

**DRAGONS TO PLAY**  
**FLEMING COUNTY**  
 Coach Ivan Curnutte's Dragons will journey to Fleming County tonight (Friday) for a football game. The Dragons won over Fleming County 27-9 in a game played here September 28th.

These two short excerpts appeared in the Record-Herald in 1962.

**Football Practice Starts Mon.**

All High School boys interested in participating in football this year are asked to report to the high school gym at 10 a.m. Monday morning, August 13. The announcement was made by Coach Ivan Curnutte, who will be the new football coach at Greensburg High School.

**Coach Curnutte**

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Little did he know of the monumental task that lay ahead.

His interview with Eugene Tate, Principal at Greensburg High School, resulted in his being hired on the spot for football and serve as the P.E. and Driver's Ed instructor at the high school.

Curnutte had served as head coach for Louisa High in Northeastern Kentucky for the 1958-59 seasons and as assistant coach at Henderson City High during the 1960-61 seasons.

The former coach played for Ashland High School from 1950-52 and acquired all-state and all-American honors as a running back.

His college career included playing for the University of Kentucky Wildcats from 1953 to 1957.

By accepting the Greensburg position Curnutte began the program from scratch.

After two weeks of practice, approximately 25 players had reported to play for the green and gold team. Eventually, some 30 players would become part of that first team.

"There was a lot of interest," he said, "but I had to do a lot of talking to get the young men to come out."

From the start of practice to the very first game was only about a month.

"The players, for the most part, were not knowledgeable about the game. My first team knew little about organized football."

Curnutte said that only one team member ever played organized football and that was Charles Calhoun who played in Alabama.

"I had to develop plays that kept things simple; all plays were based on a series of numbers."

Jim Evans and Larry Gumm served as his assistant coaches who would help to keep things simple.

With no feeder system, no weight program, virtually no player knowledge of the game, and a cow pasture for a practice field located behind Shady Lane, times were difficult in getting the program off the ground.

"We had, for the most part, to depend on farm boys to play."

Coach Curnutte said the community was cu-

rious about the game and would show up at practices.

"There was a lot of enthusiasm for the game."

Practicing on a well-manicured field did not happen.

"There were no lines, just a field."

Occasionally, he said, you might find a little pile of cow doings on the field.

This would be the team's place to practice until the season started when they moved to the baseball field at American Legion Park.

With home field at Legion Park, there would be only room for an 80-yard field. During games, when a team reached the other team's 40-yard line, the ball would be moved back 20 yards to continue play, the former head coach said.

Curnutte commented that there were no goal posts, therefore, no field goal attempts, a limited kicking game (punts only), and teams would have to run the ball in from three yards out for the extra point after a touchdown was scored.

Players would also have to dress in the school locker room for practices and for games. The team would be transported by bus to and from the playing field.

Curnutte said it was difficult to schedule games. The locals, in that first season, played a six-game schedule, including two games at home.

They were able to win the home opener against Fleming County on September 28, 1962, 27-9.

This would be the only win of the season.

"I think the biggest win for me as a coach was the Fleming County win at home that first season," Coach Curnutte said.

He would continue to serve as head coach of the Dragons for three more seasons.

Curnutte also had two sons to play for the Dragons. Tony played from 1972-1975 and garnered Courier-Journal Class AA All-State running back honors as a senior.

Mike, better known as Alfie, played from 1973-1977 and was recognized by the Courier-Journal as a Class AA All-State first team defensive linebacker as a senior and was, for the most part, during his se-

nior season, the state's leading scorer.

Tony would continue his football career, playing for Centre College in Danville and Mike ended up at WKU in Bowling Green playing for the Hilltoppers as a kicker.

Ivan Curnutte gained much from his decision to first coach the Dragons of Greensburg High School.

"I enjoyed coaching the first GHS team more than any other team that I coached," he said. "It was a season of challenges and there was such enthusiasm and desire on the part of the players. I have always made the statement, football is a tough game. To play it, you have got to love it and this bunch of guys did."

Curnutte's former player, Calhoun, spoke highly of the coach and said he has played a major role in the shaping of many youths in the community.

"His influence on scores and scores of young lives in Greensburg is immeasurable. He was there for many young boys when a father figure at that critical part in their lives was not. He will be remembered and respected by so many. The memory of this great man and his family will be felt in the Greensburg community for years to come."

Coach Curnutte is survived by Della Curnutte, his wife of 64 years, a son Michael Dean "Alfie" Curnutte of Greensburg, three grandchildren, and a great-grandson, along with a multitude of family and friends.

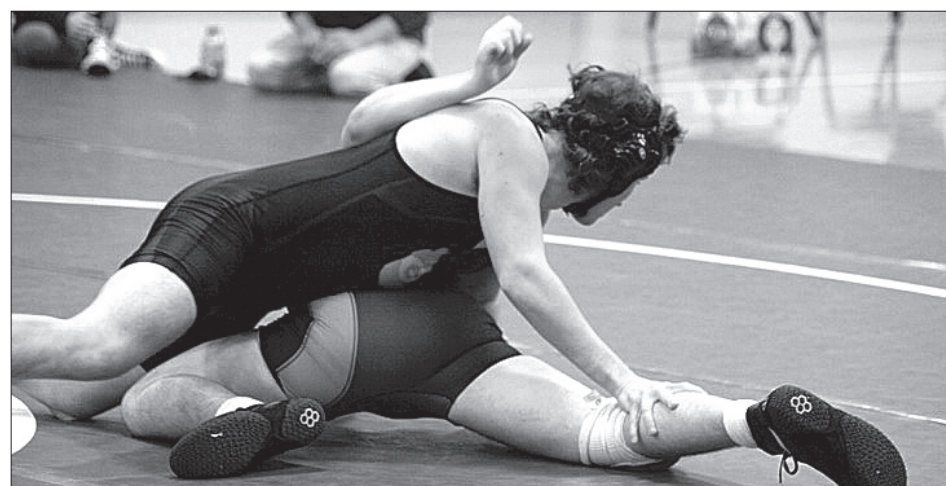
Funeral services for Ivan Curnutte will be held at 12 p.m. CT Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Cowherd and Parrott Funeral Home. Serving as pallbearers will be the 1962 Greensburg High School football team, Carl Deaton and Larry Gumm.

A walk-through visitation will be held today, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday morning prior to the service.

The family has asked that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to the Green County Athletic Program, which can be made at the funeral home.

The full obituary can

**Wrestling**

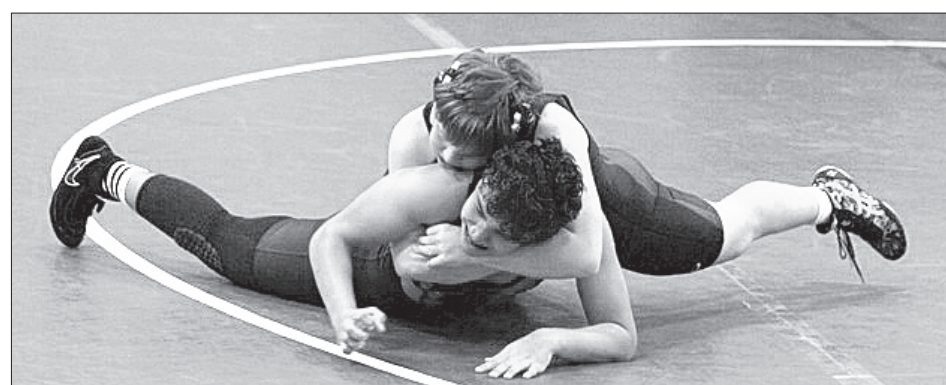


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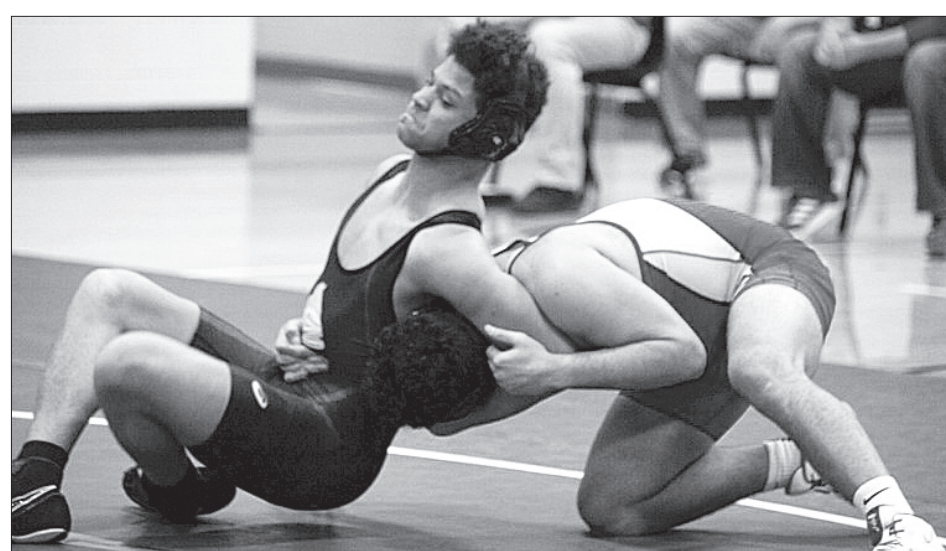
Green County High School wrestler Jake Stone secures his 2 points from the bottom against his Bardstown opponent in LaRue County last week.



Hayden Knoy breaks his LaRue County opponent down, looking for an opening in the match held Feb. 3.



Devin Day runs a cross face in an aggressive match against Bardstown.



Jaden Pierce goes for a headlock against his LaRue County opponent.

**Crossword Puzzle**

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- Composed
  - Lesotho currency
  - Ethnic group associated with Hungarians
  - Gains knowledge of
  - Gradual destruction
  - Purchase
  - Pharaoh of lower Egypt
  - Where you're going
  - The 6th letter of the Greek alphabet
  - Fishing net
  - Midway between south and southeast
  - A way to sort
  - C C C
  - Popular sports podcast (abbr.)
  - Discount
  - Consumes tobacco
  - A way to run
  - Popular musical awards show
  - Pertains to the male sexual organ
  - Supplements with difficulty
  - Green veggie
  - Deep-bodied freshwater fish
  - Holy fire
  - Usually has a lid
  - Being of use or service
  - Have a yen for
  - Unknowingness
  - Dry white wine drink
  - Unwinds
  - Traveling by sea
  - Outdoor entertaining areas
  - Stringed instruments
  - Redgrave, actress
  - Moves earth
  - Film
  - Men's fashion accessories
  - Flowering shrub
  - North Carolina university
  - Former monetary unit of Spain
  - Foodies
  - New Zealand parrot
  - Makes very happy
  - A payment required for not fulfilling a contract
  - Emerald Isle
  - The act of terminating someone's employment
  - Gland in some mammals
  - Commoner
  - Large animals
  - Belch
  - Employee stock ownership plan
  - Work units
  - Wagon
  - Nerve fiber
  - Proclaimed
  - Japanese delicacy
- CLUES DOWN**
- Progressive decay of a bone or tooth
  - Burrowing rodents
  - French/Belgian river
  - A professional cleaner
  - A Russian river
  - Kiln
  - True statements
  - Most private
  - French city
  - Masses of fish eggs
  - Apart from others
  - Monetary unit of Samoa
  - Nanosecond

Answers found on page 9A

**Loys win prizes**

The Loy family takes the prizes in the Jan. 27 and Feb. 3 basketball contests.

Each wins a Lincoln Jamboree ticket for both a show and meal, a buffet from Creekside Restaurant, a Phillips Lane gift certificate and a dinner from Lee's Famous Recipe.

**Basketball Contest Rules**

To enter the contest, contestants may use either this page or an identical page obtained at no charge at the Record-Herald office, 102 West Court Street, Greensburg. You do not have to purchase a paper or anything else to be eligible to win. Only one entry per person. Contestants must circle their winning teams on the page. Should contestants get the same number of games correct, the tie will be broken by the tie-breaker. All entries must be MAILED to the Greensburg Record-Herald, P.O. Box 130, Greensburg, KY 42743. All entries must have an automated postmark no later than FRIDAY, 5 p.m., of this week. To be eligible for the Grand Prize and bonus, an entry must be received by Saturday morning. **Mark all envelopes BASKETBALL CONTEST.** NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED IN PERSON at any participating stores or at the Record-Herald. The grand prize will be awarded when a contestant picks the winners of 26 different games. For each week that no one wins, the amount will increase by \$25.