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The Union County Fair draws people from around the region. In order to grow it needs to have modern, updated improvements. The existing water and sewer infrastructure of the fair is woefully inadequate given the number of people who attend. Not only are port-a-potties as bathroom options off putting, along with the meager amount of clean water accessible by the public, it would seem to be a health issue. And it's not only the people who'd benefit from the upgrade, but the hundreds of animals being shown as well. Improving the basic services to the fairgrounds would also make it a more desirable venue for folks looking to host weddings, musical acts, celebrations of life and other events. La Grande and Union County would do well to have a space that can meet various needs, but to do so requires maintenance and repair. Please consider appropriating funds for these much needed improvements.