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From left, Mark Clemmens, John Niemann and Jim Smith discuss the strategy for lowering the locomotive onto the wheels.

'WE'RE GETTING IT DONE' VOLUNTEERS SLOWLY RESTORE 93-YEAR-OLD LOCOMOTIVE

By EDWARD STRATTON
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Pulled by a winch from a Caterpillar, the hulking frame of the No. 21 Baldwin steam locomotive inched its way under a boiler weighing more than 20 tons, perched last week on four Jenga towers of cribbing inside the quonset hut of the Astoria Railroad Preservation Association.

"This will be the first time since 1982 that the frame has been underneath the boiler," said John Niemann, president of the association and a driving force behind the restoration.

Putting the boiler back on its frame marks a major milestone for the association, and one it hopes will galvanize support to finish a nearly 30-year effort to get No. 21 Baldwin operating again on excursions between Astoria and Knappa.

The association is the third group attempting to revive the 93-year-old locomotive, originally used to haul crops and petroleum along the Santa Maria Valley Railroad in Southern California.

A pair from San Francisco originally tried to restore the engine before running out of money, Niemann said. In 1991, the newly formed association acquired the languishing locomotive from the Northwest Railway Museum in Snoqualmie,



Ryder Dopp, center, and other volunteers help steer a part of the locomotive into place.

Washington, and shipped it down in six separate truckloads.

"It was so far apart," Niemann said. "Instead of just putting it back together, we've constructed it back to the original specs."

Much of the work rebuilding the rusted boiler and making it steam-tight

has happened behind the scenes in Niemann's hut in Uniontown. After attaching the boiler to the frame, the association on Sunday invited the public to come see their progress, and to raise money.

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'THE RAILROAD JUST HASN'T BEEN RUN OVER IN SO MANY YEARS. WHERE'S THE MONEY GOING TO COME FROM TO REHABILITATE THE LINE?'

Kevin Haugh | a regional vice president with Genesee & Wyoming Inc.

Manzanita vacation rental case dropped

Settlement reached over \$1.8M penalty

By BRENNA VISSER
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MANZANITA — A property owner will no longer have to pay \$1.8 million in vacation rental fines after reaching a tentative settlement with Manzanita.

Sandra Petersen, a co-trustee of the Kingwood Trust, which owns the home that has been used as a rental, will only pay "a modest amount" of the city's attorney fees, said Kevin O'Connell, an attorney for Petersen.

In exchange, Petersen will drop a federal lawsuit that alleged the city's enforcement of its vacation rental ordinance was unconstitutional.

In the lawsuit filed in federal court in Portland in June, Petersen tried to block Manzanita from enforcing the citations, claiming the \$1.8 million penalty was a violation of the Eighth Amendment, which protects against excessive fines.

"The goal was to not pay \$1.8 million," O'Connell said. "We got the result we wanted. We're very happy."

The legal fight generated attention up and down the Oregon Coast, where many cities are struggling to regulate vacation rentals.

Manzanita City Manager Jerry Taylor declined to comment until the settlement is finalized and approved by both parties. The City Council will need to approve the agreement, he said.

Petersen, who lives in Washington state, said she was fined by the city for

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Cannery Pier will keep alive 'Jake's vision'

Management presses on after Jacob's death

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
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With the death of a prominent Astoria developer and entrepreneur earlier this month, questions linger about what will happen to one of the more visible landmarks he left behind.

Several people are associated with the Cannery Pier Hotel & Spa that Robert "Jake" Jacob built below the Astoria Bridge in the early 2000s. But Terry Rosenau, Jacob's longtime friend and an early investor in the hotel, is now the largest shareholder.

Jacob died at his Astoria home on Sept. 10 of natural causes.

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Robert 'Jake' Jacob

Marine tow company sued after dropping dredge in water

Port of Chinook wants \$250,000

By JACK HEFFERNAN
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A marine towing company faces a \$250,000 lawsuit after a dredge from the Port of Chinook fell into the water between the port and Astoria in 2016.

Classic Towing and Salvage, based in Ilwaco, Washington, was attempting to transfer the dredge to Astoria and hit rough seas, causing the dredge to flounder, the lawsuit said.

The insurance tort claim, filed Monday in Clatsop County Circuit Court, alleges workers for the towing company were negligent and did not close vertical pipes inside the

dredge prior to towing.

"Coastal Towing and Salvage's breach of its duty was the direct and proximate cause of the loss," the lawsuit said.

Fuel from the dredge was pumped out of the water before causing environmental damage, Port of Chinook Manager Guy Glenn Jr. told the Chinook Observer at the time. Because the incident took place in December, weather also played a factor in the cleanup.

The port's insurance company, Enduris Washington, hired Ballard Marine, a salvage contractor, to help clean up the damage. The \$250,000 represents the amount of money the insurance company paid for cleaning and salvaging, as well as the damage to the dredge.

Representatives from the port and the towing company could not immediately be reached for comment. The towing company has 20 days to respond after the lawsuit is filed.



The insurance company for the Port of Chinook has filed a legal claim against a towing company over a damaged dredge.

