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Spring at the Zoo
H. Kenneth White, Jr., MAZS President

Spring is about to bloom, and I invite you and your family to enjoy the glorious, sunny days of Spring at the Zoo. Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers; and discover the wonders of the Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum.

Zoo Weekend is being held Saturday and Sunday, March 10-11, 9am - 6pm daily. All Zoo/Museum memberships are discounted March 5-18 to commemorate this annual spring time event, making it the perfect time of the year to join or renew your zoo membership. A variety of memberships are available to fit your family’s needs. Join online to beat the rush, and enjoy a members’ express lane during Zoo Weekend. Or there will be plenty of MAZS board members glad to help you join during Zoo Weekend at the gates.

WELCOME NEW MAZS board members. Every year, we get a new group of excited and energetic people that love the community and the Zoo to join forces to help us bring new and exciting things to the Zoo. Please help me in welcoming Hunter Bronson, John Cannady, Jenni Payne, Charles Reynolds, and Sean Sabel to the MAZS board. Thank you for serving.

NEVER TOO EARLY to save the date for Zoobilation, September 13, 2018. Please support this event with corporate and personal sponsorships, buying tickets and attending, donating silent auction items, or providing food and beverage sponsorships. For more details, please contact me at MAZSPresident@gmail.com, or contact Zoo staff. And we look forward to seeing you at the Zoo soon!
Director Talk | Love our volunteers
Doug Goode, Montgomery Zoo Director

One of the Zoo’s most important resources is its volunteer base. From individuals to groups, volunteers help the Zoo succeed. Thousands of local residents are called upon each year to serve at the zoo as volunteers and freely give countless hours of their time supporting our mission and initiatives. Young and old, as individuals and in groups, for personal satisfaction or to fulfill required service hours, volunteers often choose to serve at the zoo because of an appreciation of wildlife and a love of the outdoors. The zoo offers a unique environment where one can serve the community.

When many people think about volunteering, they immediately think of working one of the many events we host each year. During Zoo Weekend, ZooBoo, or Christmas Lights Festival, we look to fill thousands of volunteer slots. Without the help of many volunteers, events such as these would not be continual successes year after year. However, volunteering at the zoo is much more than just filling needs during special events. We bring in volunteers weekly to help with a variety of unglamorous yet important tasks. Groups of military service members often support the zoo during their brief stays in Montgomery. These groups aid our maintenance staff in maintaining the zoo grounds by trimming shrubbery, raking leaves, mulching planter beds, and helping set up or take down for special events. The additional hands are very appreciated by our maintenance staff who have over 42 acres of grounds and buildings to maintain.

**SERVE DAY** In November 2017, we tried something new. We hosted our first SERVE DAY at the Zoo. We picked a single day to gather volunteer groups to accomplish several tasks in preparing the Zoo for the upcoming holiday season. We had over 50 volunteers show up to rake leaves, trim bushes, and overall help on the Zoo grounds. It was such a huge success and fun day, we decided to try it again. So our next SERVE DAY will be Saturday, Feb 03, 2018, 9am - 4:30pm. Volunteers will help prepare the grounds for Zoo Weekend and the upcoming school group season. Volunteers will help with landscaping, trimming bushes, planting flowers, raking leaves, painting, and overall prepping the Zoo for the Spring season. Look at this like spring cleaning for the Zoo. It will be a great opportunity for those people that volunteer their time and energy to give back to the City of Montgomery Zoo and the River Region community. Volunteers can be adults, teens, groups, schools, church groups, businesses, and families. For more details and to register, please visit our VOLUNTEER PAGE on montgomeryzoo.com. We look forward to seeing you on Feb 03.

Feeding neighbors.
Meaghan Weir, Zoobeedoo, and Steven C. Pierce at Montgomery Area Food Bank with 1,214 pounds of donated food.

GIVE AND GET AT THE MONTGOMERY ZOO!
During the opening weekend of Christmas Lights Festival, the Zoo hosted a food drive. Participants received a choice of a FREE TRAIN RIDE or a FREE SKY LIFT RIDE in exchange for donating two (2) non-perishable food items. During the course of the weekend, we collected 1,214 pounds of food. All food donations will be contributed to the Montgomery Area Food Bank serving Central Alabama. Thank you for donating.

The Montgomery Area Food Bank does everything possible to combat hunger and food insecurity in 35 of Alabama’s 67 counties. Their support extends to more than 800 local community agencies throughout 24,921 square miles of Alabama metropolitan and remotely rural areas.
Zoo success

ZOO EVENT ZOOBILATION, ZOOBOO, CHRISTMAS LIGHTS BIG HITS

Zoobilation celebrates 21 years, hosting 868 guests and raising $104,000 for the new stingray exhibit. ZooBoo hosts 11 nights of family fun, and Halloween fright entertaining 10,000 guests. And Christmas Lights hosts nearly 14,000 guests and raises over $111,000.

Zoobilation was held on Thursday night, September 14, 2017. The event was quite the accomplishment welcoming 868 guests and bringing in a total of $103,191. Ticket sales totaled $15,005 and the nearly 200 item silent auction raised $10,796. The night also featured over 40 food and beverage vendors, and live entertainment from Britt Johnson and Cockeyed Camel. All and all, the night was a grand success and a fun event for all that attended.

Zoobilation 2017 was the final fundraising effort for the completion of the Zoo’s new interactive aquatic exhibit, Stingray Bay. Stingray Bay will be located near the Mann Museum. Once complete, guests will be able to touch and feed stingrays as the creatures swim around a 6,700 gallon, temperature controlled, saltwater pool. Construction of this new addition began in Spring 2017. Nine months later, the building is done. All the tanks are complete. The various species of stingray, fish, and sea creatures are arriving in proper stages and getting accumulated to their new environment. We are putting on the final touches and preparing to open the exhibit in the early part of 2018. Watch out for announcements of the exhibit’s opening date and celebration.

Thank you to everyone that attended and/or contributed to Zoobilation. For a complete list of partners, sponsors and vendors, please see the list in the side bar on page 5.

ZooBoo hosted 11 nights of family, Halloween fun and horror during the month of October. Guests had the opportunity to climb aboard the thrill ride of a life time Haunted Hay Ride or for the weak at heart, mosey on over to the Pumpkin Pull for a good, ole fashioned, non-scary, traditional hay ride. Great for all ages, boys and girls, guests also enjoyed a variety of Halloween-themed games, bouncy castles, and yummy concessions while spending an evening at the Zoo.

Overall, ZooBoo entertained 9,550 guests during this 11 night event while raising $114,144.10. Thank you to everyone that attended and sponsored ZooBoo.

Christmas Lights Festival hosted 26 nights of dazzling, holiday lights and family fun. The Zoo is transformed into a Winter Wonderland sparkling with thousands of lights and festive decorations. Guests have the opportunity to take a leisurely stroll, a brisk train ride or see the lights from atop the Zoofari Skylift Ride. And no Christmas Lights visit would be complete without a visit with Santa. Christmas Lights entertained 13,815 guests while raising $110,617.88. Thank you to everyone that attended and sponsored Christmas Lights Festival.

Marcia Woodard
Deputy Director

Zoobilation, ZooBoo and CLF, all grand successes for the Zoo’s fall line-up of events.
Nothing says Zoo Weekend like the Zoo Weekend BAKE SALE. Several of our MAZS board members cook many of the treats; however, they also depend on the generous contributions from zoo members, friends, family and zoo staff. If you are interested in contributing, please drop off your bagged baked goods at the Zoo’s Admissions Gate, Friday, March 9 between 8am - 5pm. For more info, please call (334) 625-4900.

Please make sure all items are bagged and labeled; especially items containing nut products. Also, please refrain from placing icing on your items. They tend to melt if the temperatures get warm.

Thank you for your help, and we look forward to seeing you on Zoo Weekend, March 10-11.
It is hard to make friends when you are antisocial, charge at anything new or different, weigh an estimated 5,000 pounds and have a head like a jack-o-lantern. The Montgomery Zoo’s Greater Indian Rhinoceros “Himal” is a solitary animal and has been so for most of his life. That all changed when nearly a year ago he got a buddy, and they are a true odd couple.

Named for the Himalayan Mountain range above India, Himal is one of the biggest and most impressive animals in town. Shortly after moving to Montgomery in 2008, Himal celebrated his 12th birthday. Nine years later as a Zoo resident, he recently turned 21 years old on October 31. He is a Halloween baby! Boo!

As a general rule, Indian rhinoceros do not socialize. Males and females in the wild are like ships passing in the night. Pregnant females and new mothers may group together to form small herds, but a male is a ‘lone wolf’ patrolling his territory and grazing. When danger is detected and especially if another male appears, then things get interesting. There is a reason a group of rhinoceros of any species is called a “crash.” While appearing to be slow, lumbering armored tanks, rhinos can turn on a dime in the blink of an eye and charge at speeds of over 30 mph, destroying and trampling anything in the path. Humorously, a rhino can’t even see what he has done. They have excellent senses of hearing and smell. So, when a rhino hears or smell something new and strange, or thinks he sees something the immediate response is attack first and ask questions later.

While I would like to say Himal is one in a million, he is actually only one of the fewer than 200 Indian rhinoceros in zoos worldwide. He is one of the roughly 4,000 individuals left in the world. While the number might not sound impressive, the population of this vulnerable species has actually doubled in the last 25 years due to conservation efforts.

Still, Himal is our one and only, and is a favorite animal among many in the animal care and veterinary staff. He is special. He gets special food and special care. He likes getting warm bath. He likes getting scratched between his ears and the soft skin between his thick armor plates during routine exams. He likes being hand fed special treats during these exams, while slopping on his trainer. He likes to paint with his upper lip which is prehensile with a muscular digit at the end useful for grazing.

A rhino and a horn are synonymous, with some species having two and some horns being really long. Unfortunately, all horns are sought after by poachers. Their horn is just keratin, like human fingernails or hair, and only starts to grow around age six. While most rhinoceros use the horns for defense, this is not the case for Indian variety. As mentioned earlier, males don’t get along with each other, but rather than go horn-to-horn, this species has razor sharp bottom teeth they expose and slash each other with.

His unique habits and rugged profile aside, what truly sets Himal apart is that no other rhinoceros has a Canada goose as a roommate. Affectionately named “Nibbles” by the Elephant/Rhino Curator, the bird invaded the... Continued on page 7
Nibbles, a white Egyptian goose (pic left), and Himal (pic above) have become the best of exhibit mates. Though in the wild they would never even live on the same continent; here at the Zoo, they have learned to accept one another and actually become great friends.

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Rhinoceros display earlier this year. Although a migratory species, this goose had developed a wing issue that prohibits flight. Grounded and alone herself, it seemed fated the two should be brought together. Instead of reacting poorly, our rhino accepted the addition, and so Nibbles has been his constant companion ever since. While sometimes following Himal inside his barn at the end of the day, most often she waits on display near the door squawking. Seemingly to greet him in the morning and bid farewell at night, Nibbles seems quite content in her new home with her buddy.

Visitors to Montgomery Zoo’s newest mixed-species exhibit are likely to see the pair chilling out in the water together, or walking side by side grazing in the grass, or laid out in the cool mud enjoying the afternoon. Nibbles has been seen pecking at Himal, but if this is to remove pesky bugs from his skin or get an itch he can’t quite reach is anyone’s guess. Granted, relationships between rhinoceros and birds are known. Growing up you hear stories of small birds riding on a rhino backs helping them see. While not at all true, the fact remains there are two types African oxpeckers (aka tickbirds) that thrive by flying around, perching on large mammals (such as cattle, zebras, antelope, hippopotamuses or rhinoceroses) and eating ticks, small insects, larvae, and other parasites off the skin. Flightless, Nibbles does what she can, but probably just being there for him is enough for Himal. A rhino with a weird horn and a goose with a weird wing, they accept each other and are no longer alone.
The ostrich (*Struthio camelus*) (on display in our African hoofstock collection) is a true animal Olympian and holds many records. They are the largest, heaviest, and tallest living bird. They lay the largest egg in the world, which are the largest single cell. One ostrich egg is equivalent to about twenty-four chicken eggs. Ostriches have the largest eyes of any land vertebrate – about the size of a tennis ball – which allows them to see up to two miles away. In addition to their impressive dimensions, ostriches are the fastest biped (two-legged animal) and can reach up to 43mph in short bursts.

Ostriches belong to a group of birds known as the ratites. This comes from the Greek word ‘ratis,’ meaning raft, a reference to their uniquely flattened keel bone. In most birds the keel anchors the powerful flight muscles, but when you’re a flightless species this is unnecessary. Ostriches, emus, cassowaries, rheas, and kiwis all belong to this ancient group. Ostriches inhabit dry grasslands and arid deserts throughout Sub-Saharan Africa. They can usually be found among herds of grazing animals, where their incredible eyesight coupled with the grazers’ excellent hearing makes it very difficult for predators to approach. Ostriches can go long periods without drinking and are able to get all the moisture they need from the vegetation and insects they consume.

The North African Ostrich is experiencing a rapid ongoing decline due to hunting for feathers, food, eggs, and continued habitat loss. The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) lumps all ostrich sub-species together which makes conserving the North African race difficult. Scientists are working to reclassify the North African ostrich as a distinct species, like the Somali Ostrich in 2014, so the only remaining viable population in Chad can be afforded proper protections.

The Andean condor (*Vultur gryphus*) (on display in our South American realm near the Reptile House) is one of the heaviest flying birds in the world, second only to the Kori bustard of Africa. They are symbolic of power and are featured on the currency, flags, and emblems of countries throughout their range, much like the bald eagle in the United States. The Andean condor is a national symbol in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Argentina, and Chile.

Interestingly, Andean condors (and other New World vultures) are more closely related to storks than they are to hawks, eagles, owls, and Old World vultures. New World vultures (from the Americas,) and Old World vultures (from Eurasia and Africa) are not closely related, but share similar appearances due to their scavenging lifestyles. This phenomenon of nature finding similar solutions to similar problems is known as convergent evolution. As suggested by their name, Andean condors are found along the western coast of South America in the Andes mountains. They inhabit these mountainous regions, high elevation deserts and grasslands, and coastlines.

Condors serve a vital function in the ecosystem. They act as a clean up crew by eating carrion and preventing the spread of disease. Their stomach acid is strong enough to kill Anthrax and Botulism bacteria. We should all be grateful for the cleaning services provided to us by condors and other vultures!
Zookeeper return visit

Mr. Charles

Mr. Charles return to the Zoo
Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at the Montgomery Zoo, we gathered to honor Charles Bryant as Zookeeper Emeritus.

Charles recently retired; however, during his 20+ years at the Zoo, Charles inspired and cared for our animals, guests, and fellow zookeepers. Charles was dedicated, loyal, and a great asset to the Montgomery Zoo, and he will be greatly missed. Enjoy retirement Mr. Charles. You deserve it!

Charles Bryant returns to Montgomery Zoo to pay a visit to friends and fellow co-workers. Recently retired, Mr. Charles is awarded with a certificate of Zookeeper Emeritus. Pictured above (left to right), Marcia Woodard, Rachel Lamkin, Bekah Hepburn, Charles Bryant, Michelle Johnson, Doug Goode, Sean Collins, and Ken Naugher.

The Andean Condor is the national symbol of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Argentina, and Chile. It’s impressive wingspan allows it to easily soar the high mountains, lowland deserts, open grasslands, along coastlines and in alpine regions of South America.

Common ostriches can go without drinking for several days, but they enjoy water and frequently take baths where it is available.

Have you ever bought a jaguar a chew toy? What about an elephant a bouncy ball? A monkey a puzzle? Check out our Amazon Wishlist at montgomeryzoo.com for lots of great and unique gift ideas for Zoo animals. And the Zoo animals will love you for it!
Pass me another piece of galliform, please, just may not be words you will hear this year in an effort to eat fit. However, galliforms are a species of large, domestic, game fowl, or bird that one may eat trying to stick to a New Year’s resolution of better eating.

Galliformes are an order of heavy-bodied, ground-feeding domestic or game bird. This is a large and diverse group of fowl, comprising about 70 genera and more than 250 species. Birds within the Galliformes group are commonly referred to as gallinaceous birds which means they are chicken-like in appearance, with small to large bodies and blunt wings. Most of these birds are game birds and many of these birds are hunted.

Plumage coloration of these birds ranges from cryptic to dark to brightly colorful. Some birds have elaborate head and neck ornamentation including feathers, wattles and casques. Their legs are usually very strong and many adult males will have one to several sharp, horny spurs on the back of each leg. These spurs are used for fighting. Some species are sexually dimorphic which means you can tell a male from a female by looking at the difference in coloration or size.

Gallinaceous birds are mostly terrestrial animals so they spend most of their time on the ground. Most do not fly, but instead walk and run for transportation. They live from five to eight years in the wild, but up to 30 years in captivity. They can be found worldwide, on every continent except Antarctica in a variety of habitats, including: forests, deserts and meadows. They use visual displays and vocalizations for communication, courtship, fighting and brooding. They also feed on a variety of food materials which can include: fruits, seeds, leaves, shoots, flowers, tubers, roots, insects, snails, worms, small lizards, small rodents and eggs.

They breed seasonally in accordance with the climate, and can lay anywhere from three to 16 eggs per year. Nests can be found up in the trees, but are usually down on the ground. Young are very curious and can roam with their mother just hours after hatching. While this group of birds has been mostly associated with meal times during the holiday festivities, they are also a diverse and fascinating group of fowl.

You can find turkeys with our North American collection. Ducks, geese, and peacocks roam the grounds, while pheasants can be found in our South America and African realms.

JOIN THE TEAM!

Become part of the Montgomery Zoo’s Education Department. Learn how to care for and handle exotic animals while learning to interact one-on-one with animals, a team, and the general public.

Our next training class is May 19, and all applications are due by May 9, 2018. For more info, check out montgomeryzoo.com or give us a call at (334) 625-4900.
IN NORTH AMERICA, you have just finished the holidays, and now it is time to think about eating fit. And most people tend to lean towards our friend the turkey (featured pic) as a good meat selection. In other parts of the world, especially Europe, other species of fowl will find themselves on the dinner table, like goose (top), duck (middle) and peacock pheasant (bottom).

ZOO2GO
ZOO Education on the GO!

If you have been out and about in the River Region community lately, you may have caught a glimpse of the ZOO Education van cruising around town or in a parade or two. Nothing catches your eye better than a large panel van covered with your favorite zoo animals cruising down the boulevard with the letters ZOO2GO emblazoned on the side.

You may never know what is inside and where they may be going... they could even be coming to you. That is right. If you are holding a special event at your place, a birthday party, senior citizens home outreach, church group function, corporate gathering, reunions, school classes, or just a small get-together of animal enthusiasts, we can bring the Zoo to you. Our Education Department has a great collection of small mammals, reptiles, feathered friends, birds of prey, and even your favorite lovable zebra, Zoobeedoo. You can pick from our selection of animal presentations, or we can build one specifically for your group, class and needs. Groups large and small, we can accommodate them all and build a program perfect for you.

If you are interested in having the Zoo come to you or present at your next gathering or party, please check out our web site at montgomeryzoo.com/programs-tours or give us a call at (334) 625-4909 for more information and details. We would love to arrange a program for your next event.
When the temperatures change and it becomes bitter cold outside, many people start thinking about bears and getting inside. Bears come in a variety of colors, sizes, and species. The Mann Wildlife Learning Museum houses a nice collection of bears; including black bears, grizzly bears, and polar bears.

**Black bears** are extremely adaptable and show a great variation in habitat types; though they are primarily found in forested areas with thick ground vegetation and abundance of fruit, nuts, and vegetation as a food supply. Black bears tend to be solitary animals, with the exception of mothers and their cubs. Bears usually forage alone, but will tolerate each other and forage in groups if there is an abundance of food in one area. Bears will fight over a territory for food and breeding rights. A black bear’s fur is usually a uniform color, except for a brown muzzle and light markings that sometimes appear on their chest. As odd as it may sound, black bears actually can be found in three different colors: black, brown and grey.

**Polar bears** are the largest land carnivores in the world, rivaled only by the Kodiak brown bear of Southwestern Alaska. Polar bears sit at the top of the food chain in the biologically rich Arctic. Polar bears are marine mammals, and spend much of their time on Arctic sea ice. Their fur is thicker than any other bear species and even covers their feet for warmth and traction on ice. A thick layer of blubber beneath their fur provides buoyancy and insulation to survive the freezing cold temperatures. The long neck and narrow skull of the polar bear aid in streamlining the animal in water while warming the air that they breathe. Their front feet are large, flat and oar-like, making them excellent swimmers. Polar bears feed mainly on ringed and bearded seals. Depending upon their location, they also eat harp and hooded seals, and scavenge on carcasses of beluga whales, walruses, narwhals, and bowhead whales. On occasion, polar bears kill beluga whales and young walruses.

To see these bears up close, make sure to visit the Mann Museum during your next visit to the Zoo.
Volunteers who enjoy interacting with both animals and people typically love serving at the Giraffe Encounter. Giraffe Encounter volunteers collect money and tickets from guests who want to take part in the unique experience of feeding the zoo’s four tallest residents face-to-face. The volunteers prepare cups of feed for the guests to take out on the encounter platform and provide tips for making the most of the feeding experience. This role allows volunteers the opportunity to be close to exotic animals and to share their knowledge with the public.

Brittany Crawford is a faithful Giraffe Encounter volunteer who has come to the zoo weekly since August 2016. Her passion for animals and desire to work closely with them brought her to the zoo. Brittany’s enthusiasm for volunteering shines through her positive attitude and friendly smile, and she is always eager to assist in any way needed. According to Brittany, the aspect she enjoys most about volunteering at the zoo is interacting with the animals and the staff. She also likes being able to educate guests about the giraffes.

Currently, Brittany is pursuing her goal of earning a degree in veterinary medicine and she feels that volunteering at the zoo has provided her the opportunity to work with and learn more about animals to which she would not normally have access. Brittany has enjoyed watching Mac, the Absynnian Ground Hornbill who lives in the Giraffe exhibit. He entertains her, zoo staff, and guests with his curiosity and playfulness. In addition to spending time at the Giraffe Encounter, she loves visiting the koi fish pond by the train depot.

When she isn’t volunteering at the Giraffe Encounter, taking classes, or working, Brittany likes to spend her time gardening and being outside. In speaking on the importance of volunteering in the community, Brittany says, “It helps to build character, create new opportunities for yourself, and build new friendships.” She encourages others to volunteer for a cause that they love. We at the zoo are very thankful that Brittany’s love of animals brought her to volunteer with us.

If you are interested in becoming a Zoo volunteer, please contact Christy Wells at (334) 625-4902.
Color Me
Spring arrives
Let’s take a look at the facts:
- The first day of Spring is March 20, 2018.
- Spring is a symbol of rebirth. It is time when the earth thaws, plants bloom, grass turns green, and wildlife is born.
- Some favorite Spring time holidays are Zoo Weekend, Easter, Mardi Gras, and Spring Break. Though Spring Break truly is not a holiday; however, many do celebrate and take time to vacation.
- Spring is a great time to get out of the outside of the house and enjoy warmer temperatures; however, Spring is also famous for the ideal time for cleaning. Spring cleaning allows homeowners an opportunity to air-out their houses, clean from the winter months, and welcome all the fresh activities of the new season.

HAPPY SPRING!

MISSION ZOOTOPIA
ZOO SUMMER CAMP: June 4 - July 27, 5 - 12 year olds, full and half day camps available. Info? (334) 625-4909
As many of you are pet owners and understand the importance of providing health care for your animals, the Zoo’s Veterinarian Department understands the importance as well. The Zoo has a full-time licensed technician, a Veterinarian intern, and myself that devote our energy toward maintaining the health of our animals. We also use the talents of two fine Veterinary Colleges that are within an hour’s drive that have certain specialties that we can take advantage of, such as MRI and other diagnostic imaging. We have also used local professionals such as dentists and medical doctors as needs may arise.

So our staff is quite large when you consider all of the people that provide input into the care of our animals. For example recently the Zoo had a lion that had broken his canine tooth. So what did we do? I called a local dentist and he performed a root canal. He was amazed at how big the root was in a lion’s tooth. Another example was the time we had a bongo with reproductive problems. So what did we do? We called the Large Animal Department at Auburn and they came here and performed surgery that corrected her problem. Another example was the time we had a giraffe with a torn leg tendon. What did we do? I called a prosthetic company and we made a mold of her leg and a brace was developed that has allowed her to live a normal life.

So you can see that if it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a large staff of professionals to care for a collection of Zoo animals. Many of these people donate their time and knowledge for the benefit of our animals because they believe in what the Zoo is all about. We cannot thank them enough for their service and their continual support.
We’re Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama. Our commitment to Montgomery and the River Region goes well beyond our contributions to the local economy. With a group of uniquely passionate individuals assembling our vehicles each day, we are continuously reaching for new ways to help our community that are as varied as our Team Members themselves.

From education, cultural arts, and the environment to health and recreation or the celebration of diversity, we are proud to support our neighbors and the projects that bring us together.
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