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Sept 14
6pm - 10pm
At the Montgomery Zoo
A Night of Food, Drink, Music & Fun!
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MONTGOMERY ZOO
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Save the Date for Zoobilation on September 14. In the all adult soiree, the Montgomery Area Zoological Society (MAZS) hosts a casual evening of great food, beverage of your choice, entertainment, and an exciting silent auction. All is donated by area businesses, restaurants, and food and beverage companies. You’ll see old friends and make new ones while supporting the Zoo’s next exhibit in progress, Stingray Bay, scheduled to open Fall 2017.

Events past have helped the Zoo raise funds and build the Gift Shop and Admissions Complex, the African Elephant Habitat, the North American River Otter Habitat, Zoofari Skylift Adventure Ride project, the American Alligator habitat, and the Stingray exhibit opening in the Fall of 2017.

In recognition of their leadership, time, and talent, please help me in thanking our Mayor and MAZS board members that will be leading this fundraising effort: Honorary chairs, Mrs. Linda and Mayor Todd Strange; Event chair, Jeanne Charbonneau; Auction chair, Scarlette Tuley; Decorations chairs, Judy Lowry and Nan Barganier; Entertainment chair, Bill Hardin; Food/Beverage chair, Jimmy Lisenby; Publicity chair, Dottye Hannan; Sponsorship chair, John Mastin; Ticket sales chairs, Karen McCaa and Marianne McLeod.

For more information and a complete listing of all Zoobilation sponsors and participants, please visit our web site at montgomeryzoo.com and follow us on our social media outlets.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at Zoobilation!

Please see the Zoobilation 101 article on page 4.
Jaguar cubs

**FOUR JAGUAR CUBS BORN AT THE MONTGOMERY ZOO**

The cubs were born on June 12, 2017 at the Montgomery Zoo. The cubs made their public debut during Twilight Tuesday on August 8 at 3pm at the Jaguar display located in the South American realm.

Prior to the cubs’ public debut, the cubs and their mother remained in the jaguar night quarters allowing time for bonding and growth. The three female and one male black jaguar cubs are the fourth litter born at the Montgomery Zoo to Nikita, an eight year old female spotted jaguar and Kai, a 12 year old male black jaguar.

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.

The mother and cubs will be on display daily from 9am - 1pm, pending weather conditions and animal husbandry needs. We hope you will come see them soon. They grow very fast.

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**Director Talk | Behind the scenes**

**Doug Goode, Montgomery Zoo Director**

Have you ever wondered where the Montgomery Zoo’s animals go after hours or how they are cared for on a daily basis?

Fall is approaching, temperatures will be dropping, and just in time to treat yourself, family members, co-workers, and friends to a Behind the Scenes experience at the Montgomery Zoo. See your favorite animals up close and personal, and have a wildlife interaction that you will not forget for a lifetime. Listen to zookeepers describe their routine for caring for each animal, maintaining the display and night quarters, and ensuring the animal’s safety. Observe training and enrichment activities that keep the animals engaged and entertained.

Since introducing the Behind the Scenes experiences, approximately 85 groups have taken part in these unique adventures which are available only on Saturdays. Guests of all ages delight in learning more about each of these animals while watching elephants and giraffes paint, and observing curious tigers explore their exhibit. Priced at $65 per person for the elephant, tiger, and giraffe experiences, these encounters make excellent birthday, graduation, or anniversary gifts for the animal enthusiasts in your family.

- **Elephant Experience** $65 per person + zoo admission (Zoo members do not have to pay admission). Offered Saturdays only at 10am and 1pm. This encounter is limited to 8 people and must have a minimum of 2.

- **Tiger Experience** $65 per person + zoo admission (Zoo members do not have to pay admission). Offered Saturdays only at 9am. This encounter is limited to 6 people and must have a minimum of 2.

- **Giraffe Experience** $65 per person + zoo admission (Zoo members do not have to pay admission). Offered Saturdays only at 11am and 2pm. This encounter is limited to 8 people and must have a minimum of 2.

You can have a wild time this fall without leaving Montgomery. For all experiences: All participants must be over the age of 6. Children between the ages of 6-12 must be accompanied by a paying adult. All participants must wear closed toe shoes. Register online at montgomeryzoo.com or at the gate at least 30 minutes prior to the start time. For the tiger experience, all participants must register by 4pm CST on the Friday prior to the experience.

For complete details regarding each of these Behind the Scenes experiences, please visit our web site at montgomeryzoo.com or give us a call at (334) 625-4900. We would love to tell you all the details and make a reservation.

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New Behind the Scenes Animal Experiences at the Zoo. Have an opportunity to enjoy unique animal encounters at the elephants, giraffes, and tigers.
Zoobilation 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 “Celebrating Success” in honor of our touch-and-feel Stingray exhibit and educational facility opening in the Fall of 2017.

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) 625-4900 for more information on sponsoring this event.

How do I purchase a ticket? Purchase online at montgomeryzoo.com, contact the Zoo office at (334) 625-4900 or during your next Zoo visit.
More Zoobilation information...

What is the entertainment like? Jazzy tunes, poppy beats and tapping toes will fill the air during the event; providing a diverse collection of music to meet everyone’s musical taste. Dancing is always encouraged!

What do you mean by culinary samplings? Nearly 40 of the River Region’s finest restaurants and eateries serve menu specialties from booths set up in the Zoobilation celebration area as you enter the Zoo.

And beverages? Soft drinks, beer, wine, cocktails, mixed drinks and specialty drinks are available throughout the evening.

How about the auctions? Each year area merchants and individuals donate valuable goods and services that are auctioned off through a silent auction. Offers include works of art, dining packages and jewelry.

What do I wear? It’s a safari-casual event, which means you can wear anything from khaki to animal print clothing or other comfortable attire.

So, how does the Zoo raise money from all this? Funds are raised through ticket sales, corporate sponsorships and auctioned items. We also receive strong community support from many companies and individuals contributing goods, services, supplies, equipment and time. These donations reduce our expenses and mean a greater percentage of proceeds are spent on capital improvements for the Zoo.

What sort of things have past Zoobilations help fund? The Gift Shop and Admissions Complex, the African Elephant Habitat, the North American River Otter Habitat, Zoofari Sky lift project, and the newly completed American Alligator habitat, and the Stingray exhibit opening in the Fall of 2017.

How do I keep up with the latest Zoobilation news? Keep up with the latest lists of sponsors, entertainment, restaurants, specialty bars and up-to-date news on our web site at montgomeryzoo.com, or follow us on any of our social network vehicles including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest.

When and where will the party take place? Zoobilation will take place on **Thursday, September 14, 2017 beginning at 6pm**. Arrive at the front gate, grab a drink or two, and start enjoying the music, drinks and food, auctions and fun, fun, FUN! This year, all the festivities will be taking place at the front gate and admissions area. Get ready for an action-packed evening of wildlife fun and adventure.

For you GPS users, our physical address is 2301 Coliseum Parkway, Montgomery, AL 36110. It will be an evening to remember, so make your plans to attend. Tickets may be purchased by visiting montgomeryzoo.com, contact the Zoo office by calling (334) 625-4900 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!
Most people would agree with that statement. Odd considering these close cousins to sharks has ‘sting’ in its name. Each year along the coasts of the United States for every single shark attack there are over a 100 people that feel that sting. Of the 220 species of rays, a few do not even have stingers, such as the manta rays (the largest rays) and the porcupine ray (named for a different form of protection). Protection is what the stinger is for.

Stingray attacks are purely defensive gestures. These flat, boneless fish often spend their time camouflaged on or partially submerged in sandy or muddy bottom areas looking for food or resting. Injuries occur most often when an unwary person steps on an unwary stingray. The tail of the ray reflexively whips upward and, with amazing accuracy, thrusts a toothy spine into the victim. Typically an ankle or foot receives a puncture wound or laceration, however some abdominal or chest strikes have been reported. The spine is sheathed in a layer of skin, but this gets ruptured and venom is released into the wound. Thus, a stingray wound is both a traumatic injury and an envenomation.

The stinger detaches and the animal swims away in fear. Like a lizard re-growing its tail, rays can regenerate a stinger given time. Some species are even equipped with multiple stinger backups. The stingray is fine. The victim, less so. Rarely life threatening, with pain, swelling, cramps, there is obvious need for medical care and sometimes surgery to remove stinger fragments broken off inside.

Still, given the chance, few people can pass up the chance to see and feel a stingray up close. There skin is velvety soft, and they seem to like to gently brush up against people who feed or even just be in the water with them. Many opportunities exist at touch pools in certain zoos and aquariums, and even in the wild along some shorelines. Stingrays in captivity have their stingers painlessly removed or trimmed like fingernails and are routinely monitored for re-growth, in order to prevent injury.

Some stingrays live in freshwater but most are sea creatures, so it will depend on the touch tank or area to know the kinds you might interact with. Most common in tanks are cow-nose rays, spotted eagle rays (second largest ray species), southern rays, and Atlantic stingrays. Many touch tanks also feature small sharks, guitarfish, starfish, anemones, urchins horseshoe crabs and hermit crabs and fish to large to get eaten.

Stingrays are docile and easily handfed in the wild and in captivity. A stingray’s mouth is located on the underside and while there are no teeth, with help from the gills, food is gently sucked in and crushed with a dental plate. Oysters, snails, shrimp, small fish, crabs, worms, anemone, etc. all might be on the menu.

Feeding rays, while a wonderful experience, might only be possible in small portions and for short periods since these small animals generally have small appetites. If feeding stingrays in an enclosed touch tank it is best to hold a treat with the finger tips or cupped in the palm so the fish can... Continued on page 7
Stingray Bay will be an excellent addition to the Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum allowing guests to experience a hands-on encounter with various stingrays, as well as, the other sea creatures and sea urchins. Guests can touch, feel and feed these beautiful creatures of the sea.

STINGRAY BAY OPENING FALL 2017 AT THE MONTGOMERY ZOO. Stingray Bay will open with much anticipation and excitement Fall 2017. This new touch and feel educational facility will house an assortment of Cownose and Southern stingray, as well as, smaller species of shark and a variety of sea urchins. We look forward to opening day.

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Stingrays sweep

glide over the top to inhale the morsel. If lucky enough to feed them in the wild, the same method applies; however, since they are chemically attracted to the scent of food, it is strongly recommended to NOT wipe your hands on yours swimsuit afterward unless you want a 1 to 6 foot wide stingray to bodily hug you with its wings. Stingrays really are very sweet and friendly.

So some final words of advice: Never pass up an opportunity to touch a stingray. Stingray Bay will be opening in the Fall of 2017. So watch our social media and web site for construction updates and the grand unveiling date. Stingray Bay is going to be a great addition to the Montgomery Zoo that we hope everyone enjoys and visits often.
As you explore the zoo’s many large mixed species displays you may notice that this time of year our male North American elk has quite the impressive physique as his antlers continue to grow even though they have a soft, felt-like appearance. Yet, as you admire the male Greater Kudu on the African exhibit, his horns don’t look remotely soft. What’s the difference between the appendages on the North American elk and Greater Kudo’s head? We’ve all heard the terms horns, antlers, and maybe even ossicones, but may not fully understand the anatomical and functional differences between the three.

Antlers primarily appear in the Deer family (*Cervidae*) and are boney extensions off of the skull. As the bone grows, it is covered in a thin, slightly fuzzy skin, known as velvet. Velvet contains numerous blood vessels; however, this also makes the antlers very sensitive. Once the antlers hardened, the velvet begins to dry and becomes itchy, causing the animal to rub its antlers, sometimes resulting in bleeding. So, during certain times of the year if you see a hoofstock animal on display with antlers that look red in color, don’t worry, its natural! Once the velvet is finished shedding, the deer will enter “hard-rack”, which is typically around the same time as “rut”, or breeding season. Rut is also when you may hear more vocalizations or notice more sparring between individuals (this is all to attract a lady). Once the breeding season and hard-rack are over, a drop in testosterone will cause the deer to shed his antlers completely and then begin growing the rack for next season. Antlers primarily occur in the male deer of a species, and typically are only shed once a year.

Horns on the other hand are not shed at all (with the exception of the Pronghorn, which we will discuss later). Horns are also boney protrusions from the skull, but have a hard keratin sheath around the outside. Keratin is the same substance found in our hair and nails, but in this instance it is much more tough and compacted. Horns are found in the cow-like family (*Bovidae*), which includes goats, sheep, antelope, buffalo, muskoxen, bison, etc. Horns can also occur in males and females of some species; for example, you may notice that both the male and female Eastern Bongo on the Africa Display have horns but that only the male Greater Kudu has horns. Since horns are permanent appendages (unless they are damaged), they grow throughout the animal’s lifetime and can be very impressive. Our male Greater Kudu has two and a half turns in his horns. We have many animals with horns: in the North America realm the Bison and Bighorn sheep have horns, the Asian realm displays the Blackbuck, Nilgai, and Banteng. These two displays have both horn and antlers on exhibit, whereas the African realm doesn’t. Look closely at the differences between the light-colored spirals in the Kudu and Bongo when compared to the dark ridged horns in the Bontebok, Addra Gazelle, and Slender-horned Gazelle and different still are the smooth, short spikes seen on the Blue Duiker in the African Aviary.

Last but certainly not least, are the two exceptions to popular headgear. Let’s dive into that a little deeper. Pronghorn keratin sheaths, found in Pronghorn antelope (technically a goat-antelope) are shed yearly. The structure is mostly the same as a conventional horn, but it is branched, or “pronged” which is atypical to standard...
Can you pick out the difference between an antler, horn or ossicone?

The Montgomery Zoo features a large variety of hoofstock animals. The bongo, elk, deer, elk are just a few of the Montgomery Zoo collection.

The Pronghorn will shed the keratin sheath once a year to begin growing a new one. Guests may view a Pronghorn at the Mann Wildlife Learning Museum. The other anomaly in headgear is the ossicone, found solely in the Giraffe family (Giraffidae), which includes giraffes and Okapi. Ossicones are similar to both antlers and horns in a small respect. The base that antlers grow in, called a “pedicle”, is akin to the ossicone structure and very similar. Ossicones are also bone-like and covered in keratin-based hair, reminiscent of a horn. Different from the horn, there is also a layer of skin over the bone-like protrusion. Additionally, the ossicone is made of ossified cartilage, not true bone, but making it different from both the antler and horn. The purpose of ossicones is still being researched, as they are present in both sexes of giraffe, but only on the male Okapi. Many theories suggest that ossicones are used in male combat, or perhaps they serve a purpose in mate selection before breeding, but regardless of purpose – they look pretty intriguing! What do you think ossicones are used for?

Hoofstock headgear

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Many times, the animals we house have many interesting and unique features that go unnoticed. So next time you look out on the pasture displays or at any hoofed animal – see if you can figure out what type of headgear it has, because knowing the difference can open up a whole new perspective on an animal’s characteristics. Antler or Horn? Deer or cow-like? Is it something even more unique like a Giraffe? Antlers and horns definitely make an immediate statement, but knowing the difference can provide you with the clues to create a connection between all of the animals rocking headgear at the Montgomery Zoo.
Summer quickly came to an end, and now it is time to return for my senior year of college. I had the privilege of just completing my first summer internship at the Montgomery Zoo. The Montgomery Zoo has held a special place in my heart. I've visited the zoo countless times since I was a toddler. I fully believe that the Montgomery Zoo has instilled a healthy respect for animals and a devotion to conservation of wildlife. Transitioning from a full-time University of Alabama student to a Zoo Services intern has been a rewarding adventure. I got to build on my graphic design experience, practice my photography skills, and debut on live television at Alabama News Network!

One of my favorite tasks this summer was going into the zoo to photograph animals. There were several times when I got on the ground to photograph our beautiful Bengal tigers, Morte and Shanti. I caught myself encouraging the animals to stay still so that I could capture the perfect shot. Guess what? It didn’t work. Photographing animals has taught me patience and tenacity. I kept returning to the same exhibits several times to get a shot that would showcase the beauty of a specific animal. (Ocelots, I’m looking at you.) Sometimes, I would wait for at least 30 minutes at one exhibit to capture the perfect moment I was looking for. Some days were long, uncomfortable and hot, but I loved every second of it!

The most memorable experience occurred on my first day when Steve Pierce, the Zoo’s Program Services Manager, asked me if I had ever fed the giraffes in the Giraffe Encounter Post. I hadn’t, but was game and eagerly willing to try something new. Being eye level with these majestic animals was an amazing experience, and something that I would encourage every guest to try.

Interning at the Montgomery Zoo has been a great adventure with something new going on every day! It’s been so much fun to help promote our summer events ranging from Military Appreciation Day to our Twilight Tuesdays in August. I look forward to watching the growth of the Montgomery Zoo. Thank you for a great summer and an unforgettable experience.
Summer’s over…now what? As fall approaches the kids head back to school, football season kicks off, and the temperatures begin to cool. Well, perhaps not so much “cool” here in Alabama, but we do benefit from an ever so slight drop in afternoon highs. When planning your fall activities, remember include the Montgomery Zoo and Mann Museum. We have several great options for kids and adults alike.

The kids are back to school and ready to learn new and exciting things. Making the classroom come alive with engaging and interactive lessons is one great way to help new information stick in their young minds. The Montgomery Zoo and Mann Museum can support and enhance students’ learning experiences and promote “stickiness” of new information on wild animals, their adaptations, living environments, and much more. The Zoo makes it easy for teachers to walk on the wild side and help their students see the animals that they learn about in textbooks up close.

Book a class field trip to the zoo and spend the day exploring and observing animals from five continents. Tack on a trip through the museum to view a vast collection of preserved North American wildlife and marvel at the great size of polar bears and elk. Teachers can take advantage of discounted school group rates that make trips to the zoo very affordable. Plus, for every 15 paying students, one teacher receives free admission! To enhance the learning experience of zoo field trips, teachers also have access to download a scavenger hunt customized for the Montgomery Zoo.

Bring the wild to your classroom with a presentation from the Zoo’s Education Department. Schedule a visit from the Zoo2Go van and select from a variety of different programming options. From the always popular, Animal Adaptations which focuses on how different animals have developed unique methods for surviving the wild to Creatures of the Night which highlights nocturnal animals, we have programs to fit your teaching goals. The Education Department will come to your classroom with up to seven different animals to share with the students. To view...

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When it’s hot, come in to the Mann Museum where it’s 72 degrees, and much different from outside. It will put a smile on your face as you walk in.

Animals adapt as weather changes. Often you can witness changes to their coats and body size as the weather becomes warmer or cooler. Animals in the deer family, like moose, whitetail deer and elk tend to put on a thicker layer of hair as the temperatures begin to drop. They also will add weight and body mass to survive the cold air exposure. On the contrary, as the temps rise, you will observe their hair shedding and dropping pounds. Both will help them endure the warmer weather and keep their body cooler.

**Moose:** The moose is the largest deer in the world. Moose feed primarily on woody plants such as twigs and buds of willow, balsam, aspen and maple. Moose live in North America; including almost all of Canada, Alaska, northern New England and upstate New York, the upper Rocky Mountains, northern Minnesota, Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, and Isle Royale in Lake Superior. An adult male stands 7 feet tall at the shoulder and weigh upwards of 1500lbs.

**Elk:** Elk is the second largest species of deer. During the fall, elk grow a thinker coat of hair, which helps to insulate them during the winter. Elk is a ruminant species, with a four-chambered stomach, and feeds on grasses, plants, leaves and bark. During the summer, elk eat almost constantly, consuming between upwards of 16 pounds of vegetation daily. Males are called bulls, and females are called cows.

**Whitetail Deer:** White-tailed deer, the smallest members of the North American deer family, are found from southern Canada to South America. In the heat of summer they typically inhabit fields and meadows using clumps of broad-leaved and coniferous forests for shade. During the winter they will gather together as many as 150 gathering into large groups. The whitetail deer which gives the animal its name, is used as a warning device, if alarmed, the deer will raise, or “Flag” its tail, exhibiting a large patch of white. This communicates danger to other deer and also help fawns to follow their mother during flight.

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**MANN MUSEUM** WHERE THE DEER, MOOSE AND ELK PLAY

Deborah Stewart
Museum Attendant II

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**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.

Whitetail deer and moose are both part of the deer family. Many people in Alabama are familiar with whitetail deer; however, have never seen an moose roaming the plains or woods.
Volunteering in the community serves many purposes that benefit both the organization and the individual. Through volunteering, individuals are able to give back to others, help those in need, earn service hours for school or civic organizations, develop skills, and explore career interests. In return, the organization receiving the help benefits from the extra hands, ideas, and time.

With many sites around the River Region needing volunteers, individuals can select an organization that fits both their personal interests and skillset. Many volunteers choose the Zoo as a volunteer site because they love animals and enjoy exotic animals in particular.

One such volunteer is Moriah Lewis, a Montgomery native who began volunteering at the zoo in June of 2017. Moriah is an upcoming senior at Brewbaker Technology Magnet High School who aspires to become a veterinarian after college. Wanting to spend some of her summer giving back to the community, Moriah selected the zoo because of her interest in animals. She is still considering her choice of college but currently leans toward attending either Tuskegee University or Fort Valley State University in Georgia.

Originally, Moriah intended to become a veterinarian who focused solely on domestic animals. Volunteering at the zoo has enhanced her appreciation for wild animals, and she now has an increased interest in working at a zoo following veterinary school.

Over the course of the summer, Moriah has logged over 60 service hours, primarily helping at the Giraffe Encounter. When asked what she enjoys most about volunteering, Moriah says she likes both watching the animals and helping zoo guests. In particular she enjoys seeing the children interact with the giraffes. During her time at the zoo, she has learned that the giraffes seem to not enjoy the rain too much, and she is fascinated by their long tongues and gentle nature. In addition to the giraffes, Moriah says that favorite animal at the zoo is the pygmy hippo because she loves the water and the hippo is fun and graceful to watch.

Moriah encourages others to pursue volunteer opportunities because it is good for building a college resume and to gain people skills. Volunteering at the zoo has allowed Moriah to gain more exposure to non-domestic animals as well as more experience interacting with people. We wish Moriah the best as she enters her final year of high school and works toward her goal of becoming a veterinarian. Perhaps in a few years we will see her back at the Montgomery Zoo as a veterinary intern.
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Kidzone!

Let’s take a look at the facts:

- The largest species of stingray measure 6.5 feet in length and can weigh up to 790 pounds.
- Stingrays are closely related to sharks.
- Their long tails usually have a spine and venom. Their tails are used as a form of protection from predators.
- Stingrays eat clams, shrimp, and mussels. And can be fed by hand.
- Stingrays don’t use their eyes to find prey. Their eyes are on top of their bodies, but they use their electro-sensors to locate their next meal.

Color Me Stingrays

Zooboo
AT THE MONTGOMERY ZOO
OCTOBER 13-15, 20-22, & 27-31
6PM - 9PM NIGHTLY

Join us for 11 nights of fun and fright at ZooBoo. Climb aboard the thrill ride of a life time Haunted Hay Ride or mosey on over to a traditional, non-scary hay ride at the Pumpkin Pull. Enjoy games, bouncy castles, concessions and much more at ZooBoo! Gates open at 6pm, the first Haunted Hay Ride will pull out at dusk.

Admission: $15 for ages 3 years and older. FREE for ages 2 years old and younger. Admission includes one ride ticket (either to the Haunted Hay Ride or the Pumpkin Pull) and 10 game tickets (one sheet). FREE for ages 2 years and younger. Montgomery Zoo members receive a 50% discounted admission.

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We are on the “haunt” for ZooBoo volunteers. The Zoo needs approximately 150 volunteers per night for a successful event. It is a fun way to gain school-required community service hours, plus you get to scare people. 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 11 night event. An average of 130-140 volunteers flock to the zoo each night to man the games, work in the ticket booth, help with rides, and most importantly 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. Those interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Christy Wells at (334) 625.4902 or cwells@montgomeryal.gov. With your help we can make ZooBoo 2017 the best yet!

Gideon
Top model, cover debut
Gideon, parttime cover model, full time giraffe at the Montgomery Zoo, was featured (with some other fellows) on the August 2017 issue of River Region Living kick starting the American Cancer Society’s MEN IN PINK campaign. The campaign will take ground in October raising funds aiding in cancer treatment and research. Watch for details on the Zoo’s social media and web site on how you can help!

Events at the zoo

SEPT 14, ZOOBILATION CELEBRATING SUCCESS. Dance to the groove, delight in drinks and samplings from the River Region’s finest eateries and specialty bars, and try your luck with the auction. This year we are celebrating the success of the new exhibits added to the Montgomery Zoo during the past few years. Zoobilation is an annual fundraiser for adults only. Tickets are required, all guests must be 21 years of age or older to attend.

SEPT 22, BALLET & THE BEASTS. Enjoy the Montgomery Ballet in a FREE performance under the stars at the Montgomery Zoo. Admission is FREE, picnic blankets, lawn chairs, and coolers are welcome. Gates open at 6pm, performance will begin at dusk.

OCT 9, COLUMBUS DAY. The Montgomery Zoo and Mann Museum will be open 9am - 5:30pm, last admission is at 4pm and major animal exhibits begin closing at 4:30pm.

OCT 13-15, 20-22, & 27-31 ZOOBOO. Join us for 11 nights of horror and fun at Zoo Boo, 6pm - 9pm nightly. Climb aboard the thrill ride of a life time Haunted Hay Ride or mosey on over to the Pumpkin Pull for a good, ole fashioned, non-scary, traditional hay ride. Enjoy games, bouncy castles, concessions and much more at Zoo Boo. Gates open nightly at 6pm, and the first Haunted Hay Ride will pull out at dusk. $15 (ages 3 years old and older). Toddlers 2 years and younger are FREE. Ticket includes entry, one ride on either the Haunted Hay Ride (scary ride) or the Pumpkin Pull Hay Ride (non-scary) and one sheet of game tickets (10 tickets per sheet). Montgomery Zoo members receive a 50% discount on ZooBoo admission.

NOV 5-11 VETERANS APPRECIATION WEEK. Join the Montgomery Zoo in thanking the proud men and women of the armed forces. During Veteran’s Appreciation Week, all veterans, active duty military and their immediate family members receive a 50% DISCOUNT on regular daytime admission to the Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum. Participants must provide a valid military identification to receive discount. Thank you for your service and dedication to this proud nation.

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ZOOBILATION
A NIGHT OF FOOD MUSIC DRINK & FUN! SEPT 14
AT THE MONTGOMERY ZOO

September 14, 6pm-10pm  Tickets $50 per person, per ticket
*All guests attending ZOOBILATION must be at least 21 years old to attend.