is melanistic, meaning they have an unusually high amount of melanin, a black pigment found in animals or plants.

After their birth, the two healthy and active cubs remained in the jaguar den bonding with their mother. The cubs spent their first six weeks nursing and then at 12 weeks of age were introduced to solid food. Once the cubs are completely weaned from their mother, their diets consist of a commercially prepared, carnivore diet.

The Jaguar (*Panthera onca*) is the third-largest feline after the tiger and the lion, and the largest in the Western Hemisphere. The jaguar’s present range extends from Southern United States and Mexico across much of Central America and south to Paraguay and northern Argentina. This spotted cat most closely resembles the leopard physically, although it is usually larger and of sturdier build and its behavioural and habitat characteristics are closer to those of the tiger. While dense rainforest is its preferred habitat, the jaguar will range across a variety of forested and open terrains. It is strongly associated with the presence of water and is notable, along with the tiger, as a feline that enjoys swimming. The jaguar is largely a solitary, opportunistic, stalk-and-ambush predator at the top of the food chain. The jaguar has an exceptionally powerful bite, even relative to the other big cats. This allows it to pierce the shells of armoured reptiles biting directly through the skull of prey between the ears to deliver a fatal bite.

**HOW ABOUT THOSE NAMES.** The cubs are named after Mayor Todd Strange, the mayor of the City of Montgomery, and Scott Miller, the Director of Leisure Services for the City of Montgomery. Both have been longtime supporters of the Zoo, and we are honored to name our two newest residents after them. So come out and take a gander at little Todd and Scott. They are growing fast.

The cubs, along their mother will be on exhibit 9am - 2pm daily pending weather conditions and animal husbandry needs.
The yellowhammer, also known as the northern flicker or yellow-shafted flicker, became the official state bird of Alabama in 1927. Soldiers from Alabama were nicknamed “yellowhammers” in the Civil War due to their grey-and-yellow uniforms, which matched the colors of the bird. Alabama soon became known as the “yellowhammer state.”

The yellowhammer is a medium-sized bird measuring 11 to 14 inches in height and 17 to 21 inches in wingspan. Typical adult weight ranges from 3 to 6 ounces. Plumage is primarily grayish brown with black accents and yellow underwings. A member of the woodpecker family, males are easily identified by their black mustache.

The yellowhammer is migratory and can be found nesting in trees in open areas throughout eastern North America. The yellowhammer has a weaker beak than most woodpeckers and usually pecks out a nest in soft wood from dead or dying trees. It may also take up residence in an old hole or burrow created by a previous bird.

Yellowhammers eat mostly insects including ants, flies and caterpillars along with snails, berries, nuts and seeds. They feed primarily at ground level, but can also catch insects mid-flight.

The yellowhammer uses its long and barbed tongue to scoop up large amounts of insects and ants. They can also sit on an anthill and allow ants to crawl up their wings eating them as they crawl upward.

MANN MUSEUM ALABAMA’S STATE BIRD

MANN MUSEUM at the Montgomery Zoo

Mann Wildlife Learning Museum at the Montgomery Zoo

Hours of operation: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Seven days a week. Last Mann Museum entrance is at 4:30pm.

Admission to Mann Museum
- Adults: $7
- Children (3-12): $6
- Toddlers (2 years and younger): FREE
- Seniors 65+: $6

Combo admission to Zoo and Museum
- Adults: $20
- Children (3-12): $15
- Toddlers (2 years and younger): FREE
- Seniors 65+: $18

Groups large and small are welcome.

SEPT 10, 10am - NOON. Meet some of the magical animals that are featured in the movies like Harry Potter and The Hobbit. You will get a chance to meet animals up close, learn about them in their habitats, and take home some special prizes for yourself. Make new discoveries and new friends. Geared for boys and girls, aged 4-10 years old. Advanced reservations are required.

Event fee: $25 per child (ages 5-12 years old), $18 for Montgomery Zoo members. Accompanying adults (13 years old and older): $15. Montgomery Zoo members: FREE

Register online at montgomeryzoo.com

Alabama’s state bird, the Yellowhammer was designated the official state bird of Alabama in 1927. It is also known as a northern flicker or yellow-shafted flicker.
Thank you Camp Star Alabama

You often see fathers with their children visiting the Montgomery Zoo, but it’s not every day that you find them volunteering together. However, it was a typical family outing to the zoo that triggered this father-son duo’s volunteer story.

From speaking with Don and Dan LaPointe, it is easy to see that they truly enjoy their quality time together each week serving at the Giraffe Encounter. Combine, the two have logged nearly 500 service hours since beginning with the Zoo in July 2015.

A career with the Air Force brought Don LaPointe and his family to the Montgomery area in 2003 from Guam. Don recalls volunteering with an Air Force group during Zoo Boo in 2004 and 2005, but did not return to the Zoo for another eight or nine years. Celebrating the high school graduation of his second child, Dan, the LaPointe Family chose to visit the Montgomery Zoo in the spring of 2015. During the family visit, Don particularly enjoyed feeding the giraffes at the Giraffe Encounter. He submitted a volunteer application and soon after began serving as a regular volunteer.

After a few months of volunteering, Don reached out to his son Dan and invited him to come on board and serve alongside him. Dan agreed and began joining his dad in October of 2015. Though Dan admittedly was slightly hesitant to join his Dad in volunteering at the Zoo, he had a great time and was excited to commit time each week. Don says that the best parts of volunteering with his son are sharing a common interest and seeing Dan’s interpersonal and communication skills enhanced by the interactions with guests. Dan has Asperger’s, a syndrome on the Autism Spectrum Disorder, and helping Zoo guests has bolstered the teen’s confidence and skill in communicating with new people.

The duo has developed a seamless routine to serving guests. Don loves the view of the Africa realm from his post as well as talking with new people and sharing information about the animals they are seeing. Dan’s favorite part of volunteering at the Zoo is meeting the many different people that come to experience the giraffes.

The fall season will bring a few changes to the pair’s well-honed routine. Dan began classes at AUM in August and is working toward his degree in Psychology. Don who has been very involved with the Prattville High School Marching Band since 2013, is putting on his band parent hat to help support the young musicians and performers during football season. However, the two remain committed to serving the Zoo and the Giraffe Encounter while juggling their other responsibilities, and we are honored to have them as a part of the Montgomery Zoo volunteer team.

Dan (left) and Don (right) LaPointe are frequent volunteers at the Giraffe Encounter Post. Since July 2015, both have logged over 500 volunteers hours at the Zoo. Thank you!
Color Me Cute comes both wet and furry

Did you know hippos produce their own sunscreen?

Hippo sunscreen is actually the thick sweat that hippos produce to protect their skin from the sun. These semi-aquatic land mammals spend up to 16 hours a day submerged in rivers or lakes to stay cool. While the water prevents the lumbering beasts from getting overheated, it doesn’t offer much in the way of skin protection. Their sweat, though it’s not technically sweat since it’s produced by glands underneath the skin rather than in it, the gelatinous, oily secretions act much the same way but with a few extra perks thrown in.

Spots verses no spots?

Why are some jaguars spotted and others solid in color? Most jaguars are tawny yellow and covered in brownish-black rosettes for camouflage. A condition called melanism occurs in approximately six percent of the population, causing the jaguar’s coat to appear completely black in color. Since our cubs’ father, Kai, is black in color, his gene strength is carried over to his cubs. However, despite being dark in color, if you look closely at Kai and the cubs, you will still see the subtle appearance of the spotted, rosette pattern; especially when in direct sun.

SEPT 23: BALLET AND THE BEASTS
Enjoy the Montgomery Ballet performing under the stars at the Montgomery Zoo, Friday night, September 23. Enjoy this FREE performance from the Montgomery Ballet, performing classics and original choreography. Bring picnics, coolers, blankets, lawn chairs. Great for all ages, boys and girls. Admission FREE, gates open at 6pm, performance begins at dusk.
Join us a ZOO HAUNTING during ZooBoo. Calling all ghost, ghouls and hallo-friendlies that love having a good time at the Zoo. ZooBoo is just around the corner and we’re calling all friendly ghosts and frightening ghouls willing to give their time to support this fun Halloween event. Much of the success of ZooBoo is owed to the many volunteers who serve throughout the 13 night event. An average of 140-150 volunteers flock to the zoo each night to man the games, work in the ticket booth, help with rides, and dress in costume to scare guests.

ZooBoo features Halloween festivities for the entire family. Kids can have a fun and light-hearted experience at the Pumpkin Pull while those who prefer a good scare can take a ride on the haunted side of the zoo. We rely on dedicated volunteers to serve in both areas so no matter your preference, we have a spot open for you. For student, civic, or company groups looking to volunteer together, ZooBoo is the perfect opportunity to earn service hours and support the community while having fun and building relationships as a team. Opportunities are available to volunteer for one or multiple nights.

ZooBoo takes place Oct 13-16, 20-23 and 27-31. We ask all volunteers to arrive by 5:30pm, and remain at their station until at least 9:30pm. On busier nights where we run late, we ask all our volunteers to stay until all our guests are served. Which may mean staying later than 9:30pm. Those interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Meaghan Weir at (334) 240-4930 or mweir@montgomeryal.gov. With your help we can make ZooBoo 2016 the best yet! ZOOBOO Oct 13-16, 20-23, and 27-31

Zoo ghosts calling
Meaghan L. Weir, Marketing and Public Relations Manager

Volunteers

Pin, Pinning, Pinboards. Pinhead. These all may be new terms to you, unless you follow Pinterest: the newest social media outlet the Zoo is using to keep our guests and members informed. Need inspiration for animal inspired crafts, art, snacks, celebrations, and more? Check out the Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum’s new Pinterest site. Pinterest is a free online content cataloguing site that allows you to “pin” or save websites, videos, images, and other online finds to “pinboards” on your account for accessing at a later date. As of fall 2015, Pinterest had 100 million active users worldwide. We are excited to be your source for wild “Pin-spiration” while also keeping you connected to Montgomery Zoo events and other River Region activities.

Featured boards for Fall include “Wild Costumes” for Halloween and “Zoo Snacks” for back-to-school treats. Visit pinterest.com/mgmzoo to start pinning today! Share pictures of Pinterest successes (as well as the often humorous failures) with us through Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter using #MyMGMZoo.

Sources: Pinterest.com; Venturebeat.com

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Zoo social media

Meaghan L. Weir, Marketing and Public Relations Manager

Events at the zoo

UPCOMING ZOO EVENTS

SEPT 10, MAGICAL CREATURES. Meet some of the magical animals that are featured in the Harry Potter and The Hobbit movies. You will get a chance to meet animals up close, learn about them in their habitats, and take home some special prizes. Gear up for boys and girls, 4-10 years old, advanced reservations required. Sept 10, 10am - noon.

SEPT 15, ZOO CLOSES AT NOON. Just a quick reminder, the Zoo will close at noon on Thursday, Sept 15 in preparation for Zoobilation later that evening.

SEPT 15, ZOOBILATION. Join us for Zoobilation: Welcome to Stingray Bay on Thursday night, Sept 15 beginning at 6pm. Dance to the groove, delight in drinks and samplings from the River Region’s finest eateries and specialty bars, and try your luck at our auction. Zoobilation is a fundraising event with all proceeds being contributed to the Zoo’s new interactive, touch and feel stingray exhibit. Tickets are $50 per person and can be purchased online at montgomeryzoo.com or during your next visit to the Zoo. All Zoobilation guests must be at least 21 years old to attend.

SEPT 23, BALLET and THE BEASTS. Enjoy the Montgomery Ballet in a FREE performance under the stars at the Montgomery Zoo. Admission is FREE, picnic blankets, chairs and coolers are welcome. Gates open at 6pm, performance at dusk.

OCT 13-16, 20-23 and 27-31, ZOO BOO.
13 fun-filled, frightful nights at ZooBoo. Climb aboard the thrill ride of a lifetime on the Haunted Hay Ride (scary), or mosey on over to the Pumpkin Pull for a non-scary good, ole fashioned, traditional hay ride. Enjoy Halloween-themed games, bouncy houses, concessions and much more. Gates open at 6pm, first Haunted Hay Ride heads out at dusk. Montgomery Zoo members receive a 50% discount on ZooBoo admission.

NOV 6-12, VETERANS APPRECIATION WEEK. Join the Montgomery Zoo in thanking the proud men and women of the armed forces. During Veterans Appreciation Week, all veterans, active duty personnel and their dependent family members receive a 50% discount on admission to the Zoo and Museum. Participants must provide a valid military ID to receive discount. Thank you for your service and dedication.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?
For more info on these events and others, please visit montgomeryzoo.com or call (334) 240-4900.
Welcome to StingRay Bay

FOOD, DRINKS, DANCING and FESTIVITIES.

Join us for our 20th Anniversary Fundraiser at the Montgomery Zoo

SEPTEMBER 15, 6PM - 10PM

For more info and to purchase tickets, call (334) 240-4900 or visit montgomeryzoo.com

$50 per person to raise funds for our Montgomery Zoo's new interactive Stingray Exhibit. All guests must be at least 21 years old to attend.