

# Wild Things



Valentina F., of Cudahy, and Liza H., of Milwaukee, hang up the ornaments they created for the Fantastic Forest.

Photo by Stacy Kaat

## TREES ~YOU HAVE~ TO SEE



### Fantastic Forest *Sponsored by Hawks Landscape* Dec. 1-29

The Milwaukee County Zoo is the only place you will find an elephant, a hippo and a zebra in a tree together. It's all part of the Fantastic Forest, where we combine our love for animals with the holidays. Come and see hundreds of handmade animal ornaments hanging from 63 evergreen trees at the Zoo. Milwaukee-area youth groups will make the ornaments based on this year's theme, "Animals from Around the World." With a creative use of paints, markers, paper, glue and so much more, these trees donated by Hawks Landscape will be covered in color and imagination. Don't miss the magic from Dec. 1-29 in the U.S. Bank Gathering Place.

If you're in the giving spirit, take a look at the zookeeper-hosted Giving Tree. It is decorated with ornaments listing items that you can purchase for the animals at the Zoo. It's one present you won't need to wrap.

*Students from Decorah Elementary School in West Bend display their giant, handcrafted giraffe next to the trees they decorated.*

Photo by Stacy Kaat

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Photo by Joel Miller

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*Santa and Mrs. Claus deliver a special gift to Cecilia R., 4, of Wauwatosa, at Breakfast with Santa.*

Photo by Stacy Kaat

# Smiles with Santa

## Breakfast & Lunch with Santa

Sponsored by Racine Danish Kringles

Dec. 2-3, 9-10, and 16-17

Cost: Adults: \$22.95, children (3-12): \$17.95, 2 & under: \$5.95; parking not included. Guests must pre-register.

**Go to [milwaukeezoo.org](http://milwaukeezoo.org) or call 414-771-3040.**

What do snowmen eat for breakfast? Snowflakes! Santa probably likes a "jolly-roll" in the morning. As for zoogoers, you can feast on kringle, pancakes, sausage and fruit when you come to see Santa Claus this December. Families can also choose to have lunch with jolly ol' St. Nick. The event takes place in the Peck Welcome Center and includes live entertainment and a gift for each child. After you let Santa know what you want this Christmas, take a walk around the Zoo and see which animals are enjoying the Wisconsin winter. New this year, breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. on both Saturdays and Sundays. There is also a lunch option at noon on both days. **The event sells out quickly, so register now.**



*Avery A., 2, of Milwaukee, sits on Santa's lap during Breakfast with Santa.*

Photo by Stacy Kaat



## Memberanda

**Zoological Society office hours:** 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekends.

**Zoo hours:** 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. weekdays, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekends.

**Holiday hours:** The Zoological Society offices will be closed Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving and Dec. 25. The office will remain open from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Dec. 24 and 31, and Jan. 1. Visit us online at [zoopass.com](http://zoopass.com).

**Payment information at Zoo admission gates:** The Milwaukee County Zoo staff does not accept checks for Zoo Pass purchases or renewal payments at the Zoo's admission gates. Please contact our office at 414-258-2333 if you would like to visit the Zoo to pick up or purchase a Zoo Pass or Sponsor an Animal gift package.

For tax-time tips, Zoo Pass benefits and other details, please see

**Tax Tips at:** [zoosociety.org/Membership/Things2Know.php](http://zoosociety.org/Membership/Things2Know.php).

**Tax-deductible portions for the Zoo Pass categories are:**

Individual (Basic: \$60, Plus: \$71), Individual +1 or Couple (Basic: \$70, Plus: \$80), Individual + 2, Family and Single Adult Family (Basic: \$75, Plus: \$95), Family +1 (Basic \$94, Plus: \$104), Family +2 (Basic: \$101, Plus: \$113), Family +3 (Basic: \$117, Plus: \$126), Affiliate (Basic: \$154, Plus: \$157), Benefactor (Basic: \$218, Plus: \$220).

**Reciprocal zoos and aquariums:** We update our list of zoos and aquariums that offer reduced or free admission to our members with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums in January each year. We only reciprocate with AZA-accredited facilities and reserve the right to not reciprocate with zoos and aquariums located within close proximity

of the Milwaukee County Zoo. Please be sure to contact our offices prior to your travels at 414-258-2333 or visit [zoosociety.org/Membership/Reciprocal.php](http://zoosociety.org/Membership/Reciprocal.php) if you have any questions.

**Moving?** Please call us when you change your address or name. The call saves us money because when the post office returns your mail with a forwarding address, we pay twice for mailing: to the old address and the new. If you've changed your address on your identification, replacement cards may be purchased with the new information for \$5.

**New computer system:** In mid-January 2018, the Society will upgrade its computer system to a new program. While we plan on the transition going smoothly, please let us know if there seems to be something amiss about your account. Feel free to contact us at 414-258-2333.

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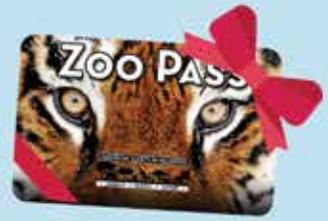
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# THE GIFT OF MEMORIES



The holidays can be a magical time filled with joy, but also headaches. There is the stress of finding the perfect gift and then making the time to shop for it. As the gift receiver, it can be a tense time if it is a gift you know you won't use or a gift your child will play with for a week and then shove in the corner. A perfect solution is giving the gift of a Zoo Pass. Terri Hawk, her husband Matt Astbury and their three children are grateful for the gift of a Zoo Pass they receive each Christmas from the children's grandparents. "Christmas is a time to spend with family, and the Zoo Pass allows us to do that all year! And it doesn't take up space in the toy closet or need batteries," explains Hawk.

Hawk knows the gift is coming each year, and that doesn't make it any less special. "As I look back on my own childhood, it's the experiences I remember most, not opening a specific gift at Christmas. It may not provide instant gratification to the kids, but the smiles and happiness are plentiful during every visit." A Zoo Pass pays for itself just after two visits, a number that Hawk and Astbury quickly surpass. The family also

enjoys the flexibility to come to the Zoo for a few hours and not feel pressure to stay all day.

By giving the gift of a Zoo Pass, you are also giving all the perks that come with it. Zoo Pass members are able to sign up for Zoo Classes first and at a discounted rate. There are also member-only evening events in the summer that Hawk and Astbury enjoy. Zoo Pass members get discounts on most items in the Zoo's gift shops and on special events hosted by the Zoological Society.

While Hawk and Astbury understand and appreciate the value, the children enjoy the animals. Jackson, 5, loves the Aquatic & Reptile Center and can spend hours inside watching his favorite animal, the shark. His younger sister, Evelyn, 3, explains her love for a very tall land animal. "My favorite animal is the giraffe because their tongue sticks out as far as the elephant's nose and it's fun to feed them." Winter is the family's favorite time of year to come to the Zoo. It's not too busy, and it gives them a chance to get the kids out of the house.

Whether you ask for a Zoo Pass or you plan on giving it as a gift, you can't go wrong. All or part of the pass is tax-deductible. To see the different levels that best suit you or your family along with all the perks, go to [zoosociety.org/membership](http://zoosociety.org/membership).



*Left: Evelyn, 3, feeds the giraffes during a visit to the Zoo.*



*Right: Siblings Evelyn, Asher and Jackson ride the train during a summer visit.*



# A WINTER FUN RUN

## Samson Stomp & Romp

Sponsored by Amica Insurance

Jan. 14, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Here's one thing you can quickly cross off your New Year's resolution list: run a race! The annual January event brings in runners from all over to honor Samson, the Zoo's beloved silverback gorilla (1950-1981). While you may not run as fast as a silverback gorilla – 20 to 25 miles per hour – it's still fun to try.



Timothy H., 3, of Kenosha, meets the gorilla mascot at Samson Stomp.

Photo by Olga Kornienko



And they're off! Racers run under the train trestle.

Photo by Olga Kornienko

### Four races offered:

- A competitive 5k run, which can include teams
- A two-mile fun run
- A one-mile romp
- A quarter-mile romp for children

Individual runners can pre-register for \$25 and teams for \$20 per runner. The children's romp is \$10 per child. Each registration includes a long-sleeved T-shirt, Zoo admission and parking. Same-day registration costs \$30. Dust off your running shoes, and here we go! Zoo Passes are not valid for this event.

**Register online now at [milwaukeezoo.org](http://milwaukeezoo.org)**

# A KNOCKOUT NIGHT

## Puttin' on the Ritz

Sponsored by Husch Blackwell

Jan. 25 at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino

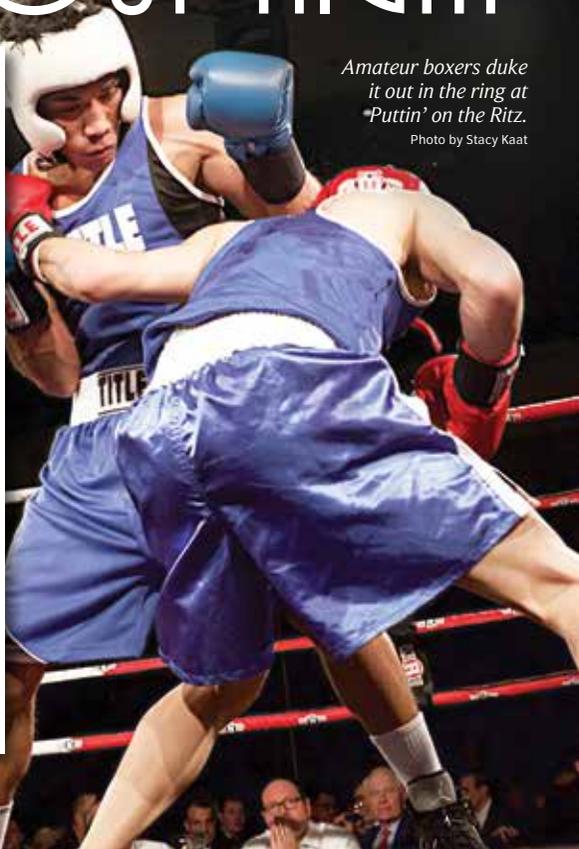
This annual fundraiser for the Zoological Society is guaranteed to be a knockout. Dress in your finest for this event inside Potawatomi Hotel & Casino. The evening starts with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. There are dozens of amazing items for you to bid on during the live and silent auctions. Then get ready for the "hook" as the amateur boxers, arranged by the Future Olympian Boxing Association, duke it out in three-round bouts. Last year's event raised more than \$180,000 for the Zoological Society and its support of the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Cost: \$200 per person, \$2,000 for a corporate table sponsorship or \$3,000 for a corporate ringside table sponsorship. Of the \$200 per-person cost, \$80 is tax-deductible.

Register at [zoosociety.org/Ritz](http://zoosociety.org/Ritz) or call 414-258-2333 to request a paper invitation.

Amateur boxers duke it out in the ring at Puttin' on the Ritz.

Photo by Stacy Kaat



# CLEVER CLASSES

On any given day, a child in a Zoo Class could be learning how to sift through simulated animal feces like a real veterinarian, pet a cockroach, rake a zebra's pile of hay or crack open a geode rock to see what is inside. While there are different classes each season for each age group, there is one thing all Zoo Classes have in common: They are fun! Every Zoo Class has an interactive element taking learning to a whole new level.

Our educators develop creative ways to help children of all ages understand the material. In the "Falcons, Eagles, Hawks and Owls" class, kids learn that kestrels, a species of raptor, can see urine trails left by mice. How do you make a subject matter like mice urine interactive? MaryLynn Conter Strack, enrichment program coordinator, developed a project to illustrate how kestrels can see in the ultraviolet range, which allows them to see urine left by mice. Mice urinate as they run, and they tend to run along the same paths over and over. When a kestrel spots a urine trail, it waits until a mouse runs by, then swoops down to catch it. In the class,

children create a habitat for a mouse using paper, leaves and twigs. They conceal a paper mouse under one of the leaves. Then they use a blacklight pen that writes in invisible ink to draw a trail leading to the mouse. The kids use a blacklight to see the trail leading to the mouse.

This is just one example of how every class is well thought out with loads of interaction, fun and knowledge. You can give Zoo Classes as gifts this holiday season. If you purchase gift certificates from the Zoological Society, recipients can cash it in for a class of their liking. They can choose from one of the many classes for children age infant to 14. There are also family classes and adult photography classes. To buy gift certificates, go to [zoosociety.org/Shop](http://zoosociety.org/Shop).

Mark your calendar, because registration for Spring Zoo Classes, sponsored by Meijer, starts Nov. 2. Zoo Pass members can register early and at a discounted price.



*Kids in "Ants, Bees and Worms" class touch a Madagascar hissing cockroach.*

Photo by Bob Wickland



*Kaily examines a fake animal fecal sample for parasites during "Vet Camp".*

Photo by Bob Wickland

[ZOOSOCIETY.ORG/EDUCATION](http://ZOOSOCIETY.ORG/EDUCATION)

# HONORING SUPPORTERS

On Sept. 19, the Zoological Society of Milwaukee hosted a dinner to thank some of its biggest supporters. Members of the Platypus Circle and Serengeti Circle gathered at the Peck Welcome Center for hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and a gourmet dinner. More than 300 donors who support the Society and the Zoo through sponsorships, grants and donor programs came to the event. Here are some of the award winners.



All Photos by Stacy Kaat

◀◀ Rich Tennesen was awarded the Emu Egg, the Society's highest honor. For 14 years Tennesen has contributed his expertise, time and insight to some of the Zoological Society's and Milwaukee County Zoo's biggest projects. He is a vital part of the Society's Executive, Nominating and Finance Committees, ensuring the financial growth and long-term stability of the organization.



Thrivent Mutual Funds was given the *Loxodonta africana* (African elephant) Award. The honor is presented to a corporation or foundation that significantly supports the Zoological Society and Zoo through grants and/or sponsorships. Thrivent sponsors the popular playground in the farm area. It also funded a major upgrade to technology in the education department, including tablet computers and digital microscopes. ▲▲



▲▲ Dr. Gay Reinartz received the *Pan paniscus* (bonobo) Award for her commitment to the conservation efforts of the Zoological Society and Zoo. Reinartz is the Zoological Society's conservation coordinator and program director of the Bonobo & Congo Biodiversity Initiative (BCBI). Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, BCBI studies and protects the bonobo, an endangered species of great ape and one of humankind's closest relatives, and other wildlife in the Democratic Republic of Congo through survey work and support of anti-poaching patrols.



Congratulations and thank you to the individuals and companies who have been members of the Platypus Circle for 25 years:

Patty & Paul Cadorin  
Tom & Mary Jo Dempsey  
Michael & Judy Fitzpatrick  
Trish & Drew Kagerbauer  
Lee & Benedict Kordus

Litho-Craft Co.  
Dr. William Stathas & Judy Holz Stathas (pictured)  
Fred & Anne Stratton

# COOL CATS



Male snow leopard, Asa.  
Photo by Richard Brodzeller

What's better than one snow leopard? Two snow leopards! This holiday season you can sponsor Asa and Orya, two of the Zoo's snow leopards, and get two plush toys. Snow leopards are found in the rugged mountains of Central Asia. They are made for cold and snowy weather. Their long, thick tails wrap around their bodies to keep them warm. Their large paws have a thick cushion of hair that enables them to walk over the snow without sinking, similar to a snowshoe. Zookeepers hope Asa and Orya will eventually breed.

This limited-time offer is available through Jan. 31, 2018. Send your gift anywhere in the continental United States. Shipping & handling included. We must receive your order by Dec. 19, 2017, to guarantee delivery for Christmas.

#### Your \$50 sponsorship package includes:

- Two adorable plush-toy snow leopards
- A colorful fact sheet on snow leopards
- A certificate of sponsorship
- An invitation to a behind-the-scenes event for animal sponsors at the Zoo
- Sponsor recognition on our "All in the Family" donor board for a year
- A Sponsor an Animal decal



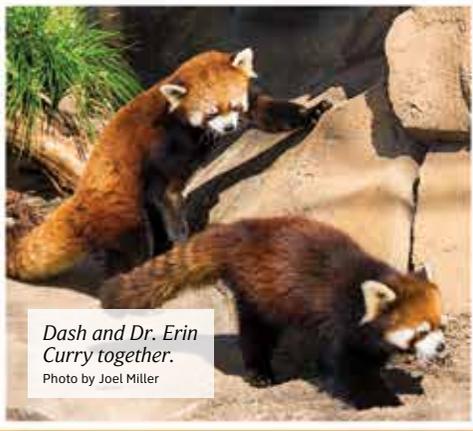
*The tax-deductible portion of this sponsorship is \$39. Plush-toy offer good while supplies last.*

## SAVING MONEY ON GIFTS

Everyone loves a deal, sale or discount. Starting on Black Friday, Nov. 24-Feb. 1, Zoo Pass holders get a 20% discount on purchases of \$20 or more in the Zoo gift shops. The deal will apply to hundreds of items, including most sale and clearance items. The discount does not apply to the two-for-\$32 plush or promo plush toy deal. Stock up on presents or take home something adorable for yourself. **Just don't forget to bring your Zoo Pass.**



# YOUR SUPPORT AT WORK



*Dash and Dr. Erin Curry together.*  
Photo by Joel Miller

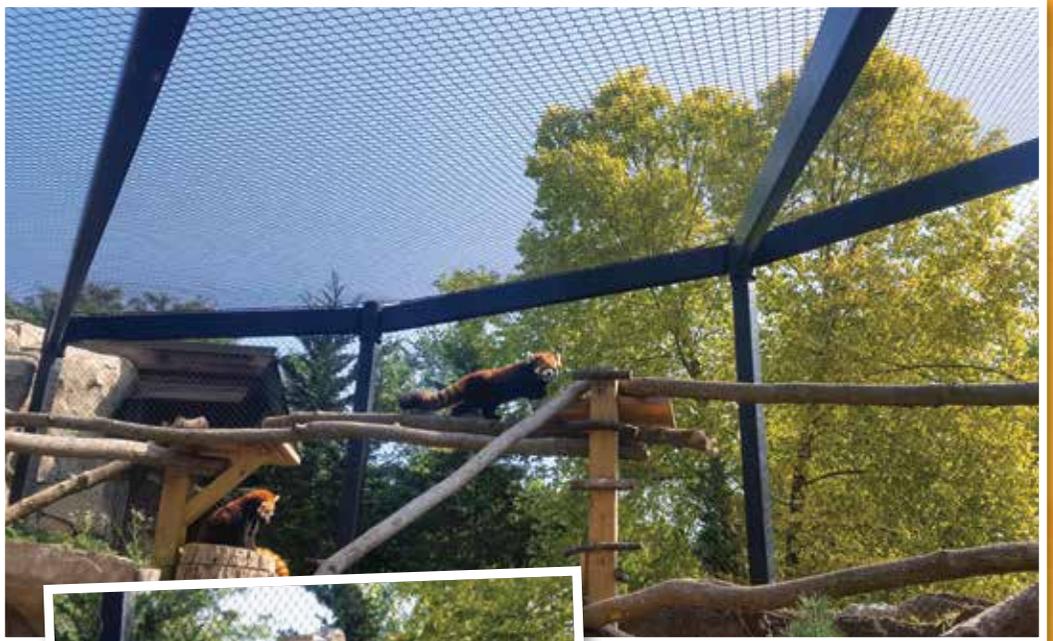
from wild animals like raccoons. That means they can freely and safely spend more time outside. Also new is the climbing structure that is like a work of art. There are resting platforms with multiple logs going in different directions. "The idea was to give them as many paths as possible and multiple escape routes off each platform," says Katie Kuhn, area supervisor. Kuhn explains that red pandas prefer to be off the ground as much as possible.

The climbing structure is made of limbs and logs from trees inside the Zoo grounds. The forestry department worked with Kuhn on figuring out where each log starts, ends and connects. The logs give the exhibit a more natural feel, and it is a closer fit to their natural habitat. The new set-up also allows for enrichment items to be placed throughout the exhibit. For example, zookeepers have more spots to hide bamboo for Dash and Dr. Erin Curry to find.

The timing of the completed renovation is perfect since red pandas like cooler temperatures. You will be able to see them outside through the winter. Make sure to look up because they like to sunbathe high off the ground.

One of the most talked about relationships at the Zoo is between Dash and Dr. Erin Curry. It's a classic "will they, won't they" as everyone waits to see if they will have babies. The two red pandas were introduced to each other last year and so far they have a good relationship. Now, thanks to generous donations during a previous annual appeal, the duo can spend more time together in their updated outdoor exhibit.

The money raised helped put a mesh netting around the exhibit to protect the red pandas



**Above:** Thanks to donors who supported a previous annual appeal, the red pandas have a new climbing structure and are protected from wild animals.

**Left:** One of the resting platforms with five different route options.

# TRACKING A BETTER UNDER- STANDING

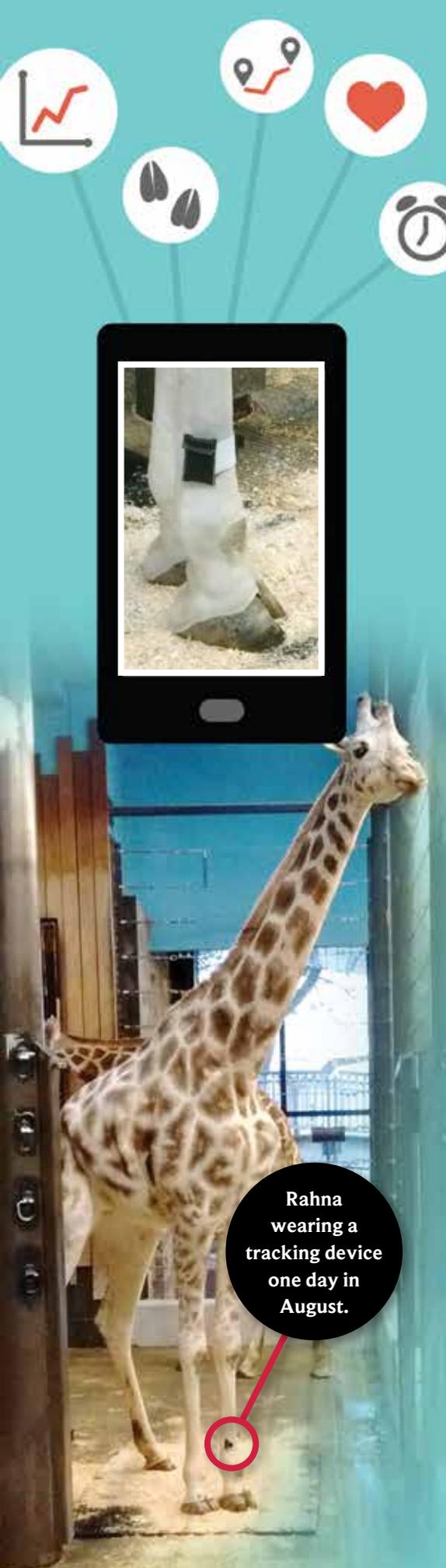


It seems everyone has some form of activity-tracking device. Whether it's a Fitbit® or an app on your phone, something is tracking your steps and workout. Two giraffes at the Milwaukee County Zoo are the latest to get in on the action. Rahna and Bahatika wore the device 24 hours a day, one day a week, for the month of August. They did the same thing this past February. It's all part of a multi-zoo study by a researcher at the Brookfield Zoo in Illinois.

The actual device is about the size of a matchbox that fits into a pouch on an elastic ankle wrap. It's not just tracking steps; it's also tracking the few moments when a giraffe sits or lies down. Much like other trackers, this one can tell when the giraffe is sleeping, how deep of a sleep and for how long. In the wild, giraffes almost never lie down because of vulnerability to predators. When they do sleep, it's only for a few minutes at a time.

Bahatika and Rahna were the best candidates for the tracker because they have both had some training in the past to allow zookeepers to touch their legs and feet. "I figured I could build on that training and fairly easily get them to the point of allowing me to put an elastic anklet on them," says pachyderm area supervisor Joan Stasica. "Most giraffes do not naturally like to be touched, and so any procedure that involves a lot of touching also involves a lot of training and desensitization and trust-building."

The information collected with this tracker is combined with information gathered from video recordings of the giraffes and stress hormones measured in their fecal samples. The head researcher in Illinois is looking to answer a variety of questions regarding behavior, movement and stress levels in captive giraffes in winter versus summer months. Studies like this can help zookeepers better understand individual animals and their needs, leading to better care in the future.



Rahna wearing a tracking device one day in August.



# A WILD COMEBACK

**T**hanks to conservation efforts, some species are making a comeback from the brink of extinction. The golden lion tamarin is one of the success stories. It is the only species of primate in the world, so far, to go up in status from critical to endangered. In the early 1990s, there were fewer than 300 in the wild; there are now more than 3,000. The success is thanks to an organization called Associação Mico-Leão Dourado, otherwise referred to as AMLD. As part of her master's degree program, primate zookeeper Kara DeLanty had the chance to go to Brazil and see how AMLD is bringing back the golden lion tamarin.

Golden lion tamarins are only found in the Atlantic Forest in Brazil. The development of big cities like Rio De Janerio destroyed their homes. "In order to save the golden lion tamarin, AMLD

had to do a lot of reforestation. They worked with the government and farmers to convert land back to rainforest," DeLanty explains. There are groups of golden lion tamarins living in four forest fragments. Now the organization is trying to plant trees that will connect those forests with each other. This will help build genetic diversity as the animals move from one forest to another to meet new families.

While in Brazil, DeLanty learned another challenge facing the golden lion tamarins are common marmosets, a species of monkey. They are invasive in the region, and there isn't enough food for them and the tamarins in the wild. AMLD feeds the golden lion tamarins twice a week by leaving bananas out on platforms in certain areas. DeLanty says the common marmosets may have started as pets. When people no longer wanted them or couldn't care for them anymore, they were dumped in the forest where they unfortunately thrived.

DeLanty praises the work AMLD did – and continues to do – to help the golden lion tamarin. "Other organizations should take note. They are an impressive group, passionate and focused." Much of the group's success comes from the support of its government and the people of Brazil. Brazil's Central Bank chose an image of a golden lion tamarin to go on the Brazilian 20 paper bill. Earlier this year the Brazilian government agreed to expand a reserve where many animals live by 13,000 acres.

Zoos can be vital when it comes to conservation efforts. DeLanty feels when people come to the Zoo they form an emotional connection with an animal and may, in turn, feel empathy to help save them in the wild. You can see the golden lion tamarins in the Small Mammals Building year round.



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## QUICK FACTS:



**The Milwaukee County Zoo was one of 41 zoos in the world to reintroduce golden lion tamarins into the wild.**



**Parents Levi and Basil have three children at the Zoo.**



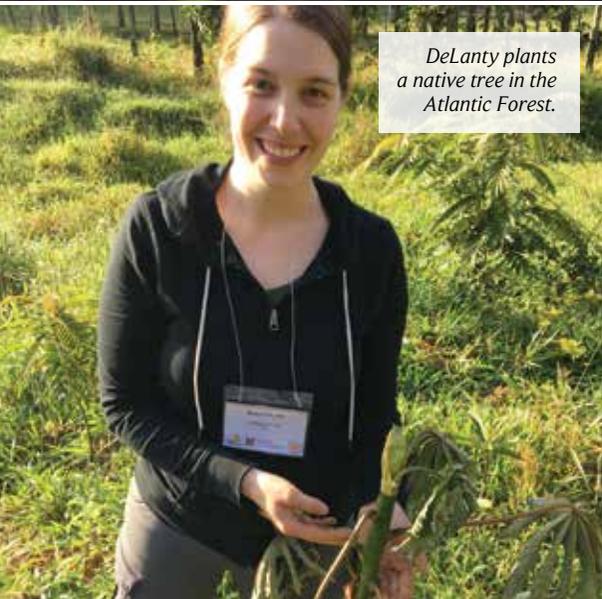
**Dad often carries the baby on his back.**



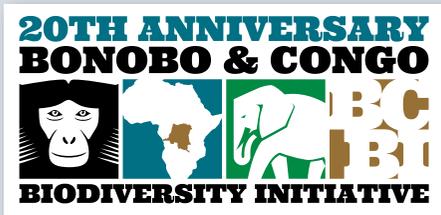
Photo by Bob Wickland

# BONOBO CELEBRATION

There is a lot to celebrate this year when it comes to one of our closest relatives, the bonobo. The Association of Zoos & Aquariums honored the Zoological Society of Milwaukee with AZA's 2017 International Conservation Award for significant achievement for its Bonobo & Congo Biodiversity Initiative (BCBI). This annual award recognizes exceptional efforts toward regional habitat preservation, species restoration and support of biodiversity in the wild. BCBI recently documented a population of 4,100 bonobos – possibly the largest unfragmented population of bonobos ever discovered.



*DeLanty plants a native tree in the Atlantic Forest.*



BCBI is also celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. It is the longest-running conservation project in the Salonga National Park, a huge wildlife reserve in the Democratic Republic of Congo. BCBI works to study and protect the bonobo and other wildlife, such as the forest elephant, through survey work and support of anti-poaching patrols.

**To read more about the incredible work done by BCBI, go to [bonoboconservation.com](http://bonoboconservation.com).**

AMLD receives funding and support from the U.S. organization "Save the Lion Tamarin."

You can read more about their efforts at [SaveTheLionTamarin.org](http://SaveTheLionTamarin.org)

# A SPACE ADVENTURE



Kohl's Wild Theater is boldly going where it has never gone before: outer space. The theater program that teaches us all about animals and conservation has a similar message, but from thousands of miles away. This winter, Kohl's Wild Theater is introducing a new musical, "The Monarch: A Space Adventure." Schools and teachers have been requesting a show about space for years, and Kohl's Wild Theater answered with a powerful new musical. "I think the idea of space travel is exciting. Audiences love the idea of going on an adventure," says Dave McLellan, Kohl's Wild Theater program coordinator. "By comparing other planets to Earth, this show enables us to highlight how people and wildlife are all fellow travelers on 'spaceship Earth,'" says James Mills, director of education for the Zoological Society.

The upcoming show features Captain Jane Faraday and Mr. Ben Sable as they head into space looking for alternative fuel. What they find is a child stowaway named Sam. As the three travel in space, the audience learns about other planets, the atmosphere and what living things need to survive. There are, of course, some twists and turns along the way. The show uses a high-tech set with an interactive video board. The computer, Copernicus, is a fourth member of the crew. Not only is he a source of information, he is the source of a lot of laughs.

"The Monarch: A Space Adventure" premieres in February, and schools are already booking the show. The 40-minute musical is meant for grades 1 through 5 and meets certain science criteria. Kohl's Wild Theater is made possible by a partnership with Kohl's Cares, the Zoological Society of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee County Zoo. It performs shows through the year free of charge at schools, festivals and community events within a one-hour radius of the Zoo.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK A SHOW, VISIT [WILDTHEATER.ORG](http://WILDTHEATER.ORG).**

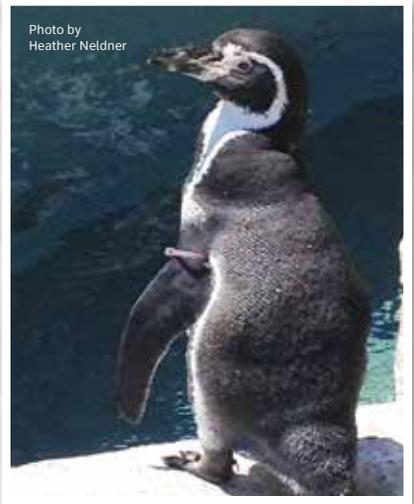
# WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Did you ever wonder how some animals at the Zoo got their names? Here are just a few stories.



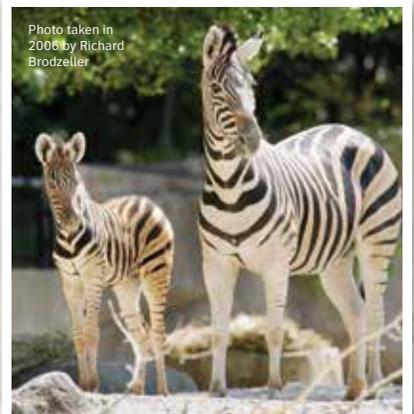
A female elk calf born in June 2016 was named Arya after a character in the popular show "Game of Thrones." According to North America area supervisor Dawn Fleuchaus, **ARYA** means strong and noble, and the character is a very tough girl.

Zookeeper Heather Neldner names penguin chicks based on themes each year. In 2014 she came up with a flower theme. Three Humboldt penguins hatched that year. One hatched on Easter Sunday and was named Lilly after an Easter lily. The second penguin was named Daisy. The third penguin chick was not growing like she should and was not hitting growth milestones for her age. Zookeepers would take her out of the exhibit to weigh and feed her. They joked that she needed to start growing like a weed. She was also a little cranky, so someone suggested the name **THISTLE** and it stuck. Thistle did start to grow and caught up to all the milestones.



The youngest harbor seal pup, born in 2016, is named **TRITON**. He was the third (tri) pup from Sydney and Ringo. Triton is a name from Greek mythology. He is the son of Poseidon, the god of the sea. So for a third pup that spends most of his time in the water, the name fits.

"Zink the Zebra" was a book written by an 11-year-old girl battling cancer. Zink has spots instead of stripes. The book teaches others about compassion, respect and acceptance. The Zoo's oldest female zebra has a white dot on the front of her body and was named **ZINK**. Her daughter, born at the Zoo in 2006, was named **KELLY** after the author of the book. After Kelly Weil died of cancer, her family set up a foundation to continue her message.



# BY THE NUMBERS



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## 1. Birdies & Eagles Golf Tournament

Glenn Robi tees off at the annual Birdies & Eagles Golf Tournament fundraiser, sponsored by **GRAEF**. The July 31 event attracted 134 golfers, raising \$103,690.  
Photo by Richard Taylor

## 2. Snooze at the Zoo

Isabel, 9, Addison, 8, and Johnny, 5, enjoy their setup at Snooze at the Zoo. The camping event, sponsored by **Post Consumer Brands** and **Sentry Foods**, was held Aug. 9-12. About 1,400 campers spent the night at the Zoo, raising \$61,745.  
Photo by Bob Wickland



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## 3. A La Carte

Katie Lederhaus, of Muskego, gets a funnel cake at **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel** a la Carte, presented by **Meijer**. The four-day event, Aug. 17-20, brought in 62,866 people.  
Photo by Richard Taylor

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## 4. Senior Celebration

Dozens participate in line dancing during Senior Celebration, sponsored by **St. Camillus, A Life Plan Community**. The free event for anyone 55 and older drew in 7,192 people on Sept. 1.  
Photo by Olga Kornienko

## 5. Ride on the Wild Side

Lynn P., of Waukesha, and children Frankie, 2, and Drew, 5, take part in Ride on the Wild Side, sponsored by **Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield** with media sponsors **News/Talk 1130, FM106.1, 95.7 BIG FM, 97-3 NOW and V100.7**. More than 700 riders helped raise \$30,000.  
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# NEW TO THE ZOO



**IT DOESN'T GET MUCH CUTER THAN BABY ANIMALS,** even when they are born larger than many adult humans. On Sept. 2, the Zoo welcomed baby giraffe Kazi. He was born about 5 feet 10 inches tall and 150 pounds. Kazi, meaning labor or work, was born on Labor Day weekend. He was born to mom, Ziggy, and dad, Bahatika. This is Ziggy's second calf. She is a very attentive mom and has been taking good care of Kazi.

**HOLY COW!** One of the newest members of the family farm is a black and white Holstein calf. As you can see, Lacey is missing one of the colors. She is almost completely white except the tips of her ears. This is a first for the Milwaukee County Zoo. Lacey was born on Aug. 3 to mom, Darcy, and dad, Maui. Holstein cows are known for their impressive milk production.



**CHIMICHANGA & QUESADILLA** are new to the Zoo. They aren't menu items; they are Gila monsters that will now live in the Aquatic & Reptile Center. They are under a year old and about 8 inches long. They are expected to triple their length as they grow. The Gila monster is one of two venomous lizards in North America. It is the largest lizard native to the U.S., and it tends to adjust its behavior according to the temperature. It's been 25 years since the Zoo had Gila monsters.

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# What's Happening

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## Nov. 2

Online registration begins for 2018 Spring Zoo Classes, sponsored by Meijer

## Nov. 4

Family Free Day, sponsored by North Shore Bank; media sponsor: WITI FOX 6 (Parking fees still apply)\*

## Dec. 1-29

Fantastic Forest, sponsored by Hawks Landscape\*

## Dec. 2

Family Free Day, sponsored by North Shore Bank; media sponsor: WITI FOX 6 (Parking fees still apply)\*

## Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17

Breakfast & Lunch with Santa, sponsored by Racine Danish Kringles (pre-register)

## Dec. 25-Jan. 1

Zoo admission free for all visitors (Parking fees still apply)\*

## Jan. 6

Family Free Day, sponsored by North Shore Bank; media sponsor: WITI FOX 6 (Parking fees still apply)\*

## Jan. 14

Samson Stomp & Romp, sponsored by Amica Insurance (pre-register)

## Jan. 25

Puttin' on the Ritz at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino, sponsored by Husch Blackwell (pre-register)

## Feb. 2

Groundhog Day at the Zoo\*

## Feb. 3

Spring Zoo Classes, sponsored by Meijer, begin

## Feb. 3

Family Free Day, sponsored by North Shore Bank; media sponsor: WITI FOX 6 (Parking fees still apply)\*

## Feb. 7

Online registration begins for Zoological Society Summer Camps

## Feb. 24

Zumba® Fitness Party at the Zoo (pre-register)

## March 3

Family Free Day, sponsored by North Shore Bank; media sponsor: WITI FOX 6 (Parking fees still apply)\*

\* Zoo Pass members get free Zoo admission with their Zoo Pass. Those with Zoo Pass Plus also get free parking for one vehicle per membership per day. Platypus Circle members receive free admission and parking with their card.



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