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**State, A3**

ONTARIO — One of the country's most sparsely populated and persistently defended high desert wild lands may soon be subject to frequent sonic booms and shrieking fighter jets.

The Mountain Home Air Force Base in southwestern Idaho is proposing to expand military training allowances across large portions of the Owyhee Desert — a 9-million-acre landscape of shrub steppe and remote canyons spanning three states cherished by tribes, ranchers, sportsmen, paddlers, hikers, conservationists, scientists and stargazers.

**Sports, A5**

EUGENE — Over the course of three weeks it's been coming together for Oregon quarterback Anthony Brown Jr.

Brown threw for a career-high 307 yards and three touchdowns and No. 7 Oregon had a season-high 568 yards of offense in a 52-29 victory over Colorado on Saturday, Oct. 30.

**Sports, A6**

BERKELEY, Calif. — After three straight Pac-12 losses to open the season, California is starting to find its stride. Chase Garbers threw one of his three TD passes one play after a partially blocked punt and the Golden Bears beat Oregon State 39-25 Saturday, Oct. 30.

WEATHER

**Today**

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Mostly cloudy



**Wednesday**

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Cloudy



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## Health Dept. fields calls about vaccine for kids

By JAYSON JACOBY  
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The Baker County Health Department has been fielding phone calls from parents who want to have their children, ages 5 to 11, vaccinated against COVID-19.

But as the Health Department noted in a Facebook post on Friday, Oct. 29,

those parents will have to wait a bit longer.

Although the Food and Drug Administration has cleared the use of the Pfizer vaccine for that age group, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention could give final approval for the vaccine later this week.

There are an estimated 28 million American chil-

dren in that age range.

In Baker County there are about 1,000 children in that age group, based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau and the Portland State University Population Research Center. That's about 16.8% of the county's population.

"We've had some interest from parents wanting

to get that protection for their kids, but it hasn't been overwhelming yet," Nancy Staten, director of the Health Department, said on Monday, Nov. 1. "We are keeping a list, so if people are interested, they can call the Health Department. We will make the vaccines available once final authorization has been given."

Residents ages 12 to 17 have been eligible to be vaccinated since May 2021.

In Baker County there are about 1,110 residents in that age group, and 25% of them are vaccinated against COVID-19, according to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

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## Filmmakers Featured

Paul Harrod, a production designer and director of animated and live-action films, has worked in the film industry for three decades. He will discuss his work of the years during a First Friday event at Churchill School on Nov. 5.

Joanna Priestley and her husband, Paul Harrod, are featured artists for First Friday at Churchill School

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Joanna Priestley is thankful for a change of scenery and time to work on her art.

"During the pandemic, I haven't felt as creative," she said.

Priestley is a filmmaker, and has created 32 films in her style of drawn animation.

She and her husband, Paul Harrod, are spending two weeks at Churchill School in Baker City as the resident artists.

Harrod is a production de-

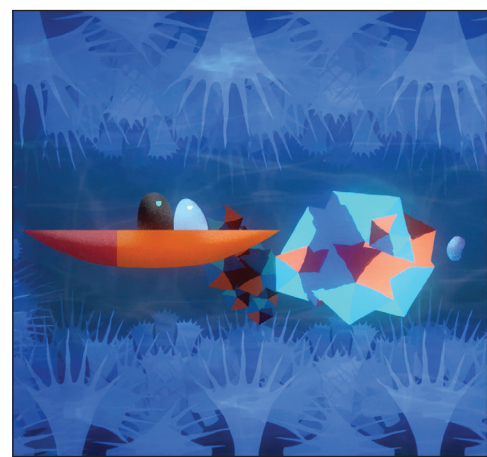
signer and director of animated and live-action films, with an emphasis on stop-motion animation.

They will be the featured artists during First Friday, Nov. 5, at Churchill.

Harrod, who can't talk about his current project due to a nondisclosure agreement, will present a slideshow about his work over the years.

Priestley will play her latest film, titled "Jung & Restless."

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Joanna Priestley/Contributed image

Joanna Priestley has finished 32 drawn animation films. She will show her latest, "Jung & Restless," during First Friday at Churchill School.

## Police looking for missing 17-year-old girl

By JAYSON JACOBY  
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Baker City Police posted a notice on the department's Facebook page Monday, Nov. 1 asking for information about a 17-year-old Baker High School student whom police describe as "missing and endangered."



Gately

Kaitlyn Rose Gately was last seen leaving BHS on Oct. 28, Baker City Police Sgt. Mike Regan said.

Kaitlyn was wearing blue clothing with the Disney character "Stitch" and was carrying a black backpack. She is 5-foot-4 inches tall and weighs about 135 pounds. She has brown hair with purple tinting and wears black-framed glasses.

Anyone with information about Kaitlyn is asked to contact Officer Lance Woodward, the Baker City Police's school resource officer, at 541-523-3644, or by email, schoolresourceofficer@bakercitypd.gov.

Regan said Kaitlyn's mother initially reported her daughter as a runaway on the evening of Oct. 28.

Regan said police became more concerned about Kaitlyn because they haven't been able to confirm that she's had any contact with anyone since leaving school that afternoon.

Regan said he has assigned Woodward to follow up on any leads police receive about Kaitlyn's whereabouts.

Regan said police did receive permission to search a Baker City home where Kaitlyn's mother believed she might be, but Kaitlyn was not at that address.

## County seeks state help with possible pharmacy crisis

By JAYSON JACOBY and SAMANTHA O'CONNOR  
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Baker County officials have talked with the state about potential options if local pharmacies need help with a temporary staffing shortage.

Jason Yencopal, the county's emergency management director, said he has talked with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) about the possibility of providing pharmacy workers if necessary.

As of Monday, Nov. 1, no Baker City pharmacies had contacted the county seeking help with staffing, Yencopal said.

The pharmacy at the Baker City Bi-Mart store is slated to close Nov. 9; the

store itself will remain open.

That would leave the county with three pharmacies, in the Safeway, Albertsons and Rite Aid stores.

Helen Loennig, pharmacist and pharmacy manager at Bi-Mart, said she's "really worried about what's going to happen" when the Bi-Mart pharmacy closes and many prescriptions are transferred to one of the remaining pharmacies.

Loennig also sent an email to Nancy Staten, director of the Baker County Health Department, regarding the situation.

"We are about to have a Pharmacy Health Crisis," Loennig wrote in the Oct. 27 email to Staten.

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Samantha O'Conner/Baker City Herald

Customers line up Monday morning, Nov. 1 at the Rite Aid store in Baker City, waiting for the pharmacy to open at 10 a.m. The pharmacy reduced its hours on Sept. 24 due to "staffing issues," according to a sign at the store.



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