

# Dewayne Brothers circus goes to Barrow

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Residents of Barrow, Alaska's farthest north community, on July 6 will behold a strange sight. Stepping out onto the permafrost from a giant Hercules air cargo plane will be a big gray visitor from warmer climes—an elephant.

There'll also be a camel, a lion (Elsie, from the movie "Born

Free"), four bears, several horses, four ponies and a mule.

A traveling zoo? Not exactly. Instead, the circus is coming to Barrow.

Sponsored by the Barrow, Fairbanks and College Lions Clubs, the event will be the farthest north appearance of a

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circus ever, says John McCauley, Fairbanks Lions Club member and cochairman of the project.

The visit by the Hollywood-based Dewayne Brothers Circus will also include the usual contingent of clowns, jugglers and other circus regulars, and will follow shows in Fairbanks July 1-4.

The Fairbanks appearances are being sponsored by the Fairbanks and College Lions.

The logistics involved in arranging for the Barrow show have been "horrendous," McCauley said, adding that the task of "shipping an elephant to Barrow has got to be something unique."

When he approached an official of the (as yet unidentified) air carrier, McCauley said, "The poor guy didn't know whether to cry or laugh."

Cost of the project, so far, McCauley said, is \$21,000, with \$19,000 of it raised by the Barrow Lions.

Admission to the Barrow shows will be free for children and senior citizens.

"We're trying to raise enough money to bring kids in from seven villages" to see the circus, McCauley said, adding he has received reports of considerable excitement in Barrow over the circus' arrival.

Project chairman Stu Rothman said further information on the project could be obtained by calling him at 452-2685 or circus office at 452-4090.