

History teacher gets national recognition

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all times; and be committed to and enjoy a good rapport with students.

Hawes met all the qualifications, Fuller said.

"I felt honored by it," Hawes said of the nomination. "In many ways it was a wonderful honor and humbling experience. I'm old enough to be grateful for it and wise enough not to let it go too much to my head. I teach with lots of people who can win awards but don't."

Hawes' nomination came about after several students mentioned his name when asked about influential teachers during the course of applying for DAR scholarships, Seaside High School Principal Sheila Roley said.

Roley, Seaside Superintendent Doug Dougherty and a former Seaside High School student each supplied a written statement in support of Hawes. In addition to being a great colleague whom the staff enjoys working with, Roley said, Hawes is warm, considerate, funny and humble, and strongly impacts the students.

"He brings history to life through just the emotional, as well as the academic components of the subject," said Roley, who has worked with Hawes since joining the district.

Hawes has been teaching about 30 years, 26 of which

have been at Seaside High School. During his first years, he served a "potpourri of needs" by teaching a variety of topics, such as personal finance and pre-algebra — classes he covered "with great enthusiasm and little skill," he said.

He now primarily teach-

of the times even. So I try to let them see that history is not just a short, boring textbook of these events."

Hawes fills each class with a lot of reading, writing and talking, trying to incorporate things that will engage the students' intellect. He doesn't rely on a

it. "Okay, tell me why," I will reply."

Asking the students what they think, treating them with dignity and valuing their insights and knowledge is an important part of helping them feel comfortable in the classroom, which in turn helps inform, challenge and provoke them so they can improve the depth and breadth of their thinking, Hawes said.

The World War II era and the Civil Rights era of the 1960s are "incredibly powerful" and tend to be the most fascinating topics for students, Hawes said. As for him, he believes history is an area where he can indulge his own passions by getting to read from novelists, poets, philosophers and essayists, who inform him and make him a better teacher. He enjoys going to school each day, filled with excitement to teach history.

When asked why he's so passionate about the subject, Hawes' first reply was, "I am at heart a nerd, of course."

"I just like learning about the world, I think," he added. "I find the forces of history fascinating, the personalities fascinating. I find people incredibly complex, and beautiful and creative, and vexing. I think history, in the way that one can define it, is the repository of all our stories. And, at heart, we all love stories."

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Mike Hawes

es the American and world history class for seniors, but he also occasionally instructs other elective courses, such as global studies, world religions, World War II seminars and Greek and Roman history. He also has been the Pacifica Project advisor since the program's inception in 1993.

Hawes tries to approach his course subjects with a great deal of passion and knowledge and to treat students "like they want to learn about the world even if they don't," which often results in them getting on the history train, he said.

"I try to make history a broad subject, which it is," he said. "It's our music, and it's our family dynamics, and it's our diverse cultural contributions from fashion to philosophy and poetry. And architecture is an expression

textbook, but rather finds articles, essays, books and other readings from primary sources to divulge to the students. They will sometimes read out loud together and then talk about language and words, Hawes said. "You want to get an environment where kids are comfortable enough to read."

In addition, students further explore a time period by perusing fashions, listening to music, watching video clips, anything to help them fully understand a time and a place, Hawes said.

"We're always trying to talk and that's the whole basis in many ways to get them to engage with the material, to comment on it, to have questions about it, to question it, to question me. To get to a place where one can raise their hand and say, 'Hawes, you're full of

Seaside Police Log

March 13

10:59 a.m., 800 block of North Holladay Drive: Police responded to 911 call about a motor vehicle accident hit-and-run.

March 14

1:52 a.m., 400 block of Ninth Avenue: Caller reported being awoken to loud music and a party going on across the street. Subjects were contacted and warned about the complaint and agreed to turn down the music for the night.

7:52 a.m., 600 block of Broadway: Caller reported man sleeping in walkway. Officers responded. Subject was contacted and warned for unlawful lodging and open container.

11:24 p.m., 400 block of South Columbia: 911 caller reporting a male that was threatening to harm himself. Officers made contact with roommate. Roommate will call if subject returns. Cellphone goes to voicemail.

March 15

5:22 a.m., 400 block of Roosevelt Drive: Subject was reportedly having a mental breakdown. Officer responded. Subject was transported by Medix to Providence Seaside Hospital.

3:11 p.m., 1100 block of Roosevelt Drive: 911 call about an odor smelling of gas, smoke or a chemical.

March 16

9:07 a.m., 2500 block of North Roosevelt Drive: Subject called 911 about boyfriend refusing to leave. Officer made contact; subject was leaving with a friend.

12:39 p.m., 2200 block of South Edgewood Street: Real estate company requesting walk through after back door was found open upon entry. Officer responded and walked through residence and found nothing out of the ordinary.

2:23 p.m., 1100 block of North Wahanna Road: Office responded to report of bus hitting power line and advised

power line was low hanging. Officer stayed on scene until Century Link arrived to get line up so it was not a traffic hazard.

11:28 p.m., Seventh Avenue: Report of subjects that are mock fighting and acting strangely. Officer responded; subjects advised and moving on; they were just messing around.

March 17

10:01 a.m., 2100 block of South Franklin Street: Caller reported neighbor beating on wall and yelling profanities at his child. Officer contacted neighbor and warned her regarding unreasonable noise.

5:12 p.m., 2100 block of Lewis and Clark Road: Caller reported possible suspicious activity.

7:07 p.m., 200 block of Broadway: Multiple 911 calls reported group of kids beating up an old man. Officers responded.

11:25 p.m., Avenue F and Lincoln Street: Report of an intoxicated male that went to the wrong house and thought it was his. Courtesy ride to residence.

March 18

3:09 a.m., 86100 South Wahanna Road: Officers assisted Clatsop County Sheriff's Office with a burglary.

7:15 p.m., 2100 South Franklin Street: Multiple 911 calls report disturbance between neighbors.

8:14 p.m., 300 block of South Roosevelt Drive: Multiple callers report and fight in store parking lot. Officers responded. Subjects were located.

9:18 p.m., Broadway: Caller reported rowdy party. Officers responded.

March 19

1:22 a.m., 2400 U.S. Highway 101: Subjects trying to help an intoxicated friend get home for the evening. Officer made contact and the disturbance was verbal in nature only.

7:20 p.m., 800 South Roosevelt Drive: Caller reported three guys

smoking pot. Officers responded and made contact.

March 20

12:51 p.m., Broadway: Caller reported male lying on the floor in the restroom. Officers responded and rendered aid.

March 21

2:29 a.m., Avenue A: Caller reported group of male subjects being loud. Subjects were contacted and advised of complaint. They agreed to keep it down and move on for the evening.

1:46 p.m., 200 block of Broadway: Officer responded to report of persons causing a disturbance demonstrating in the area. Warned persons for noise.

9:29 p.m., 900 block of Avenue I: Officer advised of possible drug activity in the area. Information passed on to drug task force. Officer went by only one male in the area.

March 22

1:45 a.m., U.S. Highway 101: Assisted Clatsop County Sheriff's Office with a vehicle pursuit.

3:01 a.m., 8000 block of Southeast Raymond Street: Subject reported being assaulted by group of subjects who he was unable to identify. He was uninjured.

12:33 p.m., 200 block of Broadway: Officer responded to report of person selling Avon. Person could not provide city license. Warning issued. Must cease activity.

March 23

2:17 p.m., 2600 block of U.S. Highway 101: Officers respond-

ed to a report of a disturbance. Reporting party did no wish to pursue any charges. Parties separated.

6:18 p.m., Holladay Drive: Officers responded to report of people shooting inside city limits. Subjects advised to move out of city limits.

10:29 p.m., Necanicum and Fourth Avenue: Officer responded to a report of sparks above houses. Object located; it was a streetlight. It was not fire, reflecting off the rain.

March 24

3:01, 800 block of 14th Avenue: Caller reported missing teenager. Officer responded.

4:51 p.m., 1200 block of South Roosevelt Drive: Caller reported motor vehicle hit and run.

March 25

6:03 p.m., Fourth Avenue and Ocean Shore: 911 call regarding missing child. Child was located.

11:48 p.m., 911 caller reported someone trying to gain entrance to their apartment. Officers found it was the neighbor next door.

March 26

11:49 a.m., 300 block of Broadway: Report of possible child abuse by patrons.

7:22 p.m., 1600 block of South Columbia Street: Officer responded to report of male attempting to get into apartment. Officer advised male had returned to his own apartment and did not want to talk to officer. Officers cleared, no crimes committed. Family dispute.

The aftermath of the vote

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After the election results came in, Widdop said she was glad there was a large margin.

"There is no question as to how people have felt about this," she said.

The city of Gearhart will incur the cost for the recall election. The elections office will send the city an invoice, but the final cost has not been estimated, according to city administrator Chad Sweet and elections officials. The estimated cost is \$6,000 to \$8,000.

"I'm glad this election is over," Sweet said. "I'd like to get back to work for Gearhart."

The recall process was initiated in November, when Gearhart resident Harold Gable filed a prospective petition with Sweet. He then started circulating his petition Dec. 1, after his prospective petition form was approved.

On his form, Gable listed Widdop's alleged offenses as reasons she should be recalled. He stated, "Because of her abuse of leadership, lack of transparency and strong personal bias, vote yes to recall Mayor Widdop."

Gable said he and the others who supported Widdop's recall are "just going to keep on keeping on" and try to "keep people informed on what seems right from another perspective."

The vote showed that Widdop has a lot of support, Gable admitted, but he doesn't think the people who voted yes thoroughly examined the history leading up to the recall.

Going forward, Gable said he and the others who spearheaded the recall campaign will aim "to get people to be honest and to listen... so there is a give-and-take, so there is a respect for things, so you don't have complaints that are just verbal" but have a physical record. Gable feels ordinances are not applied equally to everyone in the city, and that's something he'd like changed in favor of "universal fairness," though, he noted, it is too early give details on how recall supporters will go about trying to achieve their goals.

"I think things will work out all right. It will just take a little longer," he said.

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