

# Shows feature several children's book authors

■ First Friday art shows open Oct. 4 at galleries in Baker City

## CROSSROADS 2020 AUBURN AVE.

Crossroads Carnegie Art Center will feature "The Alchemy of Glee" featuring Merrijo Wheaton and Amber Day. The show opens Friday with a reception from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. with guitar music by Nancy Ames and light refreshments.

The student gallery features work by Keating students.

A storytime will begin downstairs at 6 p.m. inspired by art in the gallery from "The Bug's Journey" illustrated and written by Merrijo and George Wheaton.

Crossroads will have a drawing at 7:30 p.m. for a chance to win \$25 worth of Taste of Baker tokens.

Taste of Baker takes place Oct. 5 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in downtown Baker City.

Open Studio Tours maps are available at Crossroads, which will be hosting several of these artists this weekend.

Marrijo Wheaton began her "scissor art" journey as a young girl exploring the art world with paper, glue, scissors and paint. Wheaton's experience of living in the Arizona desert is evident in her vibrant scissor drawings. Many of the scenes depicted in her art reflect the Southwest desert and the



Art from "The Bug's Journey" is featured at Crossroads.

people who live there.

Day, who has been a full-time potter since 2011, creates functional mid-range stoneware, pottery that has been fired at high temperatures. These nonporous bowls, cups and jars are suitable for everyday use or decorative purposes.

## ROYAL ARTISAN 1912 MAIN ST.

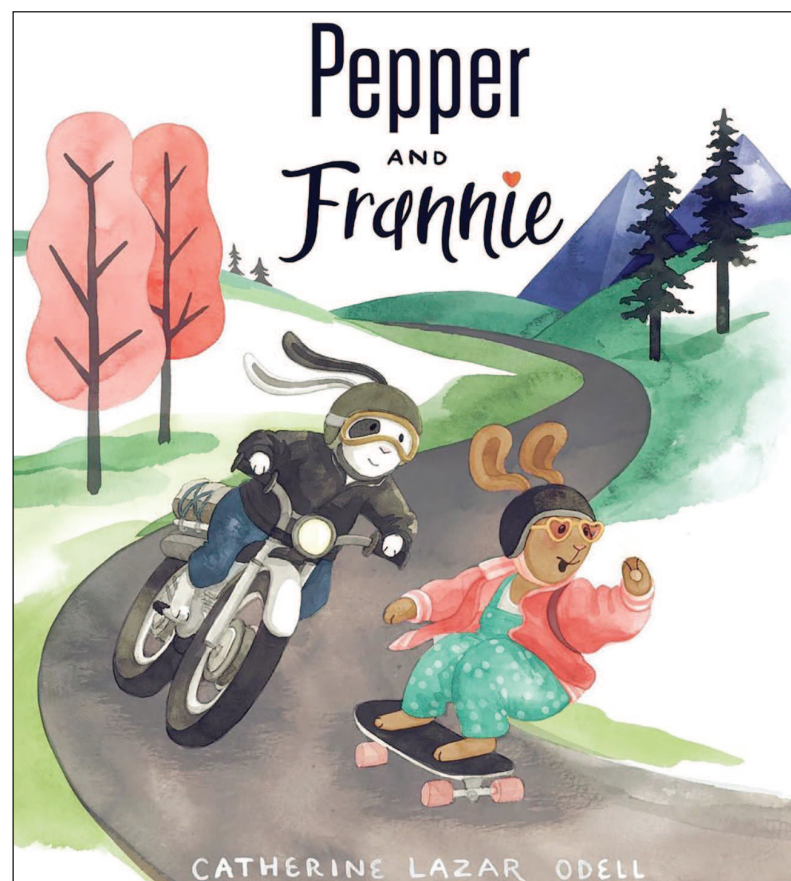
Dan Turk will present a pho-

tography show titled "Views of Eastern Oregon" at Royal Artisan. The opening reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

## CHURCHILL GALLERY 3451 BROADWAY ST.

Catherine Lazar Odell, an artist and downhill skateboarder, will show her artwork this month at Churchill School. Her first children's book, "Pepper and Frannie," was published in March 2019. She is both author and illustrator.

The art show will be a mix of figurative landscapes done with linocut and paper collage, some painted cuddly bears, some adven-



turous critters, greeting cards and a skate-able installation to go with the book theme and illustrations.

Odell's childhood, according to her biography, "spanned the globe and helped her to develop an appreciation for all the different lives a person can live." She worked as a product designer for Ziba Design, then played cello as a touring musician and now is back, literally, to the drawing board. She lives in Portland.

## PETERSON'S CHOCOLATES 1925 MAIN ST.

To celebrate the arrival of fall, Peterson's will show new pieces by Terri Axness, a new selection of bells by Black Iron Forge Co. and wood sculptures by Gary Holtpeier. The gallery will be open Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## OFF THE RACKS 2015 MAIN ST.

Becky Litke will show her paintings at Off the Racks during October, beginning with an open house during the First Friday art walk.

## THE CHEESE FAIRY AND COPPER BELT WINERY 1937 MAIN ST.

The artists wall space at the Cheese Fairy and Copper Belt Winery will be dedicated to a collection of artwork from those featured on the Open Studios Tour, which takes place Saturday and Sunday.

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