



WALLOWA COUNTY CHIEFTAIN



ELECTION RESULTS:

The Chieftain went to press Tuesday afternoon before final election results had been tallied, but you can find results online at Wallowa.com.

Judge dismisses property lawsuit

Court favors Enterprise in fight over electrical line

By Kathleen Ellyn
Wallowa County Chieftain

Lorien and Dustin James of Enterprise did not get the jury trial they hoped for.

U.S. District Judge Anna J. Brown adopted the recommendation of a lower judge and summarily dismissed their suit against Enterprise, Wallowa County and numerous individuals.

The Jameses first brought the suit last May after a months-long negotiation that began in the spring of 2014 about how and where to run a residential electrical line to the couples' Eggleston Lane property outside of Enterprise.

Named in the suit were: The city of Enterprise, Wallowa County, Wallowa County Building Inspector John Lindstrom, City Administrator Michele Young, Public Works Director Ronnie Neal, up to five unnamed John Does and up to five unnamed Jane Does.

In the suit, the couple alleged:

- Their right to due process was violated in that they were deprived of their property rights when Lindstrom issued a stop-work order.
- Their due-process rights were violated by issuance of the stop-work order.
- Due process rights were violated in that the Jameses did not get prior notice, a hearing or an opportunity to contest the stop-work order.
- Due-process rights were violated when the city, county, et al acted to prevent the couple from developing their land without a finding that they had violated any applicable laws, regulations or building codes.
- The defendants acted together to deprive the plaintiffs of their property rights (racketeering).
- There was negligence on the part of the defendants, which caused damage to the couple.

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VETERANS DAY

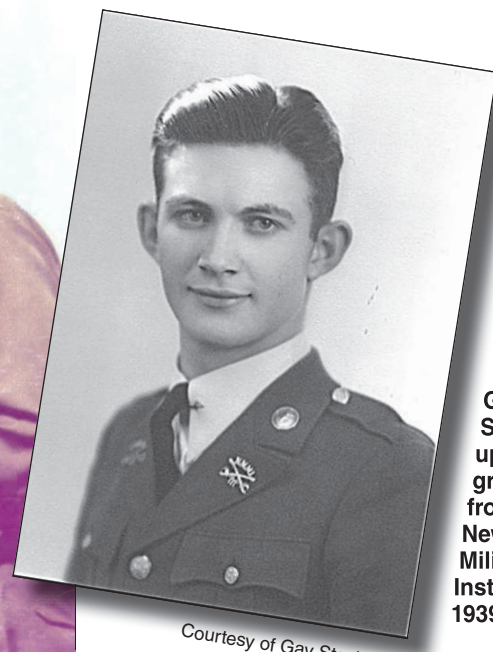


IT TAKES A HERO

Meet Gayle Stockdale, a Wallowa County WWII vet who served with distinction in Europe



Gayle Stockdale proudly wears his new captain's bars he's receiving from a major general on the battlefields of WWII Italy.



Gayle Stockdale upon his graduation from the New Mexico Military Institute in 1939.

Courtesy of Gay Stockdale



HE WAS THE EPITOME OF A TRUE AMERICAN HERO — NOT ONLY TO HIS COUNTRY, BUT TO HIS COMMUNITY. HE WAS A REMARKABLE MAN.”

By Steve Tool
Wallowa County Chieftain

“There were giants in the earth in those days ... mighty men which were of old, men of renown.”

Thus in Genesis 6:4, the Bible describes men of a different day, a different time. Men to be revered. It could well describe “The Greatest Generation”: men and women who cut their teeth on the bitter bread of the Great Depression and followed those dark years by gritting those same teeth while nearly singlehandedly

winning World War II and returning home to foster years of unparalleled economic prosperity in the greatest nation on earth.

As can be expected, Wallowa County committed its share of heroes to the cause. In WWII, one Gayle Stockdale served with particular merit with the 752nd tank battalion of the 5th Army Division, which saw some of the heaviest fighting in Italy during the war's final year. But extraordinary men are made, not born, and Stockdale's formative years played a large role in this man who remained a hero until the end of his

days.

Born in Dayville in 1919, Stockdale moved with his family to Enterprise in 1932. A year later, the family sent the young man to New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, N.M. There he pursued his love of horses, becoming a star polo player and captain of the equestrian jumping team. At age 16, the blue-eyed lad with coal-black hair spent his school summers as a wilderness guide in the Wallows for the Flying Arrow, a local packing outfit owned by Ralph Watson.

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Deadly infections haunt hospitals

Wallowa Memorial fares well in 2015 statewide report

By Kathleen Ellyn
Wallowa County Chieftain

Oregon hospitals still have work to do in preventing dangerous infections like Clostridium Difficile (C. diff.) and Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), according to a recently released Oregon Health Association report.

The good news locally is that Wallowa Memorial Hospital is able to report that in 2015 they had zero incidences of most bacterial infections associated with a hospital stay and just one case of the most dangerous.

In part, that's because Wallowa Memorial does not have a neonatal or adult intensive care unit, where other infections are most likely.

Additionally, the hospital is able to isolate all cases of bacterial

infection.

“We put patients with all kinds of infections in isolation,” said Stacey Karvoski, infection control and employee health nurse for Wallowa Memorial. “Larger hospitals do this for C. diff. patients, but we are able to do it for many infections.”

Concern over these deadly infections remains high.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, about one in 25 patients hospitalized nationwide will develop a health care associated infection.

A 2011 Center for Disease Control study revealed that of 722,000 health care associated infections reported in U.S. acute-care hospitals, about 75,000 patients died.

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CNA Missy Campbell prepares to enter an isolation room at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. Missy is wearing personal protective gear that will protect her breathing, clothing and skin from any bacterial transfer.

