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Heppner's Greg Grant joins 300-win club

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By Jerry Ulmer

More than three decades ago, when Greg Grant first broke into coaching, he thought basketball would be his sport.

He soon learned, however, that he "didn't really have the personality to be a basketball coach," he said.

It turns out that Grant's intense approach was the perfect fit for football. And Friday night, he became the sixth coach in state history to reach the 300-win plateau when he guided 2A Heppner to a 52-0 win at Weston-McEwen.

In five seasons at Alsea (1985-89) and 30 seasons at Heppner, Grant has a record of 300-73. The only coaches with more wins are Dewey Sullivan (352), Thurman Bell (331), Ken Potter (318), Craig Ruecker (308) and Kent Wigle (306). Of the others, only Jesuit's Potter remains active.

"To have stuck with it, I never would've guessed when I started, when I was 24 years old, that I would be here," Grant said. "But it's been fun, and I'm still having fun."

The 58-year-old Grant is 263-61 at Heppner, where he won state championships in 1992 and 2015. The Mustangs are 7-0 this season and ranked second in the OSAAtoday 2A coaches'



Heppner's Greg Grant, with quarterback Jayden Wilson, is the sixth Oregon coach to win 300 games. -Photo Courtesy of Heppner HS.

poll. Some of the players on this year's team are the sons of his former players.

"I have five or six on this team that are second generation," he said. "And I have five or six people who coach for me that played for me. So it kind of becomes who you are."

Grant started off coaching football and basketball at Alsea before landing at Heppner. In addition to football, he also has coached boys and girls golf and assisted in the basketball program at Heppner. He is the school's athletic

director, too.

"I consciously made a decision not to go to bigger schools multiple times because I didn't want to coach year-round," he said. "I'm a three-sport guy. I fully believe in it. I'm as proud of my golf program as I am my football program."

Grant said the Heppner community has supported him in much the same way Sullivan was embraced at Dayton.

"Dayton wrapped its arms around Dewey, and he stayed there and made it right," Grant said. "This hasn't been anything that

I've done, it's just been something that I've been a part of."

Grant - whose son, Kellen, is a senior on this year's team - said his decision to return as coach "has always been a year-to-year deal." He will reevaluate after this season, but it's a good bet that he's got plenty of coaching days ahead.

"I used to think I wanted to go hunting and do this and that, and I'm not sure those things are as attractive every day," he said. "I look at it and think, 'What else would I do that matters that leaves a little bit behind?'"

JV football plays Grant Union



The Mustang JV football lost to Grant Union at the game played October 14. Pictured: Kael Osmin (58), Mikel Jace (54), Blake Carter (78) and Ty Boor (28) far right, playing defense. -Contributed photo.

Days for Girls workshop, potluck to be held

Local women and 4-H sewing project members are invited to a noon potluck and sewing workshop in Heppner on Sunday, November 3 from noon to 2 p.m. at the home of Pam Norton, 980 Fairview Way. The project is a joint effort of Willow Creek Baptist Church and Lewis and Clark Bible Church in Astoria.

In September, a group from Astoria came to Heppner and taught 14 local participants about the Days for Girls Project, which provides colorful reusable feminine hygiene kits to girls and women in over 100 countries as well as homeless camps in the United States.

The Heppner group is partnering with the Astoria



Jerry Conklin of Heppner (upper left) helped distribute Days for Girls bags to school girls in Uganda earlier this year.

group to sew up some 400 kits for school girls in rural Uganda. Jerry Conklin was the pastor at the Astoria church before retiring and moving to Heppner with his wife Laura a couple years ago. He introduced the project to local sewers.

Homemade soups and beverages will be provided. Participants can bring a food item to share if desired. For additional information, contact Nancy Jepsen at 541-667-7498 or learn more at <https://www.daysforgirls.org/>.

Haunted Heppner event scheduled

The Haunted Heppner trick or treat event will be held Thursday, Oct. 31 from 2 to 5 p.m. in downtown Heppner.

Costumed children will be offered treats by Heppner businesses when they stop by the stores, banks and offices who will be participating.

An orange sign saying "Welcome to Trick or Treat" will be displayed at participating businesses.

Businesses who are interested in participating in the trick or treat event should visit city hall or call 541-676-9618 to request a sign.

Ione Library to meet

The monthly meeting of the Ione Library District's board of directors will be held on Monday, October 28 at 6 p.m. at the Ione Public Library, 385 W. Second Street.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Community lunch menu

Christian Life/Firelight volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, October 30 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread sticks, steamed green beans, tossed salad and peaches.

Milk, coffee and tea is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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