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CASTANEA - A 1941 vintage all-steel caboose is about to pull into the station here.



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From left, Jo Ann Bowes, president of the Clinton County Historical Society, John Gummo who is donating the caboose, and Pam and Steve Poorman whose significant gift to the rail station project will pay to transport it. It won't arrive by rail. Instead, it will ride a lowboy Monday morning on a journey from Laurel Run to Castanea.

A significant gift through the Steve Poorman Trust will pay to move the caboose through town.

The N5 caboose, a gift from John and Joyce Gummo, will join a box car currently at the station and

also acquired through Mr. Gummo's efforts. They will be displayed on a piece of track installed by the Clinton County Historical Society which owns the station.

The caboose will complete the refurbishing of the Castanea Rail Station, a project that began in 2006. It won't really signal an end, though, as cabooses usually do. Instead, it is expected to be part of a new phase in the station's life.

The former New York Central Railroad Station isn't fulfilling its original purpose any longer - passenger service left this area many decades ago - but it has a rich history that is apparent to visitors. There is more than just the box car to see there. A replica of a water tank, built last year by Central Mountain vocational-technical students, serves as a welcome center. The station building itself dates from 1884 and currently is home to the Clinton Central Model Railroad Club.

For the complete story, see today's print edition of the Lock Haven Express.