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Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro Congratulates Akron Zoo on New “Curious Creatures” Exhibit

On Thursday, June 1, 2017, Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro joined other community leaders, the staff at the Akron Zoo, and the families of Summit County in welcoming the Zoo’s newest exhibit- “Curious Creatures.” The exhibit, which replaces the Zoo’s former jellyfish habitat, will officially open to the public this Saturday, June 3, 2017, but the ribbon-cutting ceremony was held two days earlier to ensure the public’s access to the new exhibit when it opens. A proclamation from County Executive Shapiro proclaiming “Curious Creatures Week” in Summit County beginning Thursday, June 1, 2017, was presented to the Akron Zoo at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“The Akron Zoo is such a vibrant and fascinating place to visit in Summit County” said Executive Shapiro. “It provides a wonderful family-friendly experience for visitors of all ages. I would like to congratulate the Akron Zoo on the “Curious Creatures” exhibit, and would like to thank the Zoo for once again creatively using the limited tax dollars they receive to improve the Zoo experience for the families of Summit County.”

The “Curious Creatures” exhibit introduces visitors to some of the strangest and most unique animals in the world. Guests will be able to view and learn about the “Curious Creatures” in the new exhibit, which will include naked mole-rats, leaf-cutter ants, electric eel, red-eyed tree frogs,

walking batfish, chain dogfish, flashlight fish, mata mata turtles and many more. Also showcased are carnivorous plants such as the Venus fly trap, pitcher plant, and bladderwort.

The exhibit is the latest example of the use of animals to teach the boys and girls of Summit County about the diversity and wonder of life on our planet. The exhibit includes an interactive area which hosts a learning lab to view marine and terrestrial invertebrates, and a mood wall that simulates how some animals camouflage in their environment.

For more information and hours of operation please visit:

<http://www.akronzoo.org/new-exhibit-curious-creatures-to-open-june-2017>

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