

# PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA EEHİŠİ IIYAAYANKWI

“Where we are going”



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## *Santa Claus* IS COMING TO TOWN!

**Christmas Party Forms Due November 19th!**

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## Office of the Chief:



Greetings Peoria Citizens!

The year is coming to a close and it has been a whirlwind of busy activity in the Tribal Administration Building. As the year ends here is an overview of the Tribal Office's activities since September.

The office staff has been busy, with their normal duties, but also has been working on various new projects and a bit of fall cleaning. The lobby has had a minor transformation as staff has updated and displayed items we have for sale from the Trading Post. This is a small change but has had a great impact on the lobby! If you have not been in the offices for a while, stop by and take a look.

Not only has the lobby furniture been moved around, there is a new face greeting and welcoming calls and visitors. Lacie Hickey, previously in the Environmental Department has transferred to the Receptionist/Education

Director. Do not be alarmed, Mandie Ferguson has not left the Peoria offices! Mandie has been the Receptionist for over 16 years and when the opportunity to transfer to the CCDF Department arose, she made the decision to relocate. We have truly enjoyed Mandie as the greeter to our offices and know she will be successful in her new position with our Tribe.

In addition to this staff change, we are pleased to announce that Erin Barnes, previously Environmental Director, has been transferred to the position of Planner/Grant Writer. The addition of a Planner/Grant Writer is an exciting opportunity for our Tribe. The funding opportunities are vast and varied and by having a staff person in house this provides the opportunity to potentially expand funding for the Tribe. With that in mind, we have already received a grant from the Department of Justice, Office of Crime Victims.

The Election Committee has met, and the wheels are in motion for a Special Election for the vacant position on the Grievance Committee. The Special Election has been set for January 12, 2019. In the near future a mailing should be arriving to each eligible voter to notify them of the Annual Election. I would like to take this time to invite you and your family to attend the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be on March 2, 2019 and this is a time to gather, be informed and look to the future of our Tribe. I would urge you to attend and bring your family and yes, your children. This involvement and gathering is how we are going to build our youth to be the leaders of our future. I look forward to seeing you in March.

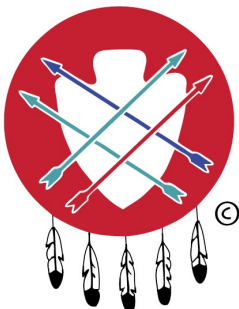
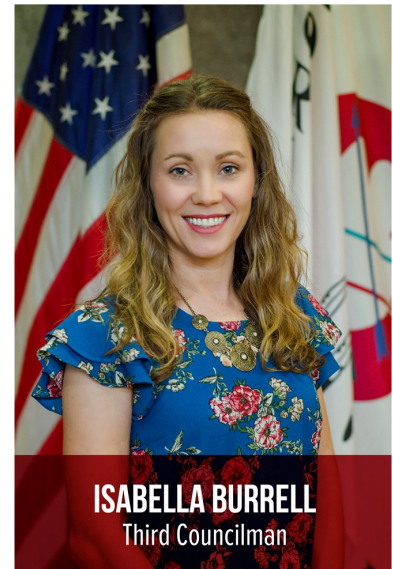
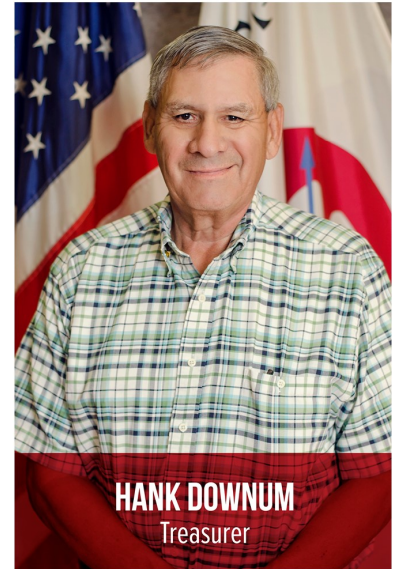
Lastly, I would like to share with you a bit about my experiences. I have had the privilege to travel and participate in a variety of events, within the State of Oklahoma and to various other states, and I am amazed at the activity, growth and development in Indian Country. The Tribes and the leaders that I have had the opportunity and honor to meet have been very welcoming and gracious. The number of Tribes and tribal organizations within the States and North America are vast and diverse, but we all share common values and issues. This brotherhood is a bond and you truly never meet a stranger in Indian Country. The ability to network and build relationships with other Tribes and Tribal organizations is an important component to our future as Native people.

As I continue to move forward in my term as your Chief, please know my door is always open. I have had some tribal members reach out to me and I appreciate your time. I hope to hear from more of you, either via email or a phone call.

As this year comes to an end, be safe and Happy Holidays!



## BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEMBERS



**PEORIA TRIBE**  
OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

**2018 SPECIAL ELECTION**  
January 12, 2019  
Grievance Committee Member



**2019 ANNUAL TRIBAL  
ELECTIONS**

March 2, 2019  
Annual Peoria Council

Secretary  
Third Councilman

PHONE: (918) 540-2535

**Tribal Offices Directory**

FAX: (918) 540-2538

<b><u>Title:</u></b>	<b><u>Contact:</u></b>	<b><u>Email:</u></b>
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**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](mailto:dharp@peoriatribe.com), postal service, or by telephone at 918-540-2535 or 1-800-259-9987.



## *Thank you Mandie Ferguson & Welcome Lacie Hickey!*



Mandie Ferguson has been the welcoming voice to those that have called the Tribal Administration office for over 16 years. Mandie has overseen the Reimbursement program, Scholarship program, Children's Christmas Party, as well as being the Newsletter Editor. Recently, Mandie transferred into the position of Child Care Assistant for CCDF. We want to thank Mandie for her hard work, dedication and joy in doing her job!

Please welcome Lacie Hickey as she transitions into the position previously held by Mandie! Lacie has been employed with the Tribe for the last year, where she was overseeing the Air Program in the Environmental Department. Lacie is looking forward to learning and fulfilling the duties of Education Director, Receptionist, and Newsletter Editor!



### **DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE REGARDING ENROLLMENT?**

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

*Is your name updated in your membership file?*

*Missing or Change of Address?*

### **FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBPAGE**

For your convenience, download the form from the Peoria Tribe website

[www.peoriatribes.com](http://www.peoriatribes.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.

*Donna Harp, Enrollment Director, can be reached @ (918) 540-2535 or (800) 259-9987 and [dharp@peoriatribes.com](mailto:dharp@peoriatribes.com)*

2018

LET'S RING IN THE NEW YEAR TOGETHER

2019

**PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY  
ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE STOMP DANCE  
MONDAY DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2018**

**At  
Ottawa/Peoria Cultural Building  
114 Eight Tribes Trail  
Miami, Ok**

**DINNER AT 6:00 PM****HOG FRY**

Bring a covered dish of your choice

**Dancing starts at 7:00 PM****Balloon Drop at Midnight****Breakfast served at 12:30 AM****50/50 Pots****Cake Walks****Concession Stand****Raffles Items****Bring a Cake****Bring your lawn chair**

**(THIS IS A DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT)**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: Peoria Housing Authority: CHRISTIE: 918-542-1873**



*From the desk of the ICW Director*

## SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER

It is that time of the year. The days seem darker, longer and gloomier. With it comes symptoms of SAD. Please watch for the following symptoms:

- Feeling sluggish or low energy
- Trouble with sleeping, too much or not enough
- Hopeless feelings
- Trouble concentrating
- Frequent thoughts of death



How to treat your winter blues:

- Exercise (outside if possible)
- Open the blinds at home and work
- Eat more fruits and vegetables
- Force yourself to spend more time outdoors
- See your family physician if symptoms don't improve

Hang in there! Spring will be here before we know it!

Please Visit our website for updates, news & forms!

**PEORIATRIBE.COM**



**In Memory Of:****Patricia Dean Adams****Daniel Elijah Blalock****Anna Belle Bognar****Rick Lee Landers****Claudia Louise Love****Claudia Marie Moates****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](mailto: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 R. Mathews	03/2019
First Councilman	Carolyn Ritchey	03/2020
Second Councilman	Kara D. 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

**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

**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
<b>Totals FY 2019</b>	<b>4,407,781 #</b>	<b>675,100</b>	<b>3,732,681</b>

**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	
Child Care Program	858,044.00	0	858,044
Community Health Representative	52,452.00	38,876	
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
<b>Totals FY 2018</b>	<b>1,345,947 #</b>	<b>336,935</b>	<b>986,788</b>

**Open FY 2017 Programs**

Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Aid to Tribal Government	253,770.00	60553.71	193,216
IRR 2% Planning	7,782.68		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
<b>Totals FY 2017</b>	<b>1,719,623 #</b>	<b>504,793</b>	<b>1,214,830</b>

**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
<b>Totals FY 2016</b>	<b>337,152 #</b>	<b>305,169</b>	<b>31,983</b>

**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
<b>Totals FY 2015</b>	<b>445,821 #</b>	<b>385,561</b>	<b>60,260</b>

**Open FY 2008 Programs**

Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Housing Improvement Program Contract	25,069	15,839	9,230
<b>Totals FY 2008</b>	<b>25,069</b>	<b>15,839</b>	<b>9,230</b>

**PEORIA TRIBE****SUMMARY OF TRUST FUNDS**

September 30, 2018

ACTIVITY	TOTAL		
114 ACRES AT WYANDOTTE			\$8,131.48
PEORIA DESCENDANTS	PRINCIPAL	0	11,947.30
	INTEREST	11,947.30	
EDUCATION (Transfer)			825.68
EDUCATION	PRINCIPAL	176,850.16	295,712.95
	INTEREST	118,862.79	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	280,252.84
	INTEREST	108,101.89	
LAND ACQUISITION	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	280,634.52
	INTEREST	108,483.57	
BURIAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	95,559.79
	INTEREST	38,172.98	
TRIBAL GOV'T	PRINCIPAL	571,741.85	1,011,610.54
	INTEREST	439,868.69	
LEGAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	96,814.68
	INTEREST	39,427.87	
TOTAL			2,081,489.78
SUMMARY			
OVERNIGHTER (U.S. TREASURY)			46,724.78
INVESTMENTS			2,034,765.00
TOTAL			2,081,489.78

[www.peoriatribes.com](http://www.peoriatribes.com)

[www.beoliscup.com](http://www.beoliscup.com)

## 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 them selves; 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.

## EDUCATION

### SCHOLARSHIPS

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Every Peoria college student is encouraged to apply. Financial need is not one of the criteria for the Peoria scholarship.

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](http://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.

Lacie Hickey, Education Director



# Peoria Children's Christmas Party 2018

**Where: OTTAWA/PEORIA CULTURAL CENTER**

**When: Saturday, December 8, 2018**

**1:00pm – 3:00pm**

All Peoria Tribal members are invited to attend the 2018 Peoria Children's Christmas Party.

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 must 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.peoriatribe.com](http://www.peoriatribe.com).

If you wish to receive a paper form, please contact Lacie Hickey at the Tribal Office  
918-540-2535 or 800-259-9987 [lhickey@peoriatribe.com](mailto:lhickey@peoriatribe.com)

## 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 19, 2018**  
**THE CHILD MUST BE PRESENT AT THE PARTY TO RECEIVE A GIFT.**

# Peoria Pride



**Logan Keith (second from the left) is a Peoria Tribe Scholarship recipient.**

Logan is a proud member of the Peoria Tribe and United States Navy Veteran. He is also a graduate of Yale University, a Pembroke-Kings Fellow of Cambridge University, a Sigmund Mendelson Scholar, and was a recipient of the Peoria Tribe Scholarship.

Logan is the Director of program development and outreach at Turnbridge. His responsibilities include developing relationships with colleges and universities to create dedicated admissions pathways for Turnbridge clients, assisting clients with the college transfer process, developing/refining academic programing that serves the clients at Turnbridge, and instituting study halls and facilitating external academic support systems.

Logan is passionate about advocating for college recovery communities and veterans in higher education. In his spare time, he enjoys helping veterans with the college admissions process and advocating for underrepresented populations in higher education. Logan is also an avid animal rescue supporter and enjoys Krav Maga and Jiu-Jitsu.

## Welcome Baby Isabella!

Name: Isabella Nichole Bucher  
Date born: October 22 at 9:23 A.M.  
Weight: 7.3 pounds  
Heighth: 19 1/2 inches

Isabella is the Daughter of Whitney N. Wardlow-Bucher and Frederick Burton Bucher, and little sister to Collin Wardlow. Her grandparents are Michelle & Steve Wardlow and Janet & Gary Bucher. Isabella is also the Great Granddaughter of Zelma Myers & the late Robert L Myers, and Kathleen Mann & the late Billy Joe Wardlow.



Do you have an announcement or Peoria Pride story you would like to share?!

Let us know!

## 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 or in office.

[www.peoriatribe.com](http://www.peoriatribe.com).

### 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**.
- Maximum amount is \$500 per school year.
- 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.

PERIOD	MONTHLY PROCESSING DEAD- LINE
Period 1 – July 1 <sup>st</sup> through July 31 <sup>st</sup>	July 31 <sup>st</sup>
Period 2 – August 1 <sup>st</sup> through August 30 <sup>th</sup>	August 30 <sup>th</sup>
Period 3 – September 3 <sup>rd</sup> through September 30 <sup>th</sup>	September 30 <sup>th</sup>
Period 4 – October 1 <sup>st</sup> through October 31 <sup>st</sup>	October 31 <sup>st</sup>
Period 5 – November 1 <sup>st</sup> through November 30 <sup>th</sup>	November 30 <sup>th</sup>
Period 6 – December 1 <sup>st</sup> through December 31 <sup>st</sup>	December 31 <sup>st</sup>
Period 7 – January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019	January 31, 2019
Period 8 – February 1 <sup>st</sup> through February 28 <sup>th</sup>	February 28 <sup>th</sup>
Period 9 - March 1 <sup>st</sup> through March 31 <sup>st</sup>	March 31 <sup>st</sup>
Period 10 – April 1 <sup>st</sup> through April 30 <sup>th</sup>	April 30 <sup>th</sup>
Period 11 - May 1 <sup>st</sup> through May 31 <sup>st</sup>	May 30 <sup>th</sup>
Period 12 - June 1 <sup>st</sup> through June 30 <sup>th</sup>	June 30 <sup>th</sup>

Upcoming Period  
Deadlines! Get your  
applications in the  
mail/turned in  
**before** the 30th/31st!

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.**

Please contact Lacie Hickey if you have any questions or need assistance.



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Period Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Elder Care and Disability Reimbursement Program

Below is the program description and the application. 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. 33 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

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_



## ELECTION INFORMATION

### SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE AND CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

The Election Committee of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma announces a Special Tribal Election for the position of Grievance Committee members in accordance with Article XVI, Section 1 (j) of the Election Ordinance of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

The Special Election will be held on January 12, 2019 at the Peoria Tribal Administration Building, 118 South Eight Tribes Trail in Miami, Oklahoma. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Any member 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 election. Each member will be required to show proof of identification in the form of a government issued photo identification showing their name to match the Official Voters' List provided by the Tribal Enrollment Office.

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 by announcing the date and time polls will open. Polls for a run-off election shall remain open for a period of two (2) hours. Balloting will continue (by call of the Election Committee) until one candidate receives a clear majority of total votes cast.

In accordance with Article XVI, Section 1(i) of the Election Ordinance, in the event only one candidate files for elective office, that candidate shall be declared elected. In the event a candidate is declared elected, it will not be necessary for the Peoria Tribe to conduct an election, by ballot, for that elective office. Furthermore, in the event a candidate is declared elected, that candidate shall assume office upon taking the Oath of Office.

In the event no one files for an elective office in accordance with the forty-five (45) day Declaration of Candidacy policy, the Election Committee shall issue a second Special Election Notice.

#### **Candidacy Filing Deadline**

All candidates must file their Declaration of Candidacy forms and pay the filing fee, in person, with the Election Committee or the Committee's designated representative at the Peoria Tribal Office, 118 South Eight Tribes Trail in Miami, Oklahoma, during normal working hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). The deadline for filing is **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2018**. \*Candidates may provide a typed statement in person when filing for candidacy, or email statement to [lhickey@peoriatribe.com](mailto:lhickey@peoriatribe.com) by the filing deadline; all statements will be printed exactly as submitted, no additions or corrections will be made.

**2018 SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**January 12, 2019**  
**Grievance Committee Member**

# ELECTION INFORMATION

## ANNUAL ELECTION NOTICE AND CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY :

The Election Committee of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma announces the Annual Election for the positions of Secretary and Third Councilman members in accordance with Article XVI, Section 1 (j) of the Election Ordinance of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

The Special Election will be held on March 2, 2019 at the Peoria Tribal Administration Building, 118 South Eight Tribes Trail in Miami, Oklahoma. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Any member 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 election. Each member will be required to show proof of identification in the form of a government issued photo identification showing their name to match the Official Voters' List provided by the Tribal Enrollment Office.

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## 2019 ANNUAL TRIBAL ELECTIONS

**March 2, 2019**

Secretary  
Third Councilman

# ELECTION INFORMATION

## QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES

The following qualifications for candidates must be satisfied in accordance with the Constitution of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma:

### Article IX, Section 5

**Qualifications of Candidates** – Any member of the Peoria Tribe who is at least twenty-five (25) years of age on the date of election; and who has never been convicted of a felony in a court of competent jurisdiction, shall qualify as a candidate for membership on the Business Committee or Grievance Committee.

Any member of the Peoria Tribe who files for an elective office and is currently holding another elective Tribal office, will upon filing, immediately resign his or her present office. Resigning from a present office will apply only if an incumbent files for a different elective office.

### Article IX, Section 6

**Nominations** – Nominations for the Business Committee and the Grievance Committee shall be filed with the Election Committee at least forty-five (45) days prior to the election in accordance with the Election Ordinance.

## FILING PROCEDURES

Filing procedures are prescribed by the Election Ordinance and governed by the Constitution of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

**Candidate For Office:** Any qualified member of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma who desires his/her name to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for any elective office, shall file a Declaration of Candidacy form with the Election Committee or the Committee's designated representative. The official form shall be provided by the Peoria Tribe. The prospective candidate's membership shall be verified by the Tribal Enrollment Officer and a background investigation conducted by the Election Committee.

**Declaration of Candidacy:** The Declaration of Candidacy shall be in writing in the form prescribed by the Election Committee and filed in person during normal working hours, at least forty-five (45) days prior to the election, at the Peoria Tribal office building or other designated location. No person shall be a candidate for more than one (1) position on the Business Committee at any time.



## ELECTION INFORMATION

**Withdrawal:** A person seeking an elected office may withdraw his/her Declaration of Candidacy by filing a written notice of withdrawal, in person, with the Election Committee or designated representative. The notice of withdrawal shall be filed during normal working hours at the Peoria Tribal office building or other designated location. Such notice shall contain the candidate's name, address and the position for which he/she is a candidate. Also, such notice shall be signed by the candidate and notarized. If a candidate withdraws after ballots have been printed, the Election Committee shall post notices to that effect at the voting place and within the voting booths and make a line through or otherwise obliterate the candidate's name from the ballots. Any votes cast for a withdrawn candidate shall not be counted.

**Verify Qualifications of Candidates:** The Election Committee shall review all filings for the elected office to ascertain that the prospective candidates meet the qualifications set forth in Article IX, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Peoria Tribe. The Election Committee shall make these determinations no later than ten (10) days following receipt of Declaration of Candidacy form. If the Election Committee determines that a person is not eligible to be a candidate, the Election Committee or designated representative shall notify that person in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, of their decision. That person's name shall not be included on the ballot. The ineligible person may appeal, in writing, the Election Committee's decision to the Business Committee at the next monthly meeting of the Business Committee.

### Indian Pudding

2 cups boiling water	1/4 cup butter, melted
3/4 cup white cornmeal	2 eggs slightly beaten
1 1/3 cup cream or 1/2 & 1/2	1 cup raisins
1/2 cup molasses	1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup cold water	1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. salt	

Pour boiling water into large mixing bowl. Sprinkle cornmeal over surface of water stirring until all water has been absorbed. Blend in milk, molasses, cold water, salt and butter. Slowly stir mixture into beaten eggs. Add raisins, vanilla and cinnamon. Mix well, pour into buttered 2 quart casserole and bake at 350 degree oven 1 1/2 hours. Serve warm with cream.


If you have a recipe you would like to include please mail it to the office.

### Remember this!?

This recipe is from the  
December  
1992 Newsletter..!

Do YOU have a family recipe  
you'd like to share?  
Let us know!


## November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Daylight Savings	5	6 Business Committee Meeting 6:00pm	7	8	9	10
11 Veteran's Day 	12 Veteran's Day Observed; Office Closed	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Tribal offices Closed 	23 Administrative Day; Offices	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 School Reimbursements Due for Period 5	

## December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4 Business Committee Meeting 6:00pm	5	6	7	8 Children's Christmas Party 2:00pm 
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed	25 Christmas Day Office Closed 	26	27	28	29
30	31 School Reimburse- ments Due for Period 6  New Year's Eve Office Closed					

## January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2	3	4	5
6	7 Scholarship Application Deadline	8 Business Committee Meeting 6:00pm	9	10	11	12 Special Election
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 ML King Day Office Closed	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 School Reimbursements Due for Period 7		

What information would YOU like to see  
in the newsletter?!

Please Email or Mail your suggestions to: Lacie Hickey,  
[lhickey@peoriatrIBE.com](mailto:lhickey@peoriatrIBE.com)

**Would you like to receive an  
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## PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

### 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 December 1, 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