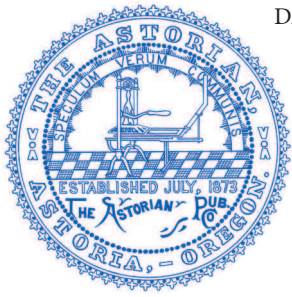


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Water under the bridge



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10 years ago this week — 2006

A group of landowners in the Knappa area hopes to reactivate a local district that hasn't met in decades to clear the way for needed repairs to a broken dike.

The move is the first step in ironing out a jurisdictional tangle that's left the dike unrepaired and subjected the nearby land to repeated flooding during the recent storms and high tides.

Sen. Betsy Johnson recently convened a meeting designed to bring all the involved parties together to find a solution to the problem, which began almost a year ago when a breach opened in the dike on Warren Slough on Dec. 31, 2005, and washed away a section of railroad track on top of the structure.

Yves and Helene De Montaudouin moved to the Long Beach Peninsula in August 2005 from New York and a couple of months later purchased a piece of property just north of Cranberry Road.

"We wanted to use that property to put up an office," Helene De Montaudouin explained.

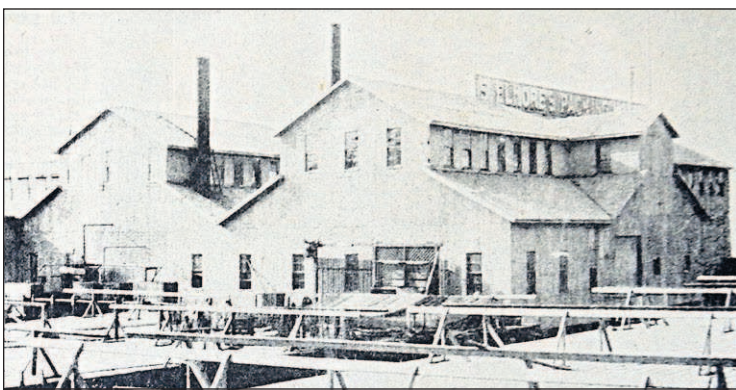
What the De Montaudouins didn't know is that the 50-by-200-foot parcel they purchased came with one of three existing railroad cars from the Ilwaco Railway and Navigation Co. that serviced the community starting in 1889. After being acquired by a subsidiary of Union Pacific Railroad, the Peninsula Clamshell line ceased operation in 1930.

"We knew there was an old beach cottage and we could see that it wasn't going to be able to be used as an office because of weather damage," Helene De Montaudouin said. "We were advised to not buy the property because of the cost of getting rid of the building, but we bought it anyway."

"Now we've discovered we have a treasure," she laughed. A local historian, Sandy Tellvik, took the door and gave it to the Ilwaco Heritage Museum when she heard we might demolish the car. "Now that we have realized our railroad car has historic if not monetary value we are going to take our time and hopefully someone will move and restore it."

50 years ago — 1966

The ferry Tourist No. 2 will be once again carrying passengers and vehicles after being inactive since the Astoria Bridge opened to traffic last summer. The baby of the Astoria ferry fleet has been sold to Pierce County, Wash., where it will be refitted for service between Stillicum and Anderson, McNeil and Fox islands in southern Puget Sound.



Elmore cannery

Bumble Bee Seafoods corporation's Elmore cannery has become a registered National Historical Landmark. Rep. Wendell Wyatt's Washington, D.C., office announced recently.

Interior Secretary Stewart Udall gave it this distinction because it is the oldest salmon cannery in the United States still in continuous operation.

Astoria Finnish Brotherhood lodge is celebrating its 80th anniversary next Saturday at Suomi Hall with a program of music and speeches, refreshments and a dance, all free to members and friends, according to Mrs. Ralph Mattila, lodge president.

75 years ago — 1941

Astoria's fleet of offshore drag boats has increased to about 30 vessels, many of them from other ports, within the past two years, it was noted today by captain George Moscovita, who was the lone drag boat operator here in 1939.

The single unsettled question in the unhampered and complete construction program of the Astoria armory and recreation building was dissolved by action of the city council Monday night when it agreed by resolution to pledge and guarantee a heating system for the structure, on the probability that the pledge will never be called but the system be installed by federal-state-county funds.

The Astoria United Services Organization program will swing into high gear Monday with the first of the USO's weekly programs that feature special events every day in the week.

More than 30 successful beach landings were made through the surf off Camp Clatsop during the week in the landing drills being conducted by the United States army, Lieutenant Robert Coleman, commanding officer of the detail, reported today.

Japanese quarters expressed optimism regarding Japanese-American relations today and reported that Japan had offered to stay out of the European war and guarantee Siberia's integrity in return for relaxation of American-British "freezing" regulations.

GUEST COLUMN



Photos by George Vetter/For The Daily Astorian

Participants line up and walk through a fish habitat and stream enhancement project. The program is an annual event of the Clatsop Economic Development Resources department through Clatsop Community College.

Business leaders tour our forests, watershed

Forest protection, enhancement focus of event

By KEVIN LEAHY
 For The Daily Astorian

More than 100 attendees braved the elements for the 26th annual Clatsop Forestry Economic Development Committee leaders tour this year, including state Rep. Deborah Boone.

The day started out bright and early with an introduction by committee Chairman Kevin Leahy at the Barbey Maritime Center, reinforcing that this sector continues to be 30 percent of our Clatsop County economy, and is 12 percent of our county employment. Leahy also noted that \$23,500,000 was distributed from Oregon Department of Forestry to Clatsop County in 2016 from timber harvests that support schools, law enforcement, Clatsop Community College, roads, and more.



From there the group was transported by bus to the Walooski Fish Stream Enhancement Collaborative Project, where Tom Clark from Lewis & Clark Timber/Greenwood Resources, Brook Stanley from the North Coast Watershed Association, Troy Laws from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Jeff Van Osdol from Big River Construction shared the public/private partnership success that included a fish habitat and stream enhancement project, and invited all the attendees to walk down the stairs and across the wood bridge specifically built for the Leaders Tour for an "up close and personal" walk through the culvert where salmon are swimming through for the first time.

Next, the two full school buses headed to the Clatsop Ridge Logging Operation & Reforestation to hear about the "active harvest operation" project from speakers Mark Gustafson, owner of Gustafson Logging, and Sam Sadler of Lewis & Clark Timber and Greenwood Resources. A box lunch was paid for by the employer members of the Clatsop Forestry Economic Development Committee and was provided to all attendees. Presentations were given at the Netul Landing, Lewis



Forestry tour participants look through a fish habitat and stream enhancement project.



State Rep. Deborah Boone, center, and others view a demonstration of logging techniques and best practices.



Valerie Grant, new Oregon State University Extension forestry and natural resources faculty shares her story as a fourth generation person connected to forestry work.

and Clark National Historical Park. Interim park Superintendent Marcus Koenen and program specialist Carla

Cole presented project updates on the park properties on both sides of the Columbia River.

Forestry committee member Valerie Grant, Oregon State University Extension's new forester, shared her background and priorities within the three-county area that she covers.

Participants were asked to share reflections on this tour and past ones. It was mentioned that the forestry tour was under way Sept. 11, 2001, and the lifelong memory of where you were when 9/11 happened will always be with them.

And Sara Meyer, a longtime tour participant and member of the local American Association of University Women chapter choked up when she said it was so exciting to see so many women in this traditionally male-dominated field.

Kevin Leahy is the executive director of Clatsop Economic Development Resources.



After the tour ended, lunch was provided and guest speakers presented updates at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park and the Netul Landing area.