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Finalists named for CHS football coach

Trustees expected to make decision on Monday

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After more than a month in limbo, Cleburne ISD expects to name a new head football coach at Monday's board meeting.

Three finalists have been named but only one will be brought before the trustees for recommendation of hire on Monday.

The finalists include Brownwood High School Offensive Coordinator Jeff Merket, Kingsville's King High School head football coach and Athletic Director Robert Wilcox and Crockett High School head football coach and Athletic Director Paul Parsons.

Superintendent Tim Miller, after

consulting with CISD trustees and administrators, made the decision to split the athletic director position in early January after then-head football coach and Athletic Director Phil Young resigned. Young had been with the district for six years.

With Young's exit, Miller said it was in the best interest of the district to move forward with two different people.

Director of Human Resources Kyle Boles said based on his re-

search, one-third of similar districts in Texas have both positions and moderately successful programs.

The football coach position listed on CISD's website said the coach must have a teaching certificate; however, it is not clear whether the named finalist will teach classes.

In January, Miller said the research he and Boles completed showed the majority of head football coaches did not teach in the classroom.

"Their focus is on the football program at the high school, and many of them had additional duties of working with the middle school program," he said. "In Texas, I think, it's just a fact that football is the biggest sport and in order to attract a high-quality football coach to Cleburne, we need to leave our options open in terms of what the job responsibilities are going to be in

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Eagle has landed



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Scott Purdue, who is bringing the Eagle Flying Museum to Cleburne Municipal Airport, sits on the wing of one of his airplanes, a 1942 AT6C Texan.

With some TLC, museum will be ready for show

By AMBER WASHINGTON
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Scott Purdue and Jim Lasche have big ideas for an aging Cleburne Municipal Airport hangar.

The hangar, built in the 1950s, was full of trash and holes just a few short months ago. Until Purdue and Lasche took over and started the long process of rehabilitating the building. Now when they look at the hangar, they see a

vibrant future.

"Once the beams are done, we can start working on it again," Purdue said, pointing at the ceiling where the city is installing new stabilizing beams. "We have two major holes and several minor ones. We're going to spray foam the inside walls and paint them, then we're going to paint the roof and prevent it from rusting any more."

Purdue, a former American Airlines pilot, said he couldn't imagine life without flying.

"I wouldn't recommend the aviation business [permanently], because it's pretty turbulent," he said. "But what we want to do is, we want to introduce people to aviation. There aren't many young people in flying. They're all my age or better. And what that does is spell trouble because a large part of our economy is based on aviation. With the rising costs and other distractions, kids aren't thinking about it."

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Review: County not as open as it should be

Counties recording meetings received better grade

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The Johnson County Commissioners Court needs more transparency and access to its meetings, Precinct 3 Commissioner Jerry Stringer said.

The meetings, typically held on Monday mornings, don't allow for many residents to attend because of work, school or driving distance.

Stringer introduced the idea of digi-

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tally recording all meetings and uploading them to the county's website at Monday's commissioners court meeting. Technology should allow for the court to easily stream and upload videos without much of a hassle, he said.

However, according to the Sunshine Review, a nonprofit agency promoting proactive disclosure of government information online, the commissioners court can take transparency a little further.

The agency has a 10-point transparency checklist to evaluate if government

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Annual stock show to see fewer entries than in years past

Johnson County Junior Livestock Show and Youth Fair begins Feb. 28

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Entry numbers for this month's Johnson County Junior Livestock Show and Youth Fair are fewer this year than last, which stock show Superintendent Doug Hawkins attri-

butes to higher cost of feed and fuel to transport animals.

"There's 1,837 entries, and those are represented by 750 students," Hawkins said. "We're down about 150 entries from last year."

The largest group of entries is market goats with 252. The smallest is turkeys, with nine.

Low numbers ring true for the youth fair as well, said youth fair Superintendent Tarren Oswald.

"This year we have almost 600

entries," she said. The numbers were slightly higher last year.

However, Oswald said she thinks more entries will continue to trickle in this week.

The show starts on Feb. 28 and ends with the market animal sale on March 3. All events takes place at the Johnson County Sheriff's Posse Grounds.

Excitement and anxiety are high each February as students and judges prepare for one of the busiest

weeks of the year, Hawkins said. He said he hopes the stock show will bring in at least \$400,000.

Students in grades 3-12 from county 4-H clubs, Future Farmers of America and Family Career and Community Leaders of America chapters have entered the stock show and fair. Students do not have to go to public school to be eligible.

Some notable changes in the youth fair judging process include experts in the fields they represent,

Oswald said.

"This year we really focused on our judges," she said. "We really wanted people with expertise in the category they would be judging. Say, for cakes, we actually got a baker. Before, we just had a list of volunteers, and really, a lot of them didn't know what they were looking for."

Oswald, a Johnson County agent

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