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Growing up in Union County, the fairgrounds have been the heart of events and the development of so many youth through the county fair.

After being gone for nearly two decades, my husband and I were looking for a wedding venue as we had moved back to Union county the summer of 2023. I knew the fairgrounds could hold our guest list and provide the atmosphere we wanted. I was horrified to find out we would have to rent portpotties because of the status of the sewer system. This was more evident as I attended the Union County Fair and could not believe the drop in attendance. It's hard to promote an event when you can't provide a basic necessity that is needed, such as functioning bathrooms.

The Union County Fairgrounds as they stand now are a shell of the facility that could be used for multiple livestock events, meetings, trainings, and additional events supporting the economic development of the county. We have to address this issue immediately if we want to move forward for a healthy and successful regional events facility. Additional support and development will be needed, but the first step is ensuring that the water and sewer system is modern and functioning.