

2010 Chalo Nitka Parade Grand Marshalls

Mike & Debbie Pressley



Mike and Debbie Pressley have been selected as the 2010 Grand Marshals for the 2010 Chalo Nitka Parade.

Debbie has spent 35 years in the field of education with 34 of those years in Glades County. She graduated from Lakeland High School and met Mike while attending the University of Florida. They married in 1972. Debbie began teaching at Moore Haven Elementary School in 1974 and is currently serving as the district's Director of Curriculum Services. She has a master's degree from the University of South Florida.

Mike is a lifelong resident of Glades County and a 1967 graduate of Moore Haven High School. He graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor of science degree in the college of agriculture in 1971 and currently farms citrus, sod and sugarcane.

Over the years, Mike and Debbie have been active in many community organizations, especially those involving our youth. Glades County Youth Livestock, Moore Haven Booster Club, Glades Youth Athletics and the Methodist Church MYF have played an important part in the Pressley family lives. Both are members of the First United Methodist Church where Mike is a trustee and Debbie serves on the finance committee. Debbie enjoys the outreach ministries provided by her involvement with the United Methodist Women including a Welcome Back dinner for new teachers and a graduation breakfast to honor high school seniors. Mike enjoys hunting, fishing and playing golf.

Mike has had the honor and privilege since 1982 of serving on the Glades County School Board. He currently is on the executive board of the Small School District Council Consortium, Florida School Board Association board of directors and member of the Association's legislative and multicultural diversity committee. Mike also currently is serving a three year term on the Florida High School Activities Association's appeals committee.

Both enjoy working in their respective jobs trying to fulfill the needs of Glades County students. They feel that Glades County is a great place to raise a family and they enjoy giving back to their county what they have been blessed to receive.

Debbie's and Mike's greatest joy and feeling of accomplishment comes from their family, daughters Susan Prowant and Katherine May, who have added two great sons-in law and three adorable grandchildren to the family. Watching Brice, Justin and Camryn grow and play supplies many happy moments.

The Chalo Nitka Festival and Rodeo is a great example of what community life is about in Glades County. Debbie and Mike are truly humbled and honored to serve as Grand Marshalls.