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PURPUS

In its 27 months of operation, the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame has had three on-site leaders.

Paul Najjar, Joseph Grove and now Greg Purpus have been introduced to the community with fanfare and confidence. Here's hoping Purpus is here to stay.

He has clear interest in sports and a history with the hall of fame having acted as its 4th Region ambassador.

While the hall of fame could benefit from stability in the chief operating officer role, Purpus also understands things can't stand still.

He talks about growing its recognition from "Paducah to Pikeville" and wants to expand the collection to include uniforms, memorabilia and basketballs "not just plaques and pictures."

In addition to his time here, he'll be traveling the state to promote the museum and help attract donations.

The hall has a bit of financial stability thanks to recent financial support from Dr. Mark and Carol Lynn, but like any nonprofit, developing a steady revenue flow is essential. One thing that's clear from these first 27 months of operation, success won't solely come from admission fees.

Purpus, who had a 27-year career at Western Kentucky University, recognizes that success is built upon small achievements.

The fact he recognizes the task is big and will take time provides a degree of confidence in his potential longevity in the job. His ability to accomplish the improvement goals necessary is essential if the museum is going to earn a leading place among the region's tourism attractions.

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