

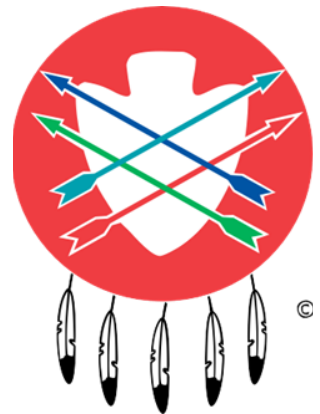
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WELCOMING NEW TRIBAL LEADERSHIP



LOGAN PAPPENFORT - SECOND CHIEF | HANK DOWNUM - TREASURER | ISABELLA BURRELL - THIRD COUNCILMAN

The Peoria Tribe welcomed the newly elected Business Committee members at the July 3rd Business Committee meeting. Chief Harper administered their Oath of Office before the meeting commenced.

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Office of the Chief:

To provide a brief recap of the summer, let's start at the official kick off for summer. The 21st Annual Peoria Tribal Pow-Wow June 22-24, 2018 was our largest to date! Mother Nature was on our side for Friday and Saturday and we were blessed with temperatures below normal, but filled with sunshine and blue skies. Although we were in need of rain and surely do not like to complain about moisture – it is not a friend to a Pow-Wow. With that being said, our Pow-Wow Committee and staff made the decision to move Sunday's event indoors and we were hosted at Buffalo Run Casino. If we had to be rained out, there really is no better place than at Buffalo Run Casino and thank you to the staff there for their extra efforts to ensure our dancers and attendees were comfortable.

We danced, rejoiced and visited relatives one weekend and voted the next. On June 30th a Special Election to fill the vacant seats of Second Chief, Treasurer, and Third Councilman was held and we had a great voter turnout. We are proud to welcome the following individuals into their new positions: Logan Pappenfort as

Second Chief, Hank Downum as Treasurer, and Isabella Burrell as Third Councilman. Congratulations and we look forward to working with each on the Business Committee.

Once again, we 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.

With the election complete and all seats filled the Business Committee was able to meet, with a full quorum, at the following regularly scheduled meeting. July 3rd's Business Committee had an extensive Agenda filled with items necessary to conduct business on a day to day basis, such as updating signatures at Financial Institutions and Governmental Agencies, as well as addressing new business for the Tribe.

To keep everyone abreast of our current projects we want to provide an activity update and how the projects will impact future growth and change. The Administration and Program Offices will be undergoing an IT Update, as previously discussed. A vendor has been selected and implementation is in the near future. This is a large project that will provide our offices with more digital security and options to disseminate information to our membership. With that said, be watching for the new and improved website feature. We are excited to provide new options for sharing information with you.

The staff has been busy with many duties that close out the summer: Audits, scholarship applications, and back to school reimbursement program to name a few. We want to commend the staff of the Peoria Tribe. Many staff members have been with our Tribe for 10, 13, 15, and 20+ years. The staff is hard working and are assets to our organization. With that being said, I would like to recognize Doug Journeycake, ICW Director who has been with the Tribe for 22 years and is retiring in September. Doug, thank you for your years of service and dedication to this Tribe and our children. Best wishes and enjoy your retirement. In addition to Doug's retirement, Phillis Robinson, Child Care Assistant, will be leaving to spend more time with family, after 9 years with the Tribe. Phillis thank you and we wish you well in your future endeavors. Last but not least, Cassie Harper, Administrative Assistant, will be pursuing other opportunities. Cassie has been with the Tribe over 5 years and has been a valued employee and friend to all those that she has become acquainted with. Thank you Cassie for a job well done and the staff will miss you.

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!

Respectfully,

Chief Craig Harper

chiefharper@peoriatribes.com

My name is Bonnie King with the Miami/Peoria tribes. My grandmother was Edna Eddy and my father was one of 5 or 6 children. The paternal name is King and my father was Robert King. I know I have two half sisters with probably nieces and nephews and many cousins. Some names that I remember are Donnie and Gerry (half sisters) and Harley and Hal Leroy (uncles). There are other uncles and and aunt. My siblings and I lost track of our family when I was 2 and I am now 70. Please, if you recognize any of these names contact me at 913-271-4542. Just looking to reconnect and learn more about my family history.

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)

(Name) (Date of Birth) (SSN)

(Name) (Date of Birth) (SSN)

(Name) (Date of Birth) (SSN)

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.

Aya,

On behalf of the Peoria Pow-Wow Committee, I would like to thank everyone who participated and attended this year's pow-wow, it was a great one. Thank you Peewaaliaki (Peoria People) for coming out and supporting your Tribe. We look forward to next year!

As we all know you can't have a pow-wow without the head staff, each and every one did an amazing job, so neewe for making it a success. Congratulations to all of our contest winners.

Saturday night's stomp was a good one, ending around 4:30 a.m. Neewe to the host grounds, White Oak and Cow Skin, for coming out and bringing a host of leaders and shell shakers! We had several vendors this year selling their wares, the Spring River Indian Baptist Church handed out free bottled water, and held Sunday services at the grounds.

All of the help behind the scenes was incredible this year. Neewe, family, friends and the office staff (family) for all you do. Thank you grounds crew for the amazing job you do keeping the grounds looking keen.

Until next time, safe travels.

Karen Stand, Peoria Tribal Pow-wow Coordinator



21ST ANNUAL

PEORIA TRIBAL POW WOW

JUNE

22-24

2018



PEORIA TRIBE

OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

Indian Child Welfare

Good Luck Doug!!!! After 22 years of diligent service, Doug Journeycake has decided to retire from the Indian Child Welfare Program. Doug has dedicated decades of his life protecting the tribal family unit and ensuring states are in compliance with the Federal Indian Child Welfare Act. His expertise will be greatly missed.

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 Tracy Coach, 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.

Tracy Coach, Director
Indian Child Welfare

**OUR NEWLY DESIGNED, INTERACTIVE
TRIBAL WEBSITE
WILL BE LAUNCHED FALL 2018!**



PEORIATRIBE.COM



In Memory Of:

Frank Norman Chambers

Laura Jenny Downum

Sarah Ann Evans

Ruby Elaine Holmes

Lela Kay Stand

Julia Tressa Upton

Mary Louise Watters

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 | 03/2022 |
| Second Chief | Logan Pappenfort | 03/2021 |
| Treasurer | Hank Downum | 03/2020 |
| Secretary | Tonya Mathews | 03/2019 |
| First Councilman | Carolyn Ritchey | 03/2020 |
| Second Councilman | Kara North | 03/2021 |
| Third Councilman | Isabella Burrell | 03/2019 |

Grievance Committee

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Jessica Blalock..... | 2021 |
| Annette Black..... | 2021 |
| Vacant..... | 2022 |
| 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
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

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma**Unaudited Summary Expenditure Budget Report**

As of 6/30/2018

(In Whole Dollars)

Open FY 2019 Programs

| Account Title | Currently | Actual | Total |
|---|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| ICW | 28,895.00 | 31,296 | (2,401) |
| Title VI | 125,170.00 | 104,180 | 20,990 |
| Indirect Cost Pool | 502,206 | 103,690 | 398,516 |
| Tribal Properties | 372,543 | 30,161 | 342,382 |
| Trading Post | 8,548 | 100 | 8,448 |
| Children's Christmas Special Revenue Fund | 20,800 | 135 | 20,665 |
| Gaming Commission | - | 90,133 | (90,133) |
| Cemetery Special Revenue Fund | 10,870 | 1,849 | 9,021 |
| Pow Wow Fund* | 110,064 | 45,320 | 64,744 |
| Tribal Fish Hatchery | 120,630 | 30,039 | 90,591 |
| Elder Care/Disability Program | 200,000 | 20,693 | 179,307 |
| Education/Activity 2617 | 1,465,000 | 15,678 | 1,449,322 |
| Economic Development / Activity 2614 | 150,000 | - | 150,000 |
| Land Acquisition/Activity | 100,000 | - | 100,000 |
| Burial / Activity 2617 | 220,000 | 53,814 | 166,186 |
| Tribal Government / Activity 2621 | 748,055 | 121,132 | 626,923 |
| Legal Fees / Activity 2627 | 225,000 | 26,880 | 198,120 |
| Totals FY 2019 | 4,407,781 | 675,100 | 3,732,681 |

Open FY 2018 Programs

| Account Title | Currently | Actual | Total |
|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Higher Education Grant | 32,742.00 | 17,558 | 15,184 |
| Title IV B | 8,648.00 | 0 | 8,648.00 |
| Child Care Program | 858,044.00 | 0 | 858,044 |
| Community Health Representative | 52,452.00 | 38,876 | 13,576 |
| Library | 6,000.00 | 3,200 | 2,800 |
| GAP | 125,000.00 | 105,236 | 19,764 |
| Air Program | 72,749.00 | 39,006 | 33,743 |
| Water-Non Point Source Base | 62,348.00 | 56,547 | 5,801 |
| Water Quality Program | 114,141.00 | 76,512 | 37,629 |
| Promoting Safe & Stable Families | 13,823.00 | 0 | 13,823 |
| Totals FY 2018 | 1,345,947 | 336,935 | 986,788 |

Open FY 2017 Programs

| Account Title | Currently | Actual | Total |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Aid to Tribal Government | 253,770.00 | 60,553.71 | 193,216 |
| IRR 2% Planning | 7,782.68 | 0 | 7,783 |
| Tribal Youth Development-Aquaculture | 38,192.00 | 6,969 | 31,223 |
| Invasive Species | 96,000.00 | 24,599 | 71,401 |
| Fish Hatchery Maintenance | 157,000.00 | 97,274 | 59,726 |
| Endangered Species | 137,000.00 | 28,996 | 108,004 |
| Title IV B | 8,675.00 | 5,600 | 3,075 |
| Child Care Program | 1,007,666.00 | 278,702 | 728,964 |
| Promoting Safe and Stable Families | 13,537.00 | 2,100 | 11,437 |
| Totals FY 2017 | 1,719,623 | 504,793 | 1,214,830 |

Open FY 2016 Programs

| Account Title | Currently | Actual | Total |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Fish Hatchery Maintenance | 203,000.00 | 201,623 | 1,377 |
| Endangered Species | 130,000.00 | 100,226 | 29,774 |
| Climate Change BIA Grant | 4,152.14 | 3,320 | 832 |
| Totals FY 2016 | 337,152 | 305,169 | 31,983 |

Open FY 2015 Programs

| Account Title | Currently | Actual | Total |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Aid to Tribal Government | 245,821.00 | 227,501 | 18,320 |
| Invasive Species | 185,000.00 | 158,060 | 26,940 |
| Cultural Resource Fund | 15,000.00 | 0 | 15,000 |
| Totals FY 2015 | 445,821 | 385,561 | 60,260 |

Open FY 2008 Programs

| 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**

June 30, 2018

ACTIVITY**TOTAL**

114 ACRES AT WYANDOTTE

\$8,092.58

PEORIA DESCENDANTS

PRINCIPAL

0

11,807.26

INTEREST

11,807.26

EDUCATION (Transfer)

822.00

EDUCATION

PRINCIPAL

176,850.16

295,270.84

INTEREST

118,420.68

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PRINCIPAL

172,150.95

280,009.21

INTEREST

107,858.26

LAND ACQUISITION

PRINCIPAL

172,150.95

280,364.94

INTEREST

108,213.99

BURIAL

PRINCIPAL

57,386.81

95,379.12

INTEREST

37,992.31

TRIBAL GOV'T

PRINCIPAL

571,741.85

1,009,055.45

INTEREST

437,313.60

LEGAL

PRINCIPAL

57,386.81

96,758.72

INTEREST

39,371.91

TOTAL

2,077,560.12

SUMMARY

OVERNIGHTER (U.S. TREASURY)

112,760.12

INVESTMENTS

1,964,800.00

TOTAL

2,077,560.12

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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 individual that is a member of a federally recognized tribe residing in the household.
- Be under 13 years of age; or be under the 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.

34 applications were received by the May 31st deadline. A total of \$10,391.24 was reimbursed to the tribal members for the 11th period.

37 applications were received by the June 30th deadline. A total of \$13,126.69 was reimbursed to the tribal members for the 12th period.

June 31, 2018 closed out the school year 2017-18. A total of 607 applications have been received and processed. A total of \$208,130.28 was reimbursed to the tribal members for the school year 2017-18.

Mandie Ferguson, Education Director

EDUCATION

Thank you to the Education Committee which consist of Sadie Detherage, Alan Goforth (not in attendance), Jamie Cantwell, Mary Davey & Donna Fitzgibbon (not in attendance). The Education Committee is responsible for screening all student applications and their efforts are greatly appreciated. The Education Committee met on August 3, 2017 to review the applications received by the July 31st deadline for the Fall 2018 semester. It was the decision of the Committee to fund 91 renewal students, 27 new students, 10 part-time students, 10 graduate program students, and 1 part-time graduate program student. Letters were mailed to 33 students requesting addition information. It was also the decision of the Committee to not fund 4 students due to dropping below the requirements.

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.peoriatribe.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

How to Beat the Back-to-School Blues

By Nicole Blades

There he was, our son, as sweet as a cinnamon bun, marching confidently into a new chapter of his life: his first day of preschool. We felt like celebrating—or at least doling out a healthy round of fist bumps watching him move into “big boy” status last fall. Frankly, we were also relieved. Despite a small delay involving a slightly burnt piece of toast, we made it out of the house easily. No protests. No crying. No drama.

As we move toward kindergarten and grade school, I can only hope that heading back to school—after a summer of sun and fun—will always be so effortless. However, for many children, the start of the new school year means the end of fun and free time. If most kids had it their way, summer would last forever. But we already know that’s never going to happen, so instead, help them see that there’s a way to return to school buses, backpacks and books with a genuine smile—not a grimace—on their faces. Here are some helpful tips for beating the back-to-school blues.

Give them the 4-1-1.

If your child is starting at a new school—moving to kindergarten from day care or middle school from elementary—they may feel anxious about all the newness. It’s important to give them as much information as possible in advance, says Dr. Rochelle Harris, a psychologist at Children’s Mercy Hospital and Clinics in Kansas City, Missouri. For example:

1. “If you can, visit the school one week before, to help them learn the layout of the building,” she says.
2. Get your kid’s class schedule ahead of time and walk through it with them. “You can decrease a lot of uncertainty and help them get familiar with all of the new components they’re facing.”
3. Practice opening their lockers, especially if it’s a combination lock. “It can be a panicky thing for kids if their locker sticks and they can’t open it,” Dr. Harris says.
4. Meet the teacher. “Make sure the teacher knows that your child is new to the school or the neighborhood,” she says. “Writing a letter to the teacher with basic tips and easy requests is a big help. “For instance, let the teacher know that you just moved there or that your child has never been to a school this size.”

Talk through anxieties.

Kids might feel ambivalent or anxious about returning to school for a number reasons. “Whatever the issue, talk about it, but don’t dwell on it,” says Dr. Harris. Also, listen closely to the content, she says. Kids tend to globalize things: I never have fun. School is always boring. “It’s that ‘all or nothing’ thinking that can lead children to feel depressed,” Dr. Harris says. Get them refocused, and challenge that negativity. Remind them about the fun that awaits them at school and on the weekends too. “The key is to normalize it for them and keep a positive spin: ‘Oh, yeah, I hear you, but also remember how much fun you had with your classmates last year. I’m sure this time will be like that.’”

Create a plan of action.

If your child has a legitimate issue that’s leaving them unenthusiastic about returning to school—maybe they struggled with a subject or were bullied—Dr. Harris strongly recommends creating a plan of action and explaining it to your child. “If your kid had trouble in math last year, tell him/her that you are going to start the process of getting them more support, and then follow through,” she says. Or in a bullying situation, let your child know that you will speak to the school and involve the necessary parties to ensure that it’s being looked into and handled.

Get reacquainted with old friends.

With summer camps and family vacations, sometimes your kids don’t see their school friends until that first day back. Dr. Harris recommends reconnecting with buddies a week or so beforehand to get reacquainted. Play dates or, for older children, an easy end-of-summer BBQ in the backyard are great ways to do this. “Suggest that your child call up a friend and coordinate a preschool meetup. Maybe they can arrange to walk into school at the same time on the first day,” she says. A phone call to a friend three or four days ahead can help calm your child’s concerns about going back to school.

Make a special purchase.

Sometimes getting your child excited about the new school year can be as simple as letting them pick out a special item when you’re doing back-to-school shopping. “If the latest backpack helps them feel included, and it works with your budget, just buy it,” Dr. Harris says. “It could make a world of difference.”

Peoria Pride

LOCAL STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL PROGRAM

Scholarship Encourages Native American Students into Health Careers

For more information contact:

Gary Lankford
Association of American Indian Physicians
(405) 946-7072 – glankford@aaip.org

(Grove, OK) A Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma high school student was part of 24 teenagers nationwide to participate in the 20th Association of American Indian Physicians' National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAYI) program. Bailey Pittman, a student at Grove High School in Grove, OK, attended the nine-day program held in Washington, D.C. this summer. The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) sponsors the program to educate and encourage more Native American students to pursue careers in health professions.

"We expose the students to a variety of health careers," explains Gary Lankford, Program Director. "The summer program allows them to visit national health organizations and academic institutions."

The students were taken on educational trips that included tours of the National Institutes of Health, George Washington University School of Medicine, Indian Health Service, Johns Hopkins Hospital, the Association of American Medical Colleges and the National Library of Medicine.

Students attended a series of lectures and interactive workshops that featured guest speakers who are physicians, researchers, and educators in the fields of medicine and health care.

"It's important for the students to hear from these health care professionals. They're successful Native Americans who serve as role models and mentors. They inspire our students to continue their education and set high goals," says Lankford.

NNAYI was created in 1998 to increase the number of American Indian/Alaska Native students entering health professions and biomedical research. The curriculum is designed to prepare students for admission to college and professional schools. Students also receive information regarding financial aid, counseling, and other college-related assistance.

Bailey is the daughter of Brandee Pittman and is a member of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

Over the past decade, more than 650 students have received scholarships to attend the NNAYI program. To be selected for the NNAYI summer program, students must be age 16-18 and express interest in medicine, healthcare or biomedical research. For more information, visit www.aaip.org or call (405) 946-7072.

LOCAL ATHLETE COMPETES AT LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL

Zane Rampey, a 7th grade student at Adair Middle School earned a position on the Oklahoma National Junior High rodeo team and traveled with fellow teammates to Huron, South Dakota, June 24th thru June 30th to compete at the 14th annual National Junior High Finals Rodeo in the Tie Down Calf Roping competition.

Featuring roughly 1,000 contestants from 43 states, five Canadian provinces, Australia and Mexico, the NJHFR is the world's largest junior high rodeo. In addition to competing for more than \$80,000 in prizes, NJHFR contestants also vied for more than \$200,000 in college scholarships and the chance to be named a National Junior High Finals Rodeo World Champion. To earn this title, contestants must finish in the top 20—based on their combined times/scores in the first two rounds—to advance to Saturday evening's final round. World champions will then be determined based on their three-round combined times/scores.



At the Barry Burk Roping Roundup held at Ardmore, Oklahoma during Memorial Day Weekend. Several hundred boys and girls competed for Breakaway and tie-down roping championship. Zane won the 12 and under breakaway saddle. Zane is the son of Matt and Julie Rampey and grandson of Jenny and Keith Rampey.

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.

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 2018-19 must be dated between **May 1, 2018-May 31, 2019**. 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, 2019 | January 31, 2019 |
| 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, 2018-May 31, 2019** 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, 2018 - May 31, 2019

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.

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: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE/OFFICE USE ONLY

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

~Summer Report~

Peoria Tribe's Aquatic Facility

Justin Downs did an inoculation of fish with baby mussels with the Endangered Species Neosho mucket at the beginning of the summer, in May. Justin reported that this inoculation was a success and that he recovered a little over 18,000 juvenile Neosho muckets to raise in our hatchery. These juveniles are not much bigger than a grain of salt but are very active and will grow reasonably rapid in their first year of life. By the end of the first year, we expect them to be a little over an inch long. These Neosho muckets can then be either sold for restoration purposes or sold to research for other entities. Justin, along with our Environmental Director, Erin Barnes, did another inoculation with the Neosho Mucket on June 14. We used around 60 fish, and with the attachment rate that we had with the previous group we should end up with approximately 40,000 more Neosho muckets at the hatchery. One thing to mention is that this effort of propagation we complete under a grant that is fully funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs which is called Endangered Species grant. For the Peoria Tribe Aquatic Facility, this grant focuses on the Endangered/Threatened freshwater mussels that are on the federal list. This entire inoculation process, from the fish to the mussels that we used, was an entirely in-house project. No outside source was used to accomplish the goal of raising these Endangered Species. The Peoria Tribe Aquatic Facility is one of the few nationwide that are working to conserve freshwater mussels by propagation efforts and possibly the only Native American owned facility in the Nation; most of the facilities are either universities or federal government facilities.

The following series of photos illustrates how we inoculate mussels here at the hatchery. We select a female that is brooding. Then gently pry the female mussel open and placing a soft foam cork to keep her open. We then take a needle with a syringe full of water, and we use it to break and flush the egg sac to release the babies. We then place the babies in a container with a host fish in this case largemouth bass. The water is agitated gently to encourage movement and breathing by the fish to allow the mussels to attach to the fish. We then place the fish in our mussel capture tanks where we can recover the transformed mussels and begin growing them out.



Flushing the babies out of the mussel using a syringe full of water and a needle. **(Left)** The results after the mussels flushed. There are thousands of mussels **(right)** that we then placed on host fish.

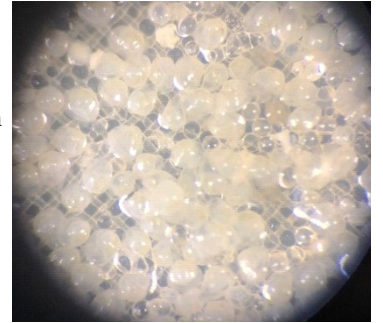
We place the fish in the AHAB system for recovery of the mussels off the fish. The fish are in these systems for recovery of the mussels. The mussels are flushed out of the tanks and then captured in the white PVC cups that are pictured. The mussels are then counted and placed in a feeding system.





Steve Trease and Aaron Epperson seining a pond to get the host fish out. We will use the Largemouth bass in our mussel program then turn around and sell them for pond stocking. By doing this, we get two uses out of our fish and can help two programs at once and keep everything in-house. The second picture is of the fish that we seined. They are brought inside to the raceways in preparation for the mussel inoculation efforts. **(Left)**

This picture **(right)** is of the recovered juvenile Neosho Mucklets viewed through



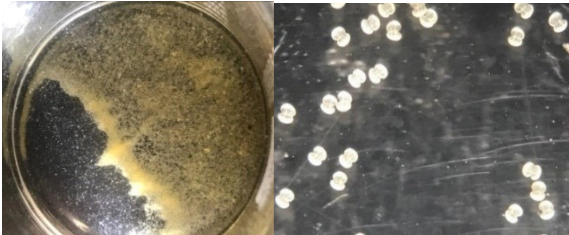
a microscope. Each one of these mussels was counted during fall off underneath a microscope so that we can get an accurate count of how many we have at our facility. At this point in their life they are around 0.025 of a millimeters long. Each day their screen is cleaned, and they are fed automatically by a computer system. By the end of this summer, they should reach a size of 0.25 of an inch. At this size depending on the water temperature, they may be able to be moved outside into our dock facility.



This picture (Left) represents what we are capable of at the hatchery. We propagated these mussels and raised them here. We just moved them out of the bucket system at the dock to a sand-filled container. These mussels are a little over a 1.5-years-old and will be old enough to start brooding in about a year. We will then have the capability of having two other species on hand always to provide for propagation. One is the Pocketbook mussel, and the other is the Fat-mucket mussel both of which can be traced back to settlements by the Peoria's in Illinois.

On July 5th the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation in conjunction with our Missouri State Mussel expert, Chris Barnhart collected 13 Rabbitsfoot Mussels which are on the Threatened and Endangered Species list. Chris brought all the mussels to our facility to be cleaned up and inspected. Chris took seven of the brooding females back to his lab and left us with six adult brooding Rabbitsfoot Mussels. The days that have followed have required very close care and observation of the mussels

waiting for them to release their glochidia "babies." Once the female releases the glochidia, we carefully gather them, clean them, and conduct a series of procedures which allows us to determine the estimated number of viable glochidia. The process will enable us to calculate the exact amount of glochidia that we need to inoculate each Cardinal Shiner. Each of these species is EXTREMELY sensitive, making the whole process very tedious, complicated, and creates odds that are not in our favor. All that makes it just that much more exciting when we accomplish a feat not many in this country can.



Last year we successfully collected some juvenile Rabbitsfoot mussels from this same project; however, there were many lessons learned for all involved. This year's project was already more successful than last years, and we are only half-way through the females releasing their glochidia. In the photos, you can see the adult Rabbitsfoot Mussels in our AHAB System **(green containers)**, approximately what 233,000 glochidia look like **(far left)**, individual glochidia **(middle)**, and some of the juveniles that have already fallen off at Missouri State labs.



(right)

The Aquatic Facility has been extremely busy! Between mussel work, preparing our inside facility for fish, preparing ponds to be drained to gather fingerlings and many other daily activities! The fingerlings we have retrieved out of the ponds so far are fat and healthy! We sorted them by size and put them back into separate ponds. **(below)**



Peoria Tribe's Environmental Department

On April 27th Lacie Hickey and Erin Barnes attended the Cherokee Environmental Festival in Pryor Creek. There were over 250 in attendance. It was a great day. Unfortunately for the kiddos, our EPSCoR trailer was not working correctly. While we did not have the physical prop to help educate the kids, we were still able to explain stream bank erosion, water quality, air quality, issues and solutions to them.



On May 11th Lacie Hickey and Erin Barnes attended the Ottawa County Conservation Commission and NRCS's Yearly NRCS Day's at NEO A&M's arena. This event points focus at the 4th-grade students in Miami. They have determined that 4th-grade students are the optimal age for education and outreach events, each year they have a focused event just for them. This year we focused on Climate Change and its effects on soil, water, and air.



On May 25th the Environmental Department decided to step up and do a bit of clean-up outreach on the wet-weather creek area between tribal offices and OP building. We picked up four bags of litter and trash, cut down and hauled off a tree, we did some weed eating around the area, trimmed trees, and hauled off debris. It now looks cleaner and should not be a hazard to vehicles driving over the bridge. **(Photos to right : Before, left; After, right)**

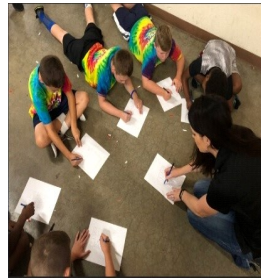


Clean-up crew from left to right: Kyle Foster, Steve Trease, Erin Barnes, Kolby Dean, Lacie Hickey.





On June 12th Erin Barnes along with Lacie Hickey, hauled the Education and Outreach Trailer to Wyandotte to participate in KCP with the Wyandotte Tribe. Erin spoke to the children about tornado safety, even with the technical difficulties of the trailer's electronics not working correctly it went very well. Erin explained to them that not all storms are scary, and what makes a tornado. She told them the difference between a "tornado watch" and a "tornado warning." Erin also discussed having a safe place to go if you hear there is a "Tornado Warning" and what should be a safe place and where was unsafe. As well as about having an emergency bag packed and what should go in it, and to always keep good shoes by the door so you can run to your shelter if need be! The kids asked great questions, and some had some good insight. In the second picture (left), the little boy was telling me how a tornado forms. His knowledge was awe-inspiring! Lacie spoke to the children about air quality and how it relates to health issues.



On July 19th Lacie Hickey and Erin Barnes attended the Native American Youth Camp at the Ottawa- Peoria Cultural Center. It was put on by all the local Tribal CCDF departments. There was arrowhead napping, archery, storytelling, an inspirational speaker, basket weaving, and they got to make cornhusk dolls. We did activities for fire safety and air pollution. (right)

This summer has been a busy summer for the Air Program. Lacie Hickey attended many pieces of training to educate herself on air quality further; as well as doing education & outreach in between training to teach the community about the importance of having good air quality.



| Air Quality Index | |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Good | Green |
| Moderate | Yellow |
| Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups | Orange |
| Unhealthy | Red |
| Very Unhealthy | Purple |

On May 14th-18th



Lacie Hickey and Erin Barnes attended the National Tribal Air Forum on Air Quality in Duluth, MN. The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa hosted the event. This event brings together everyone who works with Air Quality from tribes across the United States as well as EPA representatives from each region- as they all say, "Networking with their fellow Air Heads." All joking aside, it is a great conference to learn as much as you can with air quality. Networking is the best way to learn how to or how

not to build an excellent air program. Along with many networking sessions, the conference had several different training sessions every day throughout the week.

What are we breathing indoors?

- Tire fragments
- Dander
- Charred wood
- Insect hair
- Paint spheres
- Pollen
- Paper fragments
- Pesticides
- Fly ash, etc.
- Flame retardants
- Lead
- Cadmium
- Gypsum
- Fiberglass
- Carpet fibers
- Soot
- Dust mite feces
- Mold spores
- Rug dyes

June 4th-8th Lacie Hickey attended the Air Grant Management course hosted by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Az. This course focused on building & managing an air quality program.

Take away from this course...

- Figure out your air program's goals and objectives – long-term/short-term
- You may not need all components of this course.
- Don't reinvent the wheel!
- Network & collaborate with local tribes & agencies
- Share information & ideas
- Research what others are doing
- You are not alone
- TAMS Center/ITEP courses
- Fellow tribal air programs & agencies
- EPA

Air Quality Monitoring

- Develops baseline data
- Includes meteorological (rain, temp, humidity, etc)
- Includes ambient air (ozone, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, etc)
- Includes Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) also known as Air Toxics

To put an end to the summer season, the Environmental Department welcomed a visit from the EPA administrator for Region 6, Anne Idsal. Anne Idsal serves as the Regional Administrator for EPA Region 6. Her responsibilities include overseeing the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas, and 66 Tribal Nations. Anne was eager to tour the Aquatic Facility to see first hand the projects our department has accomplished.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6

1445 ROSS AVENUE

DALLAS, TEXAS 75202-2733

Regional Administrator

July 31, 2018

The Honorable Craig Harper
Peoria Tribe
P.O. Box 1527
Miami, OK 74355

Dear Chief Harper:

Thank you for hosting my visit to the Peoria Tribe on July 26, 2018.

Please extend my deepest thanks to Ms. Erin Barnes and the environmental staff for their efforts in making us feel welcome.

Through our discussions and site visits, I have come to better understand your environmental concerns. The tour of the fish hatchery was especially interesting.

Thank you again for your leadership at the Peoria Tribe. I look forward to continuing our partnership to resolve issues and concerns in Indian country.

Sincerely,

Anne L. Idsal

Anne L. Idsal
Regional Administrator



Christmas Party 2018

All Peoria Tribal members are invited to attend the 2018 Peoria Children's Christmas Party. The party will be held at the OTTAWA/PEORIA CULTURAL CENTER on Saturday, December 8, 2018, between 1:00pm – 3:00pm. There will be door prizes for our tribal elders, so bring your ENTIRE family. We will have entertainment and refreshments. Santa will arrive at 2:00pm to distribute gifts to pre-registered Peoria children.

***Please find the gift registration form below. The child has to be present to receive a gift.**

Please remember, in an effort to streamline tribal mailings, applications for the Children's Christmas Party will ONLY be available on our website at: www.peoriatribes.com. If you wish to receive a paper form, please contact Mandie Ferguson at the Tribal Office at 918-540-2535 or 800-259-9987

PEORIA CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

REGISTRATION FORM

CHILD'S NAME: _____
First Middle Last

AGE: ____ BIRTH DATE: _____ Female ☐ Male ☐

Please indicate your child's jacket/pullover size: _____

PEORIA ROLL NUMBER: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

To help us with our shopping, please list in order of preference 3 items your child might like. Please limit these items to \$50 or less. **The presents will only be purchased from Wal-Mart.** Please list only toys, games, dolls, etc., (no clothes items), and be as specific as possible, so that we can ensure that your child will receive something he or she will really enjoy.

FIRST CHOICE: _____

SECOND CHOICE: _____

THIRD CHOICE: _____

**THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY
NOVEMBER 9, 2018. THE CHILD MUST BE PRESENT AT
THE PARTY TO RECEIVE A GIFT.**

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma is working to establish a long range economic development plan to improve the standard of living for its tribal citizens, as well as the surrounding community of Miami, Oklahoma.

Data collection is a key component in this process, so we are asking our citizens and members of the surrounding area to complete a Needs Assessment. This Assessment will help us determine what projects will make the most impact on the Peoria Tribe, our citizens, and the surrounding community.

- 1) Do you live within the city limits of Miami, Oklahoma?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

- 2) Do you live within Ottawa County, Oklahoma?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

- 3) Do you live within a 50 mile radius of Ottawa County, Oklahoma?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

- 4) Please identify the age group you are in:
 - a. 18-25
 - b. 26-45
 - c. 46-55
 - d. 55 and over

- 5) Please rank the following, in order of importance with 1 being the most important and 4 being the least important:

| | |
|-------|------------------------|
| _____ | Economic Development |
| _____ | Cultural Preservation |
| _____ | Child Care Facility |
| _____ | Elder/Community Center |

- 6) Other than items listed in number 5, is there another project you would like to identify:

Please return Needs Assessment by September 15, 2018

EMAILED TO: ebarnes@peoriatribes.com or
MAILED TO: Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
Attn: Syd Colombe
PO Box 1527
Miami, OK 74355-1527