



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News

Science and Family Fun!

Ponca families explore
hands-on science at
Kiewit Luminarium



April 2024

30th Annual Ponca Tribe of Nebraska POWWOW 4-DAY POWWOW! August 8-11, 2024

Grand Entries: Thurs- 7 pm

Fri & Sat - 1 pm & 7 pm | Sun - 1 pm

Meals provided 1 hour before each Grand Entry

All Dancers and Spectators Welcome.

Head Man

Čaní Mázè Jgđá 'Hút'a
Charlie Iron Thunder

Head Woman

Talia Jennings

Head Boy

Trayton Henrickson

Head Girl

Destiny Rich

Arena Director

Stan Smith, Jr.

MC

Eagle Rhodd

Head Drum

Drowning Creek

Invited Drums

Maza Kute

Hilltop

Standing Eagle

Omaha White Tail

White Eagle Park

Bad Moon Rising

Senior Princess

Stevie Horse

Junior Princess

Talilah Zephier

Little Miss

Alizay Ironheart

Hand Game

August 8 | 10 am

Cornhole Tournament

August 10 | 10 am

Team Dance

Contest

Diabetes Fun Run

August 9 | 5 pm

Horseshoe Tournament

August 11 | 10 am

Archery Range

Security and First Aid Provided. Restrooms, Running Water, and Limited Camping on Site.

Elders receive priority parking, additional parking provided near grounds, with shuttle.

PTN POWWOW GROUNDS DIRECTIONS:

One mile West of Niobrara on Highway 12. Turn left at the Ponca Sign, located across from the Niobrara State Park. Follow the pavement to the Powwow Grounds.

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For the most up-to-date information, follow us on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/PTNPowwow,
call: 402.857.3519 or
email: rwrightjr@poncatribene.gov.



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On the cover: Ponca youth get a hands-on experience with science and nature at the Kiewit Luminarium Ponca Family Fun Day. More photos of the event can be found on page 3.

Chairwoman's Corner

Prairie Flower, the daughter of Ponca Chief Standing Bear, holds a significant place in the hearts and memories of the Ponca people. Her life story is intertwined with the struggles and resilience of our tribe, particularly during the turbulent period of forced removal from our ancestral lands. As the Ponca Tribe journeyed south through Seward County, following the course of the Big Blue River, tragedy struck. On June 5, Prairie Flower passed away, leaving a profound void in the hearts of her family and the entire tribe.

Located just half a mile north of Milford, Nebraska, her final resting place serves as a solemn reminder of the trials and tribulations endured by the Northern Ponca people during the forced removal from our homeland.

Though Prairie Flower's life was tragically cut short, her legacy endures as a beacon of hope and resilience for the Ponca people. Her unwavering spirit serves as a reminder of the strength and determination that have sustained our tribe throughout generations of hardship and adversity. As we honor Prairie Flower's memory and the memory of all those who suffered



and sacrificed during the Ponca Trail of Tears, we reaffirm our commitment to preserving our heritage, upholding our sovereignty, and ensuring that the stories of our ancestors are never forgotten.

Greetings relatives. I wanted to start my update by sharing the story of the namesake of Prairie Flower Casino. To know where you're going, you must know where you've been. Prairie Flower is not just another name on the wall. She was a beautiful young Ponca woman that left for the spirit world like many of our other relatives way too soon. This is not just another casino. It represents what is ahead for the Ponca people.

On February 23, 2024, a topping off ceremony was held with our team members to place the last beam for the Phase II construction of our

Prairie Flower Casino. We keep persevering and building, not just for our generation, but for the next seven generations.

This is for them, our future. I wanted to give a special thanks to two Ponca members that provided so much help putting this ceremony together very quickly and making it a special day... they are Calista Foster and Richard (Ricky) Wright Jr. Calista was hired on by Woodstone (the construction team) and Ricky serves as our Cultural Director. Woodstone has done a great job in helping us

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to hire our own to be a part of this project. We thank them for that and keep all of our team members in our constant prayers.

For the next part of this article, I wanted to introduce another concept that I am rolling out. While I enjoy writing each of you every other month and providing these updates, I want to also share with you the stories of other Ponca relatives that are deserving of attention. Over the course of this journey, I have met so many of you by way of in-person meetings, phone calls, messages, emails, letters, etc. that I want to start sharing your stories with more of our relatives. A member "spotlight" if you will. This is where I need your help. If you would like to be featured in the newsletter or would like to nominate someone to be featured, please send me a picture along with a brief story of the individual. This can include success stories (challenges you've/ they've overcome) of our living relatives (all ages) or any relative that has a story worth telling that has passed on. All you need to do is send an email with that information

to memberspotlight@poncatribene.gov. If you have any questions about this feel free to send an email to the address above or call/text me (402) 860-1497. We have so many Ponca members out there doing great things and those that have done great things that we should be telling more of those stories. It

is impactful for our youth to hear these stories, but also helps all of us to remember who we are and help reconnect us.

WiBthaHa (Thank you),
All my relatives.
~Chairwoman Candace Schmidt

Captain James A. Christiansen USMC



James served as an Officer from 1979 - 1990. Throughout his service he flew jets and planes and on occasion jumped from them. He held authority positions in platoons, companies, and regiments. James called in naval gunfire and defended against threats on the ground. James was stationed on the East and West Coast along with touring South

Korea, Okinawa, Saipan, Tinian, and the Philippines. At his graduation from San Jose St, James' officer bars were pinned on by his mother and father. The USMC have a saying, "Once a Marine Always a Marine." Today, he is keeping the motto of "Semper Fi/Always Faithful" by serving Vets, our Country, and the Constitution.

Thank you James for your service and thank you for allowing me to share your story.



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
- Dates served
- Details or a story from that service
- Wars served
- 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@poncatribene.gov) or via mail:

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

Ponca families have fun with science at Kiewit Luminarium

On Sunday, February 25th, many of our Ponca families enjoyed a Family Fun Day at the new Kiewit Luminarium in Omaha, NE. The KL is a science museum where everyone is encouraged to explore astonishing phenomena that shape our world, our communities, and ourselves. It is an all-ages playground where learning science is a fun adventure!

Our Ponca families were able to enjoy a room for

boxed lunches and a free annual family pass to the museum. Special thanks to Jessica Hitchcock for capturing some special moments and a (huge) group picture, Candy

Schott for assisting and keeping things moving along, and Maci and Ben Schott for getting all of our Ponca families checked in. We had over 200 Ponca members and

their immediate families in attendance. And, by the looks of it, everyone enjoyed their time with friends and family.



WAĆIGAXÈ
by Steve Laravie, Sr., Language Program Coordinator

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HĮXPÈ - Eagle Plume

HĮBE - Moccasins

GANÍ - Eagle Fan

TAHÍWAGĐÁ
- Head Roach

WAĄGÁXE
- Song Composer

WAĮ - Blanket

HÁUTÀ - Leggings

WABÁTÈ - Sewing

WÁKU - Awl, Sharp,
Pointed Tools

XÚKA - Drum and Sing

WÁKUŽĮGA - Needle

WAHÁ - Thread, String,
Cord

HĮSKA - Bead

ÚWĮ - Earrings

KÚGE - Drum

KÀXEMIGĐA
- Pąka Crow Belt

TABÉGASÌ - Shinny Game

WAĆIGAXÈ - Dance,
General Term

WAĄ - Song

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**Watch for this month's
words on the Ponca
Tribe of Nebraska
TikTok channel!**

PONCA ORTHOGRAPHY

ACCENT MARKS:

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

BASIC VOWELS:

- A/a** /ä/ as in the a in "father"
- E/e** /ē/ as in the e in "ate"
- I/i** /ē/ as in the e in "me"
- Į** /j/ as in the i in "tip"
- O/o** /ō/ as in the o in "go"
- U/u** /ü/ as in the u in "flu"
- ə** /ə/ schwa as in the initial and final sounds in "America"

NASALIZED VOWELS:

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"
- Č/č** /ch/ as in the ch in church
- Đ/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*.

P'ą'k'a Heđúška Virtues

Ákinažį - To depend on one another

Ųkiką - To help one another

Įye ákinąiga - Listen to one another

Šįgažįgà ama úwagikiągà - Speak to your children

Meet Your Language Instructors: Britnie O'Keefe

Q: Please Introduce yourself in Ponca

Ižáže witáke Biąni. My name is Britnie, my Ponca name is Šatága ska wí' which is White Wolf Woman.

Q: What are you passionate about?

I love reading, I've always loved reading, ever since I was a little kid. Learning the language, I'm very passionate about it. I wanna learn as much as I can and I want to be as fluent speaking as I can be.

Q: What family do you come from, your ancestor, clan, and do you have a traditional given name?

Well my traditional given name is White Wolf Woman. I am a Wright, I am a decedent from Chief



Little Bear, and I believe Spilling Moon.

Q: What do you wish to achieve out of the Language Program?

I wish to be able to reach as many people as possible and teach them the language and I have high hopes that people will want to learn it and it won't be a struggle or lost or forgotten.

Q: Where are you from?

I am born and raised from Norfolk, Nebraska.

Q: Do you have any nicknames?

A lot of my family call me Brat or Brit.

Q: What's your favorite movie and/or book?

Oh that's a tough one, I love reading, I would say my favorite books would be the Harry Potter series or the City of Glass series.

Q: What's your favorite memory?

My favorite memory

would be probably going over to my Grandma Jeanie's and sitting and visiting with her and having coffee every Sunday.

Q: Anything else you'd like to add about yourself or the Language Program?

I'm really excited about this Language Program, and I hope that a lot of our people can be as excited as I am. It's, it's really a big opportunity for all of us to learn and to get back some of our culture and language, so I'm just really excited about it.

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

VISIT THE WEBSITE BELOW FOR

INFO REGARDING DISCOUNTS ON YOUR INTERNET!

WWW.FCC.GOV/ACP

\$30-75 per month towards internet service for eligible households

Elder's Stories Wanted!

Are you interested in sharing Ponca culture and knowledge with others? The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Culture Department is seeking Ponca Elders interested in recording Ponca stories and history that will be incorporated into the Education Trail at the community grounds.

If you are interested in sharing or recording stories and historical information, Elders are encouraged to reach out to Kitrina Key at kitrinak@poncatribene.gov or 402.857.3519.



District 3 SDA

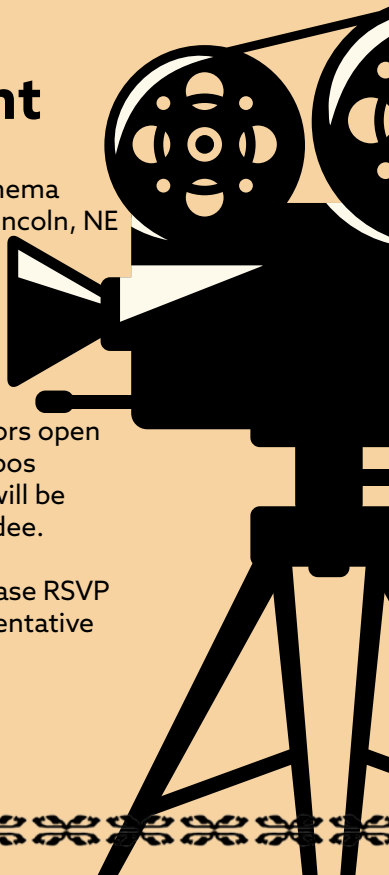
District 3 Movie Night

April 20 | 11 am

Marcus South Pointe Cinema
2920 Pine Lake Road | Lincoln, NE

District 3 SDA Ponca tribal members and their immediate family members are invited to a morning showing of Kung Fu Panda 4! Doors open at 10:30 am. Small combos of popcorn and a drink will be provided for each attendee.

Seating is limited so please RSVP to Tribal Council Representative Shanna Carpenter at 402.805.0883.



Family Movie Outings

Hosted by District 2 Tribal Council

Doors open - 9:30 am | Movie - 10:00 am

Majestic Theater | 14304 West Maple Road | Omaha, NE

Sunday, June 23 - Inside Out 2

Sunday, July 14 - Mufasa

District 2 SDA Ponca tribal members and their immediate family members are invited to an morning showings of upcoming popular movies! Small combos of popcorn and a drink will be provided for each attendee. First come, first served. Everyone must check in at the PTN table upon arrival.



For more information, please contact Becci at 531.222.4471 or Falon at 402.208.0297.

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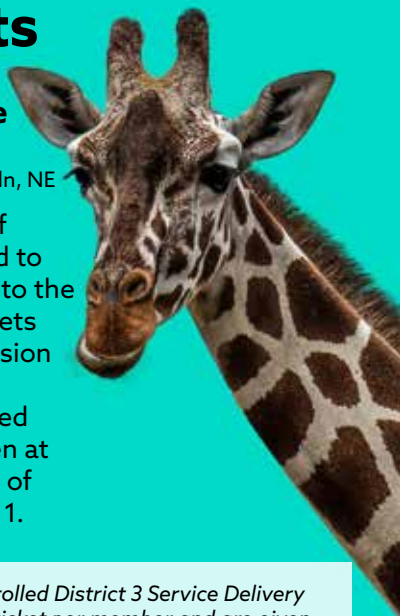
District 3 SDA

Henry Doorly Zoo Tickets

**Lincoln Ponca Tribe
of Nebraska**

1600 Windhoek Drive | Lincoln, NE

District 3 Ponca Tribe of NE members are invited to tickets for FREE access to the Henry Doorly Zoo! Tickets are good for one admission throughout the 2024 season and can be picked up from Dezaræ Hansen at the Lincoln Ponca Tribe of Nebraska starting April 1.



Tickets are for actively enrolled District 3 Service Delivery Area PTN members. One ticket per member and are given on a first-come, first-served basis. Lost tickets will not be replaced. You may only pick up tickets for members of your household unless prior authorization has been given.



District 2 SDA

Henry Doorly Zoo Tickets

**Ralston Administration
Building**

5805 South 86th Cir. | Omaha, NE

District 2 Ponca Tribe of NE members are invited to tickets for FREE access to the Henry Doorly Zoo! Tickets are good for one admission throughout the 2024 season and can be picked up from Candy Schott at the Ralston Administrative Office starting April 1.



Tickets are for actively enrolled District 2 Service Delivery Area PTN members. One ticket per member and are given on a first-come, first-served basis. Lost tickets will not be replaced. You may only pick up tickets for members of your household unless prior authorization has been given.



Ponca Heights construction progressing quickly

Ponca Heights construction is progressing with the community building and quad-plex framing and windows complete. Storm shelters for each unit are finished, and the duplex foundations are being poured. Ponca Heights is a new construction housing

development in Omaha, NE, designed specifically for our tribal elders and disabled individuals. The community building will be utilized for gatherings, classes, meetings, clinics and other services provided to our residents and tribal members. The project is expected to be complete December 2024.



Member Mailing Questions

Have questions about 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 Shanna Carpenter 402.805.0883 District 4 Alex Taylor 402.750.2045 Kyle Taylor 402.750.4299
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Blessing Bags for Our Unsheltered Relatives

Tribal Council has provided Blessing Bags for our unsheltered members, available at all Ponca Tribe of Nebraska administrative offices. All bags include health & beauty items and food & snack items. If you are in need, please ask for one at the front desk. Blessing Bags are available to Ponca members on a first-come, first-served basis.

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No problem. Period.

EXTENDED AGES!

**NOW MEMBERS
AGES 9-27
CAN ORDER!**

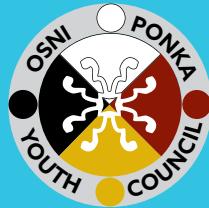
All female Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members **ages 9-27** are invited to participate in the Osni Ponka Youth Council No Problem. Period. Project.

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.



Regalia Classes

Sundays | 1-5 pm

January 20-July 6

(no class March 30 due to holidays)

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
1701 E Street | Lincoln, NE

Learn to create your own regalia,
and enjoy time spent working
together on regalia projects!
Classes are open to all ages.

For more information, contact:
Christy Conrad at
christy.smith2@gmail.com
or call 402.975.5648.

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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



Circle of Health hosts presentation on Youth Suicide Prevention

For our Circle of Health Learning Series, Ponca Health Services Behavioral Health, in conjunction with the Indian Center, hosted a community discussion and presentation on Suicide Prevention in American Indian Youth by Sally Tonkin, PTN Integrated Health Case Manager, and Michele Meusch, Licensed Child & Adolescent Therapist. Look for more Circle of Health events in the Lincoln community through the coming months!





Annual Healthy Living Walk/Run & Powwow

April 27, 2024

10:00 am: 2 Mile Prayer Walk and Run
Skyview Lake | 1900 West Maple Ave | Norfolk, NE
Registration starts at 9:30 am. **Prizes in all age categories, and FREE RAFFLE DRAWINGS for all walk/run participants!**

11:30 am-12:30 pm: Lunch (Ponca Tribal Gym)
Ponca Tribe Gym | 1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE
Lunch will be provided to all walk/run participants and powwow attendees.

1:00 pm-5:00 pm: Powwow
Ponca Tribe Gym | 1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE
Ponca Tribe Domestic Violence Program will host a Red Dress Dance with prizes/honorariums for first, second, and third places.

This event is a time to honor each other. All PTN service sites are included and encouraged to attend.

For more information, please contact the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska office in your area, or Crystal Mundorf at 402.371.8834





What ID can I use to vote?

ID must have your **name** and **photo**. It can be expired. Acceptable forms of photo IDs include:

- Nebraska driver's license/state ID
- U.S. passport, military ID, tribal ID
- Hospital, assisted-living facility or nursing home record
- Nebraska political subdivision ID (state, county, city, school, etc.)
- Nebraska college or university ID

What will **NOT** be accepted?

- Birth certificate
- Medicare/Medicaid card
- Out-of-state driver's license
- Out-of-state college ID
- Social Security card
- Store membership card
- Utility bill/bank statement
- Voter registration acknowledgement card

When does voter ID take effect?

The first Nebraska election requiring voter ID will be the statewide primary in 2024:

May 14, 2024

All elections in Nebraska after that will require voter ID.

In 2022, Nebraska voters approved a constitutional amendment requiring voter ID. In June 2023, the governor signed into law LB514, the bill putting voter ID into effect.



What if I forget my ID?

You will fill out a provisional ballot. For your ballot to count, you will need to present an acceptable form of photo ID to your county election office **on or before the Tuesday after the election.**

NEBRASKA'S NEW VOTER ID LAW



Contact Nebraska SOS

for more information on voter ID.

VoterID.Nebraska.gov
sos.elect@nebraska.gov
(402) 471-2555



Contact Nebraska DMV

for more information on a free state ID for voting purposes.

dmv.ne.gov



Contact Nebraska DHHS

for more information on a free certified copy of your Nebraska birth certificate to get a free state ID for voting purposes.

dhhs.ne.gov



Nebraska Secretary of State

Revised February 2024

How do I vote with voter ID?



IN PERSON

Present an acceptable form of photo ID or vote provisionally.



EARLY IN OFFICE

Present an acceptable form of photo ID or vote provisionally.



EARLY BY MAIL

Write driver's license/state ID number on **early voting application** or enclose a copy of acceptable form of photo ID or reasonable impediment certification with application.



BY-MAIL PRECINCTS OR BY-MAIL SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Write driver's license/state ID number on **ballot return envelope** or enclose a copy of acceptable form of photo ID or reasonable impediment certification in ballot return envelope.

What if I can't afford an ID?

You can get a **free state ID** for voting from the DMV. If you were born in Nebraska and need your birth certificate to get a free state ID, you can get a **free certified copy of your birth certificate** from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. A birth certificate is not an acceptable form of photo ID.

What if I can't get an ID?

If you have a reasonable impediment, you can complete a certification instead of presenting a photo ID. Reasonable impediments are:

- Inability to obtain a valid ID due to:
 - Disability or illness
 - Lack of birth certificate or other required documents
- Religious objection to being photographed

Contact your county election office or the Secretary of State's Office for more information.

Earth Day Event

April 27 | 1-5 pm

Ponca Tribe Gymnasium
1800 Syracuse Ave. | Norfolk, NE

Everyone is invited to celebrate Earth Day by helping design and paint new trash cans for the Powwow grounds! Join us at the Diabetes Walk/Run and Powwow, where we'll have painting stations set up for you to express your creativity and contribute to the updated look of the Powwow grounds for this year's 30th Annual Powwow.

For more information, please contact Misha Mazurkewycz, Environmental Manager, at misham@poncatrib-ne.gov.



Regalia Classes

Sundays | 12 pm - 4 pm

Classes begin February 25
(no class March 31 due to holidays)

Fred Leroy Health & Wellness Center
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
2602 J St. | Omaha NE 68107

Learn to create your own regalia and enjoy time spent working together on regalia projects. All supplies will be provided and classes are open to all ages.

The instructor is Marissa Wright.
Contact her at 402.841.1728
or marissajanewright@gmail.com
for more information.

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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, scan the QR code or 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@poncatrib-ne.gov.



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month: Breaking the Silence

Ciara Hess

Elder Abuse Program
Coordinator

April is not just a month of blooming flowers and springtime renewal; it's also a time to shed light on a critical issue that affects individuals across the globe: sexual assault. As we observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), it's imperative to recognize the unique challenges faced by Indigenous communities.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) is a month of reflection, education, and action, aimed at raising awareness about sexual violence and advocating for its prevention.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month serves as a crucial platform for survivors, advocates, and allies to come together and amplify their voices. It's a reminder that sexual assault knows no boundaries, affecting individuals of all genders, ages, races, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Throughout April, communities across the globe engage in various activities and initiatives to address sexual violence. From educational workshops and panel discussions to fundraising events and

art exhibitions, there are countless opportunities to get involved and make a difference.

At the heart of SAAM is the recognition of survivors' resilience and courage. Their stories serve as powerful reminders of the importance of supporting survivors and dismantling the systems that perpetuate sexual violence.

This April, let us commit to breaking the silence surrounding sexual assault. Let us engage in meaningful conversations, challenge harmful attitudes and behaviors, and support survivors in their healing journey. Together, we can create a world where everyone feels safe, respected, and empowered. This April and beyond, let's stand united in the fight against sexual violence. Join us as we raise our voices, advocate for change, and work towards a future free from sexual assault.

There are numerous resources available to survivors of sexual assault. Along with contacting the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Domestic Violence Program, survivors may contact nationwide resources such as: NSVRC, RAINN, 1in6,

and the Office for Victims of Crime.

National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC): NSVRC provides a wide range of resources, including research, statistics, prevention strategies, and support for survivors. Their website offers information on various topics related to sexual violence and prevention efforts: <https://www.nsvrc.org/>

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN): RAINN is the largest anti-sexual violence organization in the United States. They operate the National Sexual Assault Hotline (800-656-HOPE) and provide online resources, information, and support for survivors and their

loved ones: <https://www.rainn.org/>

1in6: 1in6 is an organization dedicated to supporting male survivors of sexual abuse and assault. Their website offers resources, information, and online support groups for male survivors and their loved ones: <https://1in6.org/>

Office for Victims of Crime (OVC): OVC, part of the U.S. Department of Justice, provides resources and funding to support victims of crime, including sexual assault. Their website offers information on victim rights, assistance programs, and funding opportunities for service providers: <https://www.ovc.ojp.gov/>



Staff wear their purple to celebrate Women's Day!

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska staff in all locations showed off their best purple to celebrate International Women's Day, March 8, 2024! Watch for more Honoring Women events in our May 2024 newsletter!



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@poncatrib-ne.gov





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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@poncatribene.gov.



Tribal Home Visiting Now Enrolling!

The Tribal Home Visiting Program (THV) will begin assisting families prenatal to kindergarten who are enrolled in any federally recognized Tribe and living in the Lincoln and Lancaster County areas. This resource is completely free of charge.

Our certified THV Visitors conduct the visits where they will implement high quality, culturally relevant, evidence-based visits in our community that will ensure our families have access to knowledge and resources. Number of visits and length of service will vary by family, but each visit will be 90 minutes minimum.

For more information on this program, please contact our team:

Abbi Miranda-Carreto, 402.670.7976
amiranda-carreto@poncatribene.gov

Jessica Upton, 402.315.2760
jupton@poncatribene.gov



Important Notice: Families with Loved Ones in the Ponca Cemetery

In an effort to honor and memorialize our ancestors and loved ones who rest in unmarked graves in our Ponca 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.

If you have family members laid to rest in unmarked graves, please reach out to **Theresa Foley** at tfoley@poncatribene.gov.

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Stay prepared for tornadoes, day OR night

Emergency Management Program

Spring is officially here, with longer days, springtime showers, and increasing warmth. With the warmer temperatures and increased moisture in the air, comes an increased risk for severe thunderstorms and tornadoes. Severe thunderstorms and tornadoes can form quickly, with little warning, and quickly become damaging, or even life-threatening.

One of the greatest severe weather threats this time of year is from nighttime tornadoes. Over the last half-century, the proportion of nighttime tornadoes has increased. Overnight tornadoes are at least twice as likely to produce fatalities as daytime tornadoes. Tornadoes are more difficult to spot at night, and most people are asleep and may not receive tornado warnings, or be prepared to take action in the event of a tornado.

How **DO** you know if a tornado is coming at night?

1. You hear an undulating, roaring sound. “The ‘freight train’ sound is real!”



– Todd Schimelfenig, Safety & Risk Officer for the Ponca Tribe, citing a close encounter during the December 15, 2021 tornado outbreak in Nebraska.

2. You witness a strong wind shift. There may be a period of calm, followed by an abrupt shift in wind direction.

3. You spot bright green flashes. Funnel clouds are often spotted when backlit by lightning flashes. The green color comes from large hail in the cloud column. A severe thunderstorm capable of producing large hail includes an increased risk of tornadoes.

4. You spot a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud.

5. You see an advancing cloud of debris. One of the May 4, 2000,

Oklahoma tornadoes was spotted because it was pink, having just destroyed a greenhouse full of chrysanthemums.

6. You see falling debris. If you see falling debris, you’re probably already too close, and should take shelter immediately.

7. Tornado warnings have been issued by local media and weather radios.

As weather conditions can change quickly this time of year, stay tuned to local media or a NOAA weather radio for the latest watches and warnings. If conditions are right for severe storms overnight, a few simple steps can keep you ready to reach safety in the event of a nighttime tornado:

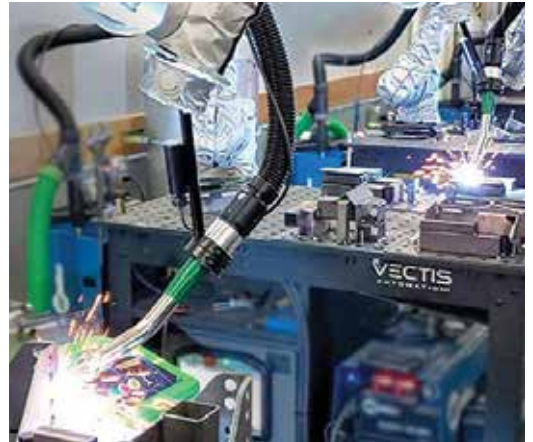
1. Have a safe place prepared to take shelter, and make sure that your entire household knows what to do in the event of a tornado. (This could be a basement room, or an interior room with no windows.)
2. Keep an NOAA weather radio, tuned to your local station, where at least one adult in the household will hear it.
3. Keep your cell phone turned on and charged, with Wireless Emergency Alerts enabled.
4. Keep a flashlight and a pair of sturdy shoes near to hand.
5. Have blankets available to protect yourself from broken glass and debris.

Being prepared for these severe weather events can help reduce your risk of injury or death from nighttime tornadoes. For more information on tornado safety, visit <https://www.weather.gov/safety/tornado>.

Robotics training available to Ponca members 18+

PEDCO is excited to announce a collaborative opportunity with the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (UNL) for up to four Ponca members 18+. UNL has received funding to train and certify individuals in robotics. Explore cutting edge advancements in collaborative robotics tailored for individuals at any experience level. Each certificate-granting program empowers those seeking to leverage robotics in the careers

of the future, mastering Universal Robots machines while acquiring hands on experience operating, troubleshooting, optimizing state-of-the-art automation tools. This could lead to a variety of work opportunities! Participants will need to be available June 4-7 for on-site training at the Innovation Campus in Lincoln, NE. Please reach out to lloucks@pedco-ne.org if you are interested in this FREE job training!



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@poncatribene.gov or pate@poncatribene.gov.



Class of 2024

Honoring our Graduating Seniors

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska would like to honor our 2024 Ponca graduates in a special section in our June 2024 newsletter.

Please complete the online form **no later than May 10th, 2024** to have your graduate included in this section. Submissions may be subject to minor edits for space and consistency.

To register online, scan the QR code, or visit https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/2024_graduates

Questions? Please email info@poncatribene.gov.





Did you know?

Our PTN Education programs are open to members nationwide!

- Need based funding in our Higher Education, Adult Vocational Training, and Graduate programs at the post-secondary level.
- K-12 Youth Incentive program
- GED Incentive Program and GED testing fee assistance

For more information on any of these programs, please contact the Education Department at 402.371.8834, via email at pate@poncatrib-ne.gov or aknudsen@poncatrib-ne.gov, or via mail:

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Department of Education
1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE 68701

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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 of 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@poncatrib-ne.gov. **Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs**

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



Head Cook & Cleaning Staff Needed for 30th Annual Powwow!

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is seeking letters of interest from Ponca members for Head Cook and cleaning staff for the 30th Annual Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Powwow, August 8-11.

Letters of intent MUST be submitted NO LATER THAN 11:59 pm, April 30th, 2024.

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members only. For more information, or to submit your letter of intent, email rwrightjr@poncatribene.gov.

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Member Registration for Website: In the fall of 2019, we moved our websites to a new host to improve functionality. If you previously had membership-level access to our website, please note that you will need to register for the site again.

Grow your business through government contracting!

Hello, my name is Justin Niceswanger and I'm the new Program Manager for the Ponca Economic Development Corporation (PEDCO) Native APEX Accelerator program. The PEDCO Native APEX Accelerator is a no-cost resource available to businesses owned by Ponca Tribe members (regardless of location), as well as any Native American and Tribal-owned businesses of ANY Tribe located in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa. We've provided expert guidance to several Native-owned businesses in matters related to government contracting.

Topics covered by our program include government registrations,



certifications, marketing strategies, finding opportunities, understanding bid documents, post-award issues, subcontracting/teaming, and more. We can discuss any level of government entity, including federal and state agencies, Tribal governments, counties, municipalities, and public educational institutions. A few examples of how we assist our clients:

- Pulling historical contract information about how your products and services are purchased by the federal government, which can help guide your marketing strategy;
- Keeping you informed about changing regulations, upcoming events, and training opportunities;
- Making a Bid Match service available to you at no cost, to help you identify government solicitations related to your industry.

To connect with us, visit <https://pedco.ecenterdirect.com/> or use the QR code, then click on the "Become a Client" option on the left side of

the screen, and fill out all required fields. Once our program receives your information, someone on our team will be reaching out to you to set up an initial meeting, so we can learn more about your business and determine how to best assist you in pursuit of government contracting/subcontracting opportunities. We look forward to supporting your business!

The PEDCO Native APEX Accelerator is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the Department of Defense.



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!

Enrollment Department announces changes to Tribal IDs

The Enrollment Department has updated the tribal ID's and moving forward they will be consistent across the board. Current photo and signature will be needed for adult cards, whereas the minor's cards do not require their signature. The new cards do not provide

social security numbers or blood quantum.

There will be an option for our veterans with these cards as well. Military branch seals will be available and can be added to these IDs. Military service papers will need to be provided to the Enrollment

Department to show proof of veteran status prior to receiving an ID with a military seal.

These ID cards are also in accordance with the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative requirements and may even exceed in some areas.

Please continue to use your current IDs until their expiration date as they are still good and have not expired.

If you have any questions you may contact the Enrollment Department at enrollment@poncatribene.gov or in the Niobrara or Lincoln offices.

Congratulations!

We feel very blessed and proud to announce that our grandson, Toby Knudsen, has been placed on the Dean's List at UNO's College of Information Science and Technology for 2 consecutive semesters. This is a recognition of academic excellence, with full-time students earning a GPA of 3.5 or better to be placed on the Dean's List.

Toby is the son of John and Starlene Knudsen, and grandson of Melvin and JoAnn Knudsen.



Elder's Committee Meetings

April 1 | 10 am

Ponca Headquarters
Niobrara, NE

May 6 | 10 am

Ponca Offices
Ralston, NE



ELDER'S COMMITTEE MEMBER NEEDED

Tribal Council will be appointing an additional member to this committee who shall reside outside Service District Area (including outside the area described in Article IV Section 8 of the Tribal Constitution). This will be a term to expire on 1/13/25.

The mission of this Committee is to advocate for improved comprehensive services and provide the leadership needed to meet the needs of our elders (55 and older) by planning and advocating for an aging population in a manner designated to protect and improve their quality of life while maintaining individual dignity.

Currently a stipend in the amount of \$250 is paid per meeting plus mileage reimbursement (not to exceed 410 miles at the govt. rate). The Elders Committee Charter is posted on the website (poncatribene.org) and in the office sites or you can request a copy be mailed to you. Background checks will be conducted. Deadline for applications is April 30, 2024.

Applicants must submit letter of interest and current resume to the Tribal Council, Attn: Candace Repenning, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or by e-mail crepenning@poncatribene.gov. A background check is required.

(Please sign your name in the area below with a BLACK felt tip marker)

I _____ I

TRIBAL MEMBERS
(please print)

NAME: _____ DOB: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

_____ PHONE: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING):

EMAIL: _____

VETERANS ONLY: MILITARY BRANCH: _____

*****Service papers must be submitted to the enrollment department if you are requesting a military seal.**

**FOR A PHOTO ID PLEASE SIGN AND FILL OUT THIS PAGE.
DON'T FORGET TO SEND (EMAIL) YOUR PICTURE AS WELL**

Photo ID Instructions

- 1. Signature**
Please completely fill in the information on the bottom of the signature page. With a **black** felt tip marker please sign your name in the middle of the top of the signature page. **(Please note that children do not require a signature for theirs.)**
- 2. Clear readable copies of the following must be submitted:**
a: State Driver's License, State ID Card or other valid Picture ID card
(It **must** have your picture and signature on it)

b: If you are **not** an enrolled member of the Ponca Tribe, but your child is, you must still submit a copy of your State Driver's License, State ID Card or other valid Picture ID and a copy of your child(s) Social Security Card and Tribal Enrollment Card for proof of enrollment.
- 3. Photo Options:**
You must submit a current photo without filters and a solid colored background. You can email it to - enrollment@poncatrib-ne.gov or you may mail documentation and current photo to:
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Enrollment Department, PO Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760-0288
*****Please note that we can/will NOT use a photo from your state ID or driver's license.**
- 4. Military Seals:**
Military branch seals are available for veterans. Military service papers must be submitted to the enrollment department to show proof of veteran status.

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 HOUSEHOLD:

PREVIOUS ADDRESS: (Street/P.O. Box, Apt #, City, State, Zip, County)

NEW ADDRESS: (Street/P.O. Box, Apt #, City, State, Zip, County)

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ALTERNATE/CELL NUMBER: _____

E-mail: _____

DATE NEW ADDRESS IN EFFECT: _____

To provide better services to Ponca tribal members, this information will be shared with all PTON Departments as needed. Any service may be suspended until this information is corrected and/or updated.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

DATE

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 are unsure.)

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.**

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

2523 Woodbine Street

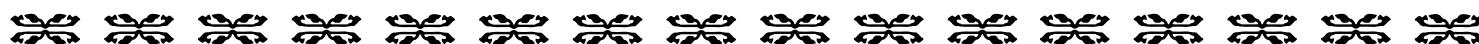
Niobrara, NE 68760

christinem@poncatrIBE-ne.gov

402-857-3391



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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@poncatribene.gov, or contact the Niobrara or Lincoln offices.

We appreciate your help!

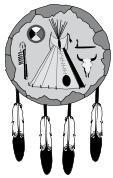
INACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF 4/1/2024

Alvarez, Marie Lynn
 Anthony, Jr., Steven Scott
 Bagent, Wayne Orval
 Baggett, Donovan 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, Tyllor 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
 Boyer, Berlin N.
 Branstiter, Brett Theodore
 Brown, J. Wesley
 Brownrigg, Steven Francis
 Buckley, X`zavia Shereese
 Burston, Sandra Lee
 Carson, Rita Ruth
 Carter, Amber Lynn
 Chwalowski, Kaitlin Martika
 Clark, Michael Carl
 Cutshall, Katline James
 Da Moude, Deborah Kay
 Danielson, Daniel James
 Danner, III, Terry Edward
 Davis, Mary Frances
 Delquadri, Dale Chad
 Drapeaux, Juston Lee
 Eckley, Lane Emory
 Eckley, Leigha Irene
 Evans, Kaci Antonette
 Evans, Kareem Antwon
 Ewoldt, Jackson Thomas
 Fasthorse, Beverlee Ann
 Fitzgerald, Jacob Steven
 Flagg, III, George Albert
 Flowers, Joseph

Foley, Michael Joseph
 Freeman, Xavier Lee
 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
 Gutierrez, Vincent Clarence
 Haahr, Anneliese Teresa
 Haak, Mikayla Patricia
 Haak, Tehya Joe
 Hallowell Jr., Timothy Eugene
 Hamilton, Bobbi-Jo Danielle
 Hampshire, Austin Taylor
 Harris, Paul Joseph
 Hart-La Londe, Kaedyn Mikael
 Hazelwood, Zachary Ben
 Hennek, Gail Howe
 Henritze, Joseph Dale
 Henritze, Karen June
 Henritze, Nichole Rae
 Hill, Mary Jane
 Hocking-Gosnell, Zalla C.
 Hogie, Jamie Lyn
 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
 Kallhoff, Russell Mark
 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, Gisele Marie

Lerew Jr, Zachariah Ray
 Lieb, Donovan Joseph
 Lieb, Syllas 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
 Mategko, Michael Steven
 Matthews, Jett Haden
 McAtee, Laiya Nicole
 McGrath, Bryan Thomas
 McGrath, Daniel Patrick
 Mercier, Jade Sharice
 Morris, Eddie Atkins White Star
 Mullen, Michael Thomas
 Mullen, Owen Dean
 Muscutt, Elias Gordon
 Muscutt, Jr., Gordon Dean
 O'Meara, Joseph Christopher
 Peck, Brandalynn
 Peck, Tyler Duane
 Pedroza, Jacob Roberto
 Petersen, Kevin Lee
 Peterson, Ashley Marie
 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, Jaye Anthony
 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
 Smith, Stephanie Rae
 Standsblack, Marko Tulio
 Stastny, Rachel Colleen
 Steadman, Brittany Jean Ann
 Stegman, Mi'a Miwasa Nevaeh
 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
 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, Cherita Alberta
 Wright, Cruz Montgomery
 Wright, Yesenia Carmen
 York, Gregory Allen
 Young, Ma Kenna Kay



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NIORRARA 68760

Headquarters

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Ph: (402) 857-3391
Fax: (402) 857-3736

Enrollment

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Ph: (402) 857-3391
Fax: (402) 857-3771

Cultural

P.O. Box 288
Ph: (402) 857-3519
Fax: (402) 857-3652

LINCOLN 68512

Administration

1600 Windhoek Dr.
Ph: (402) 438-9222
Fax: (402) 438-9226

Ponca Health Services-Lincoln

1600 Windhoek Dr
Ph: (531) 248-3030

Osni Ponca

2756 O Street
Ph: (402) 434-2127
Fax: (402) 434-2128

NORFOLK 68701

Administration Building

1800 Syracuse Ave.
Ph: (402) 371-8834
Fax: (402) 371-7564

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

Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Clinic

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

Administration

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

Dental

2602 "J" Street
Ph: (402) 733-1325
Fax: (402) 733-3487

Northern Ponca Housing Authority

10635 Birch., 68134
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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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