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Wintersteen carousel animals are back in area



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Animals from a carousel that once operated at Hanson's Amusement Park in Harveys Lake have been returned to the area. The 1909 Coney-Island-style Loeff-Mangels carousel was purchased by one-time park owner Alfred Wintersteen in 1914 and taken to the Lehigh Valley Railroad Picnic Grounds, later renamed Hanson's Amusement Park, in Harveys Lake where it remained in operation until Hanson's closed in 1984.

Home sweet home

By REBECCA BRIA rbria@timesleader.com

Wooden animals from a carousel that once operated at Hanson's Amusement Park in Harveys Lake have been returned to the area. • Dallas resident Liz Martin, of the Brass Ring Foundation, confirmed that the animals are being stored in a secret location in the area. The Brass Ring Foundation is a local non-profit group whose mission is to bring the 100-year-old amusement ride home to the Back Mountain.

In addition, at least one and up to three of the carousel horses will be on display at the Mason's Lodge on Main Street in Dallas during the Seventh Annual Dallas Harvest Festival on Sunday, Sept. 20.

"I grew up with that carousel," Martin said. "Every summer I was out there and the first ride I wanted to go on was the carousel."

The 1909 Coney-Island-style Loeff-Mangels carousel has 44 wooden animals, including horses, giraffes, zebras, camels and goats that were hand-carved by Harry Goldstein, Charles Loeff, Solomon Stein and Charles Carmel. The 45-foot long carousel was purchased by one-time park owner Alfred and Nettie Wintersteen in 1915 and taken to the Lehigh Valley Railroad Picnic Grounds,

later renamed Hanson's Amusement Park, in Harveys Lake where it remained in operation until Hanson's closed in 1984.

Ownership of the carousel was transferred to several different Wintersteen family members over the years, including Alfred Wintersteen's sister, Genevieve Wintersteen Fisk, in 1935; Alfred Wintersteen's grandson, Robert D. Win-

tersteen and his wife, Mary Ann, in 1963.

In 1987, the Wintersteen family leased the carousel to Old Town in Kissimmee, Fla. and then to International Market World in Auburndale, Fla. in 1996. It remained there until put up for auction in Florida by owner

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Police officers face the unexpected

By REBECCA BRIA rbria@timesleader.com

In just a matter of seconds, a routine police call can turn into a potentially deadly situation.

Members of the Kingston Township Police Department most recently experienced such a scenario in the early morning of Saturday, June 27. Officers Charles Rauschkolb and Wade Curtis were looking for a man reportedly in a creek in Jackson Township when Robert J. Verosky III, of Harveys Lake, allegedly pulled out of the Farmers Inn and struck Rauschkolb.

Rauschkolb landed on Curtis and both men ended up on the pavement with non-life threatening injuries. They are currently on medical leave.

"My officers know what their job is," said Kingston Township Police Chief James Balavage. "They understand through training and the work that they do that anything can happen."

Balavage first joined the Kingston Township Police Department as a part-time officer in 1979. He was hired full-time in 1981 and served for eight years as a patrolman until he became sergeant in 1989. In 1993, Balavage was promoted to chief and has served in that position since.

Although it's uncommon for officers to be struck by a car, close-call situations can occur as often as once a week, Balavage says. The most dangerous calls involve family disputes.

"It's very important that officers remain in a zone of readiness that the general public really doesn't have a concept of," Balavage said.

Balavage recalls several instances over the years where officers unexpectedly ended up in danger.

Once, an officer on patrol discovered a burglary in progress and chased two male suspects for about one mile. The officer jumped over an embankment in the chase, losing his gun and handcuffs when he landed. Luckily, he was able to retrieve his

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IT'S AUCTION TIME



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Barbara Lemmond admires a glass piece that will be sold during the 63rd Annual Back Mountain Memorial library auction July 9, 10, 11 and 12 on the library grounds at 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas. See a special Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction section inside today's Dallas Post.



Fundraiser benefits child with leukemia

By REBECCA BRIA rbria@timesleader.com

When sisters Renne and Rhonda Evans learned McKenna Budzak had cancer, they knew they had to help.

Budzak, the 5-year-old daughter of David and Valerie Budzak of Hunlock Creek, was diagnosed in April with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). She and her twin brother, Noah, attended preschool this past year at Renne's Romper Room in Sweet Valley, which is owned by Renne Evans. McKenna's older sister, Madison, 8, also previously went to the preschool. Rhonda Evans works at the daycare and preschool.

"We decided we had to do something to help her and help the family and we came up with doing a walk for her," Rhonda Evans said.

The Evans sisters from Sweet Valley organized a benefit walk for the little girl called "Miles for McKenna" which was held on Saturday, June 27 at Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School track. A Chinese auction, bake sale and food sale were also held at the event.

Although Rhonda Evans did not yet know the amount raised the Monday after the event, she estimated that about 200 people participated.

The cost to take part in the walk was \$20



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Valerie Budzak tightly holds her daughter McKenna during a benefit walk at Lake-Lehman as her sister, Heather Walsh, looks on. McKenna has been diagnosed with leukemia.

for adults and \$16 for children. Each participant received a T-shirt, a water bottle and a ticket for the Chinese auction.

The Rev. Joel Stauffer, senior minister of Sweet Valley Church of Christ to which the Budzaks and the Evanses belong, said a prayer before the walk. Senator Lisa Baker and Rep. Karen Boback started the walk and McKenna and the rest of the Budzak family did the very first lap.

"I had a wonderful time at the fundraiser," David Budzak said. "I'm very humbled by all

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- David Budzak, McKenna's father

the people that had come out to support her to give donations."

Currently, McKenna is receiving chemotherapy every 10 days at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville and a biopsy one month ago showed that most of the leukemia is out of her body. She will continue to receive chemotherapy at different increments for about two years to get rid of the cancer completely and prevent it from recurring.

McKenna and Noah will start kindergarten this upcoming school year at Ross Elementary School in Sweet Valley.

"It's tough, of course," David Budzak said. "You wonder why and things like that, but she's coping with it very well. We've adapted as well. Hopefully, someday we will find out why it happened."

According to the National Cancer Insti-

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