

Historic Fishtown Cheese Shanty Lifted for Reconstruction

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Crews managed to lift a building in Leland straight up from the water on Thursday.

They moved the Cheese Shanty in Fishtown and moved it to its temporary home – a parking lot.

In the last year, Fishtown has been threatened by high water levels. The historical Cheese Shanty was flooding and the underneath had been hollowed out.

The Fishtown Preservation Society plans to rebuild the foundation that the cheese shanty stands on. The society says the building will sit more than a foot higher in the end.

“Foundations are collapsing, even the docks need work. So it’s a huge project,” Holmes said.



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Team Elmer’s operated the lift. They say they are grateful to be a part of a project that is helping to restore the historic sight.

Kent Megill, crane and lift manager for Team Elmer’s says, “A lot of county residents and Elmer’s want to thank the preservation society for having a head up and having enough forethought that we need to be doing something about these buildings and about this area before it goes away and can’t be repaired.”

The Cheese Shanty is expected to be back in two to three weeks.

In February, they plan to lift and repair the next building in the Fishtown Restoration Project.

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