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Rothschild's Giraffe Temporarily Leaving Hillcrest Park Zoo

CLOVIS, NM (November 1, 2024) – Hillcrest Park Zoo's 12-year-old Rothschild's giraffe, Jerrica, will be temporarily relocated to West Texas Wildlife Preserve in Merkel, Texas starting, Friday, November 1.

Jerrica will be going to breed and meet Hasani, a four-year-old male giraffe that will accompany her back to the zoo.

While Jerrica is in West Texas, Hillcrest Park Zoo will renovate the current giraffe barn. The pair of giraffes will return to Clovis as soon as construction on the new barn is complete, which could take up to six months.

"We are excited for Jerrica to have the opportunity to meet Hasani and breed. In addition to improving our giraffe barn, we look forward to hopefully welcoming a baby giraffe to Hillcrest Park Zoo in the future!" said Zoo Director, Stephanie Chavez.

For questions or more information, please contact Stephanie Chavez at (575) 769-7873 or stchavez@cityofclovis.org.