



# PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News

## For Healing and Health

Members walk, run, and  
dance to raise diabetes  
awareness at the Annual  
Healthy Living Walk/Run  
and Powwow



June 2024



# 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Mážè [gdá '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](https://www.facebook.com/PTNPowwow),  
call: 402.857.3519 or  
email: [rwrightjr@poncatr-tribe-ne.gov](mailto:rwrightjr@poncatr-tribe-ne.gov).



With the  
support of the  
Nebraska Arts  
Council.



On the cover: Dancers at the Annual Health Living Powwow dance for diabetes awareness, and to honor relatives who have passed from the disease. More photos of the Walk/Run and Powwow can be found on pages 8 and 9.

# Chairwoman's Corner

**"Be a Warrior of Light,  
Not a Victim of Fears."**

Greetings relatives,

I hope this message finds you safe and sound. We continue to find ourselves at the mercy of several severe weather events and as a result, another State of Emergency was declared on April 26, 2024. The Emergency Declaration was included in the previous newsletter along with contact information and a form to be completed by any members (nationwide) that were impacted. If you were impacted by the recent storms or know of someone that was, please reach out to the Tribe via your local office or Tribal Council representatives so that we can document all the immediate needs across Ponca nation and assist where we can. Please be sure to follow our official social media pages for the most up-to-date information. The Tribe is also now utilizing a text alert notification system as another means of communications to Tribal Members.

I wanted to take a moment to recognize all our fallen brothers and sisters. To us Native people a warrior's strength is measured by the size of the heart not of the fist.



*Tornado devastation from the April 26 tornadoes.*



*Tribal Health CEO Dr. Bae with Councilwoman Sullivan, Chairwoman Schmidt, and Vice Chair Starkel.*

We must never forget those that gave their lives for others. Let us not take that for granted and show our gratitude by loving one another while we are here living on Mother Earth.

Congratulations to all of our Ponca graduates. The Tribe is proud of each and every one of you and we look forward to your continued accomplishments. Our future is bright because of you.

Below are some additional events and highlights to share from the last couple of months. Please also take note of the next General Membership meeting that will take place in-person at our Lincoln office on June 22. Tribal Members are able to attend in-person with your Tribal Council or attend virtually. Details can be found within this newsletter, on the website, in the offices, and on all our social media channels. Take care and be well.

- Diabetes Healthy Living Walk/Run and Powwow
- Cemetery Clean-up
- Chief Standing Bear Day
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Awareness Day

- Community Advisors Meeting for Genoa Boarding School
- Meeting with the Federal Highway Administration
- Nebraska Intertribal Coalition Meeting
- Tribal Transportation Symposium
- Great Plains Tribal Health Board Meetings
- Great Plains Chairman's Association Meetings
- NAFOA Native American Financial Conference
- Call with U.S. FEMA Administrator Criswell
- Emergency Management Calls and State of Emergency Declaration
- State Chamber Dinner with Nebraska Governor Pillen
- Elder's Meetings
- Strategic Planning Meetings
- Weekly Tribal Council Meetings
- Executive Committee Meetings
- Tribal Council Health Subcommittee Meetings
- Joint-venture Meetings
- Bi-weekly Federal Calls
- PGE Meetings
- Diaper Distributions
- Hazard Mitigation Planning Meetings

**WiBthaHa (Thank you),**  
Chairwoman Candace Schmidt  
candaces@poncatribene.gov  
(402) 860-1497



Member Spotlight - Wanda Kay Knudsen

Wanda is a tribal elder living in Norfolk, NE with her husband Joe. She enjoys Twin Bing candy, which gave her the nickname "Wendy Bing" in high school. Wanda worked a wide range of jobs most of her adult life including a car hop, nurses aide, dispatcher, and a Security Supervisor. She is an active member attending several events when she is able. One of her favorite tribal events is the Healthy Living Walk/Run that is held in Norfolk every year at Skyview Lake. Wanda started to run long distances after turning 40 and has even qualified for the Boston Marathon. In total, she's completed 13 marathons! She currently serves on the Elder's Committee for the Ponca Tribe. A cherished memory of hers is growing up with extended family members, leading her to live a life of caring for others so deeply. In her spare time Wanda enjoys cooking and baking. Her family refers to her as a WANDAful mother and a friend to all! To be featured or to submit a member to be featured in the Member's Spotlight, please email [memberspotlight@poncatribene.gov](mailto:memberspotlight@poncatribene.gov).



GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING

June 22 | 10 am

Lincoln Community Room  
1600 Windhoek Drive | Lincoln, NE

Tribal members are invited to attend the first General Membership meeting of 2024. Tribal Council will be in person at the Lincoln office where lunch and refreshments will be provided. **Please RSVP by June 17** if you plan to attend in person or online. As a reminder, you **must** be logged in to the members side of the Ponca Tribe website in order to access the General Membership meeting online. Please make sure that you have a working log-in prior to the day of the meeting.

Questions submitted by **June 17** will be addressed first. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. To RSVP or to submit a question, please contact Candace Repenning at [crepenning@poncatribene.gov](mailto:crepenning@poncatribene.gov) or at 402.857.3391 Ext. 5009.

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# Designs in progress for The Chief Standing Bear Museum & Cultural Center

Design for The Chief Standing Bear Museum & Cultural Center is currently underway. The new building will incorporate Exhibit Space, Event Space, Recording Space, Art Storage, Restoration, Repatriation, Craft and Language Rooms, Heirloom Seed Storage, and a Cafe under one continuous circular Path. The museum design brings the landscape indoors with a healing garden at the heart of the building.

The museum, located on the Community grounds in Niobrara, will be accessible by two entrances, one to the south off of 890th Road leading to the main parking lot, an employee entrance and loading zone to the west. To the north, a new “River Walk” pathway connects to the existing Ponca Educational Trail and Earth Lodge. The Museum and trails are part of the larger Outdoor Education master plan for the site.



Artist's rendering of the Main Entry to the Museum



## Chief Standing Bear Museum & Cultural Center Community Feedback Survey

Please scan the QR code to provide us with feedback about the Site Plan and Museum Design Presentation.

***Thank you for your input!***



**ÚHAȚĭ - Kitchen**

by Steve Laravie, Sr., Language Program Coordinator

W A H Á B A W É B A X A P I W  
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MAKÁ SÁBE UĐÚHA -  
Coffee Pot

ÚXPE - Dish

TEHE - Spoon

MAKÁ SÁBE- Coffee

WÉBASADÀ - Spatula

MÁZE UNÉDE - Stove

NISKÍDE - Salt

NUXE UŽÍ - Refrigerator

WÉBAXAPI - Fork

ŽANÍ - Sugar

WIÚKIHA - Pepper

BAWÉGDĭ - Butter

WAHÁBA - Corn on Cob

MAZÉNI - Milk

WAMÚSKE - Bread

WÉTA - Egg

WAĐATÉ - Food

MÁHĭ - Knife

ÚHAȚĭ - Kitchen

*Answers on page 32***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 *a* in "ate"**I/i** /ē/ as in the *e* in "me"**ĭ** /ɪ/ 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*.

**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 [rwrightjr@poncatribes-ne.gov](mailto:rwrightjr@poncatribes-ne.gov), or 402.371.8834, ext. 120.



# Meet Your Language Instructors: Rafael Teboe

**Q: Introduce yourself however you're most comfortable.**

A: Aho! Ižáže witake Rafael Teboe, I come from the Buffalo clan on my mother's side and the Thunder clan on my father's side. My mother is Carlotta Wright, my father is Randy Teboe, my grandparents are Gwendolyn Birdhead and Theodore Wright on my mother's side, my dad's side Louis Teboe and Rachel Teboe.

**Q: Do you have a traditional given name?**

A: I do not have a traditional given name, no.

**Q: What are you passionate about?**

A: I'm passionate about art, I'm a painter, a drawer. I'm very passionate about things being kinda fair for everyone.

**Q: What do you wish to achieve out of the language program?**

A: That I get to a point where I'm able to teach other people to speak the language, not just children or older people within our own Tribe but outside of the Tribe as well. Hopefully that it will go to a point where we're doing that for our



communities and not just for our Tribe.

**Q: Where are you from?**

A: I'm originally from Sioux City, Iowa.

**Q: Do you have any nicknames?**

A: I don't have any nicknames, no.

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

A: My favorite movie is A Few Good Men and I guess growing up as a child my favorite book was James and the Giant Peach.

**Q: What's your favorite childhood memory?**

A: My favorite memory was, so growing up, my birthday is on April 9th, and when I was younger I remember my birthday always being right around Easter, so growing up we would get dressed up for

Easter and we would go to Omaha and we would go to the zoo for Easter, and that kind of thing was always a really good memory.

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

A: I think the Language Program is important for us as people, within our culture, it's not the only culture, but it's a part of the culture that's very important for us to gain back, and to spread that amongst ourselves and the communities I think is an excellent step for us.

## 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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## Culture Department participates in Outdoor Education Rendezvous

Niobrara State Park hosted their Annual Rendezvous on May 3. Culture Director, Ricky Wright Jr., Language Coordinator, Steve Laravie Sr., and Language Instructors, Britnie O'Keefe and Quincy Wright-Santiago, set up a tipi and had the opportunity to share information on the Ponca culture.

During this event, approximately 800 school children from the local area came to the park to explore nature, learn outdoor skills and experience historical ways of life.



Language instructors Quincy and Britnie explained the design of the tipi as well as the signifi-

cance of the signatures of those who participated in the 2019 Memorial Walk of the Ponca Trail

of Tears that decorate the tipi.

Quincy taught the children how to greet each other in the Ponca language. The greeting "Ahó'" is used by males, while "dat'ía" is used by females. The youth were excited to learn and repeat the greetings!

The event was part of an ongoing partnership between the Ponca Tribe Culture Department and the State Park to provide education to area youth about the history and culture of the Ponca Tribe.

### 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](mailto:tfoley@poncatribene.gov).

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### 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](mailto:kitrinak@poncatribene.gov) or 402.857.3519.





# Cemetery Cleanup provides opportunity for honoring ancestors

On Saturday, May 18, members of the community partnered with staff from the Ponca Tribe Culture Department for the annual Ponca Cemetery Cleanup in Niobrara, NE. This gathering allowed family and friends to share stories of their loved ones who have passed away.

During this event, participants came together to clean up grave sites by pulling weeds, mowing the grass and picking up trash. Various offerings were set on the graves such as socks, handkerchiefs, tobacco, and flags for Veterans,

and new flowers. These items served as gifts to the ancestors to show the love and honor bestowed upon them.

Following the cleanup, the Elders Committee provided a meal in the Community Building, cooked by Lisa LaPointe and Jackie Munoz. The meal included pulled pork sandwiches, salads, fry bread, and desserts. The Senior Ponca Princess and family helped serve the meal.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Ponca Cemetery Cleanup. We hope to see you again next year.



## 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](mailto:christy.smith2@gmail.com)  
or call 402.975.5648.

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## 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](mailto:marissajanewright@gmail.com)  
for more information.


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# Diabetes Walk/Run at Skyview again after icy weather last year

Sunshine yellow shirts were easily visible as runners and walkers rounded the final bend at Skyview Lake for the Diabetes Walk/Run Saturday, April 27. The annual Walk/Run was back at Skyview this year, after having been moved indoors last year due to cold and icy conditions.






## Member Mailing Questions



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

<b>District 1</b> JoAn Schlotman 712.276.7103  Angie Starkel 402.922.0436	<b>District 3</b> Shanna Carpenter 402.805.0883  <b>District 4</b> Alex Taylor 402.750.2045  Kyle Taylor 402.750.4299
<b>District 2</b> Becci Sullivan 531.222.4471  Falon McAlpin 402.208.0297	



## 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@poncatribes-ne.gov

**Jessica Upton**, 402.315.2760  
jupton@poncatribes-ne.gov







# Healthy Living Powwow creates awareness

The Healthy Living Powwow was held at the Ponca Tribe gymnasium in Norfolk on Saturday, April 27, 2024. This annual event is sponsored by the Diabetes Program, and creates awareness of diabetes and the impact of the disease on indigenous people, while honoring members who have passed from the disease. This

year, the Domestic Violence program also sponsored a dance to honor and recognize Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives. Dancers of all ages gathered to honor all relatives who have been affected both by diabetes, or by the epidemic of indigenous relatives who have gone missing or have been murdered.





# District 3 craft fair showcases local native artists

Shoppers were able to peruse everything from beadwork to home-made breads at a craft fair held

May 19th at the Ponca Health Services - Lincoln Community room. Native vendors offered a wide va-

riety of crafts, and attendees were also able to enjoy an Indian taco with their shopping!



## 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 1 SDA

## Henry Doorly Zoo Tickets

Free Henry Doorly Zoo Tickets for District 1 Ponca Tribe of NE families! Good for one admission until February 15, 2025. Located in Omaha, NE.

Transportation is limited and will be provided on the following dates:

**Niobrara | June 22**  
Leave: 7:45 am | Return: 6:15 pm

**Sioux City | July 21**  
Leave: 7:45 am | Return: 3:45 pm

Tickets and transportation can be booked by calling Briella Jones at 402.857.3391.





## District 3 holds dinner to honor Chief Standing Bear

District 3 Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members gathered Sunday, May 5th for a dinner honoring the legacy of Chief Standing Bear. The event included honor songs, a catered meal, and presentations

Ponca Tribe members, and descendants of Chief Standing Bear. District 3 Councilwoman Shanna Carpenter hopes to make this dinner an annual event for members.



## Tee-Time for Members!

### Tatanka Golf Club

53138 NE-12 | Niobrara, NE

Ponca Members can now request one tee-time per day for one foursome of golfers at the Tatanka Golf Club. **\*\*Some exclusions apply.**

To book a tee-time, please book with the QR code. For more information, please contact Kyle Taylor at [ktaylor@poncatrib-ne.gov](mailto:ktaylor@poncatrib-ne.gov).

**\*\*The tee-times for these golfers may be booked 120 days in advance with a minimum 2 days to book. Holidays are excluded. Sunday through Thursday tee-times can be booked any time after 9:00 a.m. and on Fridays and Saturdays can be booked after 10:00 a.m. Exact tee off times are not guaranteed for date requested. There is a \$20 per person golf cart rental to be paid at the course when checking in at the clubhouse. Tee times may not be changed. Members must cancel their current request, and submit a new one.**



## PEDCO Small Business Funding

PEDCO now has Small Business funding available through the USDA. Finances are limited and are available to rural Nebraska only. We are unable to assist anyone in the Omaha or Lincoln areas. You must reside in the State of Nebraska. If you have any interest in this program, please contact Managing Director PEDCO Larry Loucks at 402.499.1202 or at [lloucks@pedco-ne.org](mailto:lloucks@pedco-ne.org).



## 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@poncatrib-ne.gov](mailto:tfoley@poncatrib-ne.gov)) or via mail:

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





# Preparation work begins on Powwow Arena rebuild

The center drum shelter, and some footings from the announcer's stand are all that remain standing on the Powwow Grounds, as work begins on the rebuild of the Powwow Arena. Crews

began dismantling the existing Powwow arbor in early May, clearing the way for the construction of a new, expanded Powwow Arena that will include an expanded announcer's stand, a

special seating area for Elders, and additional seating for all attendees. Construction of a new Arena became necessary after strong storms damaged the existing Arena in spring and summer of

2022. The new Arena will be completed and ready to welcome singers, dancers, and spectators in time for the 30th Anniversary Powwow, August 8-11, 2024.



## 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@poncatribes-ne.gov](mailto:aknudsen@poncatribes-ne.gov) or [pate@poncatribes-ne.gov](mailto:pate@poncatribes-ne.gov).









# Fatherhood is Sacred

During the month of June, Tribal Council would like to honor all our fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, father figures, uncles, and brothers who work for our Tribal government and entities.

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



Right: District 4 Tribal Council members Kyle Taylor and Alex Taylor.



## Former Trailblazers

- |                  |                    |                     |                      |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| • David Zephier  | • Marion Peniska   | • Vance Appling     | • Jeremy Wright      |
| • Richard Wright | • John Andrew Tate | • Larry Wright, Jr. | • Bill Wright        |
| • James LaPointe | • Mark Peniska     | • Phil Wendzillo    | • Patrick Lamoureux  |
| • Fred LeRoy     | • Bill Smith       | • Tony King         | • Steve Laravie, Sr. |





# 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](mailto:pate@poncatrib-ne.gov) or [aknudsen@poncatrib-ne.gov](mailto: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.

**Fall 2024 deadline: August 15, 2024**  
**Winter 2024 deadline: November 15, 2024**  
**Spring 2025 deadline: December 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 2023-2024 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](mailto:aknudsen@poncatrib-ne.gov). *\*Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs\**



# Class of 2024



## Natasha Allen

University of South Dakota  
Knudson School of Law  
Juris Doctorate - Law

After passing the Bar, I will have an associate attorney position at Marlow, Woodward & Huff, in Yankton, SD.

Parents: Jasen and Mary Clark  
Grandparents: Stella Branstiter, Red Branstiter



## Khloe Avila

Munford High School

Khloe plans to start with prerequisites at Dyersburg State Community College to attend the Veterinarian program at the University of Mississippi.

Parents: Victor & Brittany Avila | Grandparents: Billy and Sherri Gurley (Hallowell)

Khloe, From the day I was told, "You're pregnant," I have loved you more than words can describe! You are my biggest blessing from GOD above! He made you perfect in every way possible. You are smart, beautiful, and will go far in life with Christ who strengthens you!! You will always be my baby girl, and I am so very proud of the Woman you have become!! Always remember to straighten your crown and stand tall!!! We Love you more than words will ever describe!!!

-Love Always, Mom, Dad, Cooper & Skylar



## Megan Baker

University of Nebraska | Lincoln  
Bachelors of Science | Environmental Studies and Political Science

Megan is enrolled at the UC Santa Barbara Bren School's Master of Environmental Science and Management program.

Parents: Ron and Lisa Baker | Twin Brother: Andrew Baker (Graduated UNL last year)  
Older Sister: Kayla Baker

Megan, your personal growth these few years at UNL has made us so proud. You are beautiful inside and out and anyone who knows you loves you. You are an intelligent, compassionate, brave young woman and one heck of a swimmer! We are excited to have you a bit closer to home as you continue your education into all things environmental. It's people like you that make the world a better place!



## Kennison Barfield

Roncalli Catholic | Omaha, NE

Future plans: Attend college and get a job as an engineer.

Father: Kennis Barfield  
Mother: Bernice Evans  
Grandmother: Joann Wolfe Barfield  
Grandfather: Willie Barfield

Keep God First in everything you do. Believe and you can achieve



### Jace Bear

Central Community College  
Grand Island, NE

Jace plans to pursue a welding job.

Father: Jamie Bear  
Grandparents: Susan Bear & the late Greg Bear.  
Uncles: John Bear & Jeff Bear

Congratulations and we are so proud of you. You did an awesome job.



### Korrine Bradford

Carlsbad High School

Korrine plans to pursue a career in Physical Therapy.

Chris & I are so very proud of you Korrine! Love you sweetheart!



### Audrey Leigh Davis

Forest Hills High School

Audrey plans to pursue her Bachelor's Degree in Education through the Gateway to Wingate program at Wingate University

Parents: Jonathan and Amy Davis  
Sister: Paisley Davis  
Grandparents: Theron and Dawn Davis, Harold and Linda Griffin, Sue Austin  
Great Grandma: Joan Miller

Audrey, we are so incredibly proud of you and all that you have accomplished! We look forward to seeing how God continues to use you. Keep shining bright!



### Jacob Dickerson

University of San Diego  
B.A. in Finance

Parents:  
Michael & Amy Dickerson

Your hard work and dedication paid off- we are so proud of you  
Magna Cum Laude grad!



### McKayla Dickerson

Dana Hills High School

Attending University of Arizona majoring in business.

Parents:  
Michael & Amy Dickerson

Graduation is just the beginning of the amazing journey that lies ahead. We are excited to see where life takes you McKayla!



### Alysa Edwards

North High School

Mother: Synthia Davis  
Grandmother: Faythe Hurd

Alysa I am so proud of you for sticking with it and doing what you needed so you could graduate.





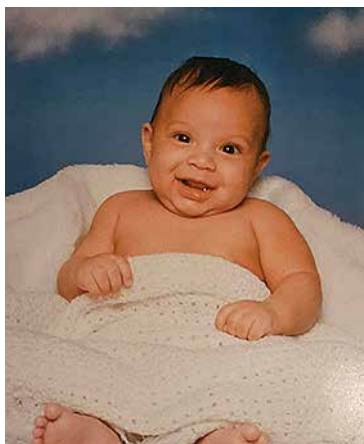
### Reuben Everhart

University of Delaware  
Bachelors in English Education

Reuben plans to move to Philadelphia and become a teacher

Parents: Jeff and Megan Everhart  
Great Grandparents: Reuben and Louise Ducker

"I've been so lucky to have an amazing 4 years at University of Delaware.  
Can't wait to see where my trails take me next!"



### Anderson Greenwood

Stafford High School

Attending Ozarks Technical College for Mechanics in the fall the fall

Son of Shannon McGraw-Greenwood

Grandson of Jonay Anderson

Great-grandson of Julia Pappan

Brother of Gabrielle McGraw, Ernsest-Sydney Greenwood IV, and Ethan L. Moore

We are so proud of Anderson.



### Tristan Hamby

Wellington ISD

Tristan plans to attend Culinary School.

Parents: Kristi Hamby, Jonathan Hamby  
Grandparents: Dawn Thomas, Kevin and Eva Hamby  
Great grandparents: the late Susan and Carl Crutcher

Congratulations on your graduation! May you prosper and learn lots!  
We love you and are very proud of you!



### Gracie Hargis

Burke High School

Gracie plans to Attend College of Saint Mary for Nursing.

Parents: Sarah and Brian Hargis

Congratulations, Gracie. We are so incredibly proud of you and the young woman you are becoming. And, we can't wait to see all the wonderful things that you will accomplish in your future. We love you big much xoxo.

- Mom and Dad



### Angeleah Hendren

Bryan Community High School

Parents: David and Emily Hendren

Grandparents: Bill and Karen Veal, Dave and Brenda Hendren

Sisters: Adavia Hendren and Aliza Hendren

We are all so incredibly proud of you and your accomplishments! We know you will do well in life and want the best for you.



### Ella Henrickson

Norfolk Sr. High School

Attend Northeast Community College and to become a preschool teacher.

Parents: Jeff & Kayla (Boettger) Henrickson

Grandparents: Charles & Kristine (Hille) Williams & Troy Boettger

Great Grandparent: Connie Hille

Congratulations on graduating High School, it's now time to move on to your next chapter of your life. Hope you are successful in all you do, and we are proud of all that your accomplishments.



### Caitlin Howell

University of Nebraska - Omaha | Bachelor's Degree

Major: Psychology, Minor: Native American Studies

Future Plans: Graduate Degree from UNO

Parents: Crystal and Rob Howell II

Grandparent: Rhonda Le Blanc (Suverkrubbe)

We are so proud of you Caitlin! You have shown time and time again that when you set a goal, you work hard and achieve it. We can't wait to see what the future holds for you. We love you so much!! Congratulations!!

- Love, Dad, Mom, Claire, Trip, Sophia, Ella, Lucy, Luke, and Colman



### Bella John

Santee High School

Future plans: Go into the army and obtain a GI Bill for college.

Grandma: Germaine John

Grandpa: Lonny John (1951 to 2010)

Mother: Danielle LaPointe

Father: Derek LaPointe

Dear Bella, You are the most dedicated and loving daughter and granddaughter we could ever dream of having. We are all so proud of you, too, for getting to graduate a year early from high school. We all love you!! I'm really sure your Grandpa Lonny is looking down to see his beautiful granddaughter making successful strides in her life and he is so very proud too.





**Breana Kearney**  
Seward High School  
Mother: Amy Kearney  
I am so proud of you!!



**Ayanna King**  
Abraham Lincoln High School  
Future plans: Attending college for nursing.  
Mother: Maria Lopez  
Father: Anthony King  
Grandma: Julia Colbert  
We are sooo very proud of your accomplishments and excited to see what your future holds!!! Congratulations 2024 grads!!!

**Rikki Knudsen**

Norfolk High School  
Rikki plans to Continue her employment at Envisions of Norfolk.  
Parents: Juanita and William Knudsen  
Maternal Grandparents: Richard and Beverly Wright  
Paternal Grandparents: Melvin and Joann Knudsen  
We are so proud of Rikki and wish her the best of luck on future plans.



**McKayla LeClair**  
Epic Charter School  
Future plans: Nursing School  
Parents: Susan LeClair & Peter Lucas  
Grandparents: Estelle LeClair & Franklin LeClair Senior  
I am the most proud parent ever, I wish your future to be happy and healthy. You did it!!!!



**TJ Larson**  
Wayne State College  
Major: Business Administration/Management, Minor: Computer Information Systems  
Future Plans: Find a job I love and travel  
Parents: Aubrey Knudsen and Tim Larson  
Grandparents: Sandra Knudsen and Arlynn Knudsen  
TJ, there aren't enough words to express how proud we are of you! Enjoy your achievements, continue to grow and inspire and be the leader that you are. You are loved more than anything son! Wishing you nothing but success and happiness in all of your future endeavors!



**Cassy Moerike**  
Omaha Northwest High School  
Parents: Cassandra Christiansen and Blaine Moerike  
Grandparents: Pat Wright, Ginger Jensen, Lonnie Christiansen, and Jessie Stahl



**Sienna Nading**  
Barry Goldwater High School  
Sienna plans to attend community college to study technical theatre.



### Brody Moormeier

Grayslake North High School

Father: Joshua Moormeier

Grandmother: Nancy Moormeier

Great Grandmother: Shirley Grist

We are so proud of what Brody accomplished during her time in High School from her lead roles in the plays and musicals for the Drama Department to starting her Senior Varsity Year in Softball with her first ever Home Run. She was active in these activities all four years while maintaining a 3.7 GPA. We can't wait to see our future Redbird succeed at ISU and beyond.

- Love, Dad, Mom, and Leighton!



### Cole Nathan

Norfolk Senior High School

Cole dreams of becoming a pilot and is currently working full time to save for flight school.

Parents: Joey (Taylor) & Brandon Nathan

Grandparents: The late Oscar & Inez (Wright) Taylor and Mark & Sharleen Nathan

Cole we are all proud of you everyday and in every way. Keep being you and always remember to enjoy the journey!!!



### Destanie Phillips

Lincoln Northeast

Destanie plans to study Psychology.

Parents: Roxanne Gonzales Julius Phillips

Grandparents: Vivian Phillips, Rebecca Gonzales, and Victor Blanco

Uncle: Raymond Phillips

Congratulations, Dest, we are all so proud of you. Keep going. Graduation is not the end, it's the beginning. We wish you the best Dest.



### Tyson Queen

Fremont High School

Great-Grandfather: Stanley Peniska

Grandmother: Jacquelyn Peniska

Parents: Scott Queen and Julie Queen

Congratulations Tyson. We are proud of you and all of your success. We know you will do great things.





### Marissa Ramos (Wright)

Metropolitan Community College  
Associates of Arts | Chemical Dependency Counseling

Marissa plans to attend UNO

Parents: Thomas & Marilyn Wright  
Husband: Jose Alberto Ramos Mejia

The Thomas Wright Family would like to say how proud we are of Marissa. She overcame the suicide of her late boyfriend and used that as inspiration to get sober. She has continued to use her story to support and uplift other Indigenous people. She embraces her Indigenous culture and shares her passion with others. Congratulations to our Marissa Jane!!! Keep doing what you're doing!!!



### Kiona Schwaigert

Everett High School - Graduation Alliance  
Attending Everett Community College for  
Cosmetology

Father: Luke Schwaigert  
Grandmother: Jacqueline (Taylor) Munoz

Way to go Kiona, I'm so very proud of you!!!



### Joseph Thibodeaux III

Grambling State University  
Bachelors in Business

Joseph plans to own his own business in the future.

Parents: Joseph Thibodeaux Jr and Roche' Thibodeaux  
Grandparent: Donna Leroy

Joseph what an Inspiration you are! You seen what you want to do in life and you are making it happen. Hope you're just as proud of yourself as everyone is. Cheers to a promising future but always remember put GOD first anything that you do and everything good will follow.

- Love, your Parents, Joseph and Roche' Thibodeaux



### Shayde Semm

Pierce High School  
Attend Northeast Community College

Náho (Mother): Stacy Laravie Mik'áe  
T'igá'ho (grandfather): Andrew David Laravie, Walking Strength  
Great Gąhó' (great grandmother): Florence Snoozy  
2x great T'igá'ho: Benjamin Laravie  
4x great T'igá'ho Mąčú Nąžj: Chief Standing Bear

Your family and I are so proud. We know the ancestors are watching and are proud as well. We love you!

## Jakobi Suverkrubbe

Millard South

Jakobi is planning to attend trade school for construction.

Parents: Joel and Jennifer Suverkrubbe

Live life and be kind.



## Shaylee Wolff

Southeast Community College  
Associate in Science - Nursing | Licensed Practical Nurse

Shaylee has accepted a full time nursing position with the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, and plans to continue on in her education and working towards her RN next!

Parents: Shannon & Shelia Wolff  
Grandparents: Bruce & JoAnn Robertson  
Great grands: Ernest & Amelia (Babe) Iron Thunder

Shaylee, You have wanted to be a nurse since you were a little girl! We are so proud of you for all your hard work towards that goal and never giving up on that little girls dreams! We can't wait to watch you continue to serve our people and be a voice for their health and well being! We love you so much!

- Mom, Dad, Matt, Shanna, Sheldon, Charlie, Beckham, Henley & Creighton!



## Sheldon Wolff

Bryan Community Focus Program

Parents: Shannon and Shelia Wolff  
Grandparents: The late Bruce and JoAnn Robertson  
Great grandparents: The late Ernest and Amelia (Babe) Iron Thunder

Sheldon,

We are all so proud of this accomplishment! From the NICU to a high school graduate, you have continued to fight and preserve through any obstacles life has through your way! We can't wait to continue to watch you grow!

-Love Mom, Dad, Shanna, Matt, Shaylee, Charlie, Beckham, Henley & Creighton



## Connor Wright

Columbus High School  
Attend Columbus Community College for an Associates Degree

Parents: Levi & Abbey Wright  
Grandparents: Charles & the late Darlyn Wright  
Great Grandparents: The late Adolph & Cheryl Wright

Congratulations Connor! We are so proud of you. We cannot wait to watch you move into your next chapter. We love you. -Mom & Dad



## Eliana Zephier-Rich

St. Francis Indian School

*The secret to our success is that we never, never give up.*

- Wilma ManKiller,  
First woman elected as  
Principal Chief of the  
Cherokee Nation.

**The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska would like to honor all of our 2024 graduates.  
Congratulations on all of your hard work and accomplishments!**



SOLICITING NOMINATIONS FOR NAMING THE NORFOLK GYMNASIUM

The Tribal Council is soliciting nominations to name the Norfolk Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Gymnasium. The Tribal Council will consider the following criteria for naming buildings: A) Name does not have to be that of a person; B) Individuals should but do not have to be of O'sni Ponca heritage; C) Individuals may be relatives or ancestors; and D) The name may have some historic or cultural significance. Please complete the Nomination for Name of Tribal Building or Facility Form below and submit to Tribal Council, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or crepenning@poncatrib-ne.gov. The nomination forms are available at any of the Tribal Administration Buildings with the Office Coordinator or requested via email from Candace Repenning at e-mail address above. **Deadline for submission is July 31, 2024.**

NOMINATION FOR NAME OF TRIBAL BUILDING OR FACILITY

Name being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason the name is being nominated:

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Person submitting nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Farmer's Market Food Distribution

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska will be having a monthly Farmer's Market open to members of all federally recognized tribes to receive FREE seasonal fruits, vegetables, and other goods. Please bring your tribal enrollment card for sign-up forms.

**Monday, June 17, 2024 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Norfolk | 1800 Syracuse Avenue | North Gym Lot

**Tuesday, June 18, 2024 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Lincoln | 1600 Windhoek Drive | North Lot

**Wednesday, June 19, 2024 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Niobrara | 2523 Woodbine Street

**Thursday, June 20, 2024 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Omaha | 5815 South 86th Circle

**Friday, June 21, 2024 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Sioux City | 125 6th Street



## SAVE THE DATE! Diaper Distribution

**June 22, 2024 | 12 – 4 pm**

**July 12, 2024 | 10 am – 6 pm**

**August 25, 2024 | 12 – 4 pm**

**September 19, 2024 | 10 am – 6 pm**

Participating Locations and contact information:

Norfolk Gym | 1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE  
Robin Wright: [robinwright@poncatribene.gov](mailto:robinwright@poncatribene.gov)

Lincoln Community Room – North Entrance  
1600 Windhoek Dr | Lincoln, NE  
Tiffani Spencer: [tspencer@poncatribene.gov](mailto:tspencer@poncatribene.gov)

Sioux City Office | 125 6th St | Sioux City, IA  
Brad Johnson: [bjohnson@poncatribene.gov](mailto:bjohnson@poncatribene.gov)

Niobrara Headquarters | 2523 Woodbine St | Niobrara, NE  
Kris Kotrous: [kkotrous@poncatribene.gov](mailto:kkotrous@poncatribene.gov)

Ralston Transit Building | 5701 S 85th Cir | Omaha, NE  
Skyelar Timm-Beavers: [stimm-beavers@poncatribene.gov](mailto:stimm-beavers@poncatribene.gov)



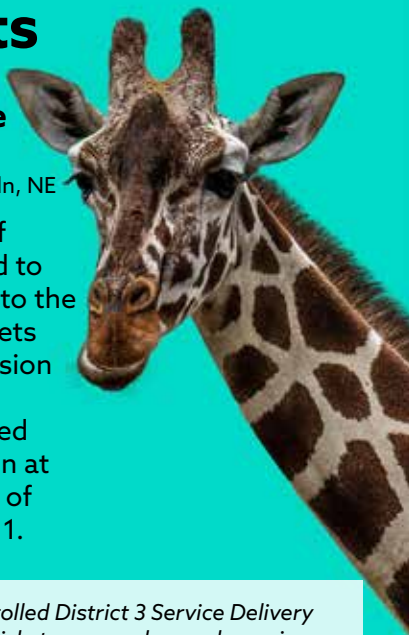
District 3 SDA

## 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 Dezarae 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.*

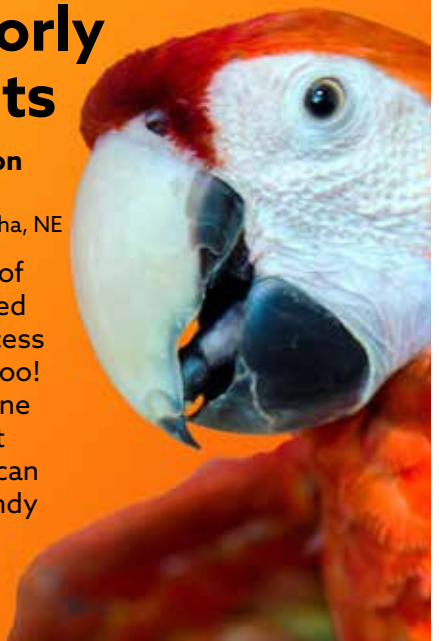
District 2 SDA

## 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.*



# District 4 families enjoy Cirque Italia Water Circus

District 4 Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Heads of Households and their families were kept entertained and amazed during the Cirque Italia Water Circus

held on Thursday and Friday, April 25th & 26th. Tickets were provided by Tribal Reps Kyle and Alex Taylor.



## 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](mailto:lloucks@pedco-ne.org) for more information!**

# June 15 is World Elder Abuse Day

As a result of Resolution 66/127, The United Nations General Assembly designated June 15 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), a day in which the entire world can voice its opposition to any types of abuse directed towards the older generation.

Elder abuse can be defined as “a single, or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust which causes harm or distress to an older person.”

The 6 types of Elder abuse:

- 1. **PHYSICAL** is when an older adult experiences illness, pain, injury, functional impairment, distress, or death as a result of the intentional use of physical force and includes acts such as hitting, kicking, pushing, slapping, and burning.
- 2. **FINANCIAL** is the illegal, unauthorized, or improper use of an older individual’s resources for the benefit of someone other than the older adult.
- 3. **EMOTIONAL/ PSYCHOLOGICAL** verbal or nonverbal behaviors that inflict mental pain, fear,

- or distress on an older adult.
- 4. **SEXUAL** is forced or non-consensual sexual contact of any kind with an older adult
- 5. **NEGLECT OR ABANDONMENT BY CAREGIVERS** is the failure to meet an older adult’s basic needs. These needs include food, water, shelter, clothing, hygiene, and essential medical care.
- 6. **SELF-NEGLECT** when an older adult is no longer able to meet their own basic daily needs, and they suffer as a result.

Globally we have an ageing population, with the expectation to be 1.4 billion by 2030 and the number of Americans to reach 82 million by 2050.

Research is suggesting that 4 to 6% of the elderly will experience some form of abuse, most of which will go unreported.

How can you help the elder in your life? Know the signs of abuse:

- 1. Bedsores, bruising or chaffing could be an indicator that they are being restrained to a bed or wheelchair.
- 2. Have they recently lost weight?

- 3. Do they seem to be scared to be alone with someone?
- 4. Do they all of a sudden seem not able to pay their bills or bills are delinquent.
- 5. Have you heard their caregiving calling them names?
- 6. Caregiver controls who they can see/visit or talk with.
- 7. Elder is left alone for extended periods of time without someone to give help if needed?

Take accusations seriously. If you suspect something, say something.

Document any possible signs of abuse. Take pictures, keep a log of incidents or suspicious behavior. Address any concerns with the home care provider or person in charge at a facility. If they don’t take action, Contact the police, your local Ponca office or attorney.

Local 911 or contact someone in your local Ponca Tribal office

If you or someone you know suspect possible abuse or neglect of an elder, contact the National Elder Abuse hot-

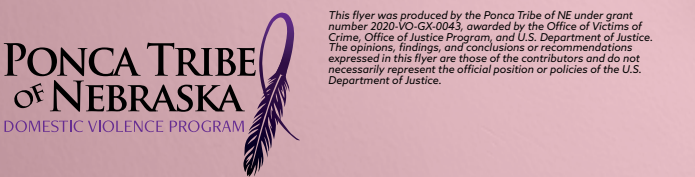
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## Wear Purple!

**Saturday, June 15, 2024**

Join us on June 15th to show your support for elder abuse awareness by wearing purple! Use the #RespectOurEldersPTN hashtag to share your purple attire and join the movement to protect and honor our elders.

Let’s unite in solidarity, raising awareness and advocating for the rights and dignity of seniors everywhere. Together, we can create a world where every elder is cherished and respected.



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## Elder abuse: Take steps to help victims of abuse and neglect

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line at 1-800-96-ABUSE. All calls will remain confidential. All calls are appreciated, even if abuse or neglect is not found. In Nebraska, call Adult Protective Services' 24-hour

toll-free hotline at (800) 652-1999.

When calling the Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline or law enforcement, please be prepared to provide as much detailed information as possible,

including:

- Name and address
- Current and previous concerns
- Others who may have knowledge of the abuse or neglect.

Your name will remain confidential. It will only be shared with law enforcement, the county attorney and the DHHS Licensure Unit, if appropriate.

## June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month: The Fear to Love

Pride month is dedicated to celebrating and commemorate individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, transgender, and queer. Pride month originally started to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, New York every year. The Stonewall Uprising occurred on June 28th, 1969, when police raided the Stonewall Inn (a common gay bar at the time). It was not the first time that a gay bar was raided by police, but for six days following the raid LGBTQ individuals protested the homophobic laws and police brutality against the LGBTQ community.

While the Stonewall Uprising was a main event that brought attention to the LGBTQ movement, there was little progress towards equality for LGBTQ individuals for years to come. Homosexuality was still considered to be a criminal offense for over a decade until 1980 when same-sex relation-

ships were legalized. While same-sex relationships were legal, many states did not consider them valuable or worthwhile relationships. It wasn't until June 26th, 2015, that the Supreme Court struck down all state bans against same-sex marriage and legalized same-sex marriage in all 50 states.

However, even with the progress made in the LGBTQ movement, there are still many hardships those in this community face. Homophobia and discrimination are common issues. Individuals who identify as LGBTQ suffer from severe retaliation. They are at a much higher risk of experiencing violence, extortion, blackmail, and sex trafficking compared to those who identify as straight. Youth who identify as LGBTQ are four times more likely to attempt suicide compared to their peers. The suicide rate is due to a variety of factors, but the most common in-

clude stigma surrounding same-sex relationships, little support from their family, being forced "out of the closet," conversion therapy, or being bullied. However, there is hope for LGBTQ youth. Research has shown that LGBTQ youth with at least one accepting adult in their life report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide. There have also been organizations and resources, such as the Trevor Project, developed to bring awareness to LGBTQ youth suicide and provide a supportive community for them.

This June let's learn to celebrate and listen to those in the LGBTQ community on how to be supportive allies. Let us commit to being a safe person for LGBTQ individuals and fighting against homophobic actions we witness in our community.

Trevor Project: The Trevor Project is the lead-

ing suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization for LGBTQ+ individuals ages 13 to 24 years old. They provide information and support to young people 24/7. <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

OUT Nebraska: Out Nebraska is a Lincoln, NE based non-profit organization dedicated to empowering and celebrating those within the LGBTQ+ community with inclusive events, support, and advocacy. They offer community resources, an event calendar, and news updates on LGBT bills in Nebraska: <https://outnebraska.org/news/>

PFLAG: PFLAG is a national group that promotes the health and well-being of LGBTQ individuals and their families through community events, education, advocacy, and support. To learn more about what your local PFLAG chapter offers, visit their website: <https://pflag.org/>

# 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](mailto:spospisil@poncatrib-ne.gov)



## 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.)
4. PRC funding is a Payer of last resort. It pays only for costs not paid for by your alternate resources.





# Members and staff walk for MMIR

On Monday, May 20th, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska staff, members, and members of the community joined at each office site for a walk honoring Missing and Murdered Indigenous

Relatives (MMIR). These walks were part of multiple events held to raise awareness for MMIR throughout May. All banners were designed by Ponca Member Troy Spencer.





# Circle of Health community builds greenhouse with teamwork

Staff and community members came together May 4th to raise not a barn, but a greenhouse for the Community Garden at Ponca Health Services, Lincoln, sponsored by the Circle of Health. The greenhouse will be filled with plants June 4th, with a community planting event.



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## Call Now to Secure Your Place in the Circle!

**Starting June 10**  
**Mondays | 10 am - 2 pm**  
Fred LeRoy Health and Wellness Center  
2602 J St. | Omaha, NE

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Behavioral Health Department is offering group sessions for Relapse Prevention Therapy. The program will last 14 to 16 weeks.

For more information, please contact JoAnn O'Connell at 402.738.3170.





# Mobile Medical Unit debuts with mixer!

The Ponca Health Services Mobile Medical Unit was open for business Wednesday, May 8 at a mini Mobile Medical Unit Mixer, held

at the Sioux City office. Multiple programs were on hand to provide information about services provided by the Ponca Tribe, while

the Mobile Medical Unit providing medical and dental services to patients. Look for the Mobile Medical Unit at this year's Powwow!



## Our website has moved!

You can now find the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska website at **[www.poncatribene.gov](http://www.poncatribene.gov)**. Your login info remains the same. All PTN email addresses have also changed to end in **.gov**.

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Hazard Mitigation Plan  
Open House Meeting

We need your input! Attend any of the following open houses to talk about your experiences from severe weather events and what you would like to see done in the future.

Monday, May 20, 2024  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Ponca Health Services  
(use North doors)

1600 Windhoek Dr  
Lincoln, NE 68512

Monday, June 3, 2024  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska  
Tribal Headquarters

2523 Woodbine St  
Niobrara, NE 68760

Monday, June 10, 2024  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Norfolk Office  
(Transit Building)

1800 Syracuse Ave  
Norfolk, NE 68701

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is developing a Tribal-specific Hazard Mitigation Plan to identify vulnerabilities to natural disasters. The primary focus of the plan is to preserve and protect Tribal infrastructure, facilities, members, elders, and culturally significant sites in the service area.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

 [www.jeo.com/ponca-tribe-hmp](http://www.jeo.com/ponca-tribe-hmp)


 Brooke Seachord  
[bseachord@jeo.com](mailto:bseachord@jeo.com)



Get notified right away with  
Tribal Emergency Alerts!

Members can receive targeted, up to the minute information on emergency situations and office closures by using this QR code to sign up for Tribal Emergency Alerts in their area. Remember to sign up for any office location you regularly visit. Please note that quarterly tests of the system will be conducted.

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## Members learn lifesaving skills with CPR training

Ponca members had the chance to learn CPR skills in Lincoln at a HeartSaver class offered by the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. Members can still sign up for classes in Niobrara, Norfolk, and Sioux City.



# 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@poncatribes-ne.gov](mailto:vchampaign@poncatribes-ne.gov).



## No problem. Period.

**LAST CHANCE TO  
ORDER! DEADLINE  
TO ORDER IS  
JULY 13!**

All female Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members **ages 9-27** are invited to participate in the Osni Ponca 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. Final orders will be mailed July 15.*



# 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](https://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



## 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](mailto:cchavez@poncatribene.gov).

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# Fifth grade class supports PTN Buffalo herd



## Building for the Future

Ponca students nationwide are invited to apply by August 15, 2024 for this need-based scholarship focusing on career development.

### Selection:

- All eligible students will be identified.
- On August 15th of the relevant school year, a drawing will be held; and
- The student whose name is drawn will be awarded the scholarship. (One winner per school year.)

### Provisions:

- The student must have his/her paperwork complete by the August 15th deadline:
- If awarded, funds will go directly to the school and will be applied to the student's "unmet need."

### Eligibility:

- The student must be enrolled in some type of Adult Vocational Training Program or working toward a bachelor's degree.
- The student must provide proof of enrollment in the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
- The student must provide proof of graduation from high school or completion of their GED.

- The student must complete and submit the following forms: Application, Contract, and Financial Need Form.

### Requirements:

- The student must maintain satisfactory academic progress with an accumulative GPA of 2.5 or better for the term funded.
- If the student does not maintain the required 2.5 GPA, they must refund the scholarship.
- The student must also submit an official transcript to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Department of Education for the term funded.

**Scholarship amount is \$1,000.00 for the 2024-2025 school year.**

For more information, please contact the Education Department at 402.371.8834, or via email at [pate@poncatribes-ne.gov](mailto:pate@poncatribes-ne.gov) or [aknudsen@poncatribes-ne.gov](mailto:aknudsen@poncatribes-ne.gov).



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# Spring in the homelands means green grass and baby buffalo

Another spring has come to the homelands of the Ponca Tribe, bringing renewed growth to the land, and the Tribe's buffalo herd. The herd, which has grown from eleven animals in 1996 to just over 250 this year continues to expand, with new buffalo calves born every week.

The Ponca Tribe's buffalo her garnered attention throughout the state with the addition of fourteen buffalo from Yellowstone in January. In May, KETV news out of

Omaha traveled to Niobrara to do a feature story on the herd, and their importance to the Tribe, visiting the herd and speaking with

Herd Manager, Larry Wright, Sr., and Ponca Tribe Vice Chairwoman Angie Starkel.



## 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









## 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.



# Baker grateful for welcome and experiences in Lincoln

**Megan Baker**

I recently had the honor of participating in the UNL April Powwow as one of the 2024 graduates. I have attended Powwows but this was my first time participating in one, and it deeply impacted my sense of self and created a lifelong memory. Claude Iron Thunder danced for me at my request, and I am incredibly grateful for his presence. I met him at the Lincoln office during my internship for the Environmental Program. Since I am originally from California, the ample support and genuine interest in my future plans from the people I have met since moving here means so much to me. I took a risk traveling so far to be closer to the tribe, and looking back on my time in Lincoln I can confi-



dently say it has paid off. I want to thank everyone I have met along this journey who has made me feel welcome during this complex time in my life. Integrating into the community here has changed me for the better and molded my future plans in ways I'd have never expected. Considering my positive experience attending UNL and working for the tribe, I also

want to encourage other tribal youth to follow in my footsteps. Our unique background is becoming more and more valued in academia, which can make higher education both possible and worth it through tuition assistance and scholarships.

The powwow was hosted by the University of Nebraska Inter-Tribal Exchange club (UNITE). I highly recommend any Native American students to join no matter their year in school or level of connection to their family history.



**AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM**  
**VISIT THE WEBSITE BELOW FOR**  
**INFO REGARDING DISCOUNTS ON YOUR INTERNET!**

[WWW.FCC.GOV/ACP](http://WWW.FCC.GOV/ACP)

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



## Elder's Committee Meetings

**June 3 | 10 am**

Ponca Offices | Ralston, NE

**July 1 | 10 am**

Ponca Offices | Sioux City, IA



## 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.gov](mailto:enrollment@poncatribe-ne.gov), or contact the Niobrara or Lincoln offices.

We appreciate your help!

## INACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF 6/1/2024

Alvarez, Marie Lynn  
 Anthony, Jr., Steven Scott  
 Bagent, Wayne Orval  
 Baggett, Donovan Joseph  
 Baker, Skylar Dominick  
 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 Randall  
 Bell, Darian Patrick  
 Bell, Shaune` Kay  
 Birdhead, William Randolph  
 Blowe, Dominick Adams  
 Blowe, Isaiah Fredrick  
 Blowe, Tyrone Richard  
 Boettger, Dakota Birdhead  
 Bonge, Angela Marie  
 Bonge, Todd Joseph  
 Boone, Marcus Daniel  
 Boyer, Berlin N.  
 Branstiter, Brett Theodore  
 Brooks, Angela Ellen  
 Brown, J. Wesley  
 Brown, La` Trel Lucious  
 Brownrigg, Steven Francis  
 Buckley, X` zavia Shereese  
 Burston, Sandra Lee  
 Cantu, Angela Marie  
 Cantu, Denairo Franc  
 Carter, Amber Lynn  
 Chwalowski, Kaitlin Martika  
 Courtright, Michael Todd  
 Cutshall, Katline James  
 Da Moude, Deborah Kay  
 Danielson, Daniel James  
 Danner, Ill, Terry Edward  
 Davis, Mary Frances  
 Delquadri, Dale Chad  
 Drapeaux, Juston Lee  
 Eckley, Lane Emory  
 Eckley, Leigha Irene  
 Ertzner-Kitto, Jared Logan  
 Evans, Kaci Antonette  
 Evans, Kareem Antwon  
 Ewoldt, Jackson Thomas  
 Fasthorse, Beverlee Ann  
 Fitzgerald, Jacob Steven

Flagg, Ill., 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, Ill., Jesse Clarence  
 Green, Brooklyn Marie  
 Gutierrez, Vincent Clarence  
 Haahr, Anneliese Teresa  
 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  
 Hendren, Adavia Gabrielle  
 Hennek, Gail Howe  
 Henritze, Joseph Dale  
 Henritze, Karen June  
 Henritze, Nichole Rae  
 Hocking-Gosnell, Zalla C.  
 Hogie, Jamie Lyn  
 Hope, Dorothea Jo Ann  
 Horine, Ashley Danielle  
 Howe, Richard H.  
 Humphreys, Belinda Kay  
 Jeppesen, Zachary Lee  
 Johnson, Lukus Tyler  
 Jones, Richard Franklin  
 Kelso, James Alan  
 Kerrigan, Kathleen Ann  
 King, Gavin Michael  
 Krueger, Annette Marie  
 Kyles, Jarred Joseph  
 LaPointe, 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  
 McGrath, Bryan Thomas  
 McGrath, Daniel Patrick  
 Mercier, Jade Sharice  
 Morris, Eddie Atkins White Star  
 Mullen, Michael Thomas  
 Mullen, Owen Dean  
 Muscutt, Elias Gordon  
 O'Flynn, Shania Marie  
 O'Meara, Joseph Christopher  
 O'Meara, Sheila Faye  
 Peck, Brandalynn  
 Peck, Tyler Duane  
 Pedroza, Jacob Roberto  
 Peniska, Robert Mc Daniel  
 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  
 Rowe, Crystle Anette  
 Rulo, Byron  
 Russell, Kristina Anne  
 Rydstrom, Jeric LeDrew  
 Rydstrom, Miranda Kay  
 Rydstrom, Nevaeh Renee-Irene  
 Sainz, Tritia Jeanene  
 Sarton, Gwendolyn Lee  
 Schmidt, Jaye Anthony  
 Schmidt, Jr., Karl Michael  
 Scuderi, Jana Marie  
 Scurlocke, Athena Larissa Lucille  
 Scurlocke, Jolene Ann  
 Sherman, Britney Leslie May  
 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, Danial Ray  
 Smith, Stephanie Rae  
 Sparks, Dakota Bradley  
 Standsblack, Marko Tulio  
 Stastny, Rachel Colleen  
 Steadman, Brittany Jean Ann  
 Stegman, Mi'a Miwasa Nevaeh  
 Stolle, Ryan Matthew  
 Stuczynski, Drake Keegan  
 Sutter, Summer Lynn  
 Swinarski, Alicia Estrada  
 Taylor, Ka` ili Brianna  
 Thomas, Il,  
     Scott Richard Herbert  
 Thomas, Jenny Anne  
 Thomas, Natana Lynn  
 Thomas, Robin Diane  
 Todd, Melody Louise  
 Treichler, Jasmine Dawn  
 Vaughan, Linda Lou  
 Veals, Clifford James  
 Veals, Sherry Ann  
 Voss, Joshua Le Roy  
 Voss, Michael Roy  
 Waters, Deon Koleen  
 Wayte, April May  
 Wells, Eric Damien  
 White, Abrianna Aliya  
 White, Tianna Alexia  
 Whiting, Jerica Ryan Taylor  
 Williams, Andrea Michelle  
 Williams, Summer Rose  
 Wintermantel,  
     Samuel Max Kawakami  
 Wooten, Kendra Jade  
 Wright, Chaz Adolph  
 Wright, Cherita Alberta  
 Wright, Cruz Montgomery  
 Wright, Yesenia Carmen  
 York, Gregory Allen  
 Young, Darius Alonzo  
 Young, Ma Kenna Kay



(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@poncatribene.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



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 \_\_\_\_\_

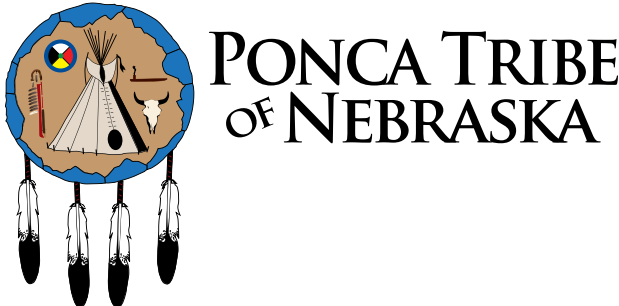
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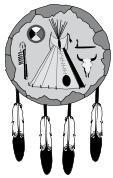
Description of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

When completed please return to:  
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska  
Attn: Chris Minarik  
2523 Woodbine Street  
Niobrara, NE 68760

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





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## PONCA TRIBE of NEBRASKA Office Locations

### **NIOBRARA 68760**

#### **Headquarters**

2523 Woodbine St., P.O. Box 288  
Ph: (402) 857-3391  
Fax: (402) 857-3736

#### **Enrollment**

2523 Woodbine St., P.O. Box 288  
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

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#### **Administration**

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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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