



Little Shell Tribal Newsletter

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ELECTION DISPUTE SETTLED

The former council and the council elected in 2000 have settled their differences and agreed to a new election on August 9, 2003. It was becoming obvious that the dispute was affecting our quest for Federal Recognition. After three long years and several attempts at mediation the two groups met and agreed that mistakes had been made and the quickest way to settle the dispute was to have a new election with no restrictions as to those what wished to run for the council seats.

At a meeting in July, the members elected a committee to run the election. During the Aug. 9 election, sixteen nominations were made and accepted by the election committee for the seven council seats. Secret ballot was the method by which the members had chosen, the counting of the ballots by the election committee was done in the presence of Dr. Pam Bunte and her assistant Sandra.

The election results are as follows: Chairman, John R. Sinclair of Havre, First Vice Chair, Darrel Koke of Great Falls, Second Vice Chair, Larry Salois of Cut Bank, Secretary/ Treasure, Caroline Fleury of Great Falls, and council members Alvina Allen of Harlem, Ed Lavenger of Havre and Bob VanGunten, of Pablo. The council officers were selected by those elected to the council. This elected council will serve a term of one year so we can get back on our regular election schedule.

The next election will be held in November of 2004. Members are asked to write a letter to the council stating their wish to be on the next election committee, and personal background will be appreciated.

Henry Anderson, Cultural Committee chair lead the swearing in ceremony. There were many handshakes and hugs as the members lined up to congratulate the new council members. Photos were taken by many of the members. The lunch of many favorite and traditional foods furnished by the members was enjoyed by more then 100 attending.



Members of new Little Shell Tribal Council confer with former members of the Little Shell Tribal Council.

Historical Information still needed

Dr. Bunte is requesting help from members to help with additional research for the time period of the 1800—1940 timeframe. If you or anyone that you know has newspaper articles or anything written that refers to the Little Shell People, breeds, half-breeds, or metis that are our people send a copy of it to her or to the office. Also needed are volunteers to do research in newspaper archives and cemeteries.

Please call the office at 406-452-2892 for information.

Please write or call the Tribal Office at 406-452-2892 and make sure that we have current information on you and your family members (address and phone) it is imperative that our records submitted with the petition be up to date.



James Anthony Wells Age 12. Picture taken by himself in 1914 in Lewistown M., name of puppy unknown.

Special points of interest:

- Fall Fest Oct 11, 2003 in Great Falls Mt.
- Council Meetings
 - September 13
 - October 11
 - November 8
 - December 13
- Visit Little Shell Website Community Bulletin board and visit with other members of the tribe online!

[Http://www.LittleShellTribe.com](http://www.LittleShellTribe.com)

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Council meets with NARF and Dr. Pamela Bunte

The morning of August 23 the council members met with j. Kim Gotschalk, attorney for the native American Rights Fund, (Representative for the Little Shell Federal petition) and Dr. Pam Bunte, anthropologist working for NARF on behalf of the Little Shell Tribe to discuss what our options are regarding our petition to the BIA-Bureau of Acknowledgement and Research (the office that makes the determination that we are indeed a tribe and should be recognized by the federal government as such).

Mr. Gotschalk explained the process of going through the BIA's Department of BAR and the time and degree of research and documentation that is necessary to file a petition for recognition. He and Dr.

Bunte feel that our petition should be completed in January of 2004 and submitted to the BIA.

Mr. Gotschalk also explained the Congressional method of tribes getting federal recognition. Arlinda Lochlear is a former NARF employee and now associated with the law firm of Patton \$ Boggs. Mrs. Lochlear is a member of the Lumbee tribe who are also trying to obtain federal recognition. She expressed an Interest in the Little shell to NARF and maybe able to represent us through Patton & Boggs.

A letter and resolution from the Tribal Council has been sent to Patton & Boggs requesting them to represent the little Shell (pro bono) in the congressional

method of recognition. They would then work in conjunction with NARF on our petition. It is possible that the congressional method will be a much quicker route for us to take.



Dr. Pamela Bunte, Anthropologist, Professor of Linguistics at California State University.

Newsletter news

For those who have sent money in for a newsletter, we thank you, for those who have not received four newsletters for your \$10 we apologize and hope to correct any mistakes that have been made. We are also looking for members that would be interested in being on the newsletter committee. The council feels that the newsletter would be un-biased if it were written by a group of the members. We also do not have the time to write, print, copy, fold, label and post the newsletter. Please write a short note of interest

and background to the council for appointment to the committee.

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Meetings

One of the many duties of the Tribal Council is the responsibility to keep members knowledgeable of issues that have and affect on them. The most effective way is through the general meetings. There will be a panel discussion by the council on Sat. Aug. 30, 9:30 a.m. during the Métis Celebration held at the fair grounds in Lewistown, Mt.

Council meetings will be on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

September 13,

October 11,

November 8,

December 13.

These meetings will be held at the MSU College of Technology of Great Falls, 2100 16th Ave South, Great Falls Montana.

FALL FEST!

Mark your calendars! Oct 11, 2003 Region wide FALL FEST!

Everyone is invited and volunteers are needed to help cook, setup, games and other activities. This is the second year of this annual event. The food is great and there is fun for all ages. This event is held in Great Falls and starts at noon. The Little Shell Tribe will be working in conjunction with the Indian Family health Clinic and the Great Falls Indian Education department to host this event.

You may call Diane or Jackie at the IFHC or Gloria or Deanna at the GFED 406-268-7340



Election Committee Members check in Members prior to voting in Aug 9, 2003 Special Election

Photo ID Cards



It is becoming more and more important that each tribal member have a photo ID card. This last week we have had several calls from members requesting letters proving that they are a lineal descendant of a recognized tribe, as some of the health care providers are requiring proof. To become enrolled in the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana being a lineal descendant is required.

Most health care providers are accepting a photo ID as proof. The cards are made in the Tribal office and mailed out. The card has your photo, enrollment #, blood degree, full name, birth date, sex, height,

weight, color of eyes, address and your signature. The ID card must be signed by an enrollment committee member to be an official document. The photos will be taken at the Métis Celebration Sept 30 and at the monthly council meetings. We are also working on a schedule to travel to different areas. To make it profitable, we like to have as many members as possible get their photos when we travel. Helena will be the first on our traveling schedule. The photos will be taken at the Helena Indian Alliance from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. _____.

If you would like to host a session for photo ID cards call the office. You will need to provide a location and notify

members of the date and place. If you can get a list of members it would be very much appreciated, as we have to verify membership. There is a \$10 fee to help cover office expenses.

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406-452-2892 P.O. Box 1384 Great Falls, MT 59403	
	Enrollment No. 87LS-XXXX BD Chipp 1/1 DOB 1800* SS# XXX-XX-XXXX Eyes: Blue Hgt: 6'2" Wgt: 180 Chief Thomas Little Shell Address _____ Address _____ Signature _____
	
Enrollment Office Signature _____	

COMMITTEES

The new Tribal council is requesting tribal members become more active participants in the Tribal Government by sitting on committees. The Designated committees are: Tribal administration committee: Which will include, accounting, enrollment, public relations, and tribal elections.

Human Resource committee: Which will include, health, education, welfare and

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culture.

Resource development committee: Which will include, grants, property acquisition, housing, economic development, and natural resources.

Members are encouraged to contact the office or a council member if they are interested in sitting on any of the committees.

A short letter of interest and background would be appreciated.



DONATIONS

At the election meeting, Helen Vogel of Dodson donated a wood four-wheel cart made by member Raymond Doney. The cart is on display in the office and will be on display at Lewistown and the Sept. 13 meeting. The tickets are \$1 apiece or 6 for \$5. This cart would look very nice full of flowers or pumpkins in any yard.

The Helena area representative Connie Meyer and her sisters have several beautiful baskets full of goodies, a couple of racks to hold pans and other great items to raffle. So get out there and buy some tickets and have something to show for your donation.

"We would like other members to come up with fund raising events, how about card parties, bowling parties, food basket socials, the 50/50 tickets at ball games, music and dancing are always a winner."



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Thank You!

Toni Jo Atchison of Great Falls would like to thank all that voted for her in the recent election for the Little Shell Tribal Election. She appreciates the support

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Richard Parenteau and Henry Anderson have been working with the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. Richard applied for a grant on behalf of the Little Shell Tribe. This grant will be for the purposes of:

- * Tribal involvement in the Lewis and Clark bicentennial.
- * National cultural awareness campaign.
- * Planning for Trail stewardship awareness campaign.
- * Development of National Council website and linkages.
- * National Signature Events.

* National Council staffing.

Grant priorities will be given to projects that address the following:

1. Cultural awareness and understanding.
2. Cultural resource protection.
3. Tribal language revitalization.
4. Environmental stewardship.
5. Diverse partnerships and collaborations.
6. Public education and enjoyment.

The Little Shell Tribe will be working with the support and collaboration from the Indian Health Service, Montana United Indian Association, Great Falls Indian

Education Department, International traditional Games Society, Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and representatives from the Bureau of Land management and Ulm Pishkun. We will have additional information in the next newsletter or you can call the office.



Richard Parenteau

BIOGRAPHY

We have asked each of the council members to give us a biography. The first one in was from Larry Salois.

After being elected Second Vice Chairman of the Little Shell Tribal Council, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the August 9, election at the college of Technology Great Falls in Great Falls, MT.

I would like to give a short biography of myself for those who do not know me.

As a Montana native for 54 years I have lived next door to the Blackfoot Indian Reservation where many of my relatives and friends reside. The two years I spent in the Army and in college, I was away from home.

Betty and I have been married for 33 years and have four grown daughters and one granddaughter.

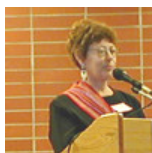
I have been enrolled a member since 1987, an area representative for 3 years and also won a position on the tribal council in 2000.

One of my main objectives is to help the Little Shell Tribe gain Federal Recognition. I will also try to work in harmony with all other Tribal Council members as well as all other enrolled members, and anyone wishing to further our cause.

Again I thank you for your vote and appreciate the opportunity to serve the Little Shell People.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or the L.S. office in Great Falls. Larry Salois, Box 1503, Cut Bank, MT 59427. Home phone 406-873-2619, cell phone 406-949-2619.

The next one is Darrel Koke of Great Falls.



Darrel Koke

I am so grateful to all of you that have stood by and supported me as a member of the Little Shell Tribal Council. The last three years have been long and not stress free (I needed to lose those 20# anyway). I am glad it is over and we can move forward. I do have to say that I would do it again, as the Little Shell Tribe means so much to me.

I have been actively involved with the tribe since 1987 as area representative in Havre and Great Falls as well as a member of the council. I was also employed in the Tribal office in Havre during the health needs Survey.

The many committees of the Cherish Our Indian Children project were interesting and enjoyable. The people I was blessed to meet were wonderful. At the start up of COIC we had our meetings at several of the reservations. This was an experience I will always remember.

I believe this new council will work very hard to represent you in our dream of federal recognition. We have a good working relationship and good work ethics. There will be a lot to accomplish

in the one year we have left. We will have to work hard and fast for you.

The council members have agreed that we will need the help of all the members, not only with funds but to sit on committees and make our job easier. If there is an area of interest to you please step forward, the Little Shell need you.

Thanks again from the bottom of my heart. (Which I thought would stop beating during the election). Darrel Rummel Koke First Vice Chair.



Alvina Allen

Alvina Allen, Elected council member of Harlem stopped by from her fire fighting to give us a short note.

First off I would like to thank everyone for getting out to vote in the election and for those that voted for the current council. The Election Committee did a wonderful job.

I have been a Little Shell tribal representative for a few years and a council member for two years.

I retired from the Indian Health Service, and now I am on the Fort Belknap Ambulance Service. I now work in the Medical unit fighting fires during fire season.

I am looking forward to serving you this year and hope that there would be progress concerning our tribe. I feel if we all work together things will work out.

Have a safe holiday this weekend.

Alvina Allen

BIOGRAPHY Cont..



Many thanks to all who took part in the Aug. 9 election. It is so nice to have everything settled and behind us. Now we can get on with our Federal Recognition and other duties.

I was on the Tribal Council for Four years and served on several committees, was involved in fund raising and volunteered in the Tribal office.

Our group works very well together and will try to do our best for you. In the next 15 months we have a lot of work to do.

Any of you tribal members who would like to volunteer for our committees and help in the Tribal office are welcome to com in between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. We will be glad to talk to you then.

I will do the very best I can to serve our people for my term in office.

My heartfelt thanks to all who supported and voted for me on August 9, it is really appreciated.

Caroline Fleury, Secretary/Treasure

“IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT EACH MEMBER HAVE THEIR CURRENT ADDRESS ON FILE IN THE TRIBAL OFFICE. SEND IT IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.”

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