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DINOLFO ANNOUNCES ARRIVAL OF A THIRD ZEBRA AT SENECA PARK ZOO

Five-year-old female zebra joins Zoo's zebra herd; In a related move, ostrich departs Zoo

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** and Seneca Park Zoo officials are excited to announce that a third zebra, a five-year-old female named Lydia from Columbus Zoo, has arrived at our Zoo as a part of the Animals of the Savanna expansion, which opened to the public in September.

*"We are delighted to welcome Lydia to Seneca Park Zoo," said **Dinolfo**. "Her arrival is a wonderful addition to the Animals of the Savanna expansion and we encourage the community to plan a visit to welcome her into our Zoo family."*

Lydia was born September 18, 2013 and lived at Columbus Zoo since she was one-month old. She will now live with two other female zebras, Liberty and Dottie, and three giraffes, Parker, Kipenzi and Iggy, at Seneca Park Zoo. The zebras and giraffes have quickly become beloved animals since their introduction this fall.

In conjunction with this move, Seneca Park Zoo's ostrich, Echo, has moved to Columbus Zoo.

*"The move of Lydia the zebra created an opportunity for Echo the ostrich," said **Larry Staub**, Director of Parks and Seneca Park Zoo. "Columbus expressed the desire to bring Echo into their flock, so Lydia's arrival in Rochester created the perfect opportunity to place Echo with other ostriches."*

Ostriches were brought to Seneca Park Zoo to share a new habitat with the Zoo's southern white rhino. When it became clear that the rhino and ostrich would not be able to live together, alternate options were explored.

*"This is in the best interest of Echo's overall welfare," added **Staub**. "She is now living with other ostriches, in Columbus. We will miss her, here at Seneca Park Zoo, but know this is what's best for her in the long run."*

From November through April, Seneca Park Zoo is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with last entry at 3 p.m.

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