Aanii (Hello)!

Just as I anticipated and shared with you, May was a busy month for Tribal Council. We hosted a hybrid Quarterly Meeting May 3rd and gathered to conduct business of the government twice. The Quarterly Meetings are excellent opportunities to learn about changes and opportunities, new programs, and upcoming announcements. And, fortunately for Tribal Council, an occasion to hear from Little Shell Citizens. Tribal Council and employees received constructive feedback for immediate action that we are working to implement. We enjoyed our time together and welcome your continued engagement.

Last month, Tribal Council also had the opportunity to meet with Montana Congressional Members in Washington, DC. The Council itinerary focused on meetings that would increase the Tribe’s federal funding sources to meet the needs of Little Shell Citizens and the Government. The Tribe needs Congress to act to create funding equity and to expand services. Tribal Council has long recognized the need to increase funding and hopes that this advocacy initiates changes that will improve all services.

Tribal Council also accepted a $80,000 donation from Stockman Bank and Federal Home Loan Bank to create affordable housing for Little Shell elders. Tribal Council has committed these funds to an anticipated housing development project in Great Falls. We look forward to future announcements related to this project and appreciate Stockman Bank’s partnership to make housing more affordable within our community.

The Tribal Council also approved a request for proposals for a master plan for housing and community spaces on an 18-acre parcel adjacent to Stuckey Road. The Tribe is looking forward to receiving proposals for this exciting project and will share the results during our next quarterly meeting. This space will provide affordable and safe housing for our Little Shell elders, veterans, and families.

June is looking to be just as momentous. The Powwow Arbor construction is hurriedly moving forward while the Powwow Committee is pulling together the finishing touches. If you are interested in supporting this year’s Powwow as a volunteer or a sponsor, please contact Councilwoman Herodes at a.herodes@lstribe.org. And, if you have not already done so, please make plans to attend on August 24th and 25th.

While we have much work to do in the months ahead and the schedule is filling up fast, Powwow is a great time to gather and celebrate all we have accomplished, to pray for a safe and health community, and to plan for our future successes. I am looking forward to visiting and sharing with you in the coming months.

Miigwech (Thank you), Chairman Gerald Gray
JUNE EVENTS

JUNE 8 | 2pm
WE WILL BE HAVING OUR MONTHLY SOUP AND STORY EVENT
This month we are serving chili and fry bread, and our guest speaker is Bobby TakesEnemy, a citizen of the Crow nation.

JUNE 8 | 10am
MEAT AND GREAT
Meat and food will be passed out to our citizens.

JUNE 14 | 10am-12pm
THERE WILL BE A RAINSTICK MAKING ACTIVITY HELD AT THE ELDERS CENTER
Transportation will be available for youth in Great Falls who are interested in attending, and a lunch will be provided.

JUNE 21 | 10am-12pm
TRADITIONAL HERBS AND MEDICINE SESSION
Hosted by Terryn from Butte Native Wellness Center who will be presenting the monthly session - Yarrow and Red Indian Paintbrush.
What makes Native American cuisine unique.

Native American cuisine is unique due to its deep connection to the land, seasons, and cultural traditions of indigenous peoples. It often emphasizes locally sourced ingredients like corn, beans, squash, wild game, fish, and indigenous plants. Each tribe has its own culinary traditions, cooking methods, and flavor profiles, making Native American cuisine incredibly diverse. Additionally, many traditional cooking techniques such as smoking, drying, and pit cooking add distinct flavors and textures to the dishes.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS NOT TRADITIONAL

Our Domestic Violence Survivor Group is guided by an advocate and the voices of survivors themselves. This group fosters a journey of recovery and resistance, ensuring that the path forward is paved with understanding, respect, and the enduring belief that violence is not traditional.

If you have children, you can bring them, and staff can be with your kids while we focus on you!

Join us. Every other Tuesday 6 pm- 7:30 pm

Contact Kasey to register: K.SCHINDELE@lstribe.org - (406) 315-2400 ext132

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR MAMMOGRAM?

A mammogram is an x-ray of the breast. For many women, mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat and before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms. Having regular mammograms can lower the risk of dying from breast cancer. At this time, a mammogram is best way to find breast cancer for most women of screening age.

If you are 40 years or older and have not had a mammogram in the last year, you qualify for our program that is, in collaboration with city county health department.

Call Kasey to schedule a spot on the mobile mammography bus! (406) 315-2400 ext. 132

No insurance? That’s ok too, we can still help.
HARM REDUCTION

Harm reduction saves lives by preventing disease spread, reducing overdose deaths, and removing stigma around seeking help. These tools improve community health, cut emergency visits, lower health costs, and save lives. Learn more: 406-315-2400 ext. 127.

XYLAZINE IS HERE!

We have recently been made aware of the presence of Xylazine in the local drug supply. We have test kits available. Stay Alive! Stay Safe! Contact us for free and confidential harm reduction supplies and/or support.
COMMUNITY CORNER

Learning about how our program is helping the community.

We have sixteen active households. Twenty-two participants, which equals to over 875 pounds of food with a month of being open. We have served over 173 members with food boxes through our monthly Meat and Greet events.

If you have any questions about our food program please give us a call. 406-315-2400 ext 130.

LITTLE SHELL FDPIR PROGRAM

DECENDANT VERIFICATION IS HERE!

Children of enrolled Citizens of the Little Shell Chippewa Tribe of Montana who do not meet the requirements for enrollment can now apply for formal first-generation descendant verification.

To request verified descendant status:

- Complete the First-Generation Descendant Verification Request Form (found online at montanalittleshelltribe.org, in our office at 615 Central Avenue West, or by calling 406.315.2400
- Submit a certified birth certificate and/or adoption papers
- Include verification of enrolled parent
- Pay processing fee of $25