

Please support our local Fairground facilities. Fairgrounds are the focal points of most communities that touch the lives of many. Fair facilities are not just about livestock shows and funnel cakes, they are the backbone of community response and education. Meaning that fairs and the grounds they reside on are vital. Here in Jackson County where would we have been without our grounds (most likely in a Wal Mart Parking Lot) , in 2020 we had evacuation centers for wild fire, COVID vaccination clinics and even a FEMA disaster response center for emergency housing. None of this would have happened without our grounds. Additionally, it's important to note that fairgrounds and the events held at them are major drivers of economic commerce. I'd bet that if you look closely you would notice many hotels and restaurants very close to a fairgrounds, meaning that private investment has established a value associated to a fairground. It's time for our state to realize the value that fairgrounds have and what they bring to the table. Fairs promote the aspect of doing the right thing and they help prepare our future leaders, they train them to be productive members of society. In Jackson County we are faced with urbanization at a high level, but we still have one of the largest enrollments in our youth programs in the state. Why you might ask, well because our community sees the value and the opportunities surrounding a fair and fairgrounds being a first class driver of education and community development.

Sincerely,

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