

## Colorado County Fair President's Message

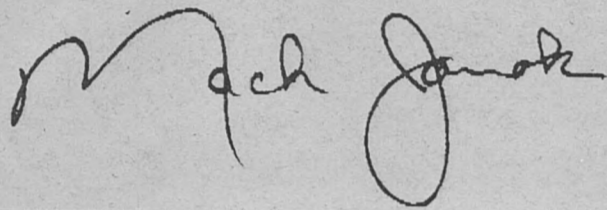
I would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family on behalf of the Fair Board, various committees and volunteers to join us between September 9th the 12th.

We are extremely excited about our 21st year of the Fair. This year to get everyone into the Fair spirit we have added a Window Decorating Contest for businesses throughout the county. Try your luck at riding the mechanical bull before you go down to the Rafter "D" bull and barrel bash and rodeo. We also have for your entertainment The Emotions, Ryan Thomas, Rambler, Danni Leigh and Grupo Vida/Grupo Zinzzero.

The Colorado County Fair strives to benefit the youth of Colorado County. Our goal has been achieved by the awarding of scholarships to the very deserving youths of our county. We have provided opportunities for our young and old to exhibit their accomplishments in the fields of agriculture, home economics and art. All this would not be possible without the generosity of our buyers, sponsors and other individuals.

Put on your jeans, boots or sneakers and come on out and have a great time.

See you at the Fair.



### Parade Marshal

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Cavalry Division 7th Regiment and in the Imperial Palace Guard at Toyko, Japan. Buddy went into the gravel and dirt hauling and yard landscaping business in 1948 and established Prause Paving Company in 1954. He retired in 1994; his sons, Wade and Shelly now own the company. A rancher, avid gardener, hunter and fisherman, Buddy is a lifetime member of the VFW Post 6113 of Columbus, a member of the Caledonia Lodge 68 of Columbus, the Masonic Lodge 423 of Weimar, the Woodmen of the World Camp 007, the Colorado County German Society, the National Rifle Association, the Texas Rifle Association, the Texas Sportsman Association and is Columbus Director of the Colorado Valley Shrine Club.

Barbara Leenen Prause was born in Columbus, attended elementary school at Peters and Peters Hacienda in Austin County and graduated from Sealy High School in 1948. She worked at the Colorado County Citizen and later at the Columbus Hospital and Clinic. She is a County, State and National member of the Family, Community Education Club, a member of the Colorado County German Society, the Woodmen of the World, and Columbus Hospital Auxiliary. She received the Home-maker Award from the Colorado Soil & Water Conservation District in 1989. She is a country music fan and lists reading and sewing as her hobbies.

Barbara and Buddy married April 28, 1951 in Columbus and are the parents of four children, Russell, Wade, Shelly and Reva West. They also have eight grandchildren.

The Prauses have been supporters since "day one" of the Colorado County Fair.

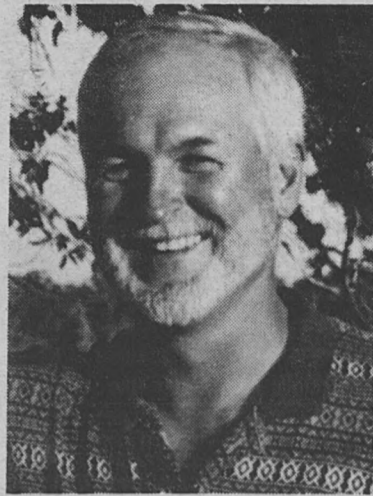
The fair parade has always been one of their favorite activities. Each has worked to decorate floats for organizations they are members of and have ridden on these floats. Buddy has used his pickup and tractor many times to pull the floats. Barbara was on the parade committee when Dora Briscoe was Parade Chairman. For many years Barbara was a parade clown and also decorated her car as an entry. Buddy, as local director of the Shrine Club, was instrumental in the past in getting the Arabia Temple Shriner entries here for the parade.

Barbara and Buddy are strong supporters of the Fair Kick Off Dance and Auction. They have been ticket sellers, stage decorators, and have bid on and bought items at the auction as well as donated items.

Buddy has donated his time, equipment and material toward preparation of the livestock grounds and rodeo arena. Many behind-the-scene activities found him on his tractor and roller, helping build fences and tearing down, hauling and reconstructing bleachers.

For many years he was a part of the Go-Texan Barbecue Cook-Off, heading a team called Country Cookers. They won the local contest in 1986 and went on to represent the county at the Houston Livestock Show Cook-Off. He also enjoyed entering the Men's Gourmet Cooking Contest and won honors in 1985, 1986 and 1987.

In 1995, Buddy was elected the Colorado County Older Texan Man along with Mrs. Margarete Bunge as the Older Texan Woman. He has represented the local Woodman Camp at many state conventions and



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twice was elected a State Delegate to the National Convention. He has helped many FFA students with donations toward their projects, provided places to camp as well as supervising campouts of the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and both he and his wife support the Magnolia Homes Tour auctions and activities. They are big supporters of Shriners Hospitals and at present are sponsoring a "Christmas Gift Drawing" for which they have donated all the gifts and are selling tickets for an October 2nd drawing benefiting Shriners Hospitals Benefit Day.

Barbara worked in the Colorado County Fair Country Store when Mrs. Georgia Jones, Katie Northrup's mother, was Chairman, later becoming chairman herself for many years.

A former member of the Fair Board of Directors, Barbara enters almost every category in the H. E. Department each year, winning many ribbons and top honors in baked goods, canned goods and collective hobbies.

In the past she has worked in the Ag Building on registration day, taking in entry blanks and now works each year on the Thursday HE Department set-up and check-in day. In the fair's history, she has only missed one set-up day and that was when she was representing Colorado County at the FCE State Convention. She has represented Colorado County at many FCE District and State Meetings.

Barbara is active in many behind-the-scenes fair activities such as janitorial duties in V.C.C., "clean up crew" on the grounds, sewed the red, white and blue entertainment stage skirt used many years and conducted a fair raffle one year benefiting the scholarship fund.

In the community, Barbara is past president of the Colorado County German Society, serving as president and coordinator of the 1999 German Society State Convention held in Columbus; is a former Cub Scout Den Mother; assistant Girl Scout leader; P.T.A. member, Band Club member; and frequent bus chaperone. She was a 25-year member of the Easter Star, Columbus Chapter, before it disbanded; was a grade school room mother for many years; worked with FFA shows and parades; is on the Pecan Show Committee as well as a baked goods competition member; participates in the Older Texan Fair each year; and does volunteer work through the F.C.E. organization.

Barbara concluded, "It's been a lot of fun working with all the volunteers each year, a lot of work through combined efforts and individual talents, all adding up to make our fair a great one that has come a long way since the first day we entered the armory 'to help' put on a Colorado County Fair."

## Memorial to J. W. Shavers

This year's Colorado County Fair is dedicated to the memory of J. W. Shavers of Eagle Lake, a board member of the fair who passed away January 20, 1999.

In addition to serving as Colorado County Fair Board member, Shavers served as Councilman for the City of Eagle Lake; Worshipful Master of Eagle Lake Lodge #366, A.F. & A.M.; lifetime member, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; and Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce and the Eula and David Wintermann Library. He also assisted with the Chamber's Lighted Christmas Parade.

He was a member and past president of the Eagle Lake Lions Club, past Lions Club Zone chairman, member of the American Legion Post #108 and served his country in the U. S. Air Force during the Korean War.

Shavers, who had been a resident of Eagle Lake since 1988, was retired from Southwestern Bell and a member of the Southwestern Bell Pioneers Association.

At the time of his death, he was serving as superintendent of maintenance for the Cen-Tex apartment complexes in Eagle Lake and did contractual work for the Heritage House of Eagle Lake.

### Scholarships

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daughter of Richard and Cindy Glueck of Cat Spring, who will attend Blinn College in Brenham this fall in the General Studies program; Rice high School winner Scott Bittner, son of Paul and Annette Bittner of Garwood, who will attend Texas State Technical College in Palacios this fall and study Diesel Mechanics; and Weimar High School winner Eric Pesak, son of Kenneth and Tina Pesak of Weimar, who will attend Blinn College in Brenham this fall and major in Ag Science and Technology.

The members of the Fair's Board of Directors extend sincere congratulations to each of these young people and wish them the best of success in the future.

### Memorial Fund Donations

The Colorado County Fair appreciates those who have donated to the Memorial Fund in memory of loved ones. Give a memorial that will live on through the Colorado County Fair. Mail donations to Colorado County Fair, P.O. Box 506, Columbus, Texas 78934. Your memorial may be designated to either scholarship purposes or building projects.

## Youth Livestock Sale

2:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 11