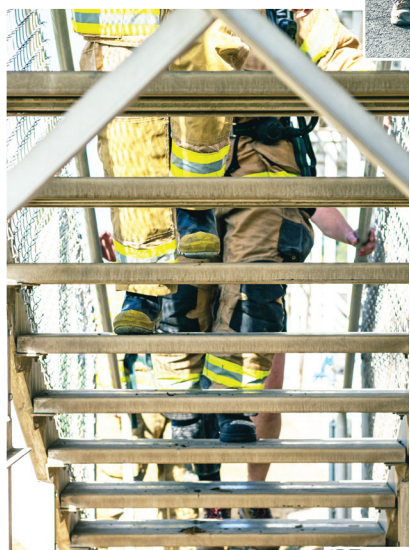


9/11 20 year memorial firefighter stair climb

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center. Firefighters from the Heppner, Lexington, and Ione Volunteer Fire Departments came together to remember the 343 firefighters who lost their lives that day.

The day's events consisted of a silent parade through Heppner, opening ceremonies with the raising of our flag and patriotic songs, and the most

important activity, the stair climb. Teams of firefighters from each of the three communities climbed 110 flights of stairs to remember the 110 flights of stairs in the World Trade Center. People of our community participated by walking the equivalent steps. Other activities of the day were firefighter themed activities for people of all ages, a pancake breakfast and BBQ Lunch. -photos by Tylynn Cimmiyotti



A Public Health and Safety Statement from Various Morrow County Organizations

Over the last 18 months, our community, state, country, and world have experienced multiple safety and health threats, ranging from floods, fires, high temperatures, and, most prominent, COVID.

As leaders serving Morrow County, it is our shared priority to ensure the safety of everyone who calls our incredible community home. We believe that each individual and organization has the strength and desire to come together and overcome these adverse events—we have before and are confident we can overcome whatever comes our way. Each one of us has an opportunity and responsibility to bring strength and stability to Morrow County.

The highest priority situation facing our communities involves COVID and its ongoing health and safety risks. Though we all hoped this global health crisis would be in our collective rearview mirrors, it is not. To overcome COVID, everyone has a responsibility to understand that the choices we make affect families, friends, neighbors, and the community at large.

If you are not feeling well, whether you suspect COVID, the flu, the common cold, or any infectious disease, please get in touch with your health care provider and strongly consider staying at home. If possible, do not go shopping, to your workplace, or to an event if you feel ill or think you may be sick.

There are helping systems, organizations, and resources available to every community member, including healthcare providers, first responders, civic organizations, and faith communities providing spiritual guidance and reassurance. The healthcare providers in Morrow County are deeply committed to protecting the County and stand ready to answer your questions about COVID and assist you in receiving your free COVID or other vaccinations if this is the choice you make.

We ask that whatever your decision regarding receiving a COVID vaccination, please take all necessary precautions to stay healthy and safe and think about others around you who depend on you to do your part to help them stay healthy and safe.

With support from our essential community resources, a unified Morrow County will be a beacon of hope, strength, and a prime example of a healthy and vital place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

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| » Boardman Chamber of Commerce | » Boardman Fire Rescue District |
| » Murray's Pharmacy | » Boardman Police Department |
| » Port of Morrow | » Morrow County Sheriff's Office |
| » Good Shepherd Health Care System | » Morrow County |
| » Columbia River Health | » Morrow County Public Health Management |
| » Community Counseling Solutions | » Morrow County Emergency |
| | » Morrow County Health District |
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