

Tribal News March 2024



Calling all Ponca Veterans!

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) is working to create a comprehensive list of all Ponca veterans for present and future recognition of service. As such, the THPO is respectfully requesting members who are veterans, or those who have family that have served, help provide information, including:

- Branch of service
- Details or a story from Wars served

- Dates served
- that service
- Photographs

This information will be featured on a veterans honor wall in the Ponca Tribe Museum, and will be used to honor veterans.

To submit veteran information, please contact Theresa Foley, THPO via email (tfoley@poncatribe-ne.gov) or via mail:

Theresa Foley, THPO Ponca Tribe of Nebraska 5805 S 86th Circle Omaha, NE 68127



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Tribal Council members and Tribal members testify for Chief Standing Bear Museum and Cultural Center

On February 7, 2024, members of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, and Ponca Tribal Council Representatives went before the Nebraska Legislature to offer testimony supporting a proposal that would pro-

vide funding for a Chief Standing Bear Museum and Cultural Center in Niobrara.





HeartSaver Training

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is offering HeartSaver (CPR/AED) courses for Ponca members. These are 3 1/2 hour classes, are limited to 12 students per class, and are first-come, first-served. All participants will receive a \$25 gift card. Childcare and food are provided.

CLASS LOCATION/DATES:

Ralston: Saturday, May 4 | 10:00 am-1:30 pm Lincoln: Friday, May 17 | 5:00 pm-8:30 pm Niobrara: Saturday, June 15 | 10:00 am-1:30 pm Norfolk: Saturday, August 24 | 10:00 am-1:30 pm Sioux City: Saturday, October 5 | 10:00 am-1:30 pm

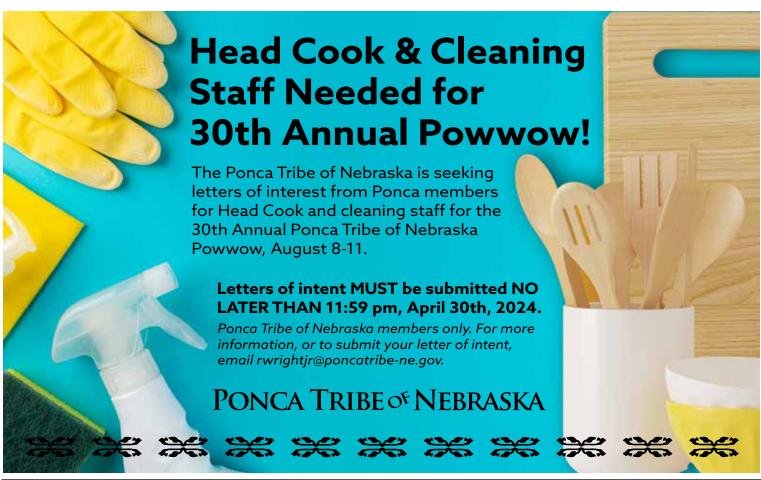
Members must sign up NO LATER THAN 7 days prior to the start of the class. Enrollment must be verified to participate. Please note, a valid email is necessary to receive your AHA certification. To sign up, visit: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080845A4A62EABFF2-47059579-ponca.

For more information, **or if you require childcare** please contact Tori Champaign at 402.315.2760 or vchampaign@poncatribe-ne.org.





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March 2024 Culture

Culture and community at Lincoln Hand Game

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Culture Department hosted a Hand Game at the Ponca Tribe offices in Lincoln on Saturday, February 17. Tribal and community members enjoyed a meal, followed by the Hand Game.

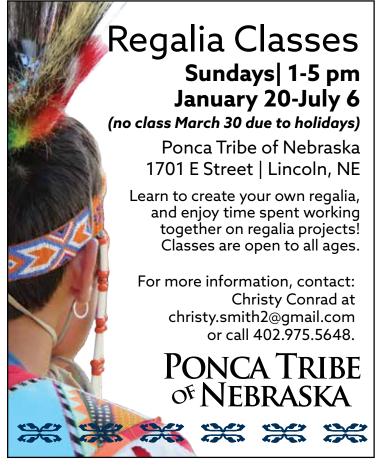














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Adopt a buffalo today



You can help our buffalo to prosper by adopting one or more members of our herd. Our Adopt-A-Buffalo program is open to both Tribal members and Non-Tribal friends. You will receive a photo of your buffalo along with an official adoption certificate.

Just choose from the three categories of yearly support listed below:

\$25 for the Yearling Group \$50 for the Buffalo Herd Group \$100 for the Head Herd Bull Group

Make Checks payable to: Northern Ponca Buffalo Program Mail to: Ponca Tribe of Nebraska P.O. Box 288

Niobrara, Nebraska 68760

ATTN: Northern Ponca Buffalo Program

Diaper Distribution Interest Assessment

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska will be hosting diaper distribution events monthly at each office site and during community events such as back to school and Powwows, and we need your help!

Please scan the QR code below, or visit https://poncatribeofne. formstack.com/forms/diaper_request and complete the interest form to help us plan for these events.

Watch for announcements in the Ponca Newsletter, on District Facebook pages, and at office sites once dates are set. Anyone eligible to receive services from the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is eligible for the diaper distribution events.

Fore more information, please contact your local Social Services Case Manager:

Omaha - Donna Larson (dlarson@poncatribe-ne.gov)

Niobrara/Sioux City - Brad Johnson (bjohnson@poncatribe-ne.gov)

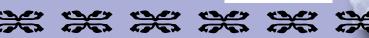
Norfolk - Robin Wright (robinwright@poncatribe-ne.gov)

Lincoln - Victoria Schaben(vschaben@poncatribe-ne.gov)











Ponca Health Services gym facilities open in Lincoln

On Monday, February 19, Ponca Health Services-Lincoln celebrated the Grand Opening of their gym facilities. Members and clients had the opportunity to tour the new facility, and sign up to use the gym and workout areas. Current hours are 8 am-4 pm Monday-Friday.













Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Ponca Health Services is excited to announce Tribal **Home Visiting Program** implementation. More details and information will be shared with families via social media and PTN website. This program will be culturally focused and utilize evidenced based curriculum to strengthen and empower families.





Looking for more photos? All our official Ponca Tribe of Nebraska photos are available on Flickr @PoncaTribeofNE.

Easter Events March 2024

Easter Gift Card Distributions

District 1:

Gift Cards for Youth and Elders both in and outside the SDA

District 2:

Easter basket gift cards for OSDA youth, and gift cards for OSDA Heads of Household

District 3:

Easter basket gift cards for OSDA youth, gift cards for ALL Heads of Household

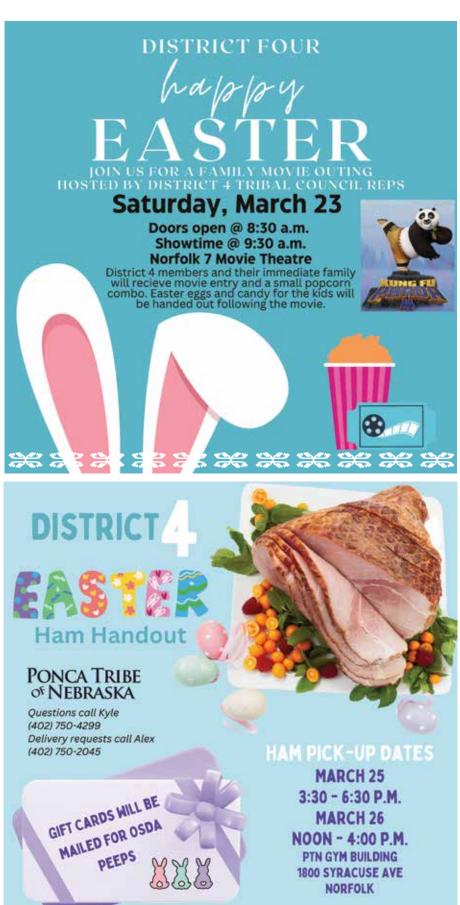
District 4:

Hams distributed in the SDA and gift cards will be mailed to OSDA members

For more information, please contact your Tribal Council Representative.







March 2024 Easter Events

District 2

Easter Celebration Saturday, March 23 | 10:30 am

Ralston Transit Building | 5701 S 85th Circle | Omaha, NE

District 2 SDA Ponca tribal members and their immediate family members are invited to an Easter Event at the Ralston Transit Building with an Easter Egg Hunt for kids 0-12, followed by Easter baskets for our 0-12 members, ending with an Easter Holiday Meal. Those who plan to attend the Easter Holiday Meal MUST register your entire family using the QR code below, or by visiting https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/d2_easter_meal_registration, **NO LATER THAN Sunday, March 14 at 11:59 pm**. You can only register those living in your household. We are ordering food according to this count, so only those who register will be allowed to attend.



Easter Brunch March 23 | 10 am-12 pm

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska | Community Space (north entrance) 1600 Windhoek | Lincoln, NE

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members living in the District 3 Service Delivery Area are invited to participate an Easter Brunch. Join us for an Easter Egg hunt, easter baskest, a visit from the Easter Bunny, and a brunch for everyone in attendance.

For more information, please contact District 3 Tribal Council Representatives Susie Baker, 925.788.0649 and Shanna Carpenter, 402.805.0883





District 3 Membership Meeting March 9 | 3-5 pm

1600 Windhoek Drive | Lincoln, NE Lifesize available for those wishing to attend virtually

District 3 Ponca Tribe members are invited to join District 3 Tribal Council Representatives Susie Baker and Shanna Carpenter for a District 3 Membership Meeting at the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska offices in Lincoln. This meeting will be a time to share your ideas, comments, and concerns with your District 3 Tribal Council Representatives, and collaborate with other District 3 members. Members from both within and outside the Service Delivery area are invited.

Monthly member potluck will follow the meeting.

Tribal members wishing to participate virtually must contact Shanna Carpenter at 402.805.0883 shannac@poncatribe-ne.gov.



Important Notice:

Families with Loved Ones in the Ponka Cemetery

In an effort to honor and memorialize our ancestors and loved ones who rest in unmarked graves in our Ponka Cemetery, the Culture Department is requesting your assistance.

Our goal is to create a comprehensive record that pays tribute to the legacy of our relatives. Your participation will contribute to the preservation of our shared heritage, ensuring that each individual is remembered with the respect they deserve.

Your assistance will help us compile vital information, including location of the grave, and name, date of birth, and date of death of the relative buried there.



Be ready for the next step.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act-Indian and Native American Program

The Ponca Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program is funded by a Department of Labor Grant. The program assists individuals with education and training, job search activities, and employment related supportive services.

Information about hiring events, job listings, educational opportunities, and more is available on the Ponca Tribe WIOA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ptnwioa.

If you are interested in obtaining education and training, contact the WIOA Program to see if you qualify for assistance.

The WIOA Staff are:

Colleen Plasek—Ralston | 402.315.2765 Bianca Marino—Norfolk | 402.371.8834 Lisa Agans—Lincoln | 402.438.9222



Ponca Tribe evaluates planning with Tabletop Exercise

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska hosted a Derecho Tabletop Exercise on February 6th in Norfolk, with participants from multiple departments within the Tribe, along with Winnebago Village Emergency Management, FEMA Region 7, Nebraska Region 11 Emergency Management, the American Red Cross, and The Blue Cell.



This exercise used the hypothetical scenario of

severe storm with derecho winds that impacted the

majority of the Service Delivery Area. Analyzing the situation and the potential response of the Tribal organization to such a disaster created an opportunity to review the Tribe's emergency response capabilities, identify current strengths and future needs, and coordinate and collaborate with local, state, and federal partners.

Interested in obtaining your GED?

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska offers members a \$250 incentive upon successful completion of the program plus \$60 to be applied toward testing fees.

For any questions or to obtain an application, please contact Aubrey or Pat in Education at 402.371.8834 or you may email them at aknudsen@poncatribe-ne.gov or pate@poncatribe-ne.gov.





March 2024 Domestic Violence

Saluting Native women during Women's History Month

Thomas Wright, II Domestic Violence Program Coordinator

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Domestic Violence Program would eagerly like to recognize all women during the month of March in honor of Women's History Month. A celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society, this month is dedicated to reflect on the often overlooked contributions of women to U.S. history. This year, the National Women's History Alliance designates and celebrates the 2024 theme as "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion." This theme recognizes women who understand the need to eliminate bias and discrimination from individuals' lives and institutions.

Today, equity, diversity and inclusion are powerful driving forces that are having a wide-ranging impact on our country. As members of families, civic and community groups, businesses and legislative bodies, women are in the forefront of reevaluating the status quo. It goes without question that the contributions of Native American women throughout history aligns perfectly with this year's



Susan La Flesche Picotte

theme. The Native American population in general are one of the most overlooked groups in many circumstances and categories. Yet, Native American women specifically, have persevered and gone above and beyond in eliminating bias and discrimination throughout history from many different tribes across the nation.

For example, no recognition of acclaimed Native American women would be complete without Susan La Flesche Picotte. La Flesche Picotte was a pioneer for Native American men and women in many ways as she became the first Native American person to earn a medical degree and was the sole doctor on the Omaha reservation during a flurry of epidemics. This list of accomplishments would be impressive at any time, but especially during the turn of the century, when women were relegated



Sarah Deer

to domestic duties and Native Americans were not considered citizens. La Flesche Picotte was also an advocate for the rights of her people. She realized that medical care alone wasn't enough. She became a tireless advocate for public hygiene measures like screens for doors and windows, fly traps, and abandoning shared drinking cups. In her letters to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, she made pleas to ban liquor sales on the reservation. And even as La Flesche's rigorous activism began taking a toll on her own physical health, she continued lobbying the government for Omaha rights, specifically land rights.

The issues that La Flesche fought for—public health, land rights, tribal sovereignty—are still critical areas of inequity for indigenous people in the United States. La Flesche's work has been continued



Madonna Thunder Hawk

by present-day activists, and she has inspired generations of female and indigenous physicians.

Moreover, inspiration can be found in other Native American women throughout history like Sarah Deer. A member of the Muscogee Creek tribe, Deer is a lawyer, a professor at the University of Kansas, and as well as an advocate who has worked for victims' rights and sexual violence prevention for decades. She was an instrumental activist in the 2013 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women's Act, which expanded tribal jurisdiction to prosecute non-Native perpetrators of domestic and sexual violence. Deer's books, most notably The Beginning and End of Rape, provides a historical overview of the intersecting violence's that contribute to the high rates of sexual violence against Native Americans today, and the

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Women's History: Native leaders pave the way for equality

destruction of tribal legal systems to protect their own citizens. Sarah is one of numerous examples of Native American women leading the way towards better equality for her relatives.

Madonna Thunder Hawk is a Native American civil rights activist best known as a leader in the American Indian Movement (AIM) and as an organizer against the Dakota Access Pipeline. She cofounded the American Indian organization Women of All Red Nations, an organization that focuses on issues affecting American Indian women, and serves as an organizer and tribal liaison for the Lakota People's Law Project, which partners with Native communities to protect sacred lands, safeguard human rights,

promote sustainability, and reunite indigenous families. Madonna is one of many Native women that have fought and will continue to fight for inclusion for all of Indian country.

It takes courage for women to advocate for practical goals like equity, diversity and inclusion when established forces aim to misinterpret,

exploit or discredit them. Throughout 2024, we honor women from the past and present who have taken the lead to show the importance of change and to establish firmer safeguards, practices and legislation reflecting these values. Following decades of discrimination, we are proud to celebrate women who work for basic inclusion, equality and fairness.

Elder's Committee Meetings April 1 | 10 am March 4 | 10 am

Ponca Offices | Lincoln, NE Ponca Headquarters | Niobrara, NE



Child Care Development Fund

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska uses the Federal government's Child Care and Development Fund to provide assistance to families who need child care due to work, work-related training and/or attending school.

In order to qualify for this benefit program:

- · You must be a parent or primary caregiver responsible for children under the age of 13 years of age, or under 19 if incapable of self-care or under court supervision who needs assistance paying for daycare
- The children must be enrolled Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members or have their enrollment pending
- · In order to qualify you must be either employed or enrolled in a training or education program
- You must reside in one of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Service Delivery Areas
- Your daycare provider must have their business in one of the tribe's Service Delivery Areas

Once you have confirmation from the State of Nebraska showing denial for their Child Care Subsidy Program, you are eligible to be considered for our Child Care and Development Fund program.

For more information or to see if you qualify for acceptance into the program, contact the program coordinator:

Stephanie Pospisil, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska 1600 Windhoek Dr | Lincoln, NE 68512 531-248-3030 x 1108 | spospisil@poncatribe-ne.org



Salute to Women March 2024



During the month of March, Tribal Council would like to honor all the women who work for our Tribal government and entities.

While not all the women who work so hard on the behalf of the Tribe are pictured here, know that we honor and celebrate you all!



Left: Tribal Council Representatives Susie Baker, Falon McAlpin, JoAn Schlotman, Shanna Carpenter, and Chairwoman Candace Schmidt.

Below: Tribal Council Representatives Becci Sullivan and Angie Starkel.





March 2024 Salute to Women













Former Trailblazers

- Judy Allen
- Rose Birdhead
- Brenda Bogacz
- Sheila Bogacz
- Gloria Chytka
- Crystal Howell
 - Pearl Laravie
- Joey Nathan
- Deb Robinette
- Stephanie Slobotski Conceta Zephier
- · Linda Stolle
- Donna Wendzillo





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COMING SOON: FREE Online Cybersecurity in Agriculture Training!



Calling all Farmers, Ranchers, Rural Landowners, Farmers Markets, and related businesses who have an interest in bolstering your technology; Cyber Security and National Security interested people and businesses that want to learn more about how they can work within the \$1+ trillion-dollar agriculture industry. We have FREE cybersecurity in agriculture online training coming soon! More to come as we begin to create the modules/training. All training will be available virtually, so you may take it in the privacy of your home. In-person training will also be available as we work to set up locations if that is your preference.

- Do you have an on-line presence related to agriculture or cybersecurity products affecting accounting, feed, inventory, food, planting, land usage or other aspects of the agriculture industry?
- Do you feel the need to be more informed about Cybersecurity?
- How could Ransomware affect you and your business? How could it affect crops, produce, cattle, Buffalo, finances, inventory, and more?
- Are you Ponca, another tribe, or any agricultural producer located in Nebraska currently using some amount of tech for your agriculture? You may be eligible for an additional specific learning opportunity!

Please reach out to lloucks@pedco-ne.org for more information!

Do you have a medical billing concern?

In the event that Ponca Health Services cannot provide the needed specialty care, the PRC program may be available to pay for care administered by private or external healthcare providers. The PRC Program is considered the payer of last resort and Federal Regulations require patients to exhaust all health care resources available to them from private insurance, state health programs (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid) before the PRC program can provide payment. There are several requirements before a patient can be authorized for the program. Please call 402-371-8834 for more information about the PRC program.

Questions to ask yourself when you are referred to an outside doctor:

- 1. Did your Ponca Health Service provider submit a PRC referral?
- 2. Did you consult with the PRC Department about your referral?
- 3. Did you inform the outside doctor's office that you are PRC eligible?
- 4. Did you provide your insurance card to the doctor's office during your visit?

Steps to take when you receive a medical bill in the mail:

- 1. Call the phone number that is located on your patient bill:
 - Inform the office that you received a bill in the mail.
 - Provide account number and any other information they request.
 - Inquire if they have your insurance information, if not provide it.
 - Inform them that you are Ponca Health Service PRC eligible.
- 2. Submit your bill to the Ponca Health Service PRC Department:
 - PRC does not always know that you have an unpaid medical bill.
 - Please contact a PRC Staff member to discuss your bill.
 - Please submit your most current updated insurance card, so our system can be updated accordingly.

Ponca Health Services - Purchased/Referred Care (PRC)

1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk NE 68701

Phone: 402.371.8834 or 800.405.0365 | Fax: 402.371.0176

Facts to know about PRC Funds:

- 1. PRC receives yearly funding. It is used from October 1st to September 30th.
- 2. All PRC patient referrals must be approved, otherwise PRC funding will not be applied to your patient bill.
- 3. PRC patients must apply for any alternate resources for which you may be eligible (Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance etc.)
- PRC funding is a Payer of last resort. It pays only for costs not paid for by your alternate resources.



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Youth & Family Soiree provides an evening of dancing, fun, and games

Families enjoyed glowsticks and good fun at the Youth & Family Soiree, hosted by the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Behavioral Health and Domestic Violence programs Friday, February 16. Attendees young and old enjoyed refreshments, dancing, and games, including a balloon bounce, limbo, and potato dance. Watch for more youth and family activities from our Behavioral Health program coming soon!











Sweat Lodge & Traditional Healing
Last Friday of each month at 6 pm
Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Center 2602 J Street | Omaha, NE
For more information or to volunteer to help:
Robert Sweeney 402.637.1372
Rose BirdHead 531.255.8088

No problem. Period.

EXTENDED AGES!

NOW MEMBERS AGES 9-27 CAN ORDER! All female Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members ages 9-27 are invited to participate in the Osni Ponka Youth Council No Problem. Period. Project.

Scan the QR code to order any **two** products for FREE online. The products will be mailed directly to you.

Female Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members ages 9-27 can order any two menstrual products:

- Period Panties
- Menstrual Cup
- Nighttime Pads

Limit of two products per female Ponca Tribe of NE member. Must be between the ages of 9-27. Must be actively enrolled and information must match that of enrollment. Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.



Education March 2024



Attention All AVT/HIED Students Nationwide:

Please remember to submit your official transcripts after EACH term funded in order to be eligible to receive future funding. Students must apply each school year.

Summer 2024 deadline: May 15, 2024 Fall 2024 deadline: August 15, 2024 Winter 2024 deadline: November 15, 2024

The Ponca Educational Trust Fund is available nationwide to students who enroll at one of the University of Nebraska Campuses/Online Courses: Lincoln ~ Omaha ~ Kearney (Must be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours per semester to be eligible)

Attention All K-12 YIP Students Nationwide:

- High School Seniors for the 2022-2023 school year are eligible to receive a \$500.00 Graduation Incentive!
- · Our department is accepting projects for incentives in the following areas: Art, Essay/Poetry, and Student of the Month. *Winners may receive \$100.00 for 1st place, \$50.00 for 2nd place, and \$25.00 for 3rd place. Grade divisions are as follows: Primary (K-2), Intermediate (3-5), Middle (6-8), and High School (9-12)
- Perfect Attendance \$100.00 (0-.49 days of absenteeism), \$50.00 (.5-3.49 days absenteeism), and \$25.00 (3.5-5.49 days of absenteeism).

Deadline to apply for the 2023-2024 school year is July 31, 2024.

All Education Department Applications and Program Information are available online on our tribal website. If you have any questions for the education department, please feel free to contact Aubrey Knudsen at: office (402)371-8834, work cell (402)844-0957, or aknudsen@poncatribe-ne.gov. *Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs*

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Calling all Ponca Member Owned businesses: If you are interested in receiving RFP/RFQs to be able to bid on Tribal projects, please

use the form below to share or update your business information with Procurement.

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Bidders List Contact Information:		
Full Name:		
Business Name:		
Job Title:		
Business Address:		
Business Phone Number:		
Business Email address:		
Business Fax:		
□ Ponca Owned □ Native Owned □ Women Owned □ Veteran Owned □ Other		
Please provide a copy of Proof of Indian Ownership		
GSA Contract #:		
Duns #: NAICS# Fed ID		
Social Security #:		
Description of Business:		
When completed please return to: Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Attn: Chris Minarik		

Attn: Chris Minarik 2523 Woodbine Street Niobrara, NE 68760

christinem@poncatribe-ne.gov 402-857-3391



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA TRIBAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 24-08

WHEREAS: The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is a federally recognized Indian Tribe (P.L. 101-484) whose business affairs are conducted by the Ponca Tribal Council as defined in the Constitution approved July 22, 1994 by the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to the Constitution of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Ponca Tribal Council exercises legislative powers to enact and promulgate resolutions and ordinances subject to all express restrictions upon such powers contained in the constitution; and

WHEREAS: The Ponca Tribal Council has reviewed the proposed amendments to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Law & Order Code Title IX – Elections; and

WHEREAS: The proposed Title IX revisions to the Law & Order Code was placed on the January 23, 2024 Tribal Council Agenda to allow comments from the public and on February 6, 2024 and February 13, 2024 for first and second readings respectively. A notice of intent to amend the Law & Order Code Title IX Elections was provided to all heads of household via the Tribal Newsletter, website and posted in Tribal Offices at least 14 days prior to any final action satisfying the requirements for the adoption, amendment, or abolishment of Ordinances.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ponca Tribal Council does approve the amendments to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Law & Order Code Title IX – Elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these amendments shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

	hat the above and foregoing resolution was duly authorized
and passed by the Tribal Council of the Ponca T	ribe of Nebraska at a duly called meeting held via Lifesize
on the 3 day of February, 2023 by a vote of	6 Ayes; A Nays; O Abstained; O
Absent. Chairperson voting voting not	<u>6</u> Ayes; <u>2</u> Nays; <u>0</u> Abstained; <u>0</u> voting. A Quorum of <u>9</u> was present.
	<u>ATTEST</u>
Cita Ille	Sen 9. Bel-
Candace Schmidt, Chairwoman	Susan Baker, Secretary
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

March 2024 Enrollment

Enrollment Department – 2024 Census

Dear Tribal Member; Each year, in the month of April, the Enrollment Committee will conduct a census of the members of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. The information that is received will help to update the enrollment records. When completed please mail back to: PO Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760. Your name: Date: Is there a member or relative that you know has passed away in the last 5 years? Yes:_____ No:____ If yes, please list the name of the individual(s) that you know of and who we may contact for further information. Are we sending your mailings to the correct address? Yes: No: If not, please list your complete physical and mailing address. (Don't forget to include apartment numbers.) Please list all of the Ponca members who reside in your home, including yourself. If you have a child that has recently moved out of your household, please list their name and address. (Mailing & physical) If you have recently had a name change due to marriage, divorce or otherwise, please list your previous/new name below and attach a copy of your marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc. for verification of your name change. Previous name: New name: Are you a registered Tribal voter? Yes: No: (You may contact the enrollment department if you If you are not registered would you like a Tribal Voter Registration form mailed to you? Yes: No: Have you or do you currently serve in the military? Yes: No: Branch: Date of service: ___/___/

Thank you! We appreciate your response!

^{**}If you know of any Ponca members that are not receiving their mailings from the Ponca Tribe please have them contact the enrollment department.

Change of Address Form
Mail to: PTN Enrollment Dept PO Box 288 Niobrara, NE 68760 Fax: 402-857-3771

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD MUST BE AN ENROLLED PONCA TRIBE MEMBER		
OTHER ENROLLED PONCA TRIBE MEMBERS IN HOUSE	HOLD:	
PREVIOUS ADDRESS: (Street/P.O. Box, Apt #, City, State, Zip	p, County)	
NEW ADDRESS: (Street/P.O. Box, Apt #, City, State, Zip, Cour	nty)	
PHONE NUMBER:		
ALTERNATE/CELL NUMBER:		
E-mail:		
DATE NEW ADDRESS IN EFFECT:		
To provide better services to Ponca tribal members, this i with all PTON Departments as needed. Any service may be information is corrected and/or updated.		
SIGNATURE REQUIRED	DATE	

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CONTROL#

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

PO Box 288 Niobrara, NE 68760 Phone: 402-857-3391 FAX: 402-857-3771

Application for Enrollment

P.O. Box:	
Physical Address (Required):	Email:
City, State, Zip Code:	County:
Phone Number: (Required) ()	SSN:
Date of Birth:	Place of Birth:
Are you a Veteranyesno <u>OR</u> curren	ntly serving in the Armed Forces?yesno
Are you presently or have you ever been enrolled If yes, which Tribe:	
	d with another Tribe?yesno om previous Tribe. Dual enrollment is not allowed)
	rom previous Tribe. Dual enrollment is not allowed)
If yes, which Tribe: (Please attach relinquishment documentation fr	om previous Tribe. Dual enrollment is not allowed) er than Ponca?yesno
If yes, which Tribe: (Please attach relinquishment documentation fruit of the second s	om previous Tribe. Dual enrollment is not allowed) er than Ponca?yesno
If yes, which Tribe:(Please attach relinquishment documentation fr Is either parent enrolled with another Tribe, oth If yes, which parent and with what Tribe?	om previous Tribe. Dual enrollment is not allowed) er than Ponca?yesno MOTHER'S NAME GRANDFATHER

*****APPLICANTS STATE CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND A COPY OF SOCIAL SECURITY CARD MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION FORM*****

***Please sign and date on back...

Enrollment March 2024

CERTIFICATION

By my signature below, I certify under penalty of perjury that the information I provided on and in connection with this application for enrollment, including all attached and included documents, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that any false statements, fraudulent information, forged documents, or intentional or knowing omissions on or included with this application or that I make or provide in relation to my application or request for enrollment:

- may subject me to legal actions for fraudulent misrepresentation, perjury, and/or lying under oath; and
- may be grounds for dis-enrollment and removal of my name from the membership roll pursuant to Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Code §§ 10-5-5 and 10-6-5.

I also understand and agree that if I am dis-enrolled as a result of false statements, misrepresentation, forged documents, or other fraudulent action for which I am responsible or by intentional or knowing misrepresentation or omission of facts, the Tribe shall have the right to recover all benefits associated with enrollment paid or otherwise provided to me while enrolled, including for health care, general welfare or other payments, and other governmental services, pursuant to Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Code § 10-6-9. I irrevocably consent to the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska for any such action. The receipt of such benefits as a result of fraudulent or false enrollment may also constitute theft from an Indian tribe and subject to federal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1163.

Date Signed	Applicant
	OR
	Signature of Custodial Parent/Guardian/Sponsor

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HELP US UPDATE OUR MEMBER INFORMATION!

Hello Members,

The Enrollment Department is doing their best to keep our members information current and up to date but we can't do it without your help. If you've moved or need to report a death please contact us to let us know.

Below is a list of members that are inactive. This means that we do not have a current address for them on file or maybe a death was never reported or documents were never received. If you see the name of someone you know who has moved please contact them and tell them to update their information with us. If there is the name of someone you know who has passed please contact us. We need a death certificate or document on file in order to change their status.

You may contact the Enrollment Department at enrollment@poncatribe-ne.org, or contact the Niobrara or Lincoln offices.

We appreciate your help!

INACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF 3/1/2024

Anthony, Jr., Steven Scott Bagent, Wayne Orval Baggett, Donovon Joseph Baker-Ferguson, Jared Riley Banuelos, Christa Rose Bear, Joshua Gilbert Beaver, Jason Chaska Becker, Jr., Anthony Arnold Becker, Klaudia Solee Becker, Sr., Anthony Arnold Becker, Tyller Randell Bell, Darian Patrick Bell, Shaune` Kay Birdhead, William Randolph Blowe, Dominick Adams Blowe, Isaiah Fredrick Blowe, Tyrone Richard Boettger, Dakota Birdhead Bonge, Todd Joseph Boone, Marcus Daniel Bover, Berlin N. Branstiter, Brett Theodore Brewer, Ralph Arthur Brownrigg, Steven Francis Burston, Sandra Lee Carson, Rita Ruth Carter, Amber Lynn Chwalowski, Kaitlin Martika Clark, Michael Carl Cooper, Brandy Delphine Cutshall, Katline James Da Moude, Deborah Kay Danielson, Daniel James Danner, III, Terry Edward Delquadri, Dale Chad Drapeaux, Juston Lee Eckley, Lane Emory Eckley, Leigha Irene Evans, Kaci Antonette Evans, Kareem Antwon Ewoldt, Jackson Thomas Fasthorse, Beverlee Ann Fink, Alissa Rose Fitzgerald, Jacob Steven Flagg, III., George Albert Flowers, Diamonds Ann

Flowers, Joseph Foley, Michael Joseph Freeman, Xavier Lee Garcia, Cia Christine Glenn, John Allen Glisan, Cynthia Lynn Gortarez, Gina Marie Gortarez, Rudy John Goss, Mamie L. Govia, Isaiah Lee Govia, Mc Kenzie Jo Grant, III., Jesse Clarence Green, Brooklyn Marie Grubbs, Donald Leon Williams Gutierrez, Vincent Clarence Haahr, Anneliese Teresa Haak, Mikayla Patricia Hallowell Jr., Timothy Eugene Hamilton, Bobbi-Jo Danielle Hampshire, Austin Taylor Hart-La Londe, Kaedyn Mikael Hendren, Baylea Mae Hennek, Gail Howe Henritze, Joseph Dale Henritze, Karen June Henritze, Nichole Rae Hill, Mary Jane Hocking-Gosnell, Zalla C. Hope, Dorothea Jo Ann Horine, Ashley Danielle Howe, Richard H. Howe, Vernon Roy Humphreys, Belinda Kay Jeppesen, Zachary Lee Johnson, Daniel James Johnson, Lukus Tyler Johnson, Nicholas Adair Kelso, James Alan Kerrigan, Kathleen Ann King, Gavin Michael Knudsen, Anthony James Krueger, Annette Marie Kyles, Jarred Joseph La Pointe, Alejandro Jauquine Latimer, LaRohn Lewis Le Roy Jr, Uriah David

Le Roy, Gisele Marie Lerew Jr, Zachariah Ray Lieb, Donovan Joseph Lieb, Sylas Vittorio Little, Jeromy Todd Livermore, Lakin Mardell Lopez, Jr., Juan Francisco Maben, Jessica Paige Mann II, Steven Michael Mann, Sydney Desiree` Mategko, Janet Louise Mategko, Lisa Louise McAtee, Laiya Nicole McGrath, Bryan Thomas McGrath, Daniel Patrick Mercier, Jade Sharice Mikkelson, Jessica Jean Morris, Eddie Atkins White Star Mullen, Owen Dean Muscutt, Elias Gordon O'Meara, Joseph Christopher Peck, Brandalynn Peck, Tyler Duane Petersen, Kevin Lee Peterson, Ashley Marie Phillips, Noah Trench Picotte - Felde, Diamond Rose Pierce, Raychel Marie Pilcher Jones, Josi Marie Poafpybitty, Misty Brook Polly, Rachael Anne Prichard, Joseph John Prunty, Austin Joe Quintana Jr, Arthur Jose Raymond, Joseph Allen Remmenga, Daniel James Richards, Robert Brandon Roberts, Marquitta Ruby Rulo, Byron Russell, Kristina Anne Rydstrom, Jeric LeDrew Rydstrom,

Nevaeh Renee-Irene Sainz, Tritia Jeanene Sarton, Gwendolyn Lee Schmidt, Jr., Karl Michael Scuderi, Jana Marie Scurlocke,

Athena Larissa Lucille Sherman, Cody Lee Sherman, Harold Dewayne Sherman, John Glenn Sherman, Michael Ray Sherman, Mitchell Everett Sherman, Robert Le Roy Sherman, Savannah Shiltz, Shirley Ann Simpkins, Sebastian Ray Smith, Ashley Nicole Standsblack, Marko Tulio Stastny, Rachel Colleen Steadman, Brittany Jean Ann Stegman, Mi'a Miwasa Nevaeh Stivers, Andrew Jonathan Stuczynski, Drake Keegan Sutter, Summer Lynn Swinarski, Alicia Estrada Taylor, Ka`ili Brianna Thomas, II,

Scott Richard Herbert Thomas, Jenny Anne Thomas, Natana Lynn Thomas, Robin Diane Todd, Melody Louise Treichler, Jasmine Dawn Vaughan, Linda Lou Veals, Clifford James Velder, Tristen Leo Spencer Voss, Michael Roy Waters, Deon Koleen Wayte, April May Whiting, Jerica Ryan Taylor Williams, Andrea Michelle Williams, Summer Rose Wintermantel,

Samuel Max Kawakami Wooten, Kendra Jade Wright, Cruz Montgomery York, Gregory Allen Young, Ma Kenna Kay

Member's Corner March 2024

Interested in working with the Ponca buffalo?

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR PONCA YOUTH AGES 18-27!

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska has formed a partnership with The Nature Conservancy to give Ponca youth the rare opportunity to gain hands on experience working with buffalo by visiting a variety of different buffalo ranches and tribal herds. There is a potential for the experience gained from this program to provide a career path towards working full time with the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Buffalo herd. For more information, please contact Courtney Chavez at 402.500.9979 or cchavez@poncatribe-ne.gov.





tribal mailings (gift cards, checks, etc.)?
Please reach out to your District
Representatives!

District 1

JoAn Schlotman 712.276.7103

Angie Starkel 402.922.0436

District 2

Becci Sullivan 531.222.4471

Falon McAlpin 402.208.0297 District 3

Susie Baker 925.788.0649

Shanna Carpenter 402.805.0883

District 4

Alex Taylor 402.750.2045

Kyle Taylor 402.750.4299



MEMBER NEEDED

PONCA TAX COMMISSION

Under the Authority of the Constitution of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska a body to be known as the "Ponca Tax Commission" was created. This public agency of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is subordinate to the Tribal Council, and will possess all the powers, duties, rights and functions as defined in the Law & Order Code to carry out the administration and enforcement of all Tribal tax laws.

There is a position to expire on 4/24/24. Therefore, Tribal Council is accepting letters of interest and resume's.

To be qualified to be appointed a Tax Commissioner a person shall: 1) Be an enrolled member of the Tribe; 2) Be at least the age of majority; 3) Have no conflicts of interest, as defined in the Taxation Code; 4) Be willing and able to comply with the ethical duties of Commissioners, as defined in the Taxation Code; 5) Be willing and able to perform the Commission's duties in compliance with the laws of the Tribe; 6) Have or acquire knowledge of the Tax Code, unless the Tribal Council waives such qualifications for the appointee; 7) Have the time available to actively fulfill the duties of a Commissioner; and 8) Be willing to receive orientation and training regarding the duties of the Commission.

Commissioners are paid a \$250.00 stipend per meeting plus mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles roundtrip. A letter of interest and resume to apply for the position of Ponca Tax Commission must be forwarded to Ponca Tribal Council, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, Nebraska or crepenning@poncatribe-ne.gov. Deadline for applications is April 1, 2024.

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WORD SEARCH

by Steve Laravie, Sr., Language Program Coordinator



MĄČU - Grizzly Bear

MÍKASI - Coyote

JGÐÁGA - Cougar

T'EŽÍGA - Bison Calf

T'ENÚGA - Male Bison

SÁ'T'ÀGA - Wolf

ŠÁGE - Horse

T'É - Bison

T'ÁXT'I - Deer

HÈ'XÁGÀ - Elk, Rough Horn

ŠÁNDUDA - Dog

ÁPÀ Elk

ŠĄZĮGA Puppy

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Interested in Ponca Language classes?

A playlist of previous language classes can be found on the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska YouTube channel. For more information. please contact Ricky Wright, Culture Director, at rwrightir@poncatribe-ne.org, or 402.371.8834, ext. 120.

PONCA ORTHOGRAPHY

ACCENT MARKS:

The **acute** [á] accent indicates primary stress on a syllable, while the grave [a] accent indicates secondary stress.

BASIC VOWELS:

A/a / \ddot{a} / as in the a in "father" E/e $/\bar{a}/$ as in the a in "ate" I/i /ē/ as in the e in "me" /\/ as in the *i* in "tip" 1 **O/o** $/\bar{o}/$ as in the o in "go"

/ə/ schwa as in the initial and final sounds in "America"

NASALIZED VOWELS:

U/u / \ddot{u} / as in the *u* in "flu"

Nasalized vowels are indicated by the diacritic ogonek [,]. The nasalized vowels in Ponca are pronounced in the same way as their counterparts above except that the air passes through both the mouth and the nose.

SPECIAL CONSONANT SOUNDS:

Š/š /sh/ as in the sh in "show" Ž/ž /zh/ as in the s in "leisure" /ch/ as in the ch in church Č/č Ð/đ /th/ as in the th in "them"

X/x /x/ as in the ch of German "Bach"

APOSTROPHES:

The **apostrophe** (') indicates a glottalized release (or "ejective") when it follows the consonants p, t, or k (and sometimes x). Following all other letters, the apostrophe indicates a glottal stop, which is a brief closure of the vocal cords, as in the English expression uh-oh.

Heđúška Teaching

Wanáp'ažiga - Overcoming fearfulness Wažíska k'iđagà - Making your mind clear

Mažáke ígip'ahaga - Being knowledgeable

These teachings start as a young boy, and continue into manhood!





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LINCOLN 68512

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2756 O Street

Ph: (402) 434-2127 Fax: (402) 434-2128

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Gym Building

1800 Syracuse Ave. Ph: (402) 371-8834 Fax: (402) 379-0988

Ponca Hills Clinic

Ph: (402) 371-8780 (402) 371-5726

Fax: (402) 379-4291 - Pharmacy (402) 379-4293 - Registration (402) 371-4094 - Medical Lab

Ponca Express

Ph: 877-769-3111

Northern Ponca Housing Authority

1501 Michigan Ave. Ph: (402) 379-8224 (800) 367-2320 Fax: (402) 379-8557

Purchased/Referred Care

Ph: (800) 405-0365 Fax: (402) 371-0176

OMAHA 68107

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2602 "J" Street Ph: (402) 733-3612 Fax: (402) 733-3487

Administration

5805 South 86th Circle, 68127 Ph: (402) 315-2760

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125 6th Street Ph: (712) 258-0500 Fax: (402)939-0297

OTHER RESOURCES

Child Abuse Hotline

800-652-1999 (Nebraska) 800-362-2178 (Iowa) 877-244-0864 (South Dakota)

National Child Abuse Hotline

800-422-4453

National Suicide Hotline

800-273-8255

Domestic Violence Hotline

800-799-7233

National Human Trafficking Hotline

888-373-7888

National Problem Gambling Helpline

800-522-4700

Elder Abuse Hotline

800-252-8966

Boys Town Crisis Line

800-448-3000

Drug Treatment & Referral Hotline

877-726-4727

Nebraska Family Helpline

888-866-8660

Veterans Crisis Line

800-273-8255

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