

# Creativity finds a home at South Morrow Art Center



The South Morrow Art Center has now opened its doors to creative community members of all ages at 188 Willow St. in Heppner. -Contributed photo



The South Morrow Art Center (SMAC) has officially opened its doors in Heppner, offering a fresh and welcoming space for creativity, connection and community art.

Located at 188 West Willow Street in the historic Heppner Gazette building, SMAC is now a vibrant hub for artistic expression in Morrow County. Led by Executive Director Andrea Nelson and Assistant Director Jamie Mullins, the center aims to serve artists

and makers of all ages and skill levels.

“We want SMAC to be a place where everyone feels welcome to come in, explore art and just create,” said Nelson. “It’s about building community through creativity.”

The center features open studio hours where visitors can drop in and work on projects at their own pace. With a wide variety of materials available—including paint, yarn, air-dry clay, beads, paper, oil

pastels, and more—guests can choose from suggested art activities or bring their own ideas to life. Open studio sessions are currently available on Wednesdays and Thursdays for either a \$5 or \$10 drop-in fee.

In addition to open studio time, SMAC offers classes taught by local artists, covering a range of subjects from painting and pottery to crafting and mixed media.

This Friday will feature a “Sip and Paint Night”

from 5:30-7:30 p.m. On Mother’s Day, May 11, SMAC will host a beginning wheel throwing pottery class at Plow and Harrow Studio in Heppner.

For current hours, upcoming classes and event details, visit [www.mysmac.org](http://www.mysmac.org) or follow SMAC on Facebook and Instagram. You can also contact Jamie Mullins at 920-629-8803 with questions or to get involved.

# MS Walk supports MSFocus



Participants in the 2025 MS Walk at Hager Park in Heppner April 26. -Photo by Dale Bates

On a sunny Saturday in April, about 50 walkers arrived at Hager Park by 10 a.m. to provide support for MSFocus.

Walk organizer Barb Orwick began the walk with a prayer then sent the group on the one-mile tour of downtown Heppner.

Although there were three planned stops for pictures, Orwick said the group was “like herding cats.” Some had ball games, Heppner Clean Up or other activities to go to.

Not to worry, though; Orwick said this is how the MSFocus Walk was designed.

Most of the walkers gathered at Bucknam’s Tavern at the end of the walk for a no-host brunch. More information was available, along with quizzes and prizes.

“Overall,” said Orwick, “it was a fun, profitable morning.”

Orwick said she is

grateful for all the people who showed up and gave money to fight with the MS warriors to “live their best lives.” Some local businesses contributed financial aid for the walk, including Bank of Eastern Oregon, Les Schwab and Murray’s Drug.

Dale Bates took photographs, Steve and Tia Egbers organized “swag” and Bucknam’s Tavern opened early to provide a special brunch.

The Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, or MSFocus, has several outlets to promote healthy living. The magazine highlights assisted technologies, diet and emotional help to navigate this disease. The website also has online courses in chair exercise, expert neurologist discussions and grants for necessary home improvements. Anyone needing support in their MS journey is encouraged to check it out.

# Wranglers results for May 4

The Wranglers Riding Club has announced the following results for its May 4 play day:

### Stick-Horse Race

3 & Under:

- 1st – Klancy Fennern
- 2nd – Dawsyn Knowles
- 3rd – Ruby Rosenburg
- 4th – Brantlie Blair

### 4- & 5-Year Olds:

- 1st – Sheldon
- 2nd – Shayne
- 3rd – Maverick
- 4th – Ada Osborn

### 6- & 7-Year Olds:

- 1st – Blaney Milligan
- 2nd – Lotus Armstrong/Oakley Bergstrom
- 3rd – Rune Armstrong
- 4th – Iris Armstrong

### Barrels

Lead-line:

- 1st – Lotus Armstrong, 33.327
- 2nd – Maverick Rhea, 35.243
- 3rd – Ada Osborn, 35.505
- 4th – Iris Armstrong, 35.982

### Peewee Wranglers:

- 1st – Kinsley Schlaich, 20.797
- 2nd – Price Hines, 23.433
- 3rd – Rhemi Rey Osborn, 36.510

### Lil Wranglers (8-11 Years):

- 1st – Jaylee Schlaich, 18.945
- 2nd – Lydia Knowles, 20.585
- 3rd – EllieGene Fennern, 21.380
- 4th – Kathryn Knowles, 25.596

### Junior Wranglers (12-15 Years):

- 1st – Ashlee Knutz, 22.447
- 2nd – Brooklyn Hendricks, 22.615
- 3rd – Allison Crum, 22.676
- 4th – Catherine Lindsay, 24.372

### Senior Wranglers (16+):

- 1st – Olivia Humphreys, 20.189
- 2nd – Saige Jensen, 20.980

### Poles

Lead-line:

- 1st – Lotus Armstrong, 47.210
- 2nd – Rune Armstrong, 48.740
- 3rd – Ada Osborn, 50.014
- 4th – Maverick Rhea, 52.365

### Peewee:

- 1st – Kinsley Schlaich, 27.170
- 2nd – Price Hines, 28.743
- 3rd – Rhemi Rey Osborn, 70.796

### Lil Wranglers (8-11 Years):

- 1st – Jaylee Schlaich, 22.212
- 2nd – EllieGene Fennern,

23.201

3rd – Lydia Knowles, 24.134

4th – Karter Jo Hines, 27.185

### Junior Wranglers (12-15 Years):

1st – Ashlee Knutz, 25.724

2nd – Brooklyn Hendricks, 26.121

3rd – Morgan Milligan, 32.708

4th – Allison Crum, 43.707

### Senior Wranglers:

1st – Olivia Humphreys, 27.235

2nd – Saige Jensen, 34.163

### Ring Race

Lead-line:

1st – Sheldon Milligan, 20.303

2nd – Sawyer Ham, 22.022

3rd – Ada Osborn, 22.583

4th – Maverick Rhea, 23.101

### Peewee Wranglers:

1st – Kinsley Schlaich, 26.205

2nd – Price Hines, 32.607

3rd – Rhemi Rey Osborn, 59.939

### Lil Wranglers (8-11 Years):

1st – Kathryn Knowles, 32.259

2nd – EllieGene Fennern, 33.283

3rd – Jaylee Schlaich, 40.189

4th – Ella Mullins, 45.215

### Junior Wranglers (12-15 Years):

1st – Allison Crum, 32.639

2nd – Morgan Milligan, 33.226

3rd – Ashlee Knutz, 43.373

4th – Brooklyn Hendricks, 46.469

### Senior Wranglers:

1st – Olivia Humphreys, 43.209

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# The Gazette Puzzle Pop

Sharpen your mind with our Gazette Puzzle Pop! Weekly math, word, and local trivia from our five towns—no internet or phones allowed. Answers in next week’s edition—grab a pencil and show off!

## Math Quiz

**Level - Moderate**  
**Q: Speedy Delivery**  
A delivery truck travels 60 miles to a warehouse at an average speed of 40 mph. On the return trip, the driver takes a faster route, increasing the average speed to 60 mph. What is the total time for the round trip?

## Jokes

**Level - Easy**  
**Q:** Why did the tomato turn red at the vegetable quiz show?

## Morrow County Trivia Challenge

**Level - Moderate**  
**Q:** What yellow wildflower, common in Morrow County’s sagebrush flats, is one of the first to bloom in early spring?

## Answers from April 23rd edition

**Puzzle:** Farmyard Teaser  
**Q:** You have 3 rabbits (4 legs each) and 5 ducks (2 legs each). You trade 2 rabbits for 4 chickens (2 legs each), but 1 duck flies to a neighbor’s farm. How many legs are left on your farm?  
**Solution:** • **Answer:** [(3 - 2) × 4] + [(5 - 1) × 2] + (4 × 2) = 4 + 8 + 8 = 20 legs.

**Wordplay Riddle**  
**Riddle:** I plant seeds that “sprout,” but what’s “seed-ing” my view in the field?  
**Answer:** Eyes  
**Question:** What Morrow County town, was named after a visiting girl?  
**Answer:** Lone

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