

Morrow County comes together for school safety summit

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Morrow County educators and first responders on Aug. 8 participated in a regional school security summit in Pendleton.

The InterMountain Education Service District hosted the event at the Pendleton Convention Center. About 200 people attended the summit.

School administrators from Morrow and Ione school districts, along with representatives from Boardman Police

Department, Boardman Fire Rescue District and Morrow County Sheriff Office participated in a review of the regionally adopted school safety protocols from the "I Love u Guys" Foundation, according to a statement from the Morrow County School District.

"The safety of our students and staff are always our first priority," Morrow County School District Superintendent Matt Combe said, adding the county is fortunate to have "an outstanding

wraparound program" that includes school counselors, Community Counseling Solutions school based clinicians, school resource officers, school nurses, and CARE coordinators.

Morrow County Sheriff's Office reported it sent nine of its staff to the training.

"We have participated with the schools on many other trainings and are always looking for ways to make all of our children safer," the sheriff's office

stated on its Facebook page. "We look forward to continuing to collaborate with the schools and other agencies to stop tragic school events before they can occur and we train for the day, we hope never comes."

Combe reiterated that school safety isn't a one-and-done training. Morrow County schools will continue their training on school safety and reunification processes later in September supported by presenters from the "I Love u

Guys" foundation and the community SROs.

Ione School District Superintendent Keven Dinning delivered a similar message.

"ISD will continue to focus on safety," he said, "and we look forward to working with MCSD in September to ensure that all services in Morrow County are working collaboratively to keep our staff, students and community safe."



Above: Zero Gravity tilts and spins Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, as people wait in line to get on the ride at the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston. **Above right top:** Haley Bingham, 16, from Hermiston, celebrates her birthday Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, at the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston. **Above right bottom:** Children bump and flip upside down Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, playing Knockerball at the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston.

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2022 Umatilla County Fair is a wrap



A young boy plays fishing for frogs Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, and tries to win a toy at the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston.



Children take a spin Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, on the airplane ride at the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston.



Rhys Thomas, who plays Cowboy Slim, gets his giant leg cast signed Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, at the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston. Cowboy Slim is one of the characters from the Jungle Mania Show.



The sun glimmers on religious figurines Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, at the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston.



The dance group, Steppin' Country from Walla Walla takes the stage Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, at the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston.



Gregory Booth, 74, of Pendleton, president of God Mobile Ministry, asks questions of faith Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, at the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston.



The sun sets as a group of people watch the children on the Monster Truck ride Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, at the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston.



As the amusement park lights glimmer Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, twilight descends upon the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston.

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