

## TODAY IN HISTORY

### TODAY

Today is Saturday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2021. There are 356 days left in the year.

### TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:

On Jan. 9, 2020, Chinese state media said a preliminary investigation into recent cases of viral pneumonia had identified the probable cause as a new type of coronavirus.

### ON THIS DATE:

In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hot-air balloon, flew from Philadelphia to Woodbury, New Jersey.

In 1861, Mississippi became the second state to secede from the Union, the same day the Star of the West, a vessel bringing reinforcements and supplies to Federal troops at Fort Sumter, South Carolina, retreated because of artillery fire.

In 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, California.

In 1916, the World War I Battle of Gallipoli ended after eight months with an Ottoman Empire victory as Allied forces withdrew.

In 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing on the shores of Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines as the Battle of Luzon got underway, resulting in an Allied victory over Imperial Japanese forces.

In 1951, the United Nations headquarters in New York officially opened.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, in his State of the Union address to Congress, warned of the threat of Communist imperialism.

In 1987, the White House released a January 1986 memorandum prepared for President Ronald Reagan by Lt. Col. Oliver L. North showing a link between U.S. arms sales to Iran and the release of hostages in Lebanon.

In 2003, U.N. weapons inspectors said there was no "smoking gun" to prove Iraq had nuclear, chemical or biological weapons but they demanded that Baghdad provide access to scientists and evidence to back its claim that it had destroyed its weapons of mass destruction.

Five years ago: French Jewish leaders and the nation's prime minister, Manuel Valls, held a memorial ceremony for four people killed in a kosher market a year earlier by an attacker claiming ties to the Islamic State group.

# Stewart Jones Designs is moving home

By **BILL BRADSHAW**

Wallowa County Chieftain

JOSEPH — Stewart Jones has left the building — well, almost. He and wife, Catherine Matthias, are closing Stewart Jones Designs downtown in February and moving to their home north of Joseph with a reopening date set for March 10.

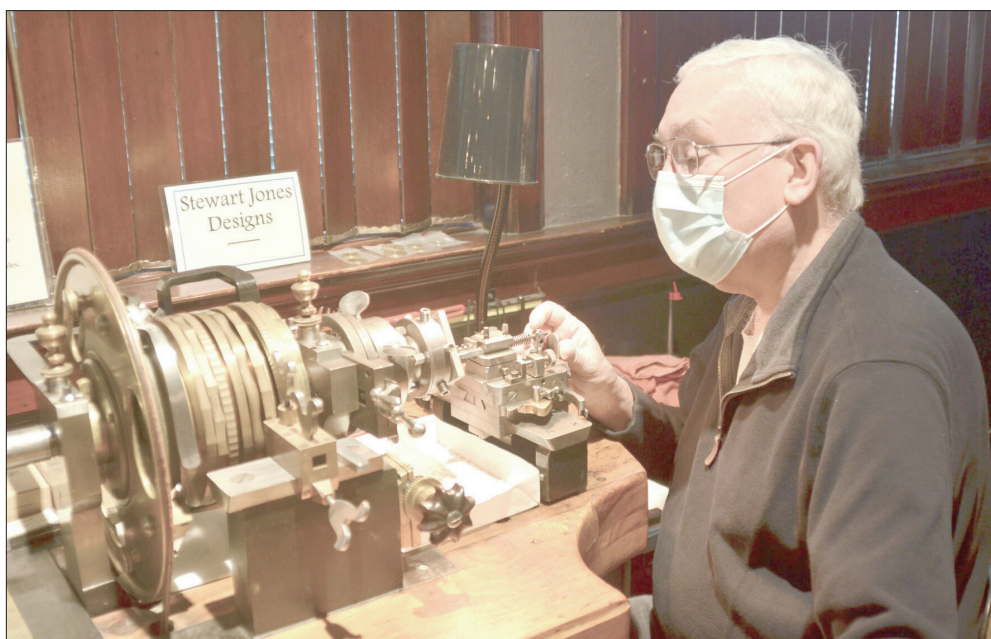
Now, in their early 70s, Jones and Matthias are hoping to scale back their business. They sold the old 1911 First Bank of Joseph building in October and plan to sell all the artwork they display before the move. Any art that doesn't sell will be returned to the artists, Matthias said.

"We're eliminating the art part of the gallery and we're going to focus only on what I've been doing," Jones said, "which is jewelry design, manufacture, maintenance, repair, watch batteries, shortening watchbands, everything I've always done I'm going to continue doing but it'll be from that location."

They'll be moving to the old Dobbin House at 65605 Dobbin Road, where Jones will continue his work and Matthias will continue to manage the business, as well as continue her own vocation as a published author of children's books.

Jones isn't just your ordinary jeweler.

"My methodology is fabrication for the pieces that I make," he said. "In



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Stewart Jones, of Stewart Jones Designs in Joseph, demonstrates the precision work that can be accomplished on a hand-powered 1860 Swiss Rose metalworking lathe that he regularly uses.

other words, I build a piece out of the metal that it's going to be in. I don't carve waxes and cast. I do everything by fabrication, which lends itself to maintenance and repair of pieces rather than casting an existing piece. ... It's the only way I work."

His preference is to work in all carats of gold, as well as in platinum and silver. The real exception is titanium, which requires specialized equipment he chose not to go into.

"What I've found is people will bring things to me and say, 'I've been told this can't be repaired.' But I've yet to find something

that can't be repaired," he said.

Neither does Jones limit his work to jewelry. He considers himself a wide-ranging metalworker.

"I've worked on starter motors and teapots and I've rebuilt an enamel logo for the radiator of one of the antique cars," he said, adding that he rebuilt it in a way so it was removable so the owner could take it along to prevent it from being stolen.

"But what he prefers is to work in fine metals," Matthias stressed.

Jones' and Matthias' journey to settle in Wallowa County goes back to when

he was a student at the University of Oregon studying architecture more than a half-century ago. After nearly earning his degree, he was advised he needed another fine arts course to graduate. He said the only choices were drawing and metals, but he'd taken nearly all the drawing classes the UO offered.

"I took the metals class and never looked back," he said. "I dropped out of architecture at the end of the summer and went into metals full time."

The real turning point was during a drive one day.

"I left home and as I got to the top of Rattlesnake

Hill, I saw the fog bank over the Wallowa Valley," he said.

After that view of the Wallowa Valley, he decided that's where he wanted to go.

"I turned around, went home, called the registrar at the UO and said to withdraw me; I'm no longer going to school," he said. "I decided I needed blue sky and sunshine. I don't need traffic and fog and the city."

The last place the couple lived and worked before moving here was in Lake Oswego outside of Portland for almost 10 years. They have one son and three daughters in the Portland area, who occasionally visit.

Friends in that area told them they ought to take time off and visit Wallowa County, saying it's their kind of country. Eventually, they visited in March 1998.

"Basically, it was just to get our friends to back off," Jones said.

Ten months later, on Jan. 1, 1999, they moved to Joseph and first ran their gallery out of their home at Sixth and Main. They bought and moved to the old bank building in 2005.

Although the shop and gallery used to keep regular, full-time hours, the home shop — in the foreseeable future — will be by appointment only, though the couple will be flexible on making those appointments. Call or text 541-786-7159 for an appointment.

## Cove to get espresso stand

By **DICK MASON**

The Observer

COVE — Residents in Cove soon will have a new place to get their morning espresso.

The Cove City Council voted Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021, to give the owner of the Steakhouse at Cove a nine-month permit to operate an espresso stand in his restaurant's parking lot.

The stand will occupy one of the six parking stalls at the steakhouse and operate for several hours on most mornings, said Dave Hasse, owner of the

Steakhouse at Cove. Hasse said the stand also could sell pastries in addition to espresso.

Depending on the success of the espresso stand, a more permanent structure may be built later, Hasse said. Such a move also would need city approval.

The council voted 5-0 to grant the temporary permit to the Steakhouse at Cove.

Councilor Matt McCowan was among those who spoke in support before the vote. McCowan said the council should do

as much as it can to help businesses.

"I think we should say yes. Let's help these guys out," the councilor said.

At the start of the meeting Sherry Haeger took her oath of office as Cove's new mayor.

Voters elected her in November. She is succeeding Del Little who did not run for reelection after serving a two-year term.

And three councilors also swore their oaths of office at the meeting. They were Alan Cadinha, Jason Stone and Jordan Hackwith.

## Man sought in fatal shooting turns himself in

East Oregonian

HEPPNER — A man police considered a "person of interest" in a December shooting that left one woman dead has surrendered to police.

According to a press release from the Oregon State Police, David Bowles voluntarily turned himself into the Morrow County Sheriff's Office shortly before 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, for outstanding felony warrants for manslaughter and felon in possession of a firearm.

Oregon State Police troopers took Bowles into custody and transported him to the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, for the two felony warrants out of Morrow County Circuit Court.

Bowles had been wanted in connection to a homicide investigation that occurred Dec. 15, 2020. Bowles is the husband of the victim, Marlen Bowles, who was shot in Heppner. An aircraft ambulance flew her to a Portland hospital, where she later died.

## Wallowa County's new sheriff dons the badge



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Wallowa County Clerk Sandy Lathrop pins the sheriff's badge on Joel Fish after she swore him in as county sheriff Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, at the Wallowa County Courthouse. Fish said his first order of business is "I've got to get to work. I'm the only one on duty." County Commissioners Susan Roberts and Todd Nash, county Assessor Randy Wortman and Deputy Assessor Ashley Christman swore their oaths of office the same day.

## Camp Umatilla gets funding for more upgrades

By **JADE MCDOWELL**

East Oregonian

HERMISTON — Camp Umatilla will greatly increase its training capacity in upcoming years as Congress continues to appropriate funding for improvements.

The National Guard training center on the former Umatilla Chemical Depot just west of Hermiston received approval for construction of a \$15.7 million barracks building in the National Defense Authorization Act passed by Congress on Jan. 1. The project is in addition to an \$11.3 million barracks building already under design.

Together, according to a news release, the buildings will increase the National Guard's ability to house



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The Oregon Military Department continues to put millions of dollars into upgrading buildings and infrastructure Camp Umatilla, its National Guard training facility outside Hermiston. Pictured here from 2018 is the original Umatilla Chemical Depot post headquarters, now part of Camp Umatilla.

visiting soldiers by 448 beds. The Oregon Military Department expects to start construction this

summer or fall, with completion in the summer of 2022.

"This is a great training

space now and with these improvements Camp Umatilla will become a premier military training facility for both our service members and the local community in the future," Stan Hutchison, Director of Installations for the Oregon Military Department, said in the news release.

The Oregon Military Department was also notified it is set to receive another \$6 million for more housing in the following fiscal year.

The 7,000-acre Camp Umatilla was originally part of the Umatilla Chemical Depot, but the U.S. Army turned over that portion of the depot to the Oregon Military Department in November 2017.

## Nurse has dealt with COVID-19 in person, and now via the telephone

By **JAYSON JACOBY**

Baker City Herald

BAKER CITY — After working for several months treating people who are recovering from bouts with COVID-19, Lori Brock now uses a telephone to fight the virus.

Brock, a registered nurse, has lived in Baker City for four years.

She was hired at the Baker County Health Department in August and since then has done both case investigations of COVID-19 infections as well as contact tracing — talking to people who were potentially exposed to the virus and advising them about quarantining.

But earlier in the pandemic, Brock was, as she puts it, on the "front lines" of combating COVID-19.

She worked as a traveling nurse in Roseburg, Portland and the Boise area. Her duties included treating people who had been released from a hospital after being treated for the virus and were recovering at home.

Brock said that her experience in home health nursing showed her how the effects of the virus can linger.

"Many (patients) were



Brock

on oxygen and still feeling pretty weak," she said. "It was really interesting."

Brock said she was gratified to have a chance to join the Health Department staff.

"It's nice to be home, based in Baker City," she said. "That's where my heart is."

Brock's father, who is 97, owns the Pondosa Store along Highway 203 near Medical Springs, about 20 miles northeast of Baker City.

Although Brock's current job involves talking to people on the phone rather than treating them in person, she said there are similarities with her pre-

vious work in nursing.

She asks people how they're feeling, and talks to them about any symptoms they or other members of their households are having.

"I gather as much information as I can," Brock said. "If they're feeling OK, it's usually a light and cheery conversation. It depends on the individual and how they're feeling. It's really all about them."

Brock said she believes her recent experience in treating COVID-19 patients is beneficial in case investigation and contact tracing because she is familiar with the common symptoms.

That helps her answer questions from the people she interviews about what they should expect in terms of symptoms.

And Brock understands the circumstances that warrant a person seeking immediate medical care.

"As a nurse I have a background of treating these conditions," she said. "I can give insight to them about the symptoms to watch for."

Brock said most of the people she talks with are at home, but she has also spoken to a few who were in the hospital at the time due to COVID-19.

Although she's accustomed to treating patients

in a hands-on way, Brock said she also appreciates the advantages of doing work over the phone.

"I really enjoy visiting with people," she said. "With the phone I meet a lot more contacts than I ever could in person."

Brock said her chief goal is to make people feel comfortable, which can be a challenge when the purpose of her call is a potentially dangerous virus.

"I try to establish some rapport right away over the phone," Brock said. "I assure people I'm there to help them and answer their questions. If people don't trust you they're not going to talk to you."