

Mike Goin is Astoria's 'Mr. Hall of Fame'

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The work of a high school athletic director is never done, and rarely recognized.

That changes somewhat this weekend, however, when Astoria's Mike Goin is inducted into the Oregon Athletic Directors Association (OADA) Hall of Fame.

Goin's accomplishments as an athlete and a coach are well known, and were rewarded with inductions into the Astoria High School Hall of Fame, as both a player and a coach.

Accomplishments as an athletic director, however, are a bit tougher to pin down, since so much of the work is done behind the scenes.

"Most people don't realize how much you're involved," said Goin, who was Astoria High School's athletic director from 1985 to 2002, the same year he retired as boys basketball coach.

"All the stuff that goes on, the public really doesn't see it all," he said. "It's constant."

From making travel arrangements for teams, to scheduling, to the set-up and take-

down for many sporting events... the work of an athletic director often goes unrecognized.

Still, during his tenure as AD at Astoria, Goin was instrumental in several big moments in Astoria athletics.

Such as: Goin was the Astoria AD when soccer was added as a varsity sport at Astoria; and he was "on the committee that got the swimming pool (Astoria Aquatic Center) passed, and was involved in that," he said.

And because of Goin's efforts, Astoria still serves as the host for many sporting events including the district

swim meet; the Fishermen co-host the cross country district championships with Seaside; and Astoria is always one of the sites for the district golf tournament.

Goin was also involved in the Cowapa League's annual Scholar-Athlete Award, an idea started by former Seaside Athletic Director Jerry Westholm. Astoria has hosted the Scholar-Athlete Award evening more than any other Cowapa League school.

He also served on the Astoria Parks and Recreation Board for 19 years; and was on the

OADA board as the representative for all Class 3A schools for eight years.

Goin will deservedly take his place in the OADA's Hall of Fame Saturday, at the organization's annual conference in Sunriver.

Other former athletic directors joining Goin in the OADA Hall of Fame Class of 2015: Bill Bowers (Springfield); Terry Hanson (Waldport and Barlow); Ken Harris (Sunset); Bruce Howell (South Medford); Marianne Mills (McMinnville); and Dale Yuranek (Woodburn).



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Mike Goin addresses the crowd on "Mike Goin Night," in his final home game as coach.

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the years, he said, but there has been a resurgence of community spirit, including the reinstatement of potluck dinners, which are held the second Saturday of each month, and holiday events.

Boone did not have prior firefighting experience, but he joined the department because he was looking for adventure in his life as a young man. He stuck with it because he has "a personal conviction that everyone

needs to give back to their community in some way or another."

"There are a million different ways to do it, but this is just the way I've chosen," he said.

He was chairman of the Hamlet Rural Fire Protection District board in the 1980s, a position he relinquished when he was promoted to chief in 1991.

The department

The fire department runs about 100 calls per year, with the biggest source of activity being

emergency medical response to motor vehicle accidents on U.S. Highway 26. The department also provides mutual aid to Cannon Beach and Seaside.

The department has about 10 members on the roster. Boone said they could use more, even though there is a high participation rate. All members including Boone are volunteers. In fact, he is one of the last unpaid fire chiefs in the state.

He gives between a few to 20 hours per week, on average, serving the department. Since

"the job is much larger than I have time to do," he said, he focuses on prioritizing responsibilities. Nevertheless, he has enjoyed his time with the department.

"It's been a real positive thing in my life," he said.

Not only has he spearheaded the fire department, but he's also managed his construction business successfully and raised two kids.

Making a difference

"It's quite impressive what

he's done," Brown said.

Boone helped expand the department's equipment from what originally was at truck, a jeep and some military surplus to what is now two facilities for housing trucks, a new pumper and a rescue rig. He also has overseen grant writing and fundraising, crucial to keeping the department going.

From the community's perspective, Brown said, "generous fails to give the connotation of what he's done for us." Boone understands the history of the

community and knows each person's property, health, age and their ability to evacuate their property safely in the event of a fire or other incident, which helps the department respond appropriately.

"He has an intimate knowledge of how things work out there and it's very beneficial to those of us on the fire department, as well as those of us in the rest of the community," Brown said. "The life and experience he's had here for 40 years is invaluable."

Stores: Getting inventory is bigger challenge than sales

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the brochure outdated before the end of summer.

"I have no idea why they're springing up," Barker said, though she thinks many people still are struggling financially from the economic downturn and can't afford to purchase things at big box stores, so they're turning instead to thrift shops.

Hank Horlings, owner of Seaside Thrift Store on South Roosevelt Drive, agreed it likely has something to do with the economic recession, which has driven people to seek good deals. Thrift stores also tend to feature American-made and unique items,

and give owners and customers alike the opportunity to up-cycle, refurbish or re-create used products.

He opened shop in the spring of last year with the intent to liquidate his inventory from several properties on the central coast near Waldport. Over the months, the store became self-perpetuating, and he intends to continue it.

Linda Iles-Martin, owner of Linda's Rag and Bone Thrift Shop, said she hasn't noticed any economic or social trends that could be the impetus for the stores opening in 2014 in particular.

"This (past) summer, I was surprised to see so many thrift stores," she said last fall.

The key to success

Sometimes people have a dream of starting a thrift store without realizing the hard work necessary for its success.

"Having a secondhand store is like having a garage sale every single day of the week," Iles-Martin said. "I work really hard at it. So that's basically what my reward is: that I'm still in business."

Horlings agreed maintaining the thrift store and making it successful is primarily dependent on the work he puts into it, even when there are no customers. He didn't expect to break even for 2014.

The manager at Seaside's STUFF, Dan Osborn, also has pragmatic expectations for the

store, which opened in July 2014. The store is doing well, he said, but they're "not getting rich."

"We're just doing our own thing and doing the best we can," he said, adding they're "not out to crash" any of the other shops.

His sister, Valerie Watson, owns the store and his nephew, Tim Meyer, of Beaverton, is their buyer. The group has a warehouse in Beaverton where Meyer sells the high-end products he accumulates before transporting the rest of the stuff to be sold in the aptly named Seaside store.

Tough competition?

The shop owners seemed unconcerned about the thick presence of thrift, vintage and antique stores in the area.

The shops don't compete with one another from a sales standpoint so much as through obtaining inventory, Iles-Martin said. With other businesses hitting up the same estate sales, garage sales and other venues to find cheap merchandise to resale, the chance of making a find that can turn a profit declines.

"Where I 'make' the money is when I buy stuff," Iles-Martin said.

Apart from that, each store has a slightly different feel than the others.

Iles-Martin and her husband, Mike Martin, the store's co-owner, opened Linda's Rag and Bone No. 2 about five years ago to sell furniture, which couldn't be housed at the original shop. Her sons now run the business and

focus on furniture, video games and sporting goods.

The Spay & Neuter Thrift Shop is well established, in a good location and has a philanthropic cause, which combined help the store thrive, Barker said. Since the Helping Hands Thrift Store closed, it is the only nonprofit store.

"That may make a difference to some people," she said.

Horlings doesn't feel like the surplus is bad for business. If he doesn't have an item at his shop, he'll refer customers to other stores.

"Communities have to work together," he said. "As a merchant, you have to get to know your area and refer them to other sites."

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