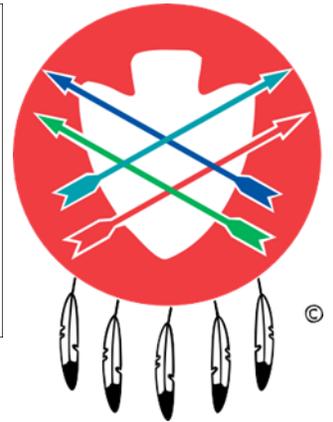


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### Chief's Message

Fall is one of my favorite seasons. As the leaves begin to turn it reminds me of how great our creator is, his provision, and how blessed we are to have the freedoms we all enjoy. This is also the time of year we celebrate the holidays. Thanksgiving is just around the corner, a time to fellowship with family and celebrate the many blessings we cherish. We also get to enjoy wonderful holiday foods, which sometimes I like to enjoy a little too much.

Christmas, which is my family's favorite time of year, will be here before we know it. Our Annual Children's Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 12, 2015. I love to see all the smiling faces of our tribal youth. We, as a tribal family, look forward to this day of fellowship and enjoy watching the excitement of our children as they open gifts. I encourage all tribal member's young and old, to make an attempt to attend. Our tribal staff truly enjoys hosting this event, and the children look forward to it all year. Give Mandie a call at the tribal office and let her know you plan to attend.

This is also the time of year our Business Committee is busy with the development of tribal budgets for the next fiscal year, as well as conducting other tribal business. Our enterprises continue to provide resources to fund tribal programs that assist our members in education, burial, school supplies, and our most recently added Elder Care and Disability Program. Please review this entire newsletter for more information regarding these programs.

The Business Committee recently approved remodeling the interior of Buffalo Run Hotel. The plan is to renovate the three existing floors of the hotel in phases, in order to keep as many rooms available for guests during the construction process. I am excited about these changes, and believe our tribal members and guests will enjoy the finished product. The next big project will be to take a closer look at our gaming operation, to ensure that Buffalo Run Casino and Resort provides the best overall experience possible to guests visiting our facility.

The Business Committee and I would like to wish each and every one of you the very best this holiday season. As always, feel free to stop by or call the tribal office anytime.

Regards,

John P. Froman, Chief

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## **2016 ANNUAL TRIBAL ELECTIONS**

Offices to be filled by election in March 2016 are: Treasurer (currently held by Wayne Blalock), and First Councilman (currently held by Carolyn Ritchey), and one seat on the Grievance Committee (currently held by Mark Davey). The term of office for each is four (4) years.

Notice of the Election, qualifications of candidates and procedures for filing for candidacy will be mailed to all tribal members of voting age.

Mark your calendars for the March 5, 2016 Annual Election and plan to attend the Annual Peoria Council Meeting.

### **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 Office, 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.

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 4, 2015:

Chief Froman called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the invocation. Secretary Tonya Mathews declared a quorum with 5 members present, Second Chief Jason Dollarhide was unable to attend. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended with addition of Resolution R-08-04-15-D. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of July 7, 2015. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for June 2015. Motion carried unanimously. There was no Unfinished Business brought before the Committee. Motion was made and seconded to approve new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Upon motions made and duly seconded, four resolutions were presented for consideration and approved by unanimous votes: (1) **Resolution R-08-04-15-A, "Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll"**: Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-08-04-15-A. Motion carried unanimously. (2) **Resolution R-08-04-15-B, "Authorization for Signatures with First National Bank and Trust Company of Miami, Oklahoma for Accounts Entitled Buffalo Run Hotel"**: Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-08-04-15-B. Motion carried unanimously. (3) **Resolution R-08-04-15-C, "In Support of Application for Cultural Resource Fund Grant"**: Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-08-04-15-C. Motion carried unanimously. (4) **Resolution R-08-04-15-D, "Invasive Species Funding Request From the Bureau of Indian Affairs"**: Following discussion, motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-08-04-15-D. Motion carried unanimously. No public comments were received. There was no call for Executive Session. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

### REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 1, 2015:

Chief Froman called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the invocation. Secretary Tonya Mathews declared a quorum with all members present. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of August 4, 2015. Motion carried unanimously. Following discussion, motion was made and seconded to release \$750,000 for the remodel of Buffalo Run Hotel. Motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor, 2 opposed. Motion was made and seconded to approve COLA and merit increases for tribal employee's starting on first payroll in September as presented on worksheet provided. Motion carried with a vote of 5 for, and 1 abstention. Following discussion, motion was made and seconded to approve service bid amounts as discussed. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve Tribal Program Reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously. There was no unfinished business brought before the Committee. Upon motions made and duly seconded, 1 resolution was presented for consideration and approval: (1) **Resolution R-09-01-15-A, "Request for Transfer of Funds from Peoria Tribal Tax Commission Account to Tribal Enterprises Account"**: Following brief explanation of the resolution, motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-09-01-15-A. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to reappoint Chief John Froman and Mary Coleman to the Peoria Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Motion carried with a vote of 5 for, and 1 abstention. Public comments were received from Second Chief Jason Dollarhide. Jason notified the Committee of upcoming ICDBG grant opportunity for the Peoria Tribal Housing Authority. Secretary Tonya Mathews asked if awarded grant what the funds would be used for, Jason Dollarhide stated the plan was to use funds towards the building of storm shelters. Chief Froman noted this item would be added to the October agenda. There was no call for Executive Session. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

### REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 6, 2015:

Chief Froman called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the invocation. Secretary Tonya Mathews declared a quorum with all members present. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of September 1, 2015 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for August 2015. Motion carried unanimously. There was no unfinished business brought before the Committee. Motion was made and seconded to approve new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Upon motions made and duly seconded, three resolutions were presented for consideration and approved by a unanimous vote: (1) **Resolution R-10-06-15-A, "Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll"**: Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-10-06-15-A. Motion carried unanimously. (2) **Resolution R-10-06-15-B, "Authorization and Signatures with First National Bank and Trust Company for Account Entitled Peoria Ridge Golf Course Operating Account"**: Following brief explanation of resolution, motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-10-06-15-B. Motion carried unanimously. (3) **Resolution R-10-06-15-C, "Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a Fiscal Year 2015 Indian Community Development Block Grant through the Peoria Housing Authority"**: Following brief explanation of resolution by Chief Froman and Second Chief Jason Dollarhide, motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-10-06-15-C. Motion carried unanimously. Following brief explanation of HUD regulations by Chief Froman, motion was made and seconded to appoint PHA resident Michael Montgomery, to the Peoria Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to fill vacant seat due to the resignation of Don Pogue. Motion carried with a vote of 5 for, and 1 abstention. Public comments were received from First Councilman Carolyn Ritchey. Mrs. Ritchey directed her comment to Chief Froman, stating she has been asked numerous times if the President of NEO A&M College, Dr. Jeff Hale, is planning to make NEO a four year institution. Chief Froman stated he felt this program was certainly on Dr. Hale's radar, and beneficial to the community. There was no call for Executive Session. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

## Christmas Party 2015

All Peoria Tribal members are invited to attend the 2015 Peoria Children's Christmas Party. The party will be held at the OTTAWA/PEORIA CULTURAL CENTER on Saturday, December 12, 2015, between 1:00pm – 3:00pm

We will have entertainment and refreshments. Santa will arrive at 2:00 p.m. to distribute gifts to pre-registered Peoria children. In October, registration letters will be mailed to parents of Peoria children under the age of thirteen, residing within a 90 mile radius of Miami, OK. If you live outside this area and are planning to attend the party, please call the office and let Mandie know.

The invites will go out on October 14, 2015, if you do not receive a registration letter and your child plans to attend the Christmas party, please notify me as soon as possible at the Peoria Tribal office at 1-918-540-2535 or 1-800-259-9987, I can be reached at extension 10. There will be door prizes for our tribal elders, so bring your ENTIRE family.

Please plan to attend the Peoria Children's Christmas Party!  
Financial donations to the Christmas Party fund are always appreciated.

Mandie Ferguson – Christmas Party Coordinator

## Why Do Kids Whine & How To Get Them To Stop

Nails on a chalkboard – that's what it sounds like to a parent when we hear our kids whine. So why do kids whine? In most cases, it's because we let them.

Yes, kids whine sometimes because they're overtired or hungry. In these cases, it's best to comfort your child and tend to her most pressing needs. But otherwise? Walk away.

Why? When kids whine and we respond, we provide a payoff that makes the behavior continue. Kids whine not to be annoying or intentionally irritate us – they're often just looking for attention.

All humans are hard-wired with two basic emotional needs – attention and power. When kids aren't getting as much positive attention as they need, they will seek it out. And to kids, negative attention is better than no attention at all. So kids whine repeatedly in the hopes that eventually they'll get the positive attention they need. When they don't get that attention, the whining and attention-seeking behavior will intensify into behaviors that seek power.

Children only continue behaviors that get results. When kids whine and parents give in, kids realize that whining gets them what they want – the attention they crave and maybe even that candy bar in the grocery checkout line. **If you don't address this behavior, it will continue well into our child's teenage years.**

But giving in to demands – like one more television show or another scoop of ice cream – isn't the only way we enable how our kids whine. Just responding, even if it's to reprimand them, gives a child payoff. Picking up the child or responding with an annoyed remark ("Enough! Stop whining!") still gives the child attention – and now they know they can do this again and again to get the same result.

So how do we deal with how our kids whine now? The first step is to remove the payoff for whining. Times of whining, meltdowns and chaos are not places to have a level-headed conversation. So pick a calm moment when everyone's relaxed – maybe over lunch or a snack – to talk about whining. Talk about the difference between a whiny voice and a normal voice, and how a whiny voice hurts your ears. Let your child know how you feel when he whines and let him know that you won't respond when he whines – you'll just simply walk away. When he uses a normal voice, you'll be happy to talk to him.

The next time your kids whine, stay true to your word. Stay calm and walk away – even our negative non-verbal reaction to whining can be a payoff. When your child uses her normal voice, be sure to respond right away, calmly and pleasantly. The first few times, the whining may be more intense, as she tries to see how long it will take for Mom or Dad to give in. But after a few times of not finding a payoff for whining, she'll realize she's more likely to get positive attention by using her normal voice.

And because whining is an attention-seeking behavior, it can also signal to parents that our child – whether toddler or teen – is craving more one-on-one time with us. Think of it in a gardening sense – instead of fertilizing and watering our good plants with positive attention, we're feeding the weeds instead with negative attention. And the weeds – the whining – get worse.

The more we can fill our kids' "attention basket" with positive experiences, the less they will seek out attention in negative ways. When kids receive the positive attention they need, behaviors like whining become less common. It's as simple as spending 10 to 15 minutes twice a day having fun with your kids individually. Do something they like to do, like reading, coloring or sports. This investment in one-on-one time will pay big rewards in good behavior. ***"Positive Parenting Solutions Blog"***

PEORIA TRIBE SUMMARY OF TRUST FUNDS			
September 30, 2015			
ACTIVITY			TOTAL
114 ACRES AT WYANDOTTE			\$5,627.67
PEORIA DESCENDANTS	PRINCIPAL	0	11,134.57
	INTEREST	11,134.57	
EDUCATION (Transfer)			807.22
EDUCATION	PRINCIPAL	176,850.16	274,536.18
	INTEREST	97,686.02	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	260,517.87
	INTEREST	88,366.92	
LAND ACQUISITION	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	260,574.77
	INTEREST	88,423.82	
BURIAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	88,723.70
	INTEREST	31,336.89	
TRIBAL GOV'T	PRINCIPAL	571,591.85	947,710.77
	INTEREST	376,118.92	
LEGAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	89,731.97
	INTEREST	32,345.16	
TOTAL			1,939,364.72
			<b>SUMMARY</b>
OVERNIGHTER (U.S. TREASURY)			54,364.72
INVESTMENTS			1,885,000.00
TOTAL			1,939,364.72

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Unaudited Summary Expenditure Budget Report As of 9/30/2015 (In Whole Dollars)			
<u>Open FY 2016 Programs</u>			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Indian Child Welfare	105,770.00	71,510	34,260
Damage Assessment Project	34,087.00	5,513	28,574
Community Health Representative	52,871.00	0	52,871
Title VI	102,560.00	91,752	10,808
Title VI Medicare Part D	3,000.00		3,000
Library	6,000.00	905	5,095
Water Quality Program	137,993.00	0	137,993
Indirect Cost Pool	470,655	192,041	278,614
Tribal Properties	371,134	160,359	210,775
Trading Post	7,578	1,073 *	6,505
Children's Christmas Special Revenue Fund	13,176	2,130	11,046
Gaming Commission	435,500	168,708	266,792
Cemetery Special Revenue Fund	9,066	4,770	4,296
Pow Wow Fund*	33,216	31,689	1,527
Tribal Fish Hatchery	176,667	104,779	71,887
Elder Care/Disability Program	225,000	18,311	206,689
Education/Activity 2617	1,254,000	531,695	722,305
Economic Development / Activity 2614	150,000	-	150,000
Land Acquisition/Activity	100,000	157,174	(57,174)
Burial / Activity 2617	190,000	95,070	94,930
Tribal Government / Activity 2621	573,290	78,310	494,980
Legal Fees / Activity 2627	25,000	810	24,190
<b>Totals FY 2016</b>	<b>4,476,563 #</b>	<b>1,716,600</b>	<b>2,759,963</b>
<u>Open FY 2015 Programs</u>			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Aid to Tribal Government	245,821.00	0	245,821
Higher Education Grant	54,286.00	53,660	626
IRR	7,803.91	2,330	5,474
Invasive Species	185,000.00	0	185,000
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	240,200.00	118	240,082
Title IV B	8,674.00	0	8,674
Child Care Program	907,849.00	148,926	758,923
Community Health Representative	52,871.00	52,871	-
Water Non Point Source Base	94,540.00	0	94,540
Water Quality Program	145,294.00	113,122	32,172
Promoting Safe & Stable Families	13,707.00	0	13,707
Cultural Resource Fund	15,000.00	0	15,000
<b>Totals FY 2015</b>	<b>1,971,046 #</b>	<b>371,026</b>	<b>1,600,020</b>
<u>Open FY 2014 Programs</u>			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Aid to Tribal Government	238,208.00	67261.77	170,946
Damage Assessment Project	52,225.00	51,137	1,088
Noxious Weeds	12,530.00	8,076	
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	404,000.00	300,392	103,608
I H S Solid Waste Project	167,000	131,030	35,970
<b>Totals FY 2014</b>	<b>873,963 #</b>	<b>557,896</b>	<b>311,613</b>
<u>Open FY 2013 Programs</u>			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
GAP	365,463.00	241,243	124,220
<b>Totals FY 2013</b>	<b>365,463</b>	<b>241,243</b>	<b>124,220</b>
<u>Open FY 2008 Programs</u>			
Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Housing Improvement Program Contract	25,069	15,839	9,230
<b>Totals FY 2008</b>	<b>25,069</b>	<b>15,839</b>	<b>9,230</b>

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## ELECTION NOTICE AND CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

The Election Committee of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma announces a Tribal Election for the following positions in accordance with Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma approved August 13, 1997: Treasurer, First Councilman, and one seat on the Grievance Committee.

The annual election will be held on **Saturday, March 5, 2016**, 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 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 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 Wednesday, January 20, 2016.**

### **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.

**Filing Fee:** There shall be a non-refundable fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) paid by prospective candidates for the elected offices. The filing fee shall be by cash, certified check, or money order, made payable to the Peoria Tribe. The filing fee shall be paid, in person, on the same date the prospective candidate submits his/her Declaration of Candidacy. This filing fee shall be deposited into the Tribal treasury for the use of the Tribe to defray all expenses incurred as a result of the election.

**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.

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## A LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Peoria Tribe,

My name is Cheslyn Mitchell. I am the daughter of Brian & Kim Mitchell, Riverton, KS and Granddaughter of the late Donald & Joyce Colleen Mitchell from Miami, OK and Mick & Paula Coombes of Miami, OK as well.

I am from Riverton, Kansas and reside there presently. I recently graduated from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas with my degree in Early Childhood Education. Due to your scholarship generosity, not only was I able to finish my degree, but I was also able fulfil my dream of playing College Softball at Pitt. I was able to play softball all 4 years and finish my career as a 3-time All-MIAA selection.

Words cannot express how appreciative I am of the tribe for their continued assistance over these past years. Your commitment to the education of our tribal members through your education scholarships is a true commitment to the tribe and their future.

Thanks for everything,

Cheslyn R. Mitchell

## 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 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 (such as marriage license, court order, etc.) and 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, etc.) 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 (804) listed on the whereabouts unknown list. Any and all help is appreciated in finding these members. Several members have contacted the office with an update of family members. 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, on file 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 to send the address form to them for their completion and return or an individual can download the form from the Peoria Tribe website [www.peoriatribes.com](http://www.peoriatribes.com) a person should; 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 (of 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 Clerk**

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

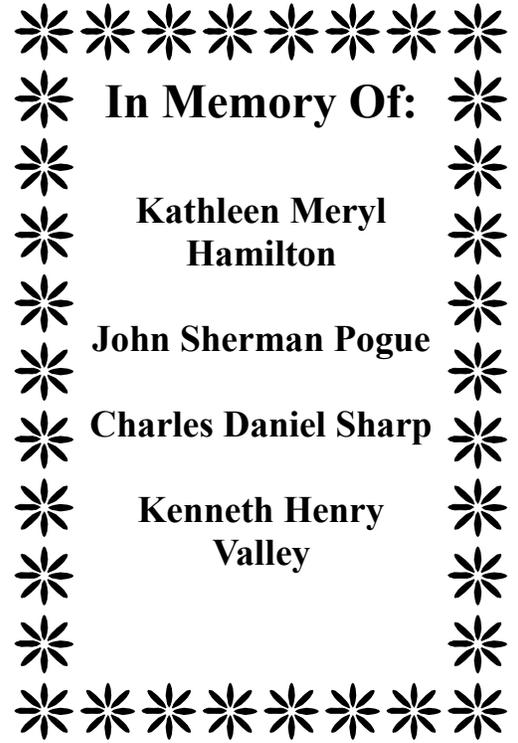
I mailed out 556 applications to all tribal members ages 5-19 on July 1, 2015, for the school year 2015-16.

131 applications were received by the August 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. A total of \$46,876.83 was reimbursed to the tribal members for the 2<sup>nd</sup> period.

88 applications have been received by the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. A total of \$33,422.48 was reimbursed to the tribal members for the 3<sup>rd</sup> period.

88 applications were received by the October 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. A total of \$30,492.71 was reimbursed to the tribal members for the 4<sup>th</sup> period.

Mandie Ferguson  
Education Director



### Request for Change of Address

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Member:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Maiden Name/Last Name)

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Social Security Number)

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:

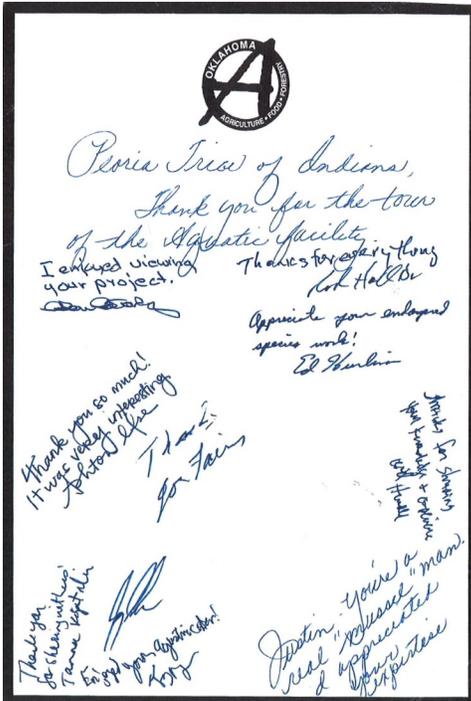
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(Name) (Date of Birth) (SSN) (Name) (Date of Birth) (SSN)

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(Name) (Date of Birth) (SSN) (Name) (Date of Birth) (SSN)





To the left: Devon Robison’s second grade class visited the FEMA Trailer on Tuesday for National Fire Prevention Week. The trailer houses a smoke detector to exemplify where it should be placed, how to test it and what to do when it sounds. Erin Arnall (right), environmental specialist for the Peoria Tribe taught the children how to stay calm during a fire, ways to escape and answered questions.



LETTERS OF THANKS

**L.E.A.D. AGENCY, INC.**



LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION DEMANDED



October 13, 2015

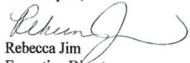
Dear Justin,

Thank you so much for accepting our invitation to be one of our main speakers this year for the Tar Creek Conference. Your presentation on the Peoria Hatchery Project for the Restoration of Tar Creek Fish was a session that was quite informative.

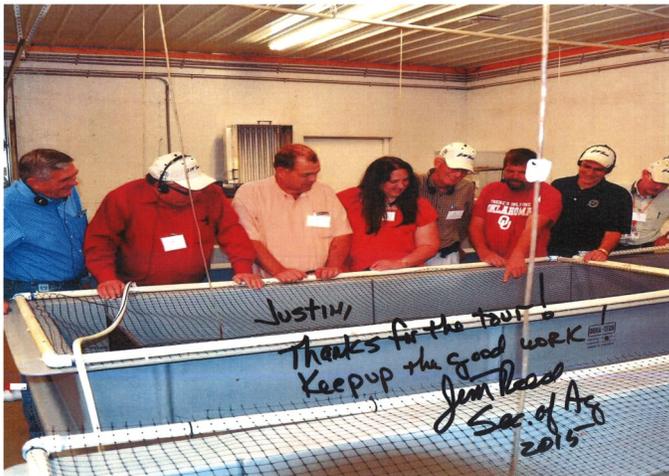
The work you are doing on this project is so very important for the future of this site, from the research of particular species to actually producing fingerlings that are truly native to the area.

We are proud of the work you are doing, please count on keeping us updated at next year’s conference. Thank you for speaking and providing LEAD Agency’s conference with the latest.

I look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

With respect,  
  
 Rebecca Jim  
 Executive Director

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Pictured is the Hatchery's freshwater mussel dock. We are housing our Federally Endangered Neosho Muckets here and plan to raise them to use for brood stock in our propagation program. We will utilize this to help grow our propagated mussels so they can be tagged and released into the wild for studies.



Pictured are Neosho Muckets from our contractor under our BIA Endangered Species grant. We are currently raising them as previously mentioned to help in our propagation program.



Pictured below is our solar project the environmental team has been working on. We installed over 200 panels totaling 60,000 watts that will soon be powering our hatchery.



Pictured above shows early progress from beginning stages of the project to completion. Pictured below are the solar panels completely installed and ready for the electricians to hook up to electrical grid.



<b>ITEM DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
Peoria History Book	\$20.00
Miami/Peoria Dictionary	\$7.00
Myaamia & Peoria Narratives & Winter Stories	\$4.00
History of Illinois Indians DVD	\$29.95
Youth T-Shirts (please see list of available sizes)	\$8.00
Adults T-Shirts (please see list of available sizes)	\$10.00 plus sizes add \$2
Youth black long sleeved T-Shirts (please see list of available sizes)	\$12.00
Adults black long sleeved T-Shirts (please see list of available sizes)	\$15.00 plus sizes add \$2
Youth Hoodies (please see list of available sizes)	\$16.00
Adults Hoodies (please see list of available sizes)	\$18.00 plus sizes add \$2
Insulated Mugs	\$5.00/Each or 2/\$9.00
Ceramic Coffee Mugs (please see list of available colors)	\$5.00/Each or 2/\$9.00
Tribal Caps (please see list of available colors)	\$12.00
License Plates (Novelty)	\$ 6.00
Blankets (please see list of available colors)	\$20.00
Beaded Earrings & Bracelets (please contact office for more details & availability)	\$8.00 - \$12.00
Beaded Necklaces Sets (please contact office for more details & availability)	\$35.00
Shawls (please contact office for more details & availability)	\$15.00 - \$50.00

<b>Blanket colors</b>	
Black	Forest Green
Royal Blue	Charcoal Gray
Red	

<b>Ball Cap Colors</b>	
Black	Navy
Dark Green	Tan
Maroon	Charcoal Gray

<b>Coffee Mug Colors</b>
Black
Dark Green
Wedgewood Blue
Yellow
Purple
Pink

<b>SIZES AVAILABLE</b>	
T-shirts	Hoodies
<b>Youth sizes:</b>	<b>Youth sizes:</b>
12 & 24 mos	
2T/ 3T/ X-Sm/Y Med/Y Lg	2T/ 3T/ Med/ Lg
<b>Adult Sizes:</b>	<b>Adult Sizes:</b>
Sm/ Med/ Lg/ XL/ Plus Size: XXL/ XXXL	Sm/ Med/ Lg/ XL/ Plus Size: XXL



## Child Care Development Fund Program

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

- There will always be a co-pay per child per month for each family.
- Live within 100 miles of the Peoria Tribal Office in the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, or Oklahoma.
- There must be an Indian in the household.
- Be under 13 years of age; or be under age 19 and physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves; or under court supervision.
- Reside with a family whose income does not exceed the maximum net income level. there will be some deductions considered. Income level does not apply to the children that are physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves.
- Co-pay **example**: Monthly net income of \$4,054.00 for a family of four, the co-pay would be \$105.00 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.

## Indian Child Welfare

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

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

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

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

Doug Journeycake, Director  
Indian Child Welfare

## EDUCATION

Renewal applications will go out in December to all students currently receiving the Peoria scholarship. Please call the office if you are a past student and you are planning on returning to school so your address can be updated in the Education office. The Education Committee will meet in January to review all applications received for the Spring 2016 semester.

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

**Application deadlines are July 31st for the Fall semester and January 7th 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 for one semester.

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

## Special Projects/ NAGPRA

Greetings Tribal Members,

The Peoria Tribe's Pow Wow this year has been voted the best Pow-Wow in Ottawa County by the residents of Ottawa County. This award is a great honor and means that next year we have even higher expectations to meet! Congratulations to the Pow-Wow Committee for helping to make this year's Pow Wow such a great success.

The tribe has been notified about several sites which may contain Peoria affiliated artifacts as well as remains and work is being done to ensure that affiliation with the tribe can be verified. Other Native American Graves Repatriation and Protection Act work continues and consultation requests for unaffiliated items are being processed during this time.



I have met with Ted Schlueter from the Indian Health Service to discuss the plans to install bathroom facilities at the Peoria Schoolhouse. Once the archaeological survey is completed we can begin to move forward with the project. Once these facilities are in place we will be able to utilize the Peoria Indian School more actively and to help educate those in the area about the building's and the Peoria Tribes past.

The Tribe has begun working on the second phase of the Cultural Resources Fund which is being awarded to tribes by the Mica group in order to help fund cultural projects. This grant is a competitive grant and would help to fund projects which preserve the Peoria Tribe's cultural history and tradition as we move forward into the future.

Respectfully,

Logan Pappenfort



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 \$500 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 \$500. All denied benefits will be reviewed by a 3 person Review Committee comprised of the Chief and 2 accounting staff members. Individuals will not be permitted to receive benefits as both “elderly” and “disabled.” **Applicants may only utilize one program.**

### Qualifications Criteria:

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

### Eligibility for Reimbursement:

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

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**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.**

**Tribal Committees**

**Business Committee**

Chief	John P. Froman	03/2018
Second Chief	Jason Dollarhide	03/2017
Treasurer	Aaron Wayne Blalock	03/2016
Secretary	Tonya Mathews	03/2019
First Councilman	Carolyn Ritchey	03/2016
Second Councilman	Craig Harper	03/2017
Third Councilman	Alan Goforth	03/2019

**Grievance Committee**

Lela Stand.....	2018
Annette Black.....	2017
Katy Sisco.....	2017
Hank Downum.....	2018
Mark Davey.....	2016

**Election Committee**

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

**Enrollment Committee**

Jenny Rampey, Jeane Wynn, & Kay Harper

**Economic Development/Finance/Properties**

Hank Downum

**Housing/Social Services**

Vacant, M. Annette Black

**Education Committee**

Donna Fitzgibbon, Chairperson; Alan Goforth, Secretary; Sadie Detherage

**Audit Committee**

Michael Lewis, Kendra Robinson, Meredith Purgason

**Culture and Language Committee**

Donna Fitzgibbon, Kevin Dawes

**Stomp Dance Committee**

Rob Blalock, Chairperson; John Froman, Rick Landers, Terry Kinder, Ruthie Jones, Donna Fitzgibbon, Karen Stand, David Tyner, Darlene Young, Jeffery “Dude” Blalock, Bill Blalock

**Repatriation Committee**

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

**Cemetery Committee**

Bill Blalock, John Froman

**Historical Committee**

Joann Evans, Chairperson; Roberta Lindsly, Rick Landers