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Appeal denied in Close recall

By PHIL WRIGHT
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Bob Shippentower has a problem with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation's Board of Trustees and top officials. Shippentower, a former tribal trustee, last week charged the board and key administrators with violating the tribes' elections laws to influence the outcome of the recent recall vote of board secretary David Close.

"As a former member of the board, I knew it was improper," Shippentower asserted during an interview this week.

The background

Close defeated four candidates in last November's election to become the CTUIR Board of Trustees secretary.

Not long into his term, the *Confederated Umatilla Journal*, the tribes' newspaper, reported Close filed a series of lawsuits in tribal court against the elections commission, the tribal judge for conflict of interest, Executive Director Dave Tovey and Human Resources Director Kathy Burke when they did not give him employee personnel files. The court dismissed each.

Tribal member Terrie Brigham filed a recall petition on May 31 to remove Close from office on four charges: failure to fulfill the tribes' constitution, by-laws and oath of office; violation of the Board of Trustees'

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BOARDMAN



State's largest dairy runs on closed loop

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Twin carousels simultaneously milk 80 cows on each side while slowly revolving at the Columbia River Dairy outside of Boardman. The process is almost continuous at the 93,000-acre, 70,000-cow dairy.

Farm grows feed for cow, turns waste into energy, fertilizer

By GEORGE PLAVERN
East Oregonian

The milking parlor at Columbia River Dairy is a large, warehouse-like building where cows arrive twice a day to be milked by modern machinery.

First, the animals are loaded onto slowly rotating carousels where their udders are sprayed with a disinfectant and attached to automatic pumps. Each spin lasts just a few minutes before the cows are unloaded back where they started. The process is smooth, continuous and efficient.

Outside, Milky Way trucks are waiting 24/7 to deliver milk from the dairy — part of Threemile Canyon Farms — to Tillamook Cheese, which runs a cheese-making plant at the nearby Port of Morrow. With 26,000 milking cows producing 170,000 gallons every day, there is always lots to do.

Threemile Canyon is, by far, the largest dairy operation in Oregon. The herd totals 70,000 total cattle, including calves and heifers. Located on 93,000 acres in rural Morrow County, the farm also grows a variety



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The three 2,000 horsepower engines in the powerhouse of the methane digester can produce 4.8 megawatts of power.

of conventional and organic crops, such as potatoes, onions, corn and wheat.

Now, another mega-dairy is looking to expand in the county, which is raising questions about water and air pollution in the surrounding communities. Willow

Creek Dairy, which has leased land from Threemile Canyon since 2002, wants to strike out on its own and add 30,000 cows on part of the former Boardman Tree Farm.

More than 2,300 comments have poured in on the proposal, mostly in opposition. Environmental advocacy

By the numbers

- LAND BASE**
93,000 total acres
39,500 acres irrigated farmland
23,000 acres in conservation
- DAIRY**
70,000 total cows
26,000 milking cows
1.4 million pounds of milk per day (162,790 gallons)
- METHANE DIGESTER**
Built 2012
\$32 million
4.8 megawatt power capacity
- EMPLOYEES**
300 year-round
400 seasonal/contract
\$10 million annual payroll

groups argue that Willow Creek would produce as much waste as a mid-size city, and regulations don't offer enough protection. They also question the wisdom of having two large dairies so close together.

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PENDLETON

Cottage builds new 'Lane' toward mental wellness

New facility named after late resident

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

Tim Lane would have loved this place.

That's what his family said Friday at the open house for Pendleton Cottage's new Lane Activity Center, a new space for activities and treatment at the residential mental health facility.

Tim was one of Pendleton Cottage's first residents when it opened in 2009 and quickly found a prominent place in the community.

Program Manager Jenny Peters remembers Tim, who died in 2013, as an upbeat resident

who ingratiated himself with other residents and staff.

"He was just very interested in what we do," she said.

That's how his brother Bret Lane and the rest of his family remember Tim as well — a guy who would always ask how they were doing and how their grandchildren were doing, no matter the circumstances.

He was still very much the same person they knew from his younger days, when he was an athletically-gifted high school quarterback before, around the age of 18, he was beset with schizophrenia, a



Lane



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

An open house was held at the Lane Activity Center at Pendleton Cottage on Friday in Pendleton. The newly re-purposed facility will offer a new working space for the residents of the cottage.

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