

PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA EEHISHI IYAAAYANKWI

“Where we are going”



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION Saturday, June 30, 2018

The Election Committee of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma announces a Special Election is scheduled for Saturday, June 30, 2018. Positions to be filled: **Second Chief** (term expires March 2021), **Treasurer** (term expires in March 2020), **Third Councilman** (term expires in March 2019), **One (1) seat on the Grievance Committee** (term expires in March 2021) in accordance with Article XVI, Section 1 (j) of the Election Ordinance of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

Polling place on **Saturday, June 30, 2018** will be at the Peoria Tribal Administration Building Conference Room, 118 South Eight Tribes Trail, Miami, Oklahoma, from 7:00 a.m. to Noon.

Candidates for office are:

SECOND CHIEF:

Logan Reed Pappenfort
Jenny Rampey

TREASURER:

Shanon Buckingham
Hank Downum

THIRD COUNCILMAN:

George A. Blalock Jr.
Isabella Burrell
Wesley (Wess) Louis Farless
Shelley Mitchell

No candidates filed for the seat on the Grievance Committee. A Special Election will be called to fill the vacant seat on the Grievance Committee in accordance with Article XVI – Filing for Candidacy, Section 1 (j) No Candidate Files for Vacant Elective Office - The Election Committee shall declare a second Election Notice to fill that position.

Any member of the Peoria Tribe, as defined in Article III, Section 1 – MEMBERSHIP OF TRIBE, of the Constitution of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, shall be eligible to vote, provided the member is eighteen (18) years of age or over on the date of the election. Each member will be required to show proof of identification at each election in the form of a government issued photo identification showing their name to match the Official Voters' List provided by the Tribal Enrollment Office. (*Peoria Tribe Election Ordinance, Article VI-VOTERS, Section 1*).

The ballots will be counted and tabulated and the results announced immediately. In the event no candidate receives a majority vote, the Election Committee will immediately call for a run-off election. Polls for a run-off election shall remain open from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Balloting will continue (by call of the Election Committee) until one candidate receives a clear majority of total votes cast.

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Office of the Chief:

Unity, progress, cultural revitalization, and a new vision for tribal prosperity, will continue to be the focus of our tribal leadership as we look ahead to the coming summer months. A number of changes, updates and new opportunities are being presented to our Tribe, and I am excited about what our future holds! Although change can bring success, new opportunities and hope, it can sometimes be challenging to embrace. I pray that we all be strengthened as we embrace each other as family and fellow tribal members during this time of transition and progress.

We welcome Second Councilman Kara D. North, as the newest elected member of our Business Committee at the April 21st Special Election. Ms. North brings years of community tribal involvement and experience to the table, and we are glad to have her join our leaders. The second Special Election will be June 30th to fill the remaining positions on our Business Committee. I want to thank each of our Election Committee members for their continued commitment to serve our Tribe during this time of transition. The work involved in preparing and overseeing each election does not go unnoticed, and is greatly appreciated. Make plans to come and vote- every position plays a vital role in our tribal government!

I want to share with you all a brief recap of what has transpired over the last few months since I took office, update everyone on current projects, and cast an overall vision of the direction I hope to lead our people in.

IT Upgrade:

We have met with multiple IT companies in regards to updating our overall network infrastructure, security system and audio/visual capabilities. We will soon be launching a new interactive website that will improve communication and outreach. We will be developing our own 'Tribal App', weekly email blasts, E-newsletters, and viewing options of our monthly Business Committee meetings. We not only want to keep you informed on Tribal Government business, but build a stronger connection with ALL tribal members regardless of where you live. BE WATCHING THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS! This will be the official vehicle to keep members informed and involved.

Cultural Revitalization:

We MUST pursue our Peoria culture—I have said it before, without culture, heritage and our Native traditions, we will cease to be a "Tribe". With that said, we are pressing ahead in this direction. We have attended preliminary meetings with the Miami Tribe, who have graciously offered to help us begin the process of implementing our own Peoria Language Program. Our Tribal Historian/NAGPRA Representative, Logan Pappenfort, will be taking lead on this project.

We will soon be launching a new initiative to retrieve and display Peoria artifacts currently held in out of state museums. We are in the process of purchasing custom display cases that will house the artifacts/ items that we retrieve. Our plan is to rotate different items for display for our tribal members to learn about, view and enjoy. Many of us have items that have been passed down to us from our ancestors that tell the story of our past. If your family has artifacts, culturally significant items, documents, regalia, pictures or a piece of our history you would like to display, we want to hear from you. Contact the Tribal office so we can schedule a time to visit with you about this initiative.

State & Local Government:

I have been honored to be involved with the Inter-Tribal Council. I have enjoyed getting to know our local tribal leaders and hope to build relationships and collaborate on projects together that will impact our Native community in a positive way. I traveled to the Oklahoma State Capital Building to attend meetings at the Governor's Office. I was introduced to many of our elected officials at the state level, discussing specific issues relating to Oklahoma Tribes that we want to keep at the forefront of our state government. It's a critical time for us to be involved, assert our sovereignty, and secure a seat at the table for the future of our Tribe.

Tribal Property:

Preliminary clean-up work has begun on the property formerly known as the Miami Golf and Country Club, purchased by the Tribe in 2012. We have had tremendous feedback from the community! Due to restrictions placed on the property at the time of purchase, my vision for the property to be used for cultural purposes may be delayed.

However, once our legal team has worked out all of the details, I will present our Business and Cultural Committees with what I hope to be one of our Tribes most exciting cultural projects yet...stay tuned!

Tribal Businesses:

The Buffalo Run Casino Pow-wow was held Saturday, March 31st at the Peoria Showplace. Hundreds of contestants were registered and many tribes were represented by their beautiful dancers. I was honored to attend the event and address the assembly on behalf of the Tribe. There will be a link on our website to view some of the images captured by Photographer, Gary Crow. The Pow-wow Head Staff and Casino employees did an excellent job overseeing this great dance event and we appreciate their hard work.

I am most excited to announce that both Buffalo Run Hotel and Casino revenues continue to climb. Tribal distribution for the month of March was double that of the previous month, and was the third highest distribution in the last year! New advertising strategies, social media campaigns, better gaming promotions, exciting entertainment events and tremendous staff are to be commended for this upward trend.

We will soon be collaborating with the University of Illinois on future education initiatives, research, and cultural projects. Positive meetings recently held with Dr. Robert Jones, Chancellor of the University of Illinois, promise to bring great opportunities for our people.

This IS an exciting time to be Peoria! May we be stronger together, always remembering where we came from, but pressing forward together in a spirit of excellence!

Thank you,

Chief Craig Harper

chiefharper@peoriatribe.com



American Indian Center for Excellence (AICE)

The American Indian Center for Excellence hosted a Welcome Luncheon for our newly elected Chief Harper at NEO A&M College Thursday, March 29, 2018. The Peoria Tribe, along with many other local tribes, support the AICE program in their mission to retain and graduate American Indian students since 2011. By promoting cultural values and providing individual support, American Indian students excel academically, while also developing into healthy, successful contributors to their families, tribal communities and professions.



(Pictured Left to Right: Amy Ishmael, VP Student Affairs; Dr. Jeff Hale, NEO President; AICE student; Hannah Berrryman, AICE Coordinator; Chief Craig Harper; AICE student; AICE student; Rachel Lloyd, AICE Director)

FROM THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE

Is your State Certified Birth Certificate on file in the Enrollment Office?

The Enrollment Office is continuing to update all tribal membership files. Many members have already sent in their state certified birth certificates. To comply with Federal guidelines and be eligible for a CDIB card, issued through the BIA, a state certified birth certificate is required. Reminder; state certified birth certificates must show, state file number, state seal, state registrars signature and parentage. If you are unsure if you have a state birth certificate on file, please call the Enrollment Office. If you need assistance in acquiring one please contact the State Vital records Department in the State you were born and they will assist you in how you can acquire one.

Is your name updated in your membership file?

The Enrollment Office will be glad to assist any member who needs to have their name changed. If your name has changed please update your file to your current legal name. Please bring or send in your legal documentation (i.e. marriage license, court order), a current unexpired government issued photo ID and a signed, dated letter stating what your name was and declaring how you would like your name to appear on the tribal roll. Once you have declared your name it cannot be changed without legal documentation. Once received, the name change process can begin. If you are receiving the tribal newsletter with a previous name listed on the address label, please call the Enrollment Office for assistance or send your legal documentation (i.e. marriage license, court order) so the name change process can begin. It has been observed, the postal service has been returning newsletters and other miscellaneous correspondence sent from the Tribe if a persons name does not match their postal record. The process to update your name is not an immediate event. Please update your name before a need arises as the process takes the same amount of time whether there is a need or a want for a name change.

Missing or Change of Address

We still have several members with no address on file. Any and all help is appreciated in finding these members. We do have members who contact the office with updates for family members. The assistance is greatly appreciated. However, when the Enrollment Office receives a telephonic or electronic address change, the Enrollment Office will send a change of address form to the missing member with a request for completing the change of address form. Once the Enrollment Office receives the original, signed, completed form, the address is updated and the form is placed in the members file for accuracy. The Enrollment Office must have written permission from the tribal member, over the age of 18, or the legal custodial parent, for members under 18, for address changes. If you know someone who has moved or a tribal member household that is not receiving a newsletter please have them contact the Enrollment Office. If you would like, you can send the change of address form to them for their completion and return or an individual can download the form from the Peoria Tribe website www.peoriatribe.com. Go to Programs, then to Enrollment, under the Enrollment section there will be a change of address form highlighted in red, open the form, print the form out, have the individual (if over 18) or legal custodial parent (if under 18) to sign and return to the Enrollment Office.

For your convenience, a change of address form has been placed in the newsletter. The address for returning the form is:

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
Attn: Enrollment Office
PO Box 1527
Miami OK 74355

Thank you to all who have and will assist in this ongoing endeavor. All help is valued.

Enrollment Ordinance Reminders

The Enrollment Office receives calls with requests for help or general enrollment information. To help members, listed below are a few reminders of the Enrollment Ordinance, which was revised and approved March 23, 2002. Below are sections of the Enrollment Ordinance of which the questions or information are typically asked.

Section 2. Dual enrollment with another Federally recognized tribe is prohibited and such prohibition shall be strictly applied; an enrolled member of another tribe shall not be eligible for membership with the Peoria Tribe. If a member of another tribe wishes to become a member of the Peoria Tribe, they must first relinquish all membership with other Federally recognized tribes.

Section 8. Each enrollment application must be completed in its entirety and must contain sufficient information to determine the applicant's eligibility for enrollment. Applicants must list the following on enrollment applications: all names by which the applicant has been known, applicant's current mailing address, name and notarized affidavit confirming applicant is not enrolled

with any other Federally recognized tribe, and signature of the applicant or signature of the person filing the application on behalf of the applicant.

Section 9. Applications for enrollment must be accompanied with a State certified birth certificate. Applications received without a State certified birth certificate will not be processed. The following must be visible on State certified birth certificates:

- State Seal
- State File number
- State Registrar's signature

State certified birth certificates must also be recorded with the State Vital Records Division of the state of birth. The following documents **are not** acceptable when accompanied with enrollment applications:

- Hospital birth certificates
- Baptismal certificate (even when parents' names are shown)
- Heirship records
- County abstracts

Approval of birth certificates issued by foreign nations or other highest-ranking governmental sub-division with jurisdiction to issue birth certificates will be at the discretion of the Enrollment Committee.

Section 18. Changes to active membership records, such as name changes due to marriage or divorce, must be made by legal documentation (i.e. marriage license, divorce decree, court order, etc.). Active members with change of addresses and other status information must notify the Enrollment Office at P.O. Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355 or by telephone at 918-540-2535 or 1-800-259-9987. Maintenance and accuracy of membership record data is the sole responsibility of each tribal member. Each tribal member is personally accountable for correct membership record information (i.e. contact information and/or name changes). The Tribal Enrollment Office will review changes to membership records to be forwarded to the Enrollment Committee; the Enrollment Committee shall certify its recommendation of approval to be approved by the Peoria Business Committee. Changes to membership records must ultimately be passed by resolution from the Business Committee and submitted to the Miami Area Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

If I can be of any assistance please call (918) 540-2535 or (800) 259-9987.

Submitted by,

Donna Harp, Enrollment Director

The Peoria Tribal Burial Assistance Benefit

The Peoria Tribal Burial Assistance Benefit is \$10,000 per member. All Burial Assistance Applications must be completed and returned with an original certified death certificate no later than 180 days from the date of death. All deceased must be enrolled members of the Peoria Tribe. Payment will be made directly to the funeral home. Please visit with the funeral home concerning this policy. You may request a copy of the application by contacting the Tribal Enrollment Director, Donna Harp, in writing, via email at dharp@peoriatribe.com, postal service, or by telephone at 918-540-2535 or 1-800-259-9987.

Special Projects/ NAGPRA

Greetings Tribal Members,

This April brought an end to the Elder Care & Disability Program for the Fiscal Year of 2017. The tribe was able to award many tribal members who are in need in the past year and hope to continue to do so in the next year with the reimbursement amount staying at a steady \$1000.00.

We have begun our interview process for the position of Assistant Cultural Officer here at the Tribal Office. I am very excited to have the opportunity to grow the cultural department here at the tribe and begin to work in earnest at bringing culture our back to the forefront of everything we do here. This new position is the first step of many on that journey of cultural revitalization for the Peoria Tribe.

During the month of March I had the opportunity to attend a NAGPRA Consultation meeting which was held at Indiana University in Bloomington Indiana. During this Consultation meeting the faculty of the university and many tribal representatives discussed the challenges which we face in regards to repatriation of ancestors in Indiana and specifically from Angel Mounds. This particular meeting was in order to inform the tribes about the amounts of culturally unidentifiable remains which still remain in Indiana University's collections. It is very encouraging to see Indiana University is so willing to work with tribes, especially with issues as nuanced and complicated as repatriation of culturally unidentifiable individuals.

During this trip I once again got the opportunity to visit the Angel Mounds historic site and meet the staff that watches over the property. The staff was very helpful, respectful and educational in regards to any questions or concerns that the tribes had. It seems their goal is to truly preserve the site which our Mississippian ancestors left us. I have included several photos I took of the site during my trip. (see pg. 7)

Respectfully,
Logan Pappenfort

Request for Change of Address

Date: _____

Tribal Member:

(First Name)

(Middle Name)

(Maiden Name/Last Name)

DOB: _____

(Social Security Number)

Roll No. _____

New Address:

Old Address:

Address

Address

City State Zip

City State Zip

Home Phone

E-mail

Signature of applicant

Please list all tribal members of household who will need to have address changed:

(Name) (Date of Birth) (SSN)

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(Name) (Date of Birth) (SSN)



Ariel view of
the Angel
Mounds

The east village
portion of the site
where the majority
of the occupation
occurred



Ground view of
mound A which was
thought to be used
for ceremonial

Indian Child Welfare

Indian Child Welfare services for the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma are available to all enrolled tribal members and, in most cases, to those who are eligible for enrollment.

The Indian Child Welfare Program (ICWP) is located in the Programs Office building. If you should need our services, please feel free to contact us there. The office number is 918-540-2535. You can ask for Doug Journeycake, Director, (Ext. 19 or Cell 918-540-4370).

Lack of Tribal Foster Homes is still an issue for the Tribes. If you are interested in becoming a Tribal Foster Home and want to open your heart and home to children in need, contact the ICWP now. You can give children a chance to have a new and better life. There are many rewards of being a foster parent as well as the wonderful results for the Tribe's children. The process is relatively simple, you fill out an application, and we will do a thorough Federal and State background check on anyone over 18 years of age living in the home. We will require you to provide four personal references that the Indian Child Welfare Program (ICWP) will contact, and then the Indian Child Welfare Director or his designated representative will do a home visit in your home. Once that process is completed, the Indian Child Welfare Program will license your home as a tribal foster home. Additionally, the Department of Human Services (DHS) has a critical need for tribal foster homes to provide homes for Indian Children in state custody.

The Tribe is fortunate that it has very few ICW cases. Tribal members should be proud of themselves and their family members, as this sets a standard that is hard to meet by the other Tribes in the area.

Doug Journeycake, Director
Indian Child Welfare

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WEBSITE
FOR WEEKLY UPDATES!



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In Memory Of:

Mary Beth Palmer

AVAILABLE

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE WATER AND SEWER ASSISTANCE

The Indian Health Service, Miami Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, offers programs to install water and sewer facilities to qualified Indian Homeowners. Funding and construction of sanitation facilities, such as wells, water service lines, septic tanks and drain fields, wastewater lagoons and sewer service lines, are available.

Minimum eligibility requirements include:

1. Property must be located within the boundaries of the nine tribes of the Inter-tribal Council, Inc. of Northeast Oklahoma in Ottawa and Delaware Counties, Oklahoma.
2. You must be a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, band or group.
3. The home must be Indian owned and occupied.
4. HUD homes must be paid in full before services can be provided.

Documentation of tribal affiliation and home ownership or long-term lease (5 years minimum) will be required with the application for services. Mobile homes must be tied down, skirted and wheels removed prior to service.

Please note that applying for service does not guarantee you will receive service. Service depends on the availability of funding.

Please contact Felicia Chuckluck, at felicia.chuckluck@ihs.gov for more information. You may also call our office at 918-542-6414, or stop by our office located in the Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. Administrative Offices at 21 N. Eight Tribes Trail, Miami, Oklahoma.

Tribal Committees

Business Committee

Chief	Craig Harper	03/2018
Second Chief	Vacant	03/2021
Treasurer	Vacant	03/2020
Secretary	Tonya Mathews	03/2019
First Councilman	Carolyn Ritchey	03/2020
Second Councilman	Kara North	03/2021
Third Councilman	Vacant	03/2019

Grievance Committee

Lela Stand.....	2022
Annette Black.....	2021
Vacant.....	2021
Mary Lembcke Davey.....	2022
Mark Davey.....	2020

Election Committee

Kristen Gillman, Chairperson; Toni Potts, Secretary; Courtney McCartney, Bud Ellis

Enrollment Committee

Jenny Rampey, Jeane Wynn, & Kay Harper

Economic Development/Finance/Properties
Hank Downum

Housing/Social Services
Vacant, M. Annette Black

Education Committee

Donna Fitzgibbon, Chairperson; Alan Goforth, Secretary; Sadie Detherage, Jamie Cantwell, Mary Davey

Audit Committee

Michael Lewis, Kendra Robinson, Zach Goforth

Culture and Language Committee
Donna Fitzgibbon, Kevin Dawes

Stomp Dance Committee

Karen Stand, Chairperson; John Froman, Ruthie Jones, Donna Fitzgibbon, David Tyner, Darlene Young, Jeffery "Dude" Blalock

Repatriation Committee

Jason Dollarhide, Chairperson; Michael Eddy, John Froman, Eddie Froman, Cynthia Purgason, LeAnne Reeves, Jane Hahn, Laura McCoy

Cemetery Committee

John Froman

Historical Committee

Joann Evans, Chairperson; Roberta Lindsly, Rick Landers



**INTERTRIBAL
CHILDREN'S
POW WOW
& FUNFEST**

9TH JUNE 2018

OTTAWA POW WOW GROUNDS

FUNFEST 11-5:00 PM
SUPPER ON YOUR OWN AT 5:00 PM
GRAND ENTRY 7:00 PM
STOMPDANCE TO FOLLOW

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

More Info - Justin Barrett (918) 533-6299

Mariah Tyner (918) 919-2246



CCDF
CHILD CARE
DEVELOPMENT
FUNDS

Local intertribal events
sponsored by the Nine Tribes
CCDF Programs



Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma			
Unaudited Summary Expenditure Budget Report			
As of 3/31/2018			
(In Whole Dollars)			
<u>Open FY 2019 Programs</u>			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
ICW	28,895.00	7,012	21,883
Totals FY 2019	28,895 #	7,012	21,883
<u>Open FY 2018 Programs</u>			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Higher Education Grant	27,926.00	7,558	20,368
Child Care Program	858,044.00	0	858,044
Community Health Representative	52,452.00	33,591	
Title VI	118,820.00	118,820	-
Library	6,000.00	2,935	3,065
GAP	125,000.00	62,797	62,203
Air Program	72,749.00	25,511	47,238
Water-Non Point Source Base	62,348.00	61,277	1,071
Water Quality Program	114,141.00	47,796	66,345
Indirect Cost Pool	468,622	488,107	(19,485)
Tribal Properties	272,765	146,534	126,231
Trading Post	8,551	6,588	* 1,963
Children's Christmas Special Revenue Fund	20,823	23,524	(2,701)
Gaming Commission	438,000	398,335	39,665
Cemetery Special Revenue Fund	9,572	8,169	1,403
Pow Wow Fund*	133,762	127,975	5,787
Tribal Fish Hatchery	112,160	100,389	11,771
Elder Care/Disability Program	200,000	141,470	58,530
Education/Activity 2617	1,525,000	1,496,659	28,341
Economic Development / Activity 2614	150,000	55,650	94,350
Land Acquisition/Activity	100,000	-	100,000
Burial / Activity 2617	220,000	213,550	6,450
Tribal Government / Activity 2621	559,437	288,564	270,873
Legal Fees / Activity 2627	25,000	16,315	8,686
Totals FY 2018	5,681,172 #	3,872,113	1,790,197
<u>Open FY 2017 Programs</u>			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Aid to Tribal Government	253,770.00	5699.28	248,071
IRR 2% Planning	7,782.68		7,783
Tribal Youth Development-Aquaculture	38,192.00	0	38,192
Invasive Species	96,000.00	14,685	81,315
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	157,000.00	97,274	59,726
Endangered Species	137,000.00	15,560	121,440
Title IV B	8,675.00	1,690	6,985
Child Care Program	1,007,666.00	131,591	876,075
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	13,537.00	0	13,537
Totals FY 2017	1,719,623 #	266,499	1,453,124
<u>Open FY 2016 Programs</u>			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Aid to Tribal Government	244,818.00	243,007	1,811
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	203,000.00	201,316	1,684
Tribal Youth Development-Aquaculture	66,840.00	63,876	2,964
Endangered Species	130,000.00	99,779	30,221
Climate Change BIA Grant	4,152.14	2,481	1,671
Totals FY 2016	648,810 #	610,458	38,352
<u>Open FY 2015 Programs</u>			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Aid to Tribal Government	245,821.00	227,501	18,320
Invasive Species	185,000.00	154,897	30,103
Cultural Resource Fund	15,000.00	0	15,000
Totals FY 2015	445,821 #	382,398	63,423
<u>Open FY 2008 Programs</u>			
Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Housing Improvement Program Contract	25,069	15,839	9,230
Totals FY 2008	25,069 #	15,839	9,230

PEORIA TRIBE			
SUMMARY OF TRUST FUNDS			
March 31, 2018			
ACTIVITY	TOTAL		
114 ACRES AT WYANDOTTE			\$8,059.13
PEORIA DESCENDANTS	PRINCIPAL	0	11,799.93
	INTEREST	11,799.93	
EDUCATION (Transfer)			818.38
EDUCATION	PRINCIPAL	176,850.16	292,151.71
	INTEREST	115,301.55	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	276,878.25
	INTEREST	104,727.30	
LAND ACQUISITION	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	277,227.35
	INTEREST	105,076.40	
BURIAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	94,412.67
	INTEREST	37,025.86	
TRIBAL GOV'T	PRINCIPAL	571,741.85	1,000,937.63
	INTEREST	429,195.78	
LEGAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	95,589.99
	INTEREST	38,203.18	
TOTAL			2,057,875.04
SUMMARY			
OVERNIGHTER (U.S. TREASURY)			93,075.04
INVESTMENTS			1,964,800.00
TOTAL			2,057,875.04

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Child Care Development Fund Program

The child care program is funded through the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). This program is to provide childcare services and activities. The qualifications for the program are:

- There will always be a co-pay per child per month for each family.
- Live within 100 miles of the Peoria Tribal Office in the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, or Oklahoma.
- There must be an Indian in the household.
- Be under 13 years of age; or be under age 19 and physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves; or under court supervision.
- Reside with a family whose income does not exceed the maximum net income level, there will be some deductions considered. Income level does not apply to the children that are physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves.
- Co-pay **example**: Monthly net income of \$4,596.00 for a family of four, the co-pay would be \$124.00 per child per month. Every family will have a co-pay.
- Reside with a parent, parents or guardian who are gainfully employed or attending a job training or educational program; or receive, or need to receive, protective services.
- Adult must be at work or in class in order for the CCDF Program to assist with child care.

Tribal Member Reimbursement Program For School Supplies/School Clothes

I mailed out 366 applications to tribal members ages 5-18, which had addresses on file with the reimbursement program, on June 19, 2017 for the school year 2017-18.

33 applications were received by the January 31st deadline. A total of \$10,758.98 was reimbursed to the tribal members for the 7th period.

27 applications were received by the February 28th deadline. A total of \$5,906.82 was reimbursed to the tribal members for the 8th period.

24 applications were received by the March 31st deadline. A total of \$10,117.13 was reimbursed to the tribal members for the 9th period.

18 applications were received by the April 30th deadline. A total of \$5,655.24 was reimbursed to the tribal members for the 10th period.

Mandie Ferguson, Education Director

EDUCATION

Thank you to the Education Committee which consist of Sadie Detherage, Alan Goforth, Jamie Cantwell, Mary Davey & Donna Fitzgibbon (not in attendance). The Committee is responsible for screening student applications and their efforts are appreciated.

Financial need is not one of the criteria for the Peoria scholarship. Every Peoria college student is encouraged to apply. It is never too early to obtain a scholarship application. You may do so by writing Education Director, Peoria Tribe, P.O. Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355; by phoning the Peoria office 1-918-540-2535 ext 10 or 1-800-259-9987 ext 10; or check it out on the Peoria Tribal website, www.peoriatribes.com.

Application deadlines are July 31 for the Fall semester and January 7 for the Spring semester. Incomplete or postage due applications will not be considered. Students who accept scholarship funds but do not complete their obligation for that semester or maintain a 2.5 GPA forfeit their eligibility until they complete a semester on their own.

If you know a Peoria student who has received scholastic honors or other special recognition at his or her school, please let the Education Director know. I can be reached at 1-800-259-9987, or 1-918-540-2535.

Mandie Ferguson, Education Director

ITEM DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Peoria History Book	\$20.00
Miami/Peoria Dictionary	\$7.00
Myaamia & Peoria Narratives & Winter Stories	\$4.00
History of Illinois Indians DVD	\$29.95
NEW Youth T-Shirts (please see list of available sizes)	\$12.00
NEW Adults T-Shirts (please see list of available sizes)	\$15.00 plus sizes add \$3
Youth black long sleeved T-Shirts & 3/4 length black & gray baseball shirts (please see list of available sizes)	\$12.00
Adults black long sleeved T-Shirts & 3/4 length black & gray baseball shirts (please see list of available sizes)	\$S15.00 plus sizes add \$3
Youth Hoodies (please see list of available sizes)	\$16.00
Adults Hoodies (please see list of available sizes)	\$18.00 plus sizes add \$3
Adult Polo Shirts (please see list of available sizes)	\$25.00 plus sizes add \$3
Insulated Mugs	\$3.00/each or 2/\$5.00
Ceramic Coffee Mugs (please see list of available colors)	\$3.00/Each or 2/\$5.00
New Blue Coffee Mugs with Emblem	\$8.00
Older style-Tribal Caps (please see list of available colors)	\$5.00
New style Ball Caps	\$16.00 & \$18.00
Jackets - Charcoal in color - (please see list of available sizes)	\$40.00 Adults \$30.00 Youth
License Plates (Novelty)	\$ 4.00
Blankets (please see list of available colors)	\$20.00
Beaded Earrings & Bracelets (please contact office for more details & availability)	\$8.00 - \$12.00
Beaded Necklaces Sets (please contact office for more details & availability)	\$35.00

Ball Cap Colors

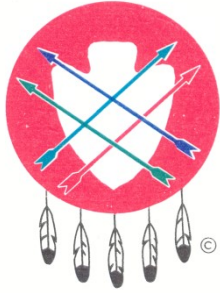
Blanket colors

Black	Forest Green
Royal Blue	Charcoal Gray
Red	

Black	Navy
Dark Green	Tan
Maroon	Charcoal Gray

Available sizes

Coffee Mug Colors	Polo Shirts & Jacket	Red & Black T-shirts	Hoodies	Baseball Shirts
Black	Men Adult sizes:	Youth sizes: RED ONLY	Youth sizes:	Youth sizes:
Dark Green	Sm/ Med/ Lg/ XL	3-6 mon. & 6-12 mon.		
Wedgewood Blue	Plus Size: XXL/ XXXL	X-Sm/Y Sm/Y Med/Y Lg/Y XLg	2T/ 3T/ Med/ Lg	Y Sm/Y Med/Y Lg
Yellow	Lady Adult sizes:	Adult sizes: Black	Adult sizes:	Adult sizes:
Purple	Sm/ Med/ Lg/ XL/ Plus Size: XXL/ XXXL	Sm/ Med/ Lg/ XL/ Plus Size: XXL/ Men Only XXXL WOMEN’S SLIM FIT!	Sm/ Med/ Lg/ XL/ Plus Size: XXL/ XXXL	Sm/ Med/ Lg/ XL/ Plus Size: XXL/ XXXL
Pink				



TRADING POST ORDER FORM

Order information:

DATE:

Phone: 918-540-2535

Email: mferguson@peoriatribes.com – Please email with any questions you might have.

Fax: 918-540-2538

Mail: Send this form to **Peoria Tribe**
Attn: Trading Post
PO Box 1527
Miami, OK 74355

Item Description	Color	Size	Price	Qty	Total

Shipping for orders \$75 or less is \$7.50

SUBTOTAL

Shipping for orders over \$75 add 10%

SHIPPING

TOTAL

SHIPPING ADDRESS

Name:

Street:

City:

State: Zip:

Phone:

Email:

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: PEORIA TRIBE

Tribal Member Reimbursement Program For School Supplies/School Clothes Program Description

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS:

In an effort to streamline tribal mailings, applications for the School Supply Reimbursement Program will **ONLY** be available on our website at: www.peoriatribes.com. **Starting July 1, 2017, if you wish to receive a paper application, please contact Mandie Ferguson at the Tribal Office at 918-540-2535, and provide your mailing address at the beginning of each school year.**

The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma has established a program for reimbursement of school supplies or clothes for members of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma who are currently enrolled in grades K through 12. This will be an annual program subject to budget approval each year by the Peoria Tribal Business Committee.

The maximum amount per eligible student per school year is \$500. Reimbursements will be made in accordance with the following Guidelines and made payable to the parent/guardian submitting the application. Reimbursement checks will be mailed to the address as listed on the application.

Examples of costs allowable for reimbursement under this program include paper, pencils, notebooks, backpacks, shoes, clothes, school uniforms, lab fees, activity fees, summer school fees, or other fees charged by the school system. All costs must be itemized on a printed receipt and submitted with the Program Application. All submitted receipts for the school year 2017-18 must be dated between **May 1, 2017-May 31, 2018**. Any receipts submitted not falling between these dates will be returned.

All applications for reimbursements must be submitted to the Education Director at the Peoria Tribal Office. **Only one application will be accepted per student per period. Each student can only be reimbursed 3 times per calendar year not to exceed the \$500 maximum.**

PERIOD	MONTHLY PROCESSING DEADLINE
Period 1 – July 1 st through July 31 st	July 31 st
Period 2 – August 1 st through August 30 th	August 30 th
Period 3 – September 3 rd through September 30 th	September 30 th
Period 4 – October 1 st through October 31 st	October 31 st
Period 5 – November 1 st through November 30 th	November 30 th
Period 6 – December 1 st through December 31 st	December 31 st
Period 7 – January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2018	January 31, 2018
Period 8 – February 1 st through February 28 th	February 28 th
Period 9 - March 1 st through March 31 st	March 31 st
Period 10 – April 1 st through April 30 th	April 30 th
Period 11 - May 1 st through May 31 st	May 30 th
Period 12 - June 1 st through June 30 th	June 30 th

Applications must be received by the deadline date to be processed for that period.
Any incomplete applications or postage due applications will not be accepted and will be returned for your completion.

Guidelines

- Student must be an enrolled member of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.
- Must provide with application a copy of the student's tribal membership card.
- Student must be currently enrolled in grades K-12.
- Must provide original letter on official letterhead from school certifying the student's enrollment for current school year, or a print off of the students current schedule or grades.
- Must provide original receipts, no copies will be accepted. However, copies will be accepted on a case by case basis. Receipts submitted must be dated between **May 1, 2017-May 31, 2018** and show date and amount of transaction with description of item purchased.
- The maximum annual amount to be reimbursed per student is \$500 and will be made payable to the parent/guardian submitting the Program Application.

**Application Tribal Member Reimbursement Program
For School Supplies/School Clothes
Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
PO Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355
918-540-2535**

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Please print: First Last

Address: _____
City/State/Zip

Phone Number: _____

Student's Name: _____
Please print: First Middle Last

(Only one application will be accepted per student per period)

Student's Tribal Roll #: _____ Birth date: _____
(Attach copy of students membership card)

School Attending: _____
(Attach original certification of enrollment from school)

Grade: _____ Age: _____ Total of attached receipts: \$ _____

MUST BE ATTACHED: (check list below)

☐ Copy of Tribal Membership Card

☐ Original Certification of School Enrollment

☐ Original Receipts (not copies) of Purchases for School Supplies/Clothes

All receipts must show date and amount of transaction with description of item purchased.
Receipts submitted must be dated between May 1, 2017 - May 31, 2018

Date: _____ Signature: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE/OFFICE USE ONLY

Period Received: _____ Date Received: _____
Membership Confirmed: _____ Check Mailed: _____

Elder Care and Disability Reimbursement Program

Below is the program description and the application can be found on page 4. You may also review the policies and procedures on the tribal website, or contact the office to receive a copy. If you have any questions feel free to contact Logan Pappenfort at 918-540-2535 Ext. 31 at the Peoria Tribal office.

Program Description

The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma has established a program to aid the elderly population that could benefit from an additional funding source to supplement their households, and/or disability needs, without restricting or interfering with other government programs.

The Elder Care and Disability Reimbursement Program (ECDRP) will make available up to \$1000 per fiscal year (April 1st- March 31st) for eligible tribal members. Each eligible tribal member may only choose from one program to receive reimbursement, being limited to 3 requests for services per fiscal year, not to exceed maximum total of \$1000. All denied benefits will be reviewed by a 3 person Review Committee comprised of the Chief and 2

accounting staff members. Individuals will not be permitted to receive benefits as both “elderly” and “disabled.”

Applicants may only utilize one program.

Qualifications Criteria:

- ◆ Individual must be a **current enrolled living member** of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, evidenced by Tribal Enrollment Card to receive benefits.
- ◆ Eligible tribal member must be **65 years or older**, evidenced by a Photo I.D. to receive benefits.
- ◆ Eligible **adult** tribal member must provide an award letter or benefit statement from the Social Security
- ◆ Administration (dated within last 90 days), to receive disability benefits. **No other proof of disability will be accepted.**
- ◆ Minors or other disabled individuals already receiving Disability Social Security or SSI benefits payable to a representative payee, will be eligible for tribal reimbursement program. All payments will be made to the **representative payee** as designated on SSI records. **Minors not receiving SSI benefits must have documentation of state or federal Determination of Disability to receive reimbursement.**

Eligibility for Reimbursement:

- ◆ An approved application **signed by applicant or legal representative** must be on file. A new application is to be submitted each fiscal year.
- ◆ Submission date of the application will be the date the application is received at the Tribal office.
- ◆ **ORIGINAL RECEIPT(s) (not copies)** must be sent to the tribal office, and be dated within the fiscal year of application date.
- ◆ All receipts must come from the vendor or service provider, contain the vendor’s contact information, and a detailed summary of product(s) and services.
- ◆ Eligibility for both programs cease upon tribal members death.

Eligible Expenses:

Insurance and Taxes:

- ◆ Life Insurance
- ◆ Home Owner’s Insurance
- ◆ Automotive Insurance
- ◆ Healthcare Insurance
- ◆ Personal Content Insurance for renters
- ◆ Property Tax

Note: ALL insurance/proof of ownership of property must be in the name of the eligible tribal member to qualify for payment.

Utilities:

- ◆ Electric
- ◆ Natural gas
- ◆ Propane
- ◆ Water
- ◆ Trash services
- ◆ Telephone services

Note: ALL utilities must be in the name of the eligible tribal member to qualify for payment.

Health Care Expense:

- ◆ Prescription eye glasses
- ◆ Dentures
- ◆ Medical Alert Service
- ◆ Prescription medication
- ◆ Health care deductibles
- ◆ Physician prescribed ambulatory product (wheelchair, cane, walker)
- ◆ Hearing aids
- ◆ Miscellaneous items prescribed by a physician

Note: ALL prescriptions and deductibles must be in the name of the eligible tribal member to qualify for payment.



Application
Elder Care & Disability Reimbursement Program
PO Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355
918-540-2535

Tribal Member Name: _____

Address: _____
City/State/Zip Code

Phone Number: _____

(Only 3 applications will be accepted per tribal member per fiscal year)

Tribal Roll #: _____
(Attach copy of membership card)

Birth date: _____

Program Applying for: (check one)

Elder Care: _____ **Disability:** _____

Total of attached receipts: \$ _____

MUST BE ATTACHED: (check list below)

☐ Copy of Tribal Membership Card

☐ Copy of Photo I.D.

☐ Original Receipts of Purchases for items or services (stated in guidelines)

Disability applicants will also need:

☐ Award Letter, Benefit Statement or Determination of Disability documentation.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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Date Received: _____ Membership confirmed: _____ Reimbursement Requisition _____ Check mailed _____

Peoria Tribe's Environmental Department

The month of April was an extremely busy month for our department! Between trying to get the Aquatic Facility and ponds ready for spawn and attending trainings and meetings, we have been going none-stop! There was the Oklahoma Clean Lakes and Watersheds Association Conference in Stillwater that Kyle Foster and myself, Erin Barnes, attended. I truly believe this is one of the best conferences to attend to learn about the newest water studies and to see real-life examples of research/projects/solutions that have been put to the test. This conference is made up of Biologist, Scientist, Watershed experts, Chemist, Fisheries Biologist, Water technicians, and grad students who are doing the most up to date research in water quality and related topics. It is a plethora of knowledge of water quality and work. This conference gives us two very important things, 1) the most up-to-date knowledge in our field, 2) a fantastic networking opportunity. On the second day, our Larry Tippit came down to present with Susan Dunn, of the USFWS.



The night we came back from that conference, Justin Downs and myself attended the Feral Hog Outreach Meeting for Ottawa and Craig County put on by Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association and Oklahoma Conservation Commission. It was a great learning and networking experience for our Invasive Species grant on Feral Hogs. **If any Peoria Tribal members in Ottawa County have a problem with Feral hogs on their property, please contact the Environmental Department and ask for Erin Barnes.** We currently have a grant in which we can help trap the feral hogs. These animals are extremely destructive to land, waterways, crops, and they carry many diseases.



The Dirty Dozen	
Classical Swine Fever	Tuberculosis
Foot and Mouth	Pseudorabies
African Swine Fever	Swine Influenza
Swine Brucellosis	Porcine Respiratory and Reproductive Syndrome
Leptospirosis	Porcine Circovirus - 2
West Nile Virus	

On April 10-13th, Lacie Hickey, Kyle Foster, Aaron Epperson, and myself attended the Annual Tribal Environmental Summit and Region 6 RTOC meetings in Dallas, TX. For our EPA grants this is a very important conference. This is generally the one time of year we get to see our Project Officers and meet with a large group of EPA support staff. The first day is the Tribal Caucus, it is a council made up of Tribes and Pueblos from Region 6, no government allowed. The second day is the full RTOC, which consist of the Caucus (tribes and pueblos) as well as EPA. The following two days are breakout learning sessions.



While the bees are buzzing, schools are gearing up for the end of their school year, which for us means lots of education and outreach opportunities that help us fulfill our grant deliverables while reaching out the community. On April 19th Lacie Hickey and Erin Barnes attended the Quapaw Outdoors Day. The children were from PreK through 5th grade. We took the EPSCoR Stream Trailer to talk to them about stream bank erosion and climate change. We even made the nightly news!



On April 20th Kyle Foster, Lacie Hickey, and Erin Barnes attended the Wyandotte Environmental Fair. This year we had 16 Booths. There were 45 booth workers, 600 students, 48 teachers, 22 public persons, and 23 Wyandotte Nation Volunteers (employees), for a grand total of 738!



~Spring Report~

Peoria Tribe's Aquatic Facility

It is that time of year again. The birds are chirping, trees are blooming, grass is growing, bees are buzzing, and the bass are spawning! Below is an underwater picture of some of the Smallmouth Bass fry at the facility. They have hatched; however, they are still on the nest.



The Smallmouth Bass spawn a few weeks ahead of the Largemouth Bass. Both species are dependent upon proper temperature and environmental factors. The spawning pairs have been strategically placed in certain ponds for spawn, then will be moved to holding ponds. This will give the fry a chance to grow in a “safer” environment. All efforts right now are put into production and pond work.

Speaking of growing grass, the Environmental crew and Interns have been in full swing on grounds upkeep at the Aquatic Facility. Mowing and weed eating is a daily chore. This time of year, we are also on the lookout for invasive and noxious plant species such as Musk Thistle. Below are three different stages of the Musk Thistle for identification purposes. When we find them in the rosette form or early stages we spray them with herbicide. If they make it to maturity we clip the seed heads to prevent them from spreading, then kill the plant.



EPSCoR Summer Science at OU for Native American Students - 2018



Overview: The OU EPSCoR Native American Summer Science Program is a dynamic summer research opportunity for Native American undergraduate students who are interested in learning about the connection between microbiology and the Earth.

Goals: The goal of the summer program is to support the academic, career, and personal development of Native American students who are interested in careers in science. Students will work closely with OU professors and graduate students to gain experience in the areas of microbiology, geology, and chemistry with regard to studying the microbial cycling of methane, an important greenhouse gas. The program will include visiting natural ecosystems including a methane-producing spring, as well as local lakes and ponds. Students will learn how to collect field samples, measure environmental parameters, test whether microorganisms are involved in methane cycling, and analyze and summarize data.

Eligibility & Compensation: University of Oklahoma and non-University of Oklahoma undergraduate students who identify as Native American are encouraged to register. No previous research experience is required. The OU EPSCoR Native American Summer Science Program is funded by a National Science Foundation grant and will provide participants with housing and food costs while at OU.



Dates & Location: June 3 – 8, 2018, University of Oklahoma (Norman Campus)

Please visit our website for additional information: oubugremedee.org/workshop/ and registration: <https://goo.gl/TVevoB>

Accommodations on the basis of disability are available.

Contact Director Lee Krumholz - krumholz@ou.edu

21st Annual
PEORIA TRIBAL POW WOW
June 22nd -24th, 2018



Friday Night Contest:

Grand Entry 8 p.m.

All Junior Boy & Girl categories



Saturday Night Contest:

Grand Entry 7 p.m.

Junior & Senior Adult categories

Special Straight Dance

Special Buckskin Women

Sage Family Special Trick Dance



Sunday Afternoon Contest & Awards:

Grand Entry 1 p.m.

Golden Age Men, Adult Men & Teen categories

Street Clothes & Hand Drum