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## WINDSWEPT

### Roof collapses at old Astoria Ford after high winds

By JACK HEFFERNAN  
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**H**igh winds whipped across the North Coast on Wednesday, toppling tree limbs, power lines and fences and causing the roof of a building that used to house Astoria Ford to collapse.

Reports of the collapse along state Highway 202 off Youngs Bay came in just after 5 p.m. The front wall of the old portion of the building fell down and caused the roof to collapse. No one was injured.

“My guess is just that the winds got in there, whipped around and caused the roof to collapse,” Astoria Police Sgt. Brian Aydt said.

A power line stretching over the road in front of the building also came down. Police and fire personnel redirected traffic until 6:15 p.m. as they waited for Pacific Power to remove the line.

Brandon Golightly, 35, works at J&S Appliance and Home Furnishings and is the younger brother of Lewis and Clark Fire Chief Jeff Golightly. When he arrived home from work at roughly 4:45 p.m. just across the street from the old Astoria Ford, he noticed that the front wall of the building was shaking. A few minutes later, he ran outside after hearing the commotion.

Golightly initially helped divert traffic away from the downed power line. Helping him was Matt Hansen, 22, and Trey Brown, 19, both off-duty Port of Astoria officers.

Hansen was driving along the road with Brown in the passenger seat as the two headed to the beach to clam dig. Suddenly, though, they heard a commotion, looked over and saw the roof collapse.

“It came down fast,” Hansen said.

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**ABOVE:** Damage to the roof of the former Astoria Ford dealership off Youngs Bay can be seen in the background behind an emergency responder on Wednesday. **BELOW:** Visitors enjoy the view on an observation platform in Fort Stevens State Park amid strong winds.



At an observation platform in Fort Stevens State Park, visitors struggle to hold on in the face of what the National Weather Service predicted could be sustained winds on the North Coast up to 45 mph.



## An uncertain future ahead for food carts near City Hall

### Vendors leave after questions about property

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ  
The Daily Astorian

Some food cart vendors across from Astoria City Hall are looking for new locations as questions about the future of the property have put them on shaky ground.

The property on the corner of Duane and 11th streets includes buildings that house a makeup store as well as a parking lot where the food carts Good Bowl, DJ's Vinyl Vegan and Snackle Box have been located for the past two years. About eight months ago, Nourish Juice Bar joined the lineup.

Unknown to most of the food cart vendors, the property was in the middle of a tax foreclosure process with Clatsop County.

The foreclosure, set in motion by four years of unpaid taxes, was scheduled to go through earlier this month, but came to an abrupt halt when 1101 Pacific Avenue LLC paid thousands of dollars of taxes owed by property owner Frederick Smith.

According to county records and Clatsop County Assessment and Taxation Director Suzanne Johnson, Smith still owns the property but other parties now own the mortgage and Smith's debt. Smith could not be reached for comment.

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## A community responds after a death on deck

### Chinook benefit for fisherman's family

By AMY NILE  
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CHINOOK, Wash. — Juan Albelo Martinez was learning the ropes as a deckhand during his first fishing season at sea.

The 38-year-old apparently lost his footing and fell overboard while trying to untangle a line and died in early September, a few days shy of heading home after months of fishing for albacore.

Richard “Pat” Patana hired Albelo Martinez as a deckhand on his 54-foot fishing vessel. He started in June, pulling fish from the water and hanging or stacking them in the boat's blast freezer.

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## A Halloween Night Run, for those who dare

### Spooky tales and candy

By KATHERINE LACAZE  
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The setting: the Astoria Riverfront Trolley. The time: 6:30 p.m. Halloween.

Dressed in cobwebs and inhabited by ghosts, bats and skeletons, the trolley will take off near 17th Street — loaded with passengers and a conductor and driver in costume — and travel along the Astoria Riverwalk. Those who dare can join the thrilling one-hour night ride and hear spooky tales while indulging on candy.

“We just have a blast with it,” said Paul Winiarz, a member of the trolley operations board.

Originally, the complimentary Halloween Night Run was part of a larger tradition that included a Halloween bash at the Astoria Armory and a night of spooky movies, activities and food for families at Rogue Ales Pub-

lic House. The trolley ride took place between festivities.

When the Rogue discontinued the event, however, the trolley ride was already “such a ritual, we decided we would carry on,” Winiarz said.

### ‘Time to get theatrical’

One of the trolley operators, who had a knack for telling ghost stories, introduced storytelling into the Halloween Night Run. For the past two years, North Coast children's author Melissa Eskue Ousley — who uses locations in and around Clatsop County as the backdrop for some of her work — took on the job of entertaining passengers as they traveled from 17th Street, near the Columbia River Maritime Museum, to 39th Street, then to the Astoria Riverwalk Inn and back.



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Costumed riders of all ages fill the Astoria Riverfront Trolley during the Halloween Night Run in 2015.

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