

## Message from our General Manager, Dr. Tom Quarles

“Howdy”! Wishing all a pleasant and prosperous summer season. We are currently working through all of our summer events and gearing up for probably the largest number of fall events that the Expo has ever had. Our Phase III construction project is now coming along nicely and we are hoping to have it completed before the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo is held October 20-22, 2017. We are also currently in the process of doing some major improvements to our parking lots. It’s hard to believe that the Expo is now 10 years old. Several faulty areas in the parking lot are being saw cut, old asphalt removed and patched with new asphalt. After patching, the entire parking lot will be “fog sealed” black and then all lots and interior roads will be restriped.

As mentioned before, the expansion will allow us to book larger events, multiple/larger events on the same days and will primarily improve the overall capacity/quality of the facility for our dirt type events which includes livestock shows, horse shows, other types of equine events (large barrel racing events, large team roping events, rodeos and several other events such as circus, monster truck, concerts, etc. The upgrade in both LED lighting and sound will have a major impact on the quality of the experience that our guests receive while they are at the Expo.

Please check our event calendar, on the Expo website, [www.brazoscountyexpo.com](http://www.brazoscountyexpo.com), to remain up to date with the volume/type of events that we are having at the Expo.

During the third quarter of FY17, April through June, we hosted many great events. Events held included the Aggie Super Circuit Quarter Horse Show, the Premier Market, the Brazos County Youth Livestock Show & Premium Auction, TAMU College of Education Career Fair, Texas Evacuation Safety Meeting, Gulf Coast Appaloosa Spring Fling, Three (3) TAMU Parents Weekend banquets, Every Victim Every Time Conference, TAMU Co-Sorority Formal, Superior Combative Martial Arts Championships, Rio Grande Valley Region Pony Club Show and Jumping Rally, Whitetails Unlimited Banquet, Aggie Transition Camp Gala, Spring High Caliber Gun & Knife Trade Show, Texas Senior Pro Rodeo, Big Loop Big Money Team Roping Event, Aggie Relay for Life event, Multi State Championship Rough Stock Challenge, Houston Chapter API Cowboy Days, Dia Del Nino event, K-12 State Testing, Coach Blair Charity Banquet and Fundraiser, Texas Junior Livestock Association Camp & Show, Brazos County Relay for Life event, A&M Consolidated High School Prom, BCS Seniors Expo, Primo Hot Tub Show, Texas Special Olympics Equestrian, Texas Energy & Automation Management Solutions meeting, HYPE (Helping Youth Prepare for Employment) Career Fair, Bryan Market & Food Truck Festival, Central Texas Mini Horse Club Show, Texas Junior Simmental/Simbrah Association Show, Texas Junior Brahman Association Show, Texas Junior Brangus Breeders Association Show, District 9 4-H Horse Show, the KORA Birthday Bash, and several weddings, receptions and parties.

During the fourth quarter of this fiscal year, July through September, we have another challenging schedule, especially as we head into September and October. We will have a Childcare Conference, the Bryan Breakfast Lions Club PRCA Rodeo, Vista College graduation ceremony, the Maroon and White Goat Sale, Texas Health Occupations Association Conference, the American Red Brangus Show National Junior Show, the Josh Saculla Memorial Bull Riding event, the Saddle & Sirloin Steer, Heifer & Pig Futurity, Brazos County 4-H banquet, Horsemen’s Market Day trade show event, Texas Senior Pro Rodeo event, the Brazos Valley Arts Council Celebrate the Arts banquet and fundraiser, Texas High School Region 9 Rodeos (2), Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Show, TAMU Construction Science Career Fair, Brazos Valley Fall Bridal Show and Benefit, Brazos Valley Council of Governments 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Texas Inspectors Convention & Expo, Stock Horse of Texas Show, La Compania Car Club Show, Elizabeth House Fundraiser, the All Aggie Rodeo and

several other weddings, receptions and meetings.

As already mentioned above, please check the event calendar to see the quarterly Expo events scheduled and remember to visit our website, [www.BrazosCountyExpo.com](http://www.BrazosCountyExpo.com), to obtain more details/information regarding these and other events.

Until the next newsletter in October, wishing each of you a nice summer and early fall.