



The Zippin Pippin zooms down its highest drop as a mixture of coaster fans and media members try out the new roller coaster Tuesday at Bay Beach Amusement Park in Green Bay. Jim Matthews/Press-Gazette

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# Zippin' along

*Coaster is set to shake, rattle and roll Saturday*

By Scott Williams » Green Bay Press-Gazette

The only thing missing now is Elvis.

The Zippin Pippin roller coaster roared into action Tuesday as the newest attraction at Green Bay's Bay Beach Amusement Park.

At a special sneak preview for the news media, city officials showed off the wooden roller coaster in full operational mode after nine months of construction.

It is a replica of a coaster that operated for

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years in Memphis, Tenn., and was renowned as rock 'n' roll legend Elvis Presley's favorite amusement park ride.

The attraction opens to the public Saturday. Mayor Jim Schmitt likened the widely antici-

pated roller coaster to the 2003 renovation of Lambeau Field, in terms of impact on the community.

"We build on successes," he said. "This is the perfect ride for Bay Beach."

Schmitt joined other city officials Tuesday at the construction site to provide a guided tour and a behind-the-scenes look at the coaster.

Kevin Hehn, a representative of construction manager Martin & Vleminckx Rides LLC,

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