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COUNTY'S HISTORIC DENTZEL CAROUSEL OPENS FRIDAY FOR ITS 103rd SEASON AT ONTARIO BEACH

Hand-carved menagerie is a favorite Park attraction

County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced that the historic Dentzel Menagerie Carousel at Ontario Beach Park in Charlotte, will open for the 2008 Season on Friday, May 23rd. This year will be the carousel's 103rd continuous season at the Park, where it first opened in 1905.

"Each year, we kick-off the Memorial Day holiday-weekend in Monroe County with the opening of our treasured carousel at Ontario Beach Park," said Brooks. "A ride on our historic carousel combines nostalgia with timeless family-friendly entertainment, all in a fabulous waterfront destination. With summer just around the corner, let the fun-times begin!"

The County's carousel was carved and created by the firm of G.A. Dentzel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It was installed at Ontario Beach Park in 1905, and has remained in its original location, ever since. The carousel is a menagerie model and consists of 52 riding animals and two chariots, set in three rows. The hand-carved animals include: 22 Jumping Horses; 11 Standing Horses; 3 Cats; 1 Deer; 1 Giraffe; 1 Goat; 1 Lion; 2 Mules; 3 Ostriches; 3 Pigs; 3 Rabbits; and 1 Tiger. In 1984, the County initiated a complete restoration of the animals to their original condition. The carousel has also been modified to accommodate ADA accessibility.

The Carousel's 2008 Operating Schedule is, as follows:

Memorial Day Weekend – Open Friday, May 23 through Monday, May 26
Post-Memorial Day until June 19 – Open Weekends (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
June 19 through Labor Day – Open Daily (7-Days per Week)
Post-Labor Day through Columbus Day – Open Weekends (Saturday and Sunday)
Columbus Day – Open Monday, October 13 (Last Day of 2008 Season)

The Carousel's 2008 Hours of Operation are: **Noon to 9:00 p.m.**

The Carousel's 2008 Price Schedule is, as follows:

Single Ride -- \$1.00

Punch Card (12 rides for the cost of 10) -- \$10.00 **Valid Any Time**

Wrist Band (Ride All Day) -- \$5.00 **New in 2008**

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