

## **A Message from the President**

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Another year has passed very quickly! As I reflect back on the last forty-three years, the growth of the fair has been amazing! In the beginning, I had visions of growth, but never dreamed of anything like the present.

The very first exhibit of the Barbour County Fair was held in the old barn, which was on the property at that time, but is now gone.

At the first fair, I believe there were only six or seven animals. Now-look at what has been created over the years-additional barns and a lot more livestock.

Also, a new Entertainment Center was built in 1996, which has provided a place for the entertainment and is also used for other events in the county.

The things that have happened since that first year did not just happen, they were created by Barbour County people interested in the fair and who volunteered many, many hours of their time to make all of these improvements happen.

Another force of help and support over the years has been the Barbour County Commission. They have been very cooperative and supportive in helping us to attain our goals.

The main driving force has been the Fair Board of Directors. The Board consists of forty-eight members who are elected in an open meeting in October of each year. Each Director serves on at least one committee or more. The committees are responsible for drawing up the plans and carrying them through to completion.

Huge congratulations are in order for all the persons on these committees. They have been the reason for the growth and success of the programs and facilities. I can never thank them enough for all that they do to make the Barbour County Fair the best ever!

It has been a real pleasure for me to have had the opportunity to work with the Fair Board members over the last forty-three years. Hopefully, the next forty-three will be just as enjoyable for Barbour County youth and adults!