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A close-up photograph of a giraffe's head and neck. The giraffe is facing left, looking down at a pile of green leafy vegetation it is eating. Its distinctive brown and white patterned coat is clearly visible. The background shows a blurred view of a zoo enclosure with metal railings and some greenery.

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About 900 people visited the Zoo on September 26 for **Brew at the Zoo**, an adults-only event. Along with breweries from around the region, vendors sold tacos, pierogis, BBQ, pizza, and vegan noodles. Visitors could listen to Lakebed play in the picnic grove or Jake from Starheart by the Rhino Deck, get their pictures taken in the photo booth, or play a quick game of cornhole. It turned out to be a beautiful day for this great tradition!



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Cover: After a long wait,
giraffes have arrived at
the Zoo! This is Kellan, the
youngest of the bachelors.

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I reflect on this past year, I couldn't be prouder of our achievements here at the Potawatomi Zoo. Record-breaking attendance, generous donations, and increased memberships are all a testament to the support our community has for this growing zoo.

The Zoo's rapid growth is coming at an important time in the Zoo's history, the anniversary of being in the River Park neighborhood for 100 years. Over the years, we have witnessed the evolution of a small menagerie of animals in non-natural environments to the modern state-of-the-art facility we are becoming today. This growth and modernization is essential, not only to emphasize the great conservation work accredited zoos are doing, but to help us provide the best care for all of our animals.

Serving as the Zoo's Executive Director during this time of growth is so rewarding. I am fortunate to have a dedicated team of employees that conquered two difficult years, despite the hurdles and challenges of navigating the continued pandemic, and continue rising to new challenges. From the existing upgrades we've done over the past few years to bringing in giraffes for the first time in the Zoo's history, the Zoo staff has provided integral support every step of the way.

But our growth doesn't stop there. We have new projects and upgrades being planned and executed right now, part of our goal of providing high quality animal care in naturalistic, immersive environments.

You may wonder how we decide which project is next. Similar to most organizations, we have a strategic plan that provides a framework for the best direction and timelines for completing these projects. However, it's not set in stone. We have to balance the Association of Zoos and Aquariums standards, the welfare needs of our current animals, as well as create new and exciting habitats and amenities. Our plan is to begin work on a new concessions lodge and black bear habitat in the North American section of the Zoo next year. But we haven't forgotten about our current residents! This winter, we'll be working on our new lion habitat and making other upgrades to animal facilities.

The Potawatomi Zoo has long been an important amenity for our local community, and we will continue working toward being a great regional destination, a top-notch Zoo we can all be proud to visit.



Josh Sisk
Executive Director



NEW at the ZOO

This summer and fall, the Zoo welcomed some new babies and brought in a few new animals to be companions or on breeding recommendations.

The red panda pair, Justin and Maiya, had twin female cubs on June 17, the first red panda cubs since 2013. One cub had to be hand-raised by Animal Care staff for her first few months due to respiratory issues, but both cubs are with their mother in the red panda habitat now. Visitors will be able to see them during Gift of Lights and Winter Days during the Zoo's off-season.

For the first time ever, the Zoo's flamingo flock produced a healthy flamingo chick. Although the egg was laid by one pair—Pinky and Boyfriend—the egg was ultimately hatched on July 20 by foster parents, Carnation and Marinara. Named Rosé in a public naming contest, the chick is already as tall as her parents and turning pinker every day.

A white-faced saki monkey was born on October 3 behind the scenes to parents Ella and Marcelo. The sex of the baby isn't known yet, but zoo keepers report that it's healthy and active.

A new adult animal visitors might see this winter is Juniper, a female North American porcupine, who lives in the North American porcupine habitat with the male porcupine, Humvee. Not only do the porcupines have a breeding recommendation, the Zoo's Education Department hopes to begin training Juniper to be part of the Ambassador Animal program at the Zoo.

Several other species will make their debuts sometime after the Zoo opens on April 1, 2022.

From top: Red panda cubs, flamingo chick, white-faced saki monkey, North American porcupines.

**Read
More**
about red
pandas on
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CARE CORNER

Big and small ways we work with our community to help make a better world.

The Boys and Girls Club of St. Joseph County and the Potawatomi Zoo collaborated for a first of its kind partnership this year that allowed for an immersive onsite zoo experience. This program introduced zoo careers to teens and young adults that may not have had access to the Zoo before.

Over seven weeks, a group of 10-15 participants met weekly with Zoo leaders, had up-close animal encounters, and experienced meaningful connections with Education staff that culminated in a field trip for more than 300 participants of the Boys & Girls Club of St. Joseph County.

This experience allowed us to engage with teen audiences, a group not often part of our programming. Plus, it allowed a wide range of kids in our community a new opportunity to get inspired by the incredible world of wildlife. Both organizations hope to continue this partnership in 2022.



Each year, our American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK) chapter raises funds for animal conservation organizations. Some of the recipients of their hard work include Wild Cat Conservation, Red Panda Network, Snow Leopard Trust, and Bowling For Rhinos.



This year's Bowling for Rhinos fundraiser included a silent auction, bowling ticket sales at Strikes and Spares, and t-shirt sales. Thanks to the support of staff, visitors, and donors, AAZK raised \$2,000 for organizations that protect rhino habitats: Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Action for Cheetahs in Kenya, and the International Rhino Foundation.

To learn more about AAZK fundraisers and events, visit www.facebook.com/potawatomizooaazk.

After having one day of Zoo Boo, presented by United Federal Credit Union, mostly rained out, we were left with quite a bit of leftover candy. Rather than throwing it away, we decided to donate the candy to five local non-profits.

Some went to The Center for the Homeless, La Casa de Amistad, Robinson Community Learning Center, and the Boys and Girls Club. Most of the donated candy was used by Riley High School for their Trunk or Treat Program. We were pleased to have the opportunity to share with our community and give even more kids the chance to enjoy Halloween.



This year, we reintroduced field trips, and the response was exciting. There were about 137 field trips to the Zoo from Indiana and Michigan between April and October.

Some of those trips were supported by donors to the Potawatomi Zoo including the Pokagon Fund, Bontrager Family Foundation via the Community Foundation of Elkhart County, and an anonymous family foundation. Thanks to their generosity, groups from South Bend Community School Corporation, Summerscape, and Elkhart Parks & Recreation summer educational program were able to attend the Zoo.

All in all, the Zoo helped direct over \$16,000 in funding assisting 1,625 kids on field trips in 2021. We are grateful to our funders for their support and understanding as we navigated reintroducing field trips here to the Zoo!





2022 WINTER DAYS

January 8 & 23
February 5 & 20
March 5 & 20



Kellan (above) was the first giraffe to arrive, traveling to the Zoo in this tall, enclosed trailer.

GIRAFFES ARRIVE!

It takes a lot of people to organize the safe transport of four giraffes to the Zoo! There are animal care and veterinary staff at both the outgoing and incoming zoos ready to deal with scheduling and emergencies, and there are animal haulers who take care of the animals on the road.

People often ask how large animals are transported. Giraffes are actually moved from zoo to zoo via large trailers that look a little like a horse trailer. These trailers are built specifically for giraffes to accommodate their height. The haulers also have experience with animal care and training in how to work with a wide variety of animals. Because it requires such specialized equipment and knowledge, there are very few haulers licensed to move large animals.

Some animals like to stand when they travel, but giraffes typically prefer to lay down. The giraffe trailer is tall enough to accommodate either preference.

Although there are giraffes at the Zoo now, they won't be outside or in the public area of the barn yet. Each animal that comes to the Zoo has to go through a 30-day quarantine period while veterinary and animal care staff monitor their health and help them get used to their new home. This includes training them on the new noises, new keepers, and new "traffic flow" of the barn.

Giraffes prefer temperatures above 50 degrees, so it'll be a while before the giraffes are outside. However, one of the unique things about the Zoo's giraffe barn is that it has an indoor visitor center and viewing area. Hopefully visitors to the Zoo will be able to go inside the Laidig Giraffe Conservation Center during the Zoo's Winter Days to see this thrilling new addition to the Zoo.

Quick Questions...

How many giraffes are there, and what are their names?

The Zoo is expecting four male giraffes: Seymour (5 years old), Maximus (5 years old), Wyatt (5 years old), and Kellan (2.5 years old).

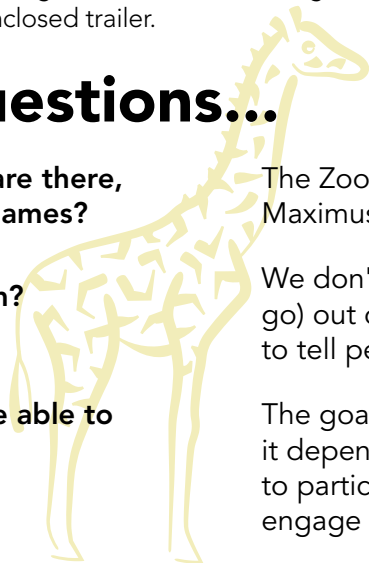
Where are they from?

We don't typically publicize where animals come from (or where they go) out of respect for the other facility's privacy. If we get permission to tell people, we will!

When will visitors be able to feed the giraffes?

The goal is to have giraffe feeding be a part of the 2022 season, but it depends entirely on the giraffes. We don't compel our Zoo animals to participate in encounters, so the giraffes will determine how they engage with people.

...Answered!





The Potawatomi Zoo Express runs in all seasons carrying nearly 90,000 passengers per year.

ZOO TRAIN GETS AN UPDATE

Visitors may to the Zoo may notice new blue signs on both the train and the station. That's because this year, the train has a new sponsor, Centier Bank.

"We're excited to be working with Centier Bank," says Josh Sisk, executive director of the Potawatomi Zoo. "It's so generous of them to give back to their community in this tangible way."

Amber Pulford, the incoming president of the Board of Directors of the Potawatomi Zoo, who is also a vice president and regional manager at Centier Bank, says this is one of the largest sponsorships the Indiana-based bank has ever held.

The train was installed in 2004 thanks to sponsorships and donations from the public. The train, a 1/3 scale replica of a C.P. Huntington Locomotive, is the Zoo's most popular attraction. On average, about a third of the Zoo's guests ride the 1/2 mile-track that circles the west half of the Zoo. Because it's so well-used, the train's annual maintenance expenses are around \$20,000 per year, not including any unexpected repairs.

Recently, the train had regular maintenance done to make it run smoothly. It also experienced emergency repairs of worn-out parts earlier in the year. The Centier Bank sponsorship will help offset those costs and keep this beloved part of the Zoo in fine working order for years to come.



ZOO BOO ATTRACTS THOUSANDS

Zoo Boo, presented by United Federal Credit Union, is always one of the Zoo's most popular events of the year, and 2021 was no exception. Although the final day of the event, October 24, was nearly rained out, the first two days, October 22 and 23, were busy with record crowds. Zoo Boo was an opportunity for families spend time together at the Zoo, ride the Haunted Train, walk the Treat Trail and grab a snack at this year's new addition, the food truck area.

"It's a joy to see all the happy kids and adorable costumes," says Josh Sisk, executive director of the Potawatomi Zoo. "Thanks to our sponsors and supporters, we had a great time, and we're already making plans for next year."





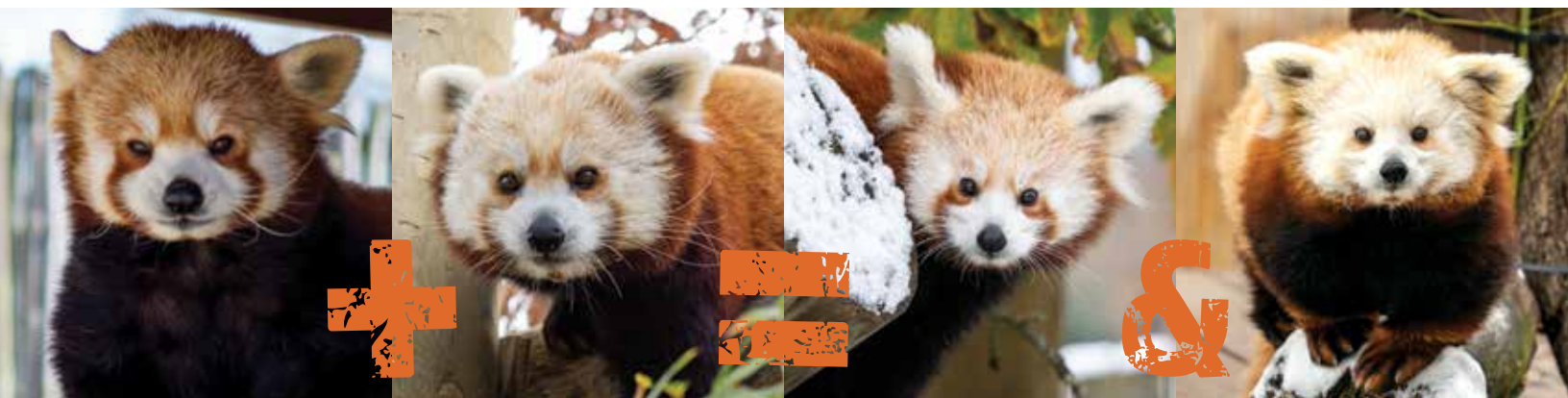
Ty in 2017

A Red Panda Legacy

By Anna Pelc
Curator of Records

Long-time visitors to the Potawatomi Zoo may remember Ty, a male red panda who came to the Potawatomi Zoo in 2002. Born on July 9, 2001, Ty passed away this year at the age of 20, the oldest male red panda in United States zoos. Due to his health and quality of life, the Animal Welfare Team made the decision to humanely euthanize Ty on July 19. The Animal Welfare Team—comprised of vet and animal care staff—evaluated Ty’s physical and mental health numerous times before making this difficult decision. It was a sad loss for everyone. Over his long life, Ty had a huge impact on the zoo keepers who cared for him, visitors to the Zoo, and the Red Panda Species Survival Plan (SSP).

When Ty first moved to the Zoo, the red panda habitat was located where the Endangered Species Carousel now resides. Ty liked to nap in the pine trees, but he would readily come down to animal care staff for a piece of his favorite fruits—apples or grapes. Around 2015, he moved to the brand-new red panda habitat in its current location, where he spent a lot of time doing morning and evening “patrols” around the perimeter, scent-marking his territory. In his last years, Ty spent time behind the scenes where he was most comfortable: outside during the winter months and in cool, air-conditioned areas over the summers.



Left to Right: Justin and Maiya had two cubs this year.



This cub inherited Justin's coloring, but Raya looks more like Maiya.

Ty's first mate at the Zoo was named Luna, and the Red Panda SSP gave them a breeding recommendation. Ty and Luna ended up raising six offspring that eventually moved to other facilities through breeding and transfer recommendations. Luna ended up receiving a recommendation to leave the Potawatomi Zoo in 2007 to strengthen the species' genetic diversity and is still alive today. She's now the oldest red panda in American zoos.

Throughout the years, other females transferred to Potawatomi to pair with Ty based on SSP recommendations. All in all, Ty had 10 surviving offspring with three different females. His last offspring, Linus, was born in 2013 to mom, Rusty.

But even after Ty stopped producing offspring, his descendants kept increasing! Ty's line has included 39 grandcubs, and 36 great grandcubs, 21 great-great grandcubs, and two great-great-great grandcubs! Even the Potawatomi Zoo's most recent cubs, Raya and her still-unnamed sister, are part of Ty's lineage. Justin, their father, is Ty's great grandcub!

However, offspring aren't the only way animals contribute to their SSP. In March 2021, Ty was a blood donor for a young red panda in need. The eight-month-old cub had developed anemia and needed blood transfusions. Our vet staff safely anesthetized Ty and were able to obtain blood from him that was then quickly transported to the zoo housing the sick red panda, who has since recovered and moved to a new home on an SSP recommendation.

But one of the most important things any animal does at a zoo is help visitors learn more and develop empathy for animals, ecosystems, and nature. Many of the species that live in zoos are endangered—including red pandas—and zoos play an important part in protecting animals in the wild. By watching Ty interact with his mates and cubs, many people found new awe and compassion for red pandas. Many people learned that red pandas are endangered due to habitat loss, poaching, and human interference. And many people were inspired to take conservation actions.

Thanks to visitors, members, and donors who love red pandas, the Zoo has been able to contribute to organizations working to save red pandas and their wild habitat for many years. In this way, by charming visitors over his long life and having descendants who do the same in other zoos, Ty's legacy lives on.

What's an SSP?

Zoos around the country share resources through Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) Species Survival Plans (SSP) by:

1. Maintaining animal health;
2. Studying behavior to improve quality of life;
3. Tracking where individual animals live;
4. Participating in breeding programs.

There are around 500 SSPs. Each is run by a committee of professionals from AZA-accredited zoos. The SSP primarily ensures genetic diversity through breeding recommendations, but it also helps zoos understand how best to care for their animals.



READY Get Set PLAY!

By Melissa Gunter
Youth Services Coordinator

Think back to a time you spent in nature as a child. Did you camp at a state park with your family? Explore a wooded lot near your home? Build a fort out of sticks in your backyard? Watch ants march in a line to their home on the crack of a sidewalk? All of these examples of playing outside are forms of nature play. At the time, your experience may not have seemed significant, but the lessons learned in the outdoors and the connections made to wildlife can leave a lasting impression.

Nature play is a buzz word that has been popping up in parks, nature centers, and even zoos over the past decade, but it's not a new concept by any means. At its core, nature play is the act of playing outside in natural areas, and kids have been playing outside for thousands of years.

Recently, qualitative and quantitative research has been done to help us understand just how important it is for children to spend time with nature. There are many lifelong benefits that have been attributed to playing outside. Mental health, physical health, and improved cognitive skills through hands on learning of our natural world, science, and engineering are just a few of the main benefits to nature play. In addition, interactions with nature at an early age help instill a greater appreciation for wildlife.

As an adult, you might notice that a day spent outside can help you sleep better at night – the same goes for children. Playing outside can improve a child's mental health by relieving stress and having a better night's sleep. Using the body's senses (touch, sight, smell, and hear) to explore the outdoors also helps to ground children into the present moment, which can alleviate anxiety and depression.

"The balance of scholarly evidence demonstrates that direct contact with nature enhances children's cognitive, emotional, attitudinal, and physical development..."

"However, human interaction with nature, especially for young children, is continuously diminishing..."

Jessica MacKeen and Tarah Write, "The International Journal of Early Childhood Environmental Education," Volume 8, Winter 2020 report



Physical activity is another major benefit of nature play. Moving around, climbing, crawling, digging, and jumping outdoors are all forms of physical activity that can also help children build gross motor skills while having fun! Being active regularly during childhood can also encourage better exercise habits later on in life.

Playing outside can help build important cognitive skills because children will problem solve, reason, think, and learn about the world around them. This is a big component of the benefits of nature play, and there are so many examples we could list here. Let's look at something as simple as observing nature. Whether it is predicting outcomes while watching a ball roll down a hill, or watching a squirrel climb through the tree canopy while holding an acorn, children are witnessing and understanding important worldly ideas like gravity, survival of the fittest, and more.

Finally, when people interact with nature, they innately develop a stronger passion and love for wildlife. This goes for all ages, but it is most important at an early age because children will go on to make better decisions each day that help protect the Earth throughout their entire lives.

In order to encourage nature play at the Zoo, over the next few years, the playground next to the flamingo and the porcupine habitats will be getting a makeover. Funded by a grant from the Rotary Club of South Bend, the Zoo's plan is to create the Nature's Nook Play Forest. While we are still at the planning phase of the project, nature play elements will be the focal point of this play space. Kids of all ages will be able to play and interact with the natural world. From scaling boulders and balancing on tree trunks to crawling through tree hollow tunnels, the new nature play space will be just another opportunity for kids and adults to connect with nature at the Zoo.

Our Zoo's mission is to inspire excellence in education, conservation, and improved animal quality of life. We believe that adding a nature play space for visitors to play and interact with will help encourage them to become better stewards of the environment.

We Give Thanks

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As a non-profit organization, the Potawatomi Zoo would not be what it is without the generosity of our donors.

There are stories in these gifts. We've been lucky enough to hear some of your stories firsthand, and some we can only guess at. Some are in messages of support people left when we were closed for the season. Some are in patterns: donors who give every month, donors who love to adopt animals, donors who want to remain anonymous.

It's no exaggeration to say that some of the stories make us laugh and some make us cry.

Because of you, we're able to grow. Because of you, we're able to manage the Zoo now while also planning long-term sustainable solutions for the living things entrusted to our care. Because of you, we can fulfill our mission, live our vision, and secure the future of the Potawatomi Zoo.

With all our hearts, we give thanks to you.

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