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Chief's Message

The holidays are past us and winter has set in, but spring is just around the corner. I was very pleased by the turnout at our annual children's Christmas party. I would like to thank everyone who attended and also a big thank you to the staff that helped pull off another get event.

These are trying times for our tribe. It is very important that each and every tribal member attend our annual council meeting on March 3rd. The tribe voted last spring to renew our contract with the management company that operates our gaming enterprise, Buffalo Run Casino. The contract must be reviewed and approved by the federal agency, National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC). The contract was set to expire on October 1st, 2017. This was the same contract that the NIGC had already approved twice. This time the NIGC had several question for the management company and some for the tribe. While all parties were working on the review, the NIGC realized that their review would not be completed by the October deadline. They offered to extend the current contract for six months with the management company while they finished their review. The Business Committee of the tribe must vote on that extension in our monthly meeting which was held just prior to the October deadline. The vote failed thus the contract expired October 1st. This resulted in our management company not being allowed to have contact with any of the key employees in our gaming operation.

The distribution to the tribe for September was \$515,765.85. The six month average from April to September was nearly \$425,000.00 to the tribe. The fees to the management company were \$152,000.00 per month. The contract is 75% to the tribe 25% to the management company. In October, the tribal distribution was \$189,471.24, and in November the distribution was \$196,724.55. As you can see, we are receiving just a little over what we were paying the management company. If this trend continues, tribal programs are in jeopardy. The current monthly average barely covers what the tribe spends each year in tribal scholarship dollars. We do have reserve dollars in the bank to cover expenses for some time, but I do not understand why current business committee members would not vote to keep the status quo while the NIGC completes their review. Three members voted no: Carolyn Richey, Tonya Mathews, and Craig Harper. This has damaged our business and affected our employees. I have learned that if something is not broken why try to fix it. Members of the Business Committee has stated, “just think how much more money we would have if we did not have to pay a management company”. The math speaks for its self. We are not getting more money; we are actually receiving a lot less. Nobody, including myself, on the Business Committee has the level of expertise our management company has when it comes to gaming in Oklahoma. We had been seeing growth in revenues even in a very competitive market.

When I was first elected Chief in 2001, the tribe was in debt of \$1.4 million dollars on the golf course. Tribal assets were nearly \$5 million. Today, we are debt free and hold assets of \$60 million.

I want everyone to try to attend the annual meeting because it is a very important your voice be heard. The enrollment committee will be proposing changes to the current enrollment ordinance that will call for DNA testing on new applicants for enrollment. I do not favor this change. This will add additional cost to tribal members to prove paternity. Please visit my website, chieffroman.com, for additional information and updates before the meeting.

Hope to see you all in March,

Chief John P. Froman

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Message from the Candidates for Chief

Robert Craig Harper

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Fellow Tribal Members,

My name is Craig Harper and on March 3, 2018, at this year's Tribal Election, I am seeking the office of Chief of our Tribe.

I live in Ottawa County, Oklahoma, along with my wife of 20 years and our two beautiful daughters. I have successfully owned and operated my own construction company and restoration business for 12 years. I believe I am a man of vision, integrity, honesty, hard work, and strong faith in God.

Over the past five years, it has been my honor to serve as Second Councilman of the Peoria Tribal Business Committee; last March, I was re-elected for a second term, while running unopposed. I am proud of my voting record, as well as the work that has been accomplished by our Business Committee over the last five years. However, I recognize the fact that a new season and new direction for our efforts is vital for the future of the Peoria Nation.

I believe this new direction must lead us into new areas of economic development, political growth and creative business ventures, far beyond our current position. Leadership efforts and past business practices of relying solely on Buffalo Run Casino to fund the majority of tribal programs and services, have all been exhausted. Economic and financial diversification, along with business and land acquisitions, need to be at the forefront of tribal government efforts in order to position the Peoria Nation for greater opportunities.

It is time we plan for the future of our Tribe by investing in our people and the generations yet to come, by enhancing our tribal programs and services. To achieve this, we must successfully manage tribal assets, develop Federal 8(a) Contracts, expand agricultural efforts, seek new grant opportunities, and bring practical service work to both our Tribe and our region.

Looking ahead, I believe a stronger cultural presence is needed to revitalize our native heritage and traditions, as well as encourage fellowship among our tribal members. I would also like to pursue expanding our current cultural programs such as the curation of our own artifacts in order to educate our people and teach our children where we came from, and who we truly are. Efforts would include recovering tribal artifacts currently held at museums or other facilities, as well as seeking privately held items that each of our families possess. I believe a deeper understanding of our history will not only ensure the preservation of our heritage, but it will build a stronger sense of pride for our citizens.

I am proud of the Peoria Tribe and understand the courage it takes for our members to put their trust in our elected officials. I sincerely thank you all for your past support and humbly ask for your vote at this year's election on Saturday, March 3, 2018. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, followed by the General Council Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

I welcome any questions you may have, and look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible between now and our election. My cell number is 918-964-0075.

With Utmost Respect,

Craig Harper

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

Saturday, March 3, 2018

The Election Committee of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma announces the Annual Election is scheduled on Saturday, March 3, 2018. Positions to be filled are: Chief and two seats on the Grievance Committee, each for terms of four (4) years.

Two candidates filed for the two seats on the Grievance Committee. In accordance with Article XVI – Filing for Candidacy, Section 1 (i) Unopposed Candidates, Mary Lembcke Davey and Lela Kay Stand, have been declared by the Election Committee to be elected. They will assume office at the next annual Peoria Council meeting. A Special Election will be called to fill the vacated seat on the Business Committee.

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*)

Polling place on **Saturday, March 3, 2018**, will be at the Peoria Tribal Administration Building Conference Room, 118 South Eight Tribes Trail, Miami, Oklahoma, from **7:00 a.m. to Noon.**

Candidates for offices are:

CHIEF: **John P. Froman**
 Craig Harper

In the event no candidate receives a majority vote, a run-off election will be conducted between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes. The Election Committee will immediately proceed to call for a run-off election by announcing the time polls will open. Polls for a run-off election will remain open for a period of two (2) hours. Announcement of the run-off election will be made at the Peoria Tribal Office and at the Ottawa/Peoria Cultural Building at the Annual Peoria Council Meeting. Balloting will continue until one candidate receives a clear majority of total votes cast.

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 3, 2018.

FROM THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE

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

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

Is your name updated in your membership file?

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

Missing or Change of Address

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

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

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

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

Enrollment Ordinance Reminders

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Submitted by,

Donna Harp, Enrollment Director

The Peoria Tribal Burial Assistance Benefit

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

Notice from the Enrollment Committee regarding Paternity Testing

At the present time we are pursuing every avenue of the proposed Laboratory Service agreement. The Committee has been unable to finalize an agreement in time for the March 3, 2018 General Council Meeting. The proposed Enrollment Ordinance revisions **WILL NOT BE ON THE AGENDA this March.** We believe this decision is too important to rush. Future Town Hall Meetings may be scheduled to keep tribal members informed as we continue to work on the proposed revisions.

Request for Change of Address					
Tribal Member:			Date: _____		
_____ (First Name)		_____ (Middle Name)		_____ (Maiden Name/Last Name)	
DOB: _____		_____ (Social Security Number)		Roll No. _____	
New Address: _____ Address			Old Address: _____ Address		
_____ City State Zip		_____ City State Zip			
_____ Home Phone			_____ E-mail		
_____ Signature of applicant					
Please list all tribal members of household who will need to have address changed:					
_____ (Name)		_____ (Date of Birth)		_____ (SSN)	
_____ (Name)		_____ (Date of Birth)		_____ (SSN)	

2018 ANNUAL TRIBAL ELECTIONS

Mark your calendars for the March 3, 2018 Tribal Election and plan to attend the Annual Peoria Council Meeting.



2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Peoria Children's Christmas party was held on Saturday December 9, 2017. 126 Peoria children and their families enjoyed a delightful afternoon of lunch and gifts from Santa. This year the children received a red baseball t-shirt in their treat bags. We also had new entertainment, a Winter Story read by Lela Stand, a tribal elder.

All Peoria Tribal teens ages 13-17 were invited to attend and received a \$25 Walmart gift card. 23 Peoria Tribal teens were in attendance. Making this year's party the most attended party in the 15 years I have been the coordinator.

Because the Peoria Tribe, Peoria Housing Authority, High Winds Casino, & the Ottawa Tribe all use the Cultural Center for Christmas parties within 6 days of each other, decorating is a joint effort. I am especially glad that the final clean-up is also a joint effort. On the day of the party, Peoria staff volunteers, along with Peoria Tribal Member volunteers, served lunch and refreshments and helped Santa distribute gifts.

Conference room rent, profits from pop and Peoria water sales are used to pay Christmas party expenses. Donations to the children's Christmas are received throughout the year and are greatly appreciated.

Mandie Ferguson

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

Environmental Department

The Peoria Tribe's Environmental Department works hard to represent the Tribe and protect the Tribe's lands as well as our environment. We work hard and put our hearts into our work. As Director of the Department, I would like to shine light on one of our employees who has exemplified in the years of his service; hard work, dedication not only to the Tribe but the environment, and truly putting his heart into fighting for what is right. Larry Tippit has worked for the Tribe for several years, advocating on the Tribe's behalf and the behalf of the environment. I feel very fortunate for him to be a part of this team. Larry is very dedicated to protecting our lands and restoring them to their natural state before they were contaminated. Please see **page 11** for the letter concerning two awards he was presented in the fall of 2017.

In Memory Of:

Christopher Michael Loch

Axle Jake Schroder

George Clay Stokes II

AVAILABLE

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE WATER AND SEWER ASSISTANCE

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

Minimum eligibility requirements include:

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

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

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

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

Tribal Committees

Business Committee

Chief	John P. Froman	03/2018
Second Chief	Jason Dollarhide	03/2021
Treasurer	Aaron Wayne Blalock	03/2020
Secretary	Tonya Mathews	03/2019
First Councilman	Carolyn Ritchey	03/2020
Second Councilman	Craig Harper	03/2021
Third Councilman	Alan Goforth	03/2019

Grievance Committee

Lela Stand.....	2018
Annette Black.....	2021
PJ Attocknie.....	2021
Mary Lembcke Davey.....	2018
Mark Davey.....	2020

Election Committee

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

Enrollment Committee

Jenny Rampey, Jeane Wynn, & Kay Harper

Economic Development/Finance/Properties

Hank Downum

Housing/Social Services

Vacant, M. Annette Black

Education Committee

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

Audit Committee

Michael Lewis, Kendra Robinson, Zach Goforth

Culture and Language Committee

Donna Fitzgibbon, Kevin Dawes

Stomp Dance Committee

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

Repatriation Committee

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

Cemetery Committee

John Froman

Historical Committee

Joann Evans, Chairperson; Roberta Lindsly, Rick Landers

BUFFALO RUN CASINO & RESORT POWWOW

• • • SATURDAY MARCH 31ST, 2018 • • •

LIVE IN THE PEORIA SHOWPLACE

1000 BUFFALO RUN BOULEVARD | MIAMI, OKLAHOMA 74354

\$50,000 IN PRIZE MONEY

REGISTRATION 9:30AM GRAND ENTRY 11:00AM 2ND GRAND ENTRY 6:00PM

SPECIAL DANCE CONTESTS:

MEN'S STRAIGHT - \$1200, \$400, \$400

WOMEN'S JINGLE - \$1200, \$400, \$400

TEEN GIRLS WINNER TAKE ALL - \$600

HOST SOUTHERN DRUMS

OTTERTRAIL
WILD BAND OF COMMANCHES

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

NEIL LAWHEAD

HOST NORTHERN DRUMS

MGM
THUNDERBOYS

ARENA DIRECTORS

DUDE BLALOCK | BRAD KILLSCROW

DANCE CATEGORIES

CLOTH • BUCKSKIN • FANCY SHAWL • JINGLE • FANCY • TRADITIONAL
GRASS • STRAIGHT • CHICKEN • GOLDEN AGE 50+ \$800 \$600 \$400 \$200

ADULTS: 18-49 \$800 \$600 \$400 \$200 • TEENS: 13-17 \$300 \$200 \$100

JUNIORS: 7-12 \$150 \$100 \$75 • TINYTOTS: DAY MONEY

CONTACT: CHRISTIE (918) 542-1873

AFTER HOURS: (918) 325-1110 LEAVE A MESSAGE

BUFFALO RUN HOTEL: (918) 542-2900



PEORIA TRIBE
OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA



BUFFALO RUN
CASINO & RESORT

• ANYONE UNDER 21 MUST BE ESCORTED BY AN ADULT OR CASINO SECURITY • INVITED DRUMS ONLY
• NO ALCOHOL IN THE SHOWPLACE AT ANY TIME DURING THE EVENT • VENDORS (NO OUTSIDE FOOD)
• NO FOOD VENDORS • CONCESSION AVAILABLE • SUPPER BREAK ON YOUR OWN • NO LAWNCHAIRS • NO SPECIALS





Dear Erin,

LEAD Agency, Inc. honored the Peoria Tribe's Environmental Department member Larry Tippit at the 19th National Environmental Tar Creek Conference with our Mike Synar Environmental Excellence Award.

Mike Synar believed that the Tar Creek problem affected both the health of the residents and the environment. He believed in the need to find solutions for each and gave hope for a better future.

Mike Synar served for 16 years as the U. S. Representative for District 2 in Oklahoma. He understood the importance of a clean and healthy environment. He was the primary advocate in Congress for a cleaner Tar Creek. Because of his tireless efforts, we have recognized the heroes who have worked on Tar Creek by awarding the Mike Synar Environmental Excellence Award.

We are grateful for all Larry Tippit has done to speak up and act in every way possible for our environment and all who dwell in it. Larry received the award "for his tenacious spirit protecting our environment and uncanny ability to put authority to task." Each word was chosen to specifically capture the reason he was chosen to receive it.

Consequential meetings with federal or state regulators, lawyers or polluters know their every word will be scrutinized if Mr. Tippit is in the room. For everyone who loves this earth and wants each part of it protected, we need him as our voice.

Our yearly event is unique for the area and one that our organization has felt the communities affected had the right to have. This is the one time a year that the federal, state and tribal entities working on the Tar Creek Superfund site and the superfund sites in Kansas and Missouri update the public on the progress that is occurring.

Our conference showcases environmental and health issues of great interest to the public. It also allows our organization an opportunity to reflect on the past and those who have made significant sacrifices to improving our future.

We were delighted when EPA chose to also recognize Larry at the conference with a special award for his persistent efforts on wildlife trappings this past summer, the first award they have presented to anyone at this site.

LEAD Agency will continue to work tirelessly to seek long-term protection for our children, our land and water. Larry's commitment to these goals will make it easier.

Respectfully,
Rebecca Jim
Executive Director
& Your Tar Creekkeeper

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma			
Unaudited Summary Expenditure Budget Report			
As of 12/31/2017			
(In Whole Dollars)			
<u>Open FY 2018 Programs</u>			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Indian Child Welfare	106,185.00	88,262	17,923
Damage Assessment	53,191.00	43,786	9,405
Community Health Representative	52,452.00	15,988	
Title VI	118,820.00	107,802	11,018
Library	6,000.00	2,009	3,991
GAP	125,000.00	22,833	102,167
Air Program	72,749.00	4,755	67,994
Water-Non Point Source Base	62,348.00	18,141	44,207
Water Quality Program	114,141.00	18,605	95,536
Indirect Cost Pool	468,622	360,191	108,431
Tribal Properties	272,765	75,034	197,731
Trading Post	8,551	4,733	3,818
Children's Christmas Special Revenue Fund	20,823	13,456	7,367
Gaming Commission	438,000	294,759	143,241
Cemetery Special Revenue Fund	9,572	8,169	1,403
Pow Wow Fund*	83,762	77,975	5,787
Tribal Fish Hatchery	112,160	80,893	31,266
Elder Care/Disability Program	200,000	91,304	108,696
Education/Activity 2617	1,465,000	875,219	589,781
Economic Development / Activity 2614	150,000	55,650	94,350
Land Acquisition/Activity	100,000	-	100,000
Burial / Activity 2617	220,000	141,868	78,132
Tribal Government / Activity 2621	559,437	145,378	414,059
Legal Fees / Activity 2627	25,000	5,868	19,132
Totals FY 2018	4,844,578 #	2,552,679	2,255,434
<u>Open FY 2017 Programs</u>			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Aid to Tribal Government	253,770.00	0	253,770
Higher Education Grant	54,784.00	52,342	2,442
IRR 2% Planning	7,782.68		7,783
Tribal Youth Development-Aquaculture	38,192.00	0	38,192
Noxious Weeds	12,530.00	9,881	2,649
Invasive Species	96,000.00	12,190	83,810
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	157,000.00	77,900	79,100
Endangered Species	137,000.00	0	137,000
Title IV B	8,675.00	1,139	7,536
Child Care Program	1,007,666.00		
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	13,537.00	0	13,537
Totals FY 2017	1,786,937 #	153,451	625,819
<u>Open FY 2016 Programs</u>			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Aid to Tribal Government	244,818.00	174,597	70,221
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	203,000.00	201,214	1,786
Tribal Youth Development-Aquaculture	66,840.00	47,767	19,073
Endangered Species	130,000.00	45,093	84,907
Climate Change BIA Grant	4,152.14	2,481	1,671
Child Care Program	1,019,338.00	954,829	64,509
Water Quality Program	137,993.00	122,295	15,698
Totals FY 2016	1,806,141 #	1,548,275	257,866
<u>Open FY 2015 Programs</u>			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Aid to Tribal Government	245,821.00	224,097	21,724
Invasive Species	185,000.00	140,510	44,490
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	240,200.00	180,608	59,592
Cultural Resource Fund	15,000.00	0	15,000
Totals FY 2015	686,021 #	545,216	140,805
<u>Open FY 2008 Programs</u>			
Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Housing Improvement Program Contract	25,069	15,839	9,230
Totals FY 2008	25,069 ✓	15,839	9,230

PEORIA TRIBE			
SUMMARY OF TRUST FUNDS			
December 31, 2017			
ACTIVITY	TOTAL		
114 ACRES AT WYANDOTTE			\$7,213.41
PEORIA DESCENDANTS	PRINCIPAL	0	11,663.38
	INTEREST	11,663.38	
EDUCATION (Transfer)			815.68
EDUCATION	PRINCIPAL	176,850.16	291,737.07
	INTEREST	114,886.91	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	276,660.90
	INTEREST	104,509.95	
LAND ACQUISITION	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	276,992.85
	INTEREST	104,841.90	
BURIAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	94,252.21
	INTEREST	36,865.40	
TRIBAL GOV'T	PRINCIPAL	571,741.85	998,486.58
	INTEREST	426,744.73	
LEGAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	95,556.59
	INTEREST	38,169.78	
TOTAL			2,053,378.67
SUMMARY			
OVERNIGHTER (U.S. TREASURY)			88,578.67
INVESTMENTS			1,964,800.00
TOTAL			2,053,378.67

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Child Care Development Fund Program

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

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

Tribal Member Reimbursement Program For School Supplies/School Clothes

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

52 applications were received by the November 30th deadline. A total of \$17,562.49 was reimbursed to the tribal members for the 5th period.

44 applications were received by the December 31st deadline. A total of \$12,337.66 was reimbursed to the tribal members for the 6th period.

Mandie Ferguson, Education Director

EDUCATION

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

The Education Committee met on January 11, 2018 to review the applications received by the January 7th deadline for the Spring 2018 semester. It was the decision of the Committee to fund 99 renewal students, 6 new students, 7 part-time students, and 9 graduate program students. Letters were mailed to 20 students requesting addition information. It was also the decision of the Committee to not fund 6 students due to dropping below the requirements.

The Education Committee made a decision at their October 3, 2017 meeting to add an additional member, Mary Davey of Stillwater, OK. The Committee will now consist of 5 members.

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 until they complete a semester on their own.

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

Mandie Ferguson, Education Director

ITEM DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Peoria History Book	\$20.00
Miami/Peoria Dictionary	\$7.00
Myaamia & Peoria Narratives & Winter Stories	\$4.00
History of Illinois Indians DVD	\$29.95
NEW Youth T-Shirts (please see list of available sizes)	\$12.00
NEW Adults T-Shirts (please see list of available sizes)	\$15.00 plus sizes add \$3
Youth black long sleeved T-Shirts & 3/4 length black & gray baseball shirts (please see list of available sizes)	\$12.00
Adults black long sleeved T-Shirts & 3/4 length black & gray baseball shirts (please see list of available sizes)	\$15.00 plus sizes add \$3
Youth Hoodies (please see list of available sizes)	\$16.00
Adults Hoodies (please see list of available sizes)	\$18.00 plus sizes add \$3
Adult Polo Shirts (please see list of available sizes)	\$25.00 plus sizes add \$3
Insulated Mugs	\$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

Available sizes

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



TRADING POST ORDER FORM

Order information:

DATE:

Phone: 918-540-2535

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

Fax: 918-540-2538

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

Item Description	Color	Size	Price	Qty	Total

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

SUBTOTAL

Shipping for orders over \$75 add 10%

SHIPPING

TOTAL

SHIPPING ADDRESS

Name:

Street:

City:

State: Zip:

Phone:

Email:

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: PEORIA TRIBE

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

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Guidelines

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

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

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Please print: First Last

Address: _____
City/State/Zip

Phone Number: _____

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

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

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

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

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

MUST BE ATTACHED: (check list below)

☐ Copy of Tribal Membership Card

☐ Original Certification of School Enrollment

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

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

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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

Elder Care and Disability Reimbursement Program

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

Program Description

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

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

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

Applicants may only utilize one program.

Qualifications Criteria:

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

Eligibility for Reimbursement:

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

Eligible Expenses:

Insurance and Taxes:

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

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

Utilities:

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

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

Health Care Expense:

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

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



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

Tribal Member Name: _____

Address: _____
City/State/Zip Code

Phone Number: _____

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

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

Birth date: _____

Program Applying for: (check one)

Elder Care: _____ **Disability:** _____

Total of attached receipts: \$ _____

MUST BE ATTACHED: (check list below)

☐ Copy of Tribal Membership Card

☐ Copy of Photo I.D.

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

Disability applicants will also need:

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

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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



PEORIA TRIBE
OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

STOMP DANCE

Saturday, March 3, 2018
Ottawa/Peoria Cultural Center*, Miami, Oklahoma

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Stomp Dance from 7 p.m.

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

Please bring your own lawn chairs.

Not responsible for accidents.

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**

BUSINESS COMMITTEE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING-NOVEMBER 7, 2017

Chief Froman called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the invocation. Secretary Tonya Mathews declared a quorum with five members present. Second Chief Dollarhide called ahead to notify the Committee he would be unable to attend the meeting. Motion was made and seconded by to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of October 3, 2017 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Following brief explanation by Chief Froman regarding tribal investments, motion was made and seconded to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$63,371.60 (current value as of September 30, 2017) to the Tribal Enterprises Account. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for September 2017. Motion carried unanimously. Following discussion, motion was made and seconded to approve the Tribal Program Reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously. There was no Unfinished Business brought before the Committee. **New Members Recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee on 10/25/2017 Tentatively to be Approved by the Business Committee on 11/07/2017 or at the Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting**: Motion was made and seconded to approve new members recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Two resolutions were presented for consideration: (1) **Resolution R-11-07-17-A, "Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll"**: Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-11-07-17-A, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (2) **Resolution R-11-07-17-B, "Approval of Legal Counsel Contract with Crowe & Dunlevy Attorneys and Counselors at Law Regarding Representation with National Indian Gaming Commission / Buffalo Run Matters for the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma"**: Following discussion, motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-11-07-17-B and waive the Procurement Policy to engage Crowe & Dunlevy Attorneys at Law. Vote was 2 for, 3 opposed. Motion failed; Resolution R-11-07-17-B dies. **Reappointment to Peoria Tribal Gaming Commissioners (John Weedn)**: Chief Froman notified the Committee that John Weedn's current term expires December 1, 2017, and he was not being recommended for reappointment. The vacant seat will be posted according to the Peoria Tribal Gaming Ordinance. The Committee asked Chief Froman to provide details of Tribal Attorney Coy Morrow of Morrow, Watson, James and Weedn, PC, opinion regarding the Firm's conflict with Mr. Weedn's reappointment to the Peoria Tribal Gaming Commission. Chief Froman agreed to provide the Committee with requested information. There were no public comments received. There was no call for Executive Session. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING-DECEMBER 5, 2017

Chief Froman called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the invocation. Secretary Tonya Mathews declared a quorum with all members present. Following discussion, motion was made to amend Item D on the agenda to state Reappointments to the Peoria Tribal 'Election' Committee. Motion was seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 7, 2017 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Pat Hurd, CPA, and Carrie Peterson, CPA, of Stotts, Archambo, Mueggenborg & Barclay PC, were present to review the Tribal Audit and answer questions of the Committee. Motion was made and seconded to approve the presentation of the Fiscal Year 2017 Tribal Audits by Stotts, Archambo, Mueggenborg & Barclay PC. Motion carried unanimously. Following brief explanation by Chief Froman regarding the transfer of a tribal investment, motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for October 2017 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Following discussion, motion was made and seconded to give all full-time and temporary full-time Peoria Tribal employees a \$500.00 Christmas bonus and all temporary part-time Peoria Tribal employees a \$250.00 Christmas bonus on the next scheduled payroll. Vote was 5 for, 1 abstention. Motion carried. There was no Unfinished Business brought before the Committee. **New Members Recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee on 11/16/2017 Tentatively to be Approved by the Business Committee on 12/05/2017 or at the Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting**: Motion was made and seconded to approve new members recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Upon motions made and duly seconded, two (2) resolutions were brought before the Committee for consideration and approved by unanimous votes: (1) **Resolution R-12-05-17-A, "Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll"** (2) **Resolution R-12-05-17-B, "Request for Transfer of Funds from Peoria Tribal Tax Commission Account to Tribal Enterprises Account"**; **Reappointments to the Peoria Tribal Election Committee (Kristen Gillman, Toni Potts, Bud Ellis, Courtney McCartney, Shellie Mitchell)**; **Approval to Waive the Procurement Policy in the Amount of \$12,190.00 on a Sole Source Item for the Purchase of a BoarBuster Hog Trap for the Capture of Feral Hogs Under the Invasive Species Grant**; **Approval to Waive Procurement Policy for Preliminary Services Provided by Arrowhead Builders, LLC for the Buffalo Run Casino Expansion Proposal**. Public comments were received from Tonya Mathews. Mrs. Mathews asked Chief Froman to clarify what the preliminary services consisted of that were provided by Arrowhead Builders, LLC, and asked if all the Committee members could view the Buffalo Run Casino Expansion Proposals. Chief Froman noted the request and will retain a copy on file for Business Committee members to review. Motion was made seconded to move into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken following Executive Session. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Easy ways to teach kids about emotions in daily life

Anthropologists say that Inuits, whose world is full of snow, have at least 50 words for variations of snow. Inuit children learn those words and attach them accurately to the many varieties of snow simply by hearing them used in context. Similarly, when parents talk about a wide range of emotions, kids learn to understand their own emotions and those of other people. Understanding and accepting emotions is the first step in learning to regulate them.

If you're wondering how there could be 50 different emotions, you'll be interested in the Feelings Wheel, invented by Dr. Gloria Willcox, which colorfully illustrates the wealth of emotions available to us. But don't worry if you find the idea of so many emotions overwhelming. You can also think in terms of just the four basic emotions:

- **Happiness**, which includes **love, joy, and peace**. This is our natural state, when we're in flow.
- **Fear**, which is a reaction to threat and includes **terror, anxiety** (fear of an unspecified threat), **worry** (fear of a specific threat) and the feeling of being powerless or defenseless. Note that when mammals feel fear, they often shift into **anger** as a defense.
- **Sadness**, which is a reaction to loss and disappointment, and includes **grief, depression and loneliness**. Note that many people defend against disappointment and sadness by becoming **angry**.
- **Anger**, which is a reaction to threat from within or without and includes irritation, **frustration** and **rage**. Note that when anger is not heard, the person may turn it inward so that it becomes **depression** or **numbness**.

How can you teach your child about emotions? Simply observing what your child and other people are feeling, and commenting on it in a nonjudgmental, accepting way, teaches children to identify emotions in themselves and others. As you go through your day, look for opportunities to acknowledge your child's feelings:

- *"You look frustrated."*
- *"You're jumping up and down! You must be excited!"*
- *"I understand. You feel safer when you know exactly what's going to happen. Me, too."*
- *"I hear you! You really don't like spinach and you wish you could never see it again!"*

When you talk with your child about emotions, try to resist lecturing. Instead, ask questions to help him learn through reflection. For instance, you might ask questions like:

- *If you felt angry at a friend, what could you do?*
- *If you felt angry at me, what could you do?*
- *If you felt angry that your block tower fell down, what could you do?*
- *Do you make a better decision when you feel angry, or when you feel calm?*
- *What helps you calm down when you're angry?*

If you and your child observe another child crying, you might ask questions like:

- *"That child looks so unhappy. I wonder why he's upset?"*

- *“What do you think he wants/needs?”*
- *“Is there anything we can do to help?”*

Questions like these help develop empathy. For instance, when parents wonder aloud to their young child about what their baby sibling thinks, feel and wants, the child develops more empathy for their sibling and the relationship between the two siblings is more positive. When adults read books and talk to toddlers and preschoolers about how other children feel, their prosocial (positive) actions increase and their aggression toward their peers decreases. And when parents consider emotion part of a rich human life, and talk about emotions in positive ways, even young children can learn to recognize and articulate a wide range of emotions -- which is the first step in learning to manage them.

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Peoria Tribe Aquatic Facility Price Sheet

Smallmouth Bass

SIZE	PRICE
<3"	\$3.00 per fish
4"-10"	\$1.00 per inch
>10"	\$22/lb. based on availability

Largemouth Bass

Florida Strain Largemouth upon availability

SIZE	PRICE
<3"	\$1.25 per fish
3"- 4"	\$1.50 per fish
5" – 8"	\$2.00 per fish
9" – 12"	\$5.00 per fish
>13"	\$7.50/lb. based on availability

Other Fish Species we offer

Fathead Minnows	Call for availability
Bluegill/Hybrid Perch	Call for availability
Crappie	Call for availability

We Offer Bulk Pricing Discounts!

Other Services We Offer

*Pond Shocking * Pond Consultation *Fish Removal * Call for pricing

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