

## Winter wonderland blankets North Coast

Some braved the elements, area schools affected

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Sharon Collyer, a server at Bridgewater Bistro, could have driven her truck to work Sunday. Instead, she chose to walk the entire mile-and-

a-half distance in the freshly fallen snow — and, in Astoria, enjoy a climatological rarity.

“That’s how awesome this is to me,” Collyer said.

On her way, she stopped beneath the eaves of the Arc Arcade at 10th

and Commercial streets and chatted with two friends, Amy Denny and Jesse Bateman.

Denny, of Astoria, said she also decided to venture outside on foot so

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Snow falls on the Peter Iredale shipwreck at Fort Stevens State Park Sunday.

Samantha Hollo Submitted Photo

## Jordan's Hope



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Dave and Kerry Strickland hold a photograph of their son, Jordan, on Wednesday in their home in Knappa. Jordan died in Los Angeles in July 2015 from a heroin overdose.

### Knappa mom looks to help others after son's overdose death

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Entering his senior year at Knappa High School in 2007, Jordan Strickland had a goal in mind.

A multisport athlete, he had earned awards as a running back on the football team as a junior. For his final season with the Loggers, he was aiming

for a Player of the Year honor. But during the first game, he dislocated his elbow, sidelining him for most of the season and ending any hope of more awards.

“He lived and breathed sports, so the injury was devastating,” Kerry Strickland, his mother, said.

With sports no longer consuming as much of his time, Jordan attended a party later that same school year, where he was introduced to prescription drugs like OxyContin. As he developed an addiction, he soon began using the drug that would kill him six years later: heroin.

#### HELP OR GET HELP

[jordanshope.org](http://jordanshope.org) provides information about recovery and is accepting donations.

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Kerry Strickland Photo

Jordan Strickland was a multisport athlete at Knappa High School.

## A look at county's timber decision

Clatsop only county out of 15 to opt out of class-action suit

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Clatsop County contains nearly one-quarter of state-run forestlands involved in a lawsuit brought by Linn County against the state over timber revenue. But Clatsop was the only one of the 15 counties covered by class action to opt out.

Linn County's lawsuit claims the state violated a contract to maximize sustainable harvests on land deeded by counties in the 1930s and '40s. The lawsuit claims state policies from emphasizing recreation and conservation have cost the counties a total of \$35 million a year in timber revenue since 2000. It also seeks future payments of \$35 million a year to account for the lost revenue.

Deemed a class action by a Linn County Circuit Court judge, the lawsuit grew to include 15 counties and approximately 130 taxing districts, all of which stood to gain sizable settlements were the lawsuit successful.

The governing bodies of the affected counties and taxing districts had until Jan. 25 to let the court know if they wanted out. Most did nothing, by default staying in the lawsuit.

#### An outlier

According to a filing last week by lawyers for Linn County, five of the nine taxing districts that opted out were in Clatsop County.

Four — County Rural Law Enforcement, Road District No. 1, the county affiliate of Oregon State University's 4-H and Extension Service programs and the Clatsop County Fair — were automatically removed as plaintiffs by the county Board of Commissioners' decision. The board of directors for Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation District voted last month to opt out.

Michael Hinton, chairman of Sunset Empire's board, said the group didn't agree with the change in forest practices that might result from the lawsuit, and that the district's budget doesn't rely on timber revenue.

“I think we made the right decision,” Board of Commissioners Chairman Scott Lee said about the county's decision last month to opt out. “And of course I'm disappointed other taxing districts didn't opt out. I still think I made a right decision.”

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## Shipwreck hunters of the Oregon Coast

Combing through history's wreckage

SEASIDE — Ever have a fascination with shipwrecks? Did you ever wonder about the mysteries surrounding their demise, stories of lost treasures, or about claiming the rights to abandoned wrecks?

Maritime archaeologist Christopher Dewey does and during the Seaside Museum and Historical Society's His-



tory and Hops lecture at Seaside Brewing Co. in January, he answered questions to unravel a few mysteries and myths.

Dewey is a retired naval officer, an adjunct instructor at Clatsop Community College and founder of the Maritime Archeology Society in Astoria. He is listed on the Register of Professional Archaeologists and is a secretary of the

interior and Oregon qualified archaeologist. If that wasn't enough, he is a modern-day shipwreck hunter in Oregon and Washington state.

Unlike treasure hunters, he searches for, investigates and documents shipwrecks and maritime archaeological sites. He and a team of volunteers search sites using side-scan sonars, a magnetometer and a remote operating vehicle much like Robert Ballard used to find the Titanic, the Bismarck and the USS Yorktown wrecks, but smaller.

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Christopher Dewey at "History and Hops" discusses shipwrecks off the Oregon Coast.

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