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City Council met Monday

The Greensburg City Council met Monday evening in the Greensburg Community Center in regular session.

Jeff and Lindsay Landis were recognized and took the floor to voice concerns over zoning laws and zoning compliance with the Historic Creal House. The Landises gave a list of codes they felt were being violated. No action was taken.

Green River Live has requested annexation into the City of Greensburg through portal annexation. If Green River Live is annexed into the city, the city would have to

provide services. No action was taken.

With Greensburg in a financial deficit, the council rejected a 1.4% cost of living pay increase for the mayor and city council members.

Two resolutions were approved by council; borrow money to finance the purchase of an excavator and apply for a 911 grant for mapping upgrades.

The council also approved the Mayor to sign a quick claim deed to accept property within the city limits.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held March 8.

Greensburg Police Dept. releases 2020 summary report

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The following is a summary of the 2020 year from the Greensburg Police Department as submitted to the City of Greensburg last week.

Chief of Police Wayne Hedgespeth pointed out the local police department was short on manpower for majority of 2020 and the trend is also continuing into 2021.

"My hopes are hiring two officers in the very near future, however due to our low starting pay and salaries, candidates are few and far between," Hedgespeth said.

In 2020 the Greensburg Police Department patrolled over 69,800 miles. Additionally

Greensburg Police Officers spent numerous hours on foot in various neighborhoods.

Officers issued over 985 citations, which include 58 for speeding, 76 for failure to wear seatbelts, and the remainder were for licensing, insurance, equipment and miscellaneous violations.

GPD arrested 14 DUIs and made 372 Criminal and Traffic arrests; 41.9% of these arrests were for out of county warrants. The arrests range from Assault, Theft, Burglary, Trafficking in Controlled Substance, Failure to Appear, No Insurance, No Operator's License, Possession of Controlled Substance, etc.

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Tax season begins Feb. 12

The Kentucky Department of Revenue is in the process of finalizing its tax filing processes and procedures, striving to make this the most efficient and safe filing season possible.

The IRS recently announced it will begin accepting electronic and paper federal individual income tax returns on Feb. 12. Kentucky will follow the same timeline and begin accepting and processing state

returns on the same date, which is later than usual due to additional programming and testing of IRS systems.

Electronic individual income tax returns typically take two to three weeks to process and refunds can be expected to be issued shortly thereafter. Taxpayers may check the status of their refund by visiting ky.gov.

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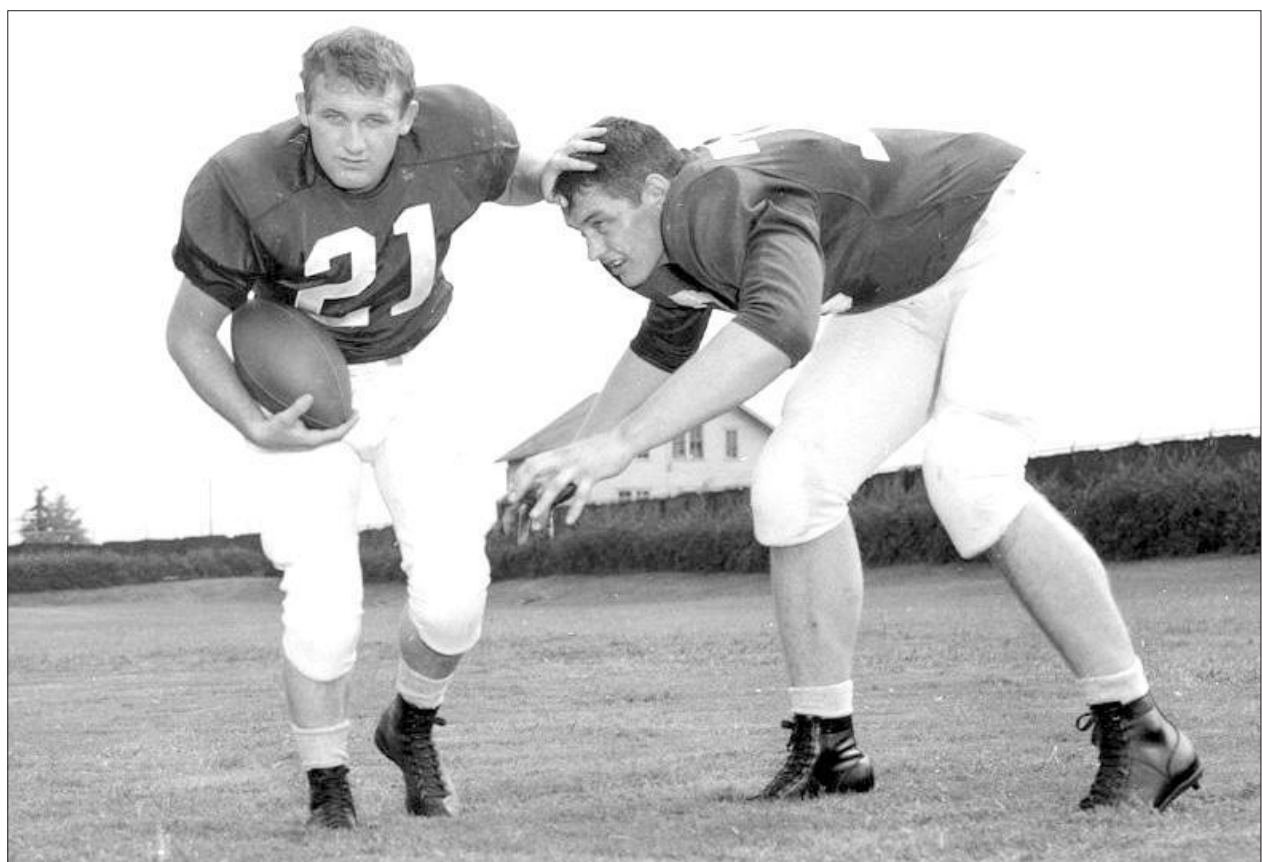


Photo submitted

Ivan Curnutte, the first head coach of the Greensburg High School Football Dragons, passed away last week in Arizona. An Ashland, Ky. native, Curnutte, #21, above, began his football career with the Ashland Tomcats in 1950's. He went on to play at the University of Kentucky and brought football to Greensburg in 1962.

Dragon football founder, Coach Curnutte, passes

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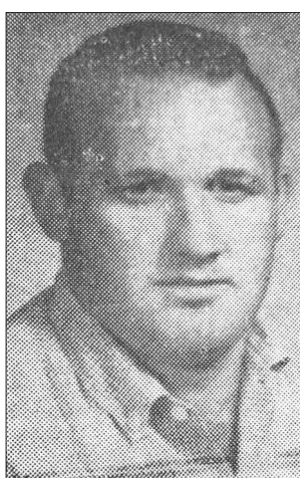
Ivan Curnutte, the first coach of the Greensburg High School Football Dragons, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 3. He was 85.

Curnutte launched a challenging football season in the fall of 1962, with only one player who had any experience, a cow pasture for a practice field and an 80 yard playing field at American Legion Park.

Coach Curnutte, who lived in Tuscan, Arizona at the time of his passing, leaves behind quite the legacy in the Green County community and for all former players and Dragon fans.

One of the first football Dragons, Charles Calhoun, played quarterback and linebacker from 1962 through 1965.

"Coach was first introduced to a bunch of rag tag early teenage boys in Greensburg. Our only connection



Coach Ivan Curnutte, as announced in the *Record-Herald* in 1962.

with football at that time was by tearing up our parents' and grandparents' front yards by passionately playing football with very little knowledge about what we were doing. Then came along Ivan," Charles Calhoun said.

"Little did we know that this man, small in stature, but filled with knowledge and wisdom would change all of our lives in such a positive way."

Calhoun went on to describe the game as

first introduced to the locals.

"Our first football field was carved out of the baseball field in Legion Park and only 80 yards could be managed but these and many other obstacles didn't phase Ivan," Calhoun said. "He used our problems on the football field, as well as life, to be recognized as opportunities to build a better future for ourselves."

Curnutte was a member of the United States Army Reserve from 1954-1962.

Aside from football, Curnutte's tenure in the Green County School District included Green County High School Assistant Principal from 1975 until his retirement in 1988, GCHS Athletic Director from 1975-1988, and boys' and girls' golf coach during the 1970's.

The former Greensburg High School coach also began the P.E. program at Pierce and Summersville and

started little league football at those schools as well.

Additionally, Curnutte was a member of the American Legion in Arizona, the K-Club, a volleyball official, assisted with University of Arizona Track and Field, and an Olympic qualified official.

The following information and excerpts are from a 2017 article written by former R-H reporter Clevis Jeffries.

Through a series of phone calls, Curnutte left his assistant football and track positions at City High in Henderson, Ky. to become Greensburg High School's first football head coach in 1962.

"I was looking for a head position and Greensburg was starting a football program," Curnutte said, in 2017.

"It was a job that I could build on as a coach."

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BBB warns of February scams

Do NOT post Covid vaccination card on Facebook!

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A local consumer contacted BBB saying he received a call from a scam artist posing as LG&E, saying his electric was going to be cut off in 30 minutes unless he went to a kiosk near his home and paid cash. At the same time, the consumer's wife got on the phone with LG&E directly, only to find out it was a scam. Don't fall for it!

In another utility scam, a local consumer reported getting a call

from a scam artist posing as the Louisville Water Company, advising that she was past-due on her water bill and her water would be turned off in 30 minutes if she did not purchase a MoneyPak, load \$100 on the card, and call back with the card information for payment.

BBB Scam Tracker reports show that several local consumers have received phone calls from what seem to be local banks offering personal loans. They say the bank of-

fers the loan, then asks for payment upfront for insurance, closing costs, and taxes for the IRS. Don't fall for it. It is a scam!

Don't fall for debt collection scams! Several local consumers reported to BBB Scam Tracker that they received calls from "Easy Cash" saying they owed money. The callers asked for personal information, including social security numbers. Hang up!

Consumers who are waiting for Covid-19 vaccines report they

are receiving calls from scammers who pretend to be an "agent" with the "Vaccination Distribution Committee," saying they are calling to talk about getting your vaccine "now before the general public."

BBB Warns - do NOT post your COVID-19 vaccination card on social media! While you would like to share the good news, it could also put you at risk for identity theft.

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