

Yoakum Sound and Light is in support of HB 2510.

In providing our sound stage and lighting services for the Marion County Fair in the past and the Yamhill County Fair since 2001, we have witnessed the positive impact the fairs have on the community.

From youth education through FFA to entertainment of local and national acts, the county fairs work hard to host events that will impact the community.

As a past school board member of the Jefferson School District I have had the pleasure to watch the FFA students present their projects that they will be competing with at the fair during a board meeting.

FFA is an amazing opportunity for the students to learn how to raise and take care of a chicken, pig, or a cow.

Some students have learned how to make a place setting at a table, a flower arrangement with the plants that they grow all school year.

They learn soil management for future growth of grass seed and corn and show new ideas for farming.

Sewing an apron or learning how to bake a pie, learning to tap dance or play the guitar is a great accomplishment.

All of this comes together during the County Fair where students compete for the blue ribbon or the opportunity to perform at the Oregon State Fair with their talent.

While it is exciting to work on stage with national acts, there is nothing more heartwarming for me, than walking through the animal barns and the buildings that display all the hard work and greeting the students that I know.

Each one shares their story and the impact that has been made on their lives throughout the year.

Thank you to the County Fairs and to all the workers that provide a safe learning and event space for their community.

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Thank you,

Peter & Trina Yoakum

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