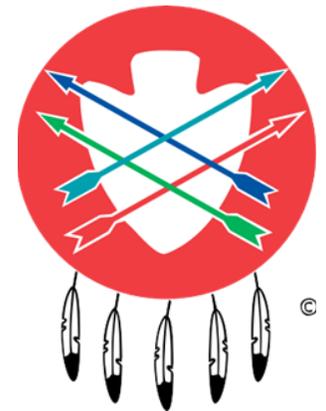


PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

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“Where we are going”



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Chief's Message

The Annual Meeting for the General Council of the Peoria Tribe will be held on March 5, 2016, at the Ottawa/Peoria Cultural Building starting at 1:00 p.m., lunch will be served at 11:30a.m. I hope to see many of my fellow tribal members at this year's meeting. We will host our annual Stomp Dance that same evening at 7:00 p.m., dinner will be served before dancing starts at 5:30 p.m. Please make every attempt to attend all of the activities we have planned.

I would like to remind everyone of our Elder Care and Disability Program. Please make contact with your family members to make sure they are aware of these services. Logan Pappenfort, Special Projects Director, can answer any questions you may have concerning this program. I cannot tell you the number of tribal members that skim over the tribal newsletter, not seeing all of the notifications of programs we have available.

Looking ahead, the time has come to reinvest into the Buffalo Run Casino and Resort. The Business Committee approved a complete remodel of the interior of the hotel. This project will be done in phases to allow for the use of most all of the rooms during the renovation. We are also looking towards the future of Buffalo Run Casino as well. Plans are being made for an expansion of the gaming floor, along with a larger venue for concerts and business needs.

Once again, I want to invite everyone to attend the Annual Meeting on March 5th, I look forward to seeing you all there.

John P. Froman, Chief

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ANNUAL PEORIA COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Peoria Council Meeting of the Peoria Tribe is scheduled for **Saturday, March 5, 2016**. The meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. at the Ottawa/Peoria Cultural Center. Lunch will be served between 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. **Tribal Elections** will be held that morning from 7:00 a.m. to noon at the Peoria Tribal Administration Building Conference Room, 118 South Eight Tribes Trail, Miami, OK 74354.

Be sure to vote, and make plans to come and spend the day with family and friends!

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION
PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
Saturday, March 5, 2016**

The Election Committee of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma announces the Annual Election is scheduled on Saturday, March 5, 2016. Positions to be filled are: Treasurer, First Councilman, and one seat on the Grievance Committee each for terms of four (4) years.

Only one candidate filed for the seat on the Grievance Committee. In accordance with Article XVI-Filing for Candidacy, Section 1 (i) Unopposed Candidate, Mark Davey has been declared by the Election Committee to be elected. In accordance with Article VII-Qualifications for Office, Section 1 (b) Grievance Committee Member, Hank Downum, resigned his position to file for Treasurer of the Business Committee. A Special Election will be called to fill the vacated seat on the Grievance Committee.

Polling place on **Saturday, March 5, 2016**, will be at the Peoria Tribal Administration Building Conference Room, 118 South Eight Tribes Trail, Miami, Oklahoma, from 7:00 a.m. to Noon.

Candidates for office are:

TREASURER: Wayne Blalock
Hank Downum

FIRST COUNCILMAN: Jenny Rampey
Carolyn Ritchey

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

Voting results will be announced immediately at the Peoria Tribal Office and during the Annual Peoria Council Meeting at the Ottawa/Peoria Cultural Building, scheduled to convene at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2016.



PEORIA TRIBE
OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

STOMP DANCE

Saturday, March 5, 2016
Ottawa/Peoria Cultural Center*, Miami, Oklahoma

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Please bring your own lawn chairs.

Stomp Dance from 7 p.m.

Not responsible for accidents.

Home folks please bring a
covered dish and a cake.
Visitors – bring yourselves!

No alcohol or drugs allowed!

CAKE WALKS – 50/50 – RAFFLES

For more information contact The Peoria Tribal Office
At 918-540-2535

*North from intersection of the Will Rogers Turnpike
Gate (Exit 313) and Hwy. 10 (Steve Owens Blvd.) to
U.S. 69A; take the second right turn (east) to
Ottawa/Peoria Cultural Center. Watch for sign.

LETTERS FROM THE CANDIDATES FOR FIRST COUNCILMAN

Dear Tribal Members,

I am Carolyn Ritchey, and I'm running again for First Councilman. We have many programs going for our members. Our young adults who get scholarships, our elderly program where we pay up to \$500.00 for bills, our Children's Christmas which I think is great, and our program where we pay \$500.00 for school, whether it be clothes or other school supplies. I also think this is a wonderful project. So, March 5th is our Annual Election and Business meeting, and we are hoping for a large crowd.

Hope to see you there, and I would appreciate your vote.

Thank you,

Carolyn Ritchey

Tribal members with the tribal elections upcoming, I have decided to throw my hat into the ring. The Peoria Tribe is growing and with any growth we need to look at our programs and update the programs for our tribal members. With this growth we need to add new programs and continue to help all tribal members, I have been on the tribal business committee as third councilman. However due to family obligations I did not run when my term was up. During that time, I have been paying attention and keeping up with the business committee progress. I am really proud of the Peoria Tribe its culture, language and preservation of Indians. However it never hurts to have tribal input on your needs. When dealing with tribal programs there are government regulation to follow. Do to various government regulations it can become difficult for the tribe to implement new programs.

During my last term we raised the school supplies allocation per child to \$100; had Peoria clothing items added to the Christmas gifts and raised college scholarships. My background is in education. I am a retired school teacher, formerly teaching at Union Public Schools and Coweta Public Schools where I taught Physical Education and Health along with coaching track. I have a Master's Degree in special education along with two years as Director of Indian Education. I started my career at Commerce Public Schools, and then moved to the Seneca Indian School and Chilocco Indian School as recreational director. I also worked with Dogs against Drugs as a drug educator for schools. I am not afraid of work, while voicing your ideas to the committee. I take being on the business committee very seriously. This is a 4 year term and I think every once in a period, it is good to take a break and look at tribal progress from the outside. Having done this I have a fresh view and want to put it to work. I would appreciate your vote!!!

Sincerely,

Jenny Rampey

LETTERS FROM THE CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER

Greetings Tribal Members

My name is Wayne Blalock. I'm Proud to be a member of the Peoria Tribe. Again it is Election time. For the past 4 years I have been the Treasurer for the Tribe. It has been a learning experience of Tribal Business.

I'm running for the same position and would Greatly Appreciate your vote once again. The election will be on March 5th, 2016 at our Annual Election. Looking forward to seeing every one again.

Sincerely, Wayne Blalock

Hello, fellow Peoria Tribal members. My name is Hank Downum. I am running for Treasurer of the Peoria Tribe. I am a native of Miami, and have lived here most of my life. I am married and have four married children and eighteen grandchildren. I have a B.S. degree in agriculture and am retired with 32 years of service with the Office of Special Trustees.

As a former secretary of the business committee, I have had time to observe the progress of our tribe. The tribe has greatly increased our economic base with the establishment of Buffalo Run Casino and Hotel, and most recently with the purchase of the Miami Country Club. The casino continues to be our major revenue source; however, I feel that we need to plan on increasing our economic security by making sure we explore other sources of income. We need to ensure that future programs benefit all our tribal members, not just those residing in Miami. We must make sure the tribe stays connected with its members and provides needed services to the full extent that our funds allow. Absentee balloting should be considered, thereby giving all members a voice in tribal decisions. I believe that any member of our tribe deserves open and honest lines of communication as well as accountability from its leaders. I ask that you consider supporting me as Treasurer of our great tribe. I pledge to you that if elected I will do my best to help achieve our goal of building a bright future for the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma. If you have questions about the Tribe or about me personally, I will answer your questions to the best of my ability. Feel free to contact me at the following e-mail address:

hankdownum@sbcglobal.net

Thank you for your consideration, Hank

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

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

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

Examples of costs allowable for reimbursement under this program include paper, pencils, notebooks, backpacks, shoes, clothes, school uniforms, lab fees, activity fees, summer school fees, or other fees charged by the school system. All costs must be itemized on a printed receipt and submitted with the Program Application. All submitted receipts for the school year 2015-16 must be dated between May 1, 2015-May 31, 2016. Any receipts submitted not falling between these dates will be returned.

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

PERIOD	PERIOD DEADLINE
Period 1 – July 1 st through July 31 st	July 31 st
Period 2 – August 1 st through August 30 th	August 30 th
Period 3 – September 3 rd through September 30 th	September 30 th
Period 4 – October 1 st through October 31 st	October 31 st
Period 5 – November 1 st through November 30 th	November 30 th
Period 6 – December 1 st through December 31 st	December 31 st
Period 7 – January 1, 2015 through January 31, 2015	January 31, 2015
Period 8 – February 1 st through February 28 th	February 28 th
Period 9 - March 1 st through March 31 st	March 31 st
Period 10 – April 1 st through April 30 th	April 30 th
Period 11 - May 1 st through May 31 st	May 30 th
Period 12 - June 1 st through June 30 th	June 30 th

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

Guidelines

- Student must be an enrolled member of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.
- Must provide with application a copy of the student’s tribal membership card.
- Student must be currently enrolled in grades K-12.
- Must provide original letter on official letterhead from school certifying the student’s enrollment for current school year, or a print off of the students current schedule or grades.
- Must provide original receipts, no copies will be accepted. However, copies will be accepted on a case by case basis. Receipts submitted must be dated between May 1, 2015-May 31, 2016 and show date and amount of transaction with description of item purchased.
- The maximum annual amount to be reimbursed per student is \$500 and will be made payable to the parent/guardian submitting the Program Application.

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

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Please print: First Last

Address: _____ City/State/Zip

Phone Number: _____

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

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

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

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

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

MUST BE ATTACHED: (check list below)

- Copy of Tribal Membership Card
- Original Certification of School Enrollment
- Original Receipts of Purchases for School Supplies/Clothes

Date: _____ Signature: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE/OFFICE USE ONLY

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

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 (823) 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 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 Director

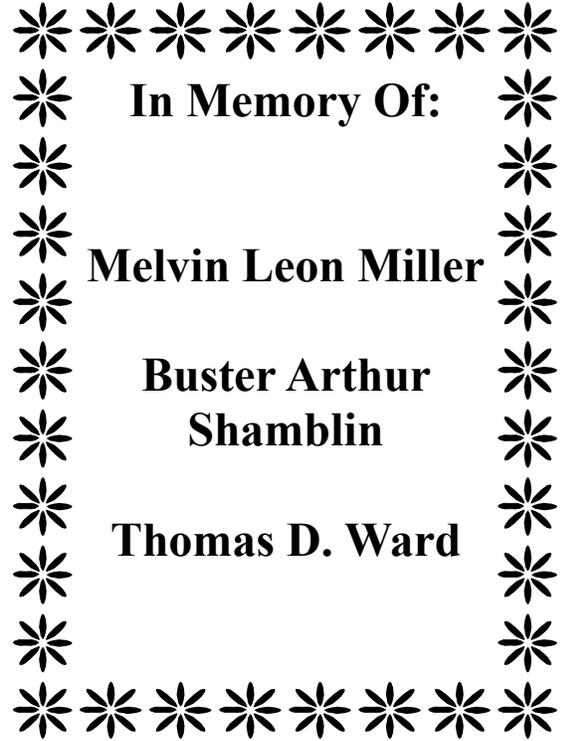
Tribal Member Reimbursement Program For School Supplies/School Clothes

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

50 applications were received by the November 30th deadline. A total of \$19,087.72 was reimbursed to the tribal members for the 5th period.

28 applications were received by the December 31st deadline. A total of \$10,594.89 was reimbursed to the tribal members for the 6th period.

Mandie Ferguson
Education Director



In Memory Of:

Melvin Leon Miller

Buster Arthur
Shamblin

Thomas D. Ward

Request for Change of Address

Date: _____

Tribal Member:

(First Name)

(Middle Name)

(Maiden Name/Last Name)

DOB: _____

(Social Security Number)

Roll No. _____

New Address:

Old Address:

Address

Address

City State Zip

City State Zip

Home Phone

E-mail

Signature of applicant

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

(Name)

(Date of Birth)

(SSN)

TOOT YOUR OWN HORN

6 *The Wahkiakum County Eagle* June 4, 2015



Rostad graduates from WSU

Rebecca Rostad, the daughter of Bjarne and Katharine Rostad of Naselle (Deep River) has graduated from WSU with the high honor of Magna Cum Laude and a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. Rebecca was a salutatorian at Naselle-Grays River High School. Her parents are especially pleased at Rebecca's accomplishment because through her determination, she kept her grades high while taking time to visit them regularly during her mother's treatment for a recurrence of breast cancer this past year. Photo submitted by Bjarne Rostad.



Katie Detherage, a member of the Peoria Tribe, graduated on December 12th, 2015, from Oklahoma State University. Katie received a degree in Elementary Education. She is the daughter of Jay and Sadie Detherage of Fairland, Oklahoma. Her grandparents are Bill and the late Alice Burgess of Welch, and Tom and Joan Detherage of Fairland.

Katie was a recipient of the Peoria Tribal Scholarship for all four years of her college career. She would like to take this opportunity to thank the Peoria Tribe for their financial support. This scholarship went a long way to help finance her college education.

Katie is proud to become the third generation in her family to pursue a career in education, following in the footsteps of her grandfather and mother.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met on January 14, 2016 to review the applications received by the January 7th deadline for the Spring 2016 semester. It was the decision of the Committee to fund 89 renewal students, 3 new students, 7 part-time students, 14 graduate program students, and 4 part-time graduate program students. Letters were mailed to 20 students requesting addition information. It was also the decision of the Committee to not fund 1 student due to incomplete applications.

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.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 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.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS:
Bill Johnson is trying to locate his cousin: Claudia Marie Green.
If you have any knowledge of her whereabouts please contact
Bill at 940-636-0512. Any help in locating Claudia Marie is
appreciated.

THIS YEAR AT THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, ALL OF OUR KIDS THAT SIGNED UP TO RECEIVE A GIFT ALSO RECEIVED OUR NEW TRIBAL SHIRT.

TRIBAL MEMBER CAYDEN HARPER IS MODELING OUR NEWEST SHIRT.

ORDER FORMS/ PRICES/ AVAILABLE SIZES, CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 14 & 15 OF THIS NEWSLETTER.



Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma			
Unaudited Summary Expenditure Budget Report			
As of 12/31/2015			
(In Whole Dollars)			
Open FY 2016 Programs			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Indian Child Welfare	105,770.00	94,812	10,958
Damage Assessment Project	34,087.00	13,538	20,549
Community Health Representative	53,647.00	16,750	36,897
Title VI	102,560.00	97,054	5,506
Library	6,000.00	1,444	4,556
Water Quality Program	137,993.00	15,557	122,436
Indirect Cost Pool	470,655	320,491	150,164
Tribal Properties	371,134	194,434	176,700
Trading Post	7,578	2,129 *	5,449
Children's Christmas Special Revenue Fund	13,176	13,371	(195)
Gaming Commission	435,500	269,461	166,039
Cemetery Special Revenue Fund	9,066	6,439	2,627
Pow Wow Fund*	33,216	32,237	979
Tribal Fish Hatchery	176,667	148,321	28,346
Elder Care/Disability Program	225,000	29,593	195,407
Education/Activity 2617	1,254,000	621,008	632,992
Economic Development / Activity 2614	150,000	-	150,000
Land Acquisition/Activity	100,000	157,174	(57,174)
Burial / Activity 2617	190,000	147,925	42,075
Tribal Government / Activity 2621	573,290	127,129	446,161
Legal Fees / Activity 2627	25,000	1,980	23,020
Totals FY 2016	4,474,339 #	2,310,849	2,163,490
Open FY 2015 Programs			
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	6,329	1,475
Invasive Species	185,000.00	13,471	171,529
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	240,200.00	42,313	197,887
Title IV B	8,674.00	784	7,890
Child Care Program	907,849.00	327,954	579,895
Water Non Point Source Base	94,540.00	14,006	80,534
Promoting Safe & Stable Families	13,707.00	371	13,336
Cultural Resource Fund	15,000.00	0	15,000
Totals FY 2015	1,772,881 #	458,887	1,313,994
Open FY 2014 Programs			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Aid to Tribal Government	238,208.00	131,935	106,273
Damage Assessment Project	52,225.00	51,700	525
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	404,000.00	339,729	64,271
I H S Solid Waste Project	167,000	139,594	27,406
Totals FY 2014	861,433 #	662,958	198,475
Open FY 2013 Programs			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
GAP	365,463.00	258,703	106,760
Totals FY 2013	365,463 #	258,703	106,760
Open FY 2008 Programs			
Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Housing Improvement Program Contract	25,069	15,839	9,230
Totals FY 2008	25,069 #	15,839	9,230

PEORIA TRIBE			
SUMMARY OF TRUST FUNDS			
December 31, 2015			
ACTIVITY			TOTAL
114 ACRES AT WYANDOTTE			\$5,628.02
PEORIA DESCENDANTS	PRINCIPAL	0	11,134.57
	INTEREST	11,134.57	
EDUCATION (Transfer)			807.22
EDUCATION	PRINCIPAL	176,850.16	277,896.58
	INTEREST	101,046.42	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	263,804.95
	INTEREST	91,654.00	
LAND ACQUISITION	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	263,861.85
	INTEREST	91,710.90	
BURIAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	89,803.12
	INTEREST	32,416.31	
TRIBAL GOV'T	PRINCIPAL	571,591.85	954,760.98
	INTEREST	383,169.13	
LEGAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	90,911.52
	INTEREST	33,524.71	
TOTAL			1,958,608.81
			SUMMARY
OVERNIGHTER (U.S. TREASURY)			73,608.81
INVESTMENTS			1,885,000.00
TOTAL			1,958,608.81

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www.beoligtipg.com

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, postal service, or by telephone at 918-540-2535 or 1-800-259-9987.

Special Projects/ NAGPRA
Greetings Tribal Members,

The Peoria Tribe Will be applying for Phase II of the Cultural Resource Fund this month which is being given out by the Mica group. The Grant is for \$50,000 and will assist the Tribe in funding cultural projects which can help the Tribe preserve its cultural heritage.

Indiana University has invited the Tribe to a NAGPRA Consultation meeting at their campus in Bloomington Indiana. At this meeting the Tribe will receive the remains of 25 ancestors which will be transported back to the Tribal headquarters and from there be reburied at the Peoria Tribal Cemetery. It will be a good feeling to be able to put so many of our ancestors to rest after being a part of various collections for so many years.

In the month of January I began working with the Indiana Department of Transportation in order to test their new Project Notification System. This system is one of the results of the MOU Workshop which was held last year in order to help the tribes and the government agencies to cooperate more efficiently. The system will allow the Peoria Tribe to be notified of projects within Indiana much in a timelier manner as well as allow the tribe to respond with more haste. This is another very promising step in the ongoing effort to facilitate effective government to government relations between the tribes as well as INDOT.

Respectfully,
Logan Pappenfort

ITEM DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Peoria History Book	\$20.00
Miami/Peoria Dictionary	\$7.00
Myaamia & Peoria Narratives & Winter Stories	\$4.00
History of Illinois Indians DVD	\$29.95
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 & 3/4 length black & gray baseball shirts (please see list of available sizes)	\$12.00
Adults black long sleeved T-Shirts & 3/4 length black & gray baseball shirts (please see list of available sizes)	\$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

Blanket colors	
Black	Forest Green
Royal Blue	Charcoal Gray
Red	

Ball Cap Colors	
Black	Navy
Dark Green	Tan
Maroon	Charcoal Gray

Coffee Mug Colors
Black
Dark Green
Wedgewood Blue
Yellow
Purple
Pink

Available sizes

T-shirts	Hoodies	Baseball Shirts
Youth sizes:	Youth sizes:	Youth sizes:
12 & 24 mos		
2T/ 3T/ X-Sm/Y Sm/Y Med/Y Lg	2T/ 3T/ Med/ Lg	Y Sm/Y Med/Y Lg
Adult sizes:	Adult sizes:	Adult sizes:
Sm/ Med/ Lg/ XL/ Plus Size: XXL/ XXXL	Sm/ Med/ Lg/ XL/ Plus Size: XXL/ XXXL	Sm/ Med/ Lg/ XL/ Plus Size: XXL/ XXXL

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

Article provided by the CCDF Program

Practical solutions for real parenting problems

It's a good thing you're not perfect! We all have hard times when we know we're messing up but just can't seem to stop ourselves before we open our mouths. Luckily, kids don't need us to be perfect. They just need us to do the hard emotional work of repairing the rift.

Have you ever:

- Been flooded by remorse because you lost your temper?
- Wished you could hit the erase button to wipe out something you said to your child?
- Worried that you've damaged your child's psyche?

If you didn't answer Yes to at least one of these questions, you're probably not a parent.

We all have hard times when we know we're messing up but just can't seem to stop ourselves before we open our mouths. The bad news is, parenting is the toughest thing we do, and the hardest part of all is regulating ourselves. We're only human, and that means there's no way for us to be perfect.

But there's good news, too. Our kids don't need us to be perfect. In fact, it's a good thing you're not perfect! If you were, imagine what you'd be modeling for your child – an unattainable standard. Your poor child would feel like he could never measure up.

Your child knows he's not perfect, so your imperfection gives him hope that he might actually be okay, just the way he is. What kids need from us is the space to be imperfect, to be loved and accepted for who they are. That's the only place any of us can start from to grow.

Maybe worse, if you were a perfect parent, your child wouldn't learn that all human relationships experience strains and small tears, but we can repair them and make them stronger. Our children learn this beginning in infancy, when we inevitably fail, at times, to attune to them. Let's say we've been having a lovely time playing with our baby. We shake the rattle and he laughs uproariously. But after a while, his excitement overwhelms him. He feels himself spinning out of control, frightened. He needs to calm himself, to return to a lower level of arousal. He looks away. Some parents would notice right away and realize their baby needs a break. But maybe, at least this time, not us. We're having such a good time. It's so exciting to see our little one so happy! And maybe there's more; maybe we're not feeling so great about our parenting right now because soothing the baby can be challenging, but look, we can make him laugh, and laugh more... So we miss his cue. He continues to look away, even though we get in his face and shake the rattle more insistently. He's overwhelmed. His face crumples. He begins to cry.

So we misattuned. Our intrusiveness actually drove our baby to tears!

Is he damaged for life? Luckily, no. We can make a repair.

We take a deep breath and shift gears, from excitement to soothing. We pick our little guy up and begin to speak soothingly. He continues to cry, but less loudly, and his breathing slows. He's calming down. He's learned that the universe isn't perfect and sometimes he has to raise his voice to be heard, but he has the power to repair a rift in your relationship. Because you responded quickly to his distress—which has been shown to be the most important attunement factor in how infants adjust—he's learned that it's a safe universe and he can count on you to respond when he needs you.

Your little one has just learned an essential lesson about relationships and trust. Quick parental repair after a rupture in empathy is part of how children build resilience, the confidence to express their needs, the faith that they can work things out with another person. In fact, every time we misattune, our little one gets a small chance to practice regulating himself without our help. Sometimes he won't be able to, but often he will, and with practice he'll learn how—just like taking those first steps. So while you don't want to intentionally create difficult experiences for your child—life will supply plenty without your assistance—your misattunements really are learning opportunities, as long as they're followed by reconnection and outweighed by positive moments.

Is this also true for older children? Yes! When we respond to our child's anger by yelling, we're misattuned. If we were attuned to our child's upset, we'd realize that her anger is a red flag that she needs help with some deeper tears and fears, and we wouldn't take her anger personally – so we wouldn't yell. We'd empathize, softening our heart so that she would soften hers.

But sometimes, we get triggered. We forget to see things from our child's perspective. We lose it. Later, we're filled with remorse.

Luckily, we can model how to repair a relationship rupture. *"I'm so sorry I yelled at you, Sweetie... You don't ever deserve to be yelled at....Let's try a Do-Over....Here's what I meant to say."* As long as our parenting blunders are followed by reconnection and outweighed by positive moments, they're learning opportunities for our children.

What if we don't catch ourselves quickly? It's never too late to apologize. When we step up and do the hard emotional work to let go of being right, to open our hearts, we teach our children how to do that, too.

Just think. If you never apologized, your child would never learn how to apologize, either. Aren't you glad you aren't perfect?



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