



# PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News

## **Good to Grow!**

Ponca corn returns  
to Niobrara with corn  
planting event.

July 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: Corn planting is a job for all ages, with Ponca youth joining in to help plant the seeds of this year's Ponca corn in Niobrara. More pictures from the corn planting can be found on page 3!

# 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Ponca Tribe of Nebraska POWWOW SCHEDULE\*

## Thursday, August 8      Grand Entry at 7 pm

Member Meet & Greet | 9 am – 12 pm      Cliff Taylor Youth Workshop | TBD

## Friday, August 9      Grand Entry at 1 pm & 7 pm

*Archery   10 am	Mobile Medical Unit   9 am – 3 pm
Food Demonstration   11 am	Health Tent   9 am – 3 pm
Family Fun Run   5 pm	**Distribution   10 am – 3 pm

## Saturday, August 10      Grand Entry at 1 pm & 7 pm

Elder’s Breakfast & Bingo   9 – 11 am	Mobile Medical Unit   9 am – 3 pm
Cornhole Tournament   10 am	Health Tent   9 am – 3 pm
Lacrosse Demonstration   10 am	**Distribution   10 am – 3 pm

## Sunday, August 11      Grand Entry at 1 pm

Horseshoe Contest | 10 am

*\*Tentative schedule only. Updated schedule information will be available in the August newsletter, the Powwow Guide booklet, and on site at Powwow.*

*\*\* Distributions of food, diapers, and buffalo for PTN members will be held at this time on a first-come, first-served basis, and last until quantities run out.*



# Executive Team Meet & Greet Dates

**July 19, 2024 | 2:30 – 4:00 pm**  
125 6th Street | Sioux City, IA

**August 8, 2024 | 3:00 – 4:30 pm**  
88915 521 Ave | Niobrara, NE

**September 20, 2024 | 2:30 – 4:00 pm**  
1501 West Michigan Avenue | Norfolk, NE

**Meet the Exectutive Team!**

<b>NPHA</b> Joey Nathan Justine Knapp	<b>Ponca Health Services</b> Dr. Jacqueline Bae Rhiannon Pitzl
<b>Finance</b> Greg Gunderson	<b>Prairie Flower Casino</b> Ernie Dellaverson
<b>HR</b> Johnathan Robinson	<b>Information Technology</b> David Threm
<b>Tribal Affairs</b> Courtney Chavez Penny Lingle Alexcia Boggs	<b>Ponca Gaming Commission</b> Mai Lee

# 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, July 22, 2024 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Omaha | 5815 South 86th Circle

**Tuesday, July 23, 2024 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Sioux City | 125 6th Street

**Wednesday, July 24, 2024 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Lincoln | 1600 Windhoek Drive | North Lot

**Thursday, July 25, 2024 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Niobrara | 2523 Woodbine Street

**Friday, July 26, 2024 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Norfolk | 1800 Syracuse Avenue | North Gym Lot



# 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DHEGIHA LANGUAGE CONFERENCE

**JULY 24 & 25, 2024**

*Osage-Ponca-Northern Ponca-Quapaw-Kaw-Omaha*

**"DHEGIHA FAMILY"**

**DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT**  
**69300 EAST NEE ROAD QUAPAW, OK 74363**

***Early registration deadline is July 15.***

**Registration:** \$60/person, \$10/day for each child under 14.  
**After July 15:** \$65/person, \$10/day under 14

***For more information or a registration form, please contact  
Culture Director Richard Wright at 402-371-8834 or [rwrightjr@poncatribes-ne.gov](mailto:rwrightjr@poncatribes-ne.gov).***



# Members come together to plant Ponca corn

Nearly everyone stepped in to get their hands dirty at the Ponca Corn planting, held June 1st at the Community Grounds in Niobrara. Scott Stuckey shared Ponca corn that he has cultivated for several years, along with his expertise. Members worked together to build hills for the corn, and then to

carefully place three seeds in each mound.

After hours of hard work in the hot sun, everyone enjoyed a meal, and a round dance. Ponca youth had the opportunity to participate in demonstration of corn shelling with Art Tanderup. The corn that Art brought (harvested from

land returned to the Ponca by the Tanderups) was shelled and separated into small bags to be distributed to members.

For updates on how the corn is growing, visit the Tribe's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/PoncaTribeOfNebraska>.



**NÍKŠIGA - Person**

by Steve Laravie, Sr., Language Program Coordinator

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WAÉ - Farmer

NÍKAŠIGA - Person

WÁXE - White Man

PĀÇA- Ponca

IŠÁGE - Old Man

WAÚIYE - Lawyer

UGÁXPÈ - Quapaw  
Nation

KÁZE - Kaw Nation

WAÚŽĹGA - Old Woman

GAHÍE - Ponca Tribal  
Council

UMĀHA - Omaha Nation

ISĀATĪ - Santee Dakota

WŽÁŽE - Osage Nation

WAZÉDE - Doctor

WAĐÍTÁ - Labor

GAHÍENIÁŠIGA -  
Councilman, City Council

WANÁŠE - Police

ÚĐITÀ - Occupation

ITÍGAĐE - President of  
the United States*Answers on page 15***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"**Ĳ** /ɨ/ 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@poncatribene.gov](mailto:rwrightjr@poncatribene.gov), or 402.371.8834, ext. 120.



# Meet Your Language Instructors: Ruby Wright

**Q: Please introduce yourself in Ponca**

**A:** My name is T'é c<sup>no</sup> Wi<sup>n</sup>, or White Buffalo Woman.

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

**A:** I'm passionate about revitalizing our language, I'm also passionate about art, I love art and music, I love post-punk music.

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

**A:** I come from, my mom comes from Knudsen's



and my dad comes from Bird Head. I'm from Buffalo Clan. My name is T'é c<sup>no</sup> Wi<sup>n</sup>.

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

**A:** What I would like is the language and

culture to be accessible to all of our members, both that live in and out of the SDA.

**Q: Where are you from?**

**A:** I'm from Omaha, Nebraska.

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

**A:** Just Ruby Slippers is my name.

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


**A:** My favorite author is Pablo Neruda and my favorite movie is Kill Bill Vol. 2.

**Q: What is your favorite childhood memory?**

**A:** I would say traveling in the car with my family to go to different dances and other doings and such. Getting good lemonade, you know, is still my favorite thing to do.

**Q: Is there anything else you'd like to add about yourself or the language program?**

**A:** I just hope that we can have community engagements and traditional and contemporary events. I'm very excited to be learning our language and to share it with everyone eventually.



## 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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# Circle of Health gets growing with community garden!

As part of the Circle of Health partnership, staff and community members came together May 4th to fill raised beds for the greenhouse for the community garden at Ponca Health Services-Lincoln. The raised beds were then planted with a variety of plants. We're excited to watch our garden and our community grow!



## Breakfast & Bingo Honoring Our Elders

**August 10, 2024 | 9 - 11 am**

Niobrara Headquarters  
2523 Woodbine Street | Niobrara, NE

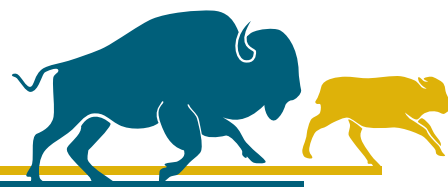
The Osni Ponca Youth Council will host their annual Breakfast and Bingo to honor our Elders on the Saturday of Powwow. Youth Council will serve a hot breakfast at 9 am, bingo for our Elders will start at 9:45 am, and go until all prizes have been distributed.

After the Elder's bingo, all Elders will receive a special 30th Anniversary gift from all PTN Entities.



**FREE 30TH  
ANNIVERSARY  
ELDER'S GIFT**

# T'ÍŪŽÌ ÁKÀ T'ÁĐÌ ŪŽAWÀ



**FAMILY FUN RUN 2024**

**AUGUST 9 | 5 PM**

**POWWOW GROUNDS**

**88915 521 AVENUE | NIOBRARA, NE**

**WALKERS AND RUNNERS WELCOME**

**PRIZES AWARDED TO EACH AGE DIVISION**





# Poncas building for Poncas: New arena creating a legacy

**Jessica Hitchcock**

Tribal Communications  
Director

Curtis Boschult doesn't believe in starting small. The construction of the new Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Powwow arena is the first major commercial project for Curtis's company, Lacreme Construction, which he started less than a year ago in September of 2023. When finished, the new Powwow arena will be the largest in the Midwest.

"It's super exciting for us, getting to work on our first big project with the Tribe," said Boschult, who is a member of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. "I'm extremely honored to be here, to be getting to do it. This hits home for me personally. It's just a great honor to be a part of something so historical." Curtis is the son of Kim Yunker, and the grandson of Rita Iron Thunder.

Construction on the new Powwow arena began with the demolition of the existing structure at the beginning of May. Replacement of that structure was made necessary by damages from two separate windstorms in 2022. Since May, Lacreme Construction has been working nearly around the clock to meet



Lacreme Construction owner Curtis Boschult and his brother Jesse stand in front of the new Powwow arena construction.

their August 1st completion deadline. "We are doing everything we can in our power to make this thing work, and it's turning out wonderful. Everything's working to plan. It's fun, it's hard, it's a lot of work involved, but it's super exciting to be a part of it," says Boschult.

The new arena will be almost double in size of the previous arena, constructed with hand-hewn Douglas fir support posts, and cedar logs and joists for the roof. The entrance will now connect with the existing Educational Trail, improving the flow of the arena space. A new, larger announcer stand, more than double the size of the previous structure, with more space for registration, administration, and a meeting space for the

Powwow Committee.

In addition to the Powwow arena, Lacreme Construction is also building a new, separate, commercial kitchen with state-of-the-art, industrial kitchen equipment. The new kitchen will allow Powwow cook staff to more easily prepare and serve meals for attendees.

Boschult is grateful to Tribal Council and Tribal administration for believ-

ing in him and his crew. "I'm so happy that we hired in-house among our own Tribal members. It's Poncas building for Poncas. It's us being able to provide for other Ponca families and family members, and we're hiring other Ponca members and having them work for us too."

The new arena is scheduled to be finished and ready for dancers, families, and visitors in time for the 30th Annual Powwow. When asked what's next for Lacreme Construction, Boschult said, "This will be a huge stepping stone for us. As a contractor, we're never satisfied. I want to continue to push myself to the next level, so we're always looking for the next thing. I think we'll want to take a deep breath, breathe again, and then look forward to what we have in store."



The new commercial kitchen, near the eating arbor.



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# Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Survey!



## We need your input!

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is developing a plan to evaluate our risk to natural disasters such as severe storms, high winds, and wildfire. Please share with us your experiences and what you would like to see done in the future to protect our elders, culture, and resources.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

✉ Brooke Seachord  
bseachord@jeo.com

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

To take the survey, please scan the QR code or visit the project website at <https://arcgis/bDCzu1>.

*\*All respondents will be entered to win a prize drawing as well!*



**Come talk with JEO at  
the annual Powwow  
August 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>!**

# 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:

Norfolk: Saturday, August 24 | 10:00 am-1:30 pm **(DATE MAY CHANGE)**

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 Hope Barnes at 402.315.2760 or [hbarnes@poncatribene.gov](mailto:hbarnes@poncatribene.gov).





## Johnson O'Malley program celebrates seniors at annual end of school banquet



### District 2 Back to School Event July 31 | 4 pm-6 pm

PTN Ralston Administration Office  
5805 S 86th Circle | Omaha, NE

District 2 Ponca SDA Ponca Youth are invited to our Back to School Event! Students from grades PreK - 12 will receive a backpack, lunch box, and a gift card for school supplies. Plus, the Youth Council will be providing bundles of socks for each youth.

*Must be an actively enrolled D2 SDA member at the time the list was pulled from enrollment to receive these benefits. Enrollment cards may be needed for proof of enrollment.*

*You may only pick up for your own children or children that you have legal custody or guardianship of; otherwise prior authorization must be given. This will not be done the day of the event. No holds or early pickups.*

*For more information, please call  
Falon McAlpin at 402. 208.0297.*

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District 4

### Back to School Picnic

**Saturday, July 27**

Fun-Plex Waterpark & Rides  
7003 Q Street | Omaha, NE

District 4 Tribal Council will host a Back to School picnic at Fun-Plex in Omaha for all enrolled Ponca Youth aged 0 to 19! There will be unlimited access to all rides, sand volleyball, and horseshoes. Gift cards for shoes will be handed out during the event. The registration deadline is **July 10**.

To register, please use our Formstack at [https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/d4\\_bts\\_at\\_funplex](https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/d4_bts_at_funplex) or by scanning our QR code. For more information, please contact Tribal Council Representative Kyle Taylor at [ktaylor@poncatribef-ne.gov](mailto:ktaylor@poncatribef-ne.gov).





# Parents and children make connections at Tribal Home Visiting Program event

The Tribal Home Visiting (THV) Program held their first Group Connection event Thursday, June 6th at Ponca Health Services in Lincoln. Families from the community enjoyed a variety of activities to encourage parent-child interaction. Activities included sensory exploration, cognitive puzzles, fine and gross motor skill tasks, and

nutrition education. Children were also able to plant seeds to watch grow while in the home. The THV team provided a meal and sent a plant home with each family. Parent feedback from the event was very positive. Our community and THV team is looking forward to our monthly group connections!



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.

Ponca Health Services

Behavioral Health





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:


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Jessica Upton, 402.315.2760

jupton@poncatrib-ne.gov





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# Reel Mentors help get Ponca youth hooked on fishing

**Becci Sullivan**

Youth Council Advisor

On Sunday, June 2, 2024, the Osni Ponca Youth Council collaborated with the Reel Mentor's program for their annual event for D2 youth. The event occurred at the Platte River State Park in Louisville, NE. The participants and their families started with donuts and juice. The first activity for the youth participants was to use metal detectors to find coins that the Reel Mentors had thrown all over a grassy area. And, the kids got to keep all the coins that they found! The Reel Mentors then showed the kids how to cast and they practiced trying to get their bobbers in hula hoops. The group then headed inside to learn fishing safety and knot tying. Everyone then headed to the

creek for some FISHING! Every kid caught at least one fish! For some, it was their first catch! After fishing, everyone came back to the lodge for lunch. The kids then met with a park naturalist for the Crawdad Creek Expedition where they found critters and creatures in the creek. And, we finished the day with a tour of the Park's Nature Center.

Special thanks to tribal member, Ronnie Suverkrubbe and his Reel Mentor's team for collaborating on this event every year. And, special thanks to Candy Schott for assisting with the event and to youth council members, Maci Schott and Ben Schott, for helping make the day a success.





## Important Notice: Families with Loved Ones in the Ponka Cemetery

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

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

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

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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## 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@poncatribene.gov](mailto:ktaylor@poncatribene.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.**



2nd Annual

## Camp Creator's Game

**July 31 - August 1**

Ponca Health Services Lincoln | 1600 Windhoek Drive | Lincoln, NE  
Indian Center | 1100 Military Road | Lincoln, NE

Please join us for the Second Annual Camp Creator's Game! This year, we will be having a dinner and lock-in July 31 for kids 10 and up. On August 1, we will be hosting matches where players from the Lincoln Rampage Lacrosse, Liberty Lacrosse, and Native Futures Youth will teach kids of all ages how to play lacrosse. For more information and complete itinerary, please contact Sarah Lehl at [slehl@poncatribene.gov](mailto:slehl@poncatribene.gov).

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LACROSSE

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LIBERTY  
LACROSSE

Native  
Futures

INDIAN CENTER INC.





# Ponca Tribe hosts Intertribal Youth Lock-In

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Behavioral Health program, along with Tribal Home Visiting and the Domestic Violence program, hosted an Intertribal Youth Lock-in

at Ponca Health Services-Lincoln. Native youth cooled off from the summer heat with a visit Star City Shores followed by frozen treats from Kona Ice, experienced sci-

ence, history, and the wonders of the natural world at Morrill Hall, experienced the beauty of nature with a nature walk, and so much more!



## Our website has moved!

You can now find the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska website at [www.poncatrib-ne.gov](http://www.poncatrib-ne.gov).

Your login info remains the same. All PTN email addresses have also changed to end in **.gov**.





Kyle Taylor  
402.750.4299

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

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)



**Thomas Wright, II**  
Domestic Violence Program  
Supervisor

Homelessness, houselessness, being unhoused or unsheltered is referred to as the condition of lacking stable, safe, and functional housing. Homelessness has been on the rise over recent years. Homelessness or unsheltered rates are also trending upward for most racial, ethnic, and gender groups.

Throughout the country, domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and their children. For some

victims and survivors, the decision of choosing homelessness over staying in an abusive relationship may mean the chance that they need to improve their situation.

When entering shelters, the top 2 needs identified by victims and survivors are: finding affordable housing and overall safety. The average stay at an emergency homeless shelter is 60 days, while the average length of time it takes a homeless family to secure housing is 6-10 months.

In many cases, victims

and survivors face trouble when securing a safe and affordable place to live because of factors such as: poor credit, a lack of rental history, or an inconsistent employment history. Abusers commonly sabotage victims' economic stability to control their relationship and making their victim reliant on solely on them.

Financial assistance and supportive services can help victims and survivors address their safety and housing needs. Financial assistance such as rental assistance, emergency shelters, and transitional

housing at available to help survivors.

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Domestic Violence Program staff members can assist victims and survivors navigate the paths to safe housing. The Domestic Violence Program staff members are also knowledgeable of programs and organizations in their areas that assist victims and survivors search for and secure housing.

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# MMIR Powwow Grand Entry

**August 10, 2024 | 1 pm**

Ponca Powwow Grounds  
88915 521 Avenue | Niobrara, NE

The Domestic Violence Program would like to invite the family members of Missing or Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) to march with us during Saturday afternoon's Grand Entry at the Annual Powwow. The DV Program staff marches to bring awareness to this epidemic of injustices.



**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@poncatribes-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: \_\_\_\_\_



# District 3 hosts monthly member potluck



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



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## 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).



## 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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# 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





# HOW **HOT** IS IT GOING TO BE TODAY?

The National Weather Service (NWS) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have developed a new system to measure the risk of heat and how it may impact you, your family, and your health. This system measures:

- How unusual the heat is for the time of year
- How long the heat will last
- If temperatures indicate a higher risk of heat-related impacts or illness



HEAT RISK 4: MAGENTA



HEAT RISK 3: RED



HEAT RISK 2: ORANGE



HEAT RISK 1: YELLOW



HEAT RISK 0: GREEN



Extreme risk, long-duration extreme heat with little to no overnight relief

Major risk, affects anyone without effective cooling methods or hydration

Moderate risk, affects most people sensitive to heat

Minor risk, affects people extremely sensitive to heat

Little to no risk from expected heat



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



# 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\**



# What is radon, and what to do about it?

The Environmental Protection Department at the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is offering free radon testing for tribal members and employees within the tribal service delivery area. Please contact us at [cbarta@poncatribene.gov](mailto:cbarta@poncatribene.gov) or by calling or texting 402-358-6290 to set up a radon appointment today!

**What is radon?** Radon is a naturally occurring, odorless gas that is constantly being released from the ground. It comes from the radioactive decay of underground uranium. It can build up in lower levels of homes due to pressure differences between indoors and outdoors.

**Is radon dangerous?**



Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, behind smoking. When we breathe radon gas into our lungs it has the potential to release alpha radiation while in the lungs. The main concern is that after years of exposure to high levels of radon there is an increased risk

of developing lung cancer, especially in combination with smoking.

**Does Nebraska have radon?** Nebraska has the 3rd highest average radon levels of all the states, with Minnesota and Iowa being the only states with higher levels. 59% of Nebraskan homes tested

are higher than the EPA action level, which indicates that actions should be made to minimize the high levels. The only way to know if your home has high levels of radon is to test for it!

**What can I do about high radon levels?** Depending on levels and the source of the radon entering the home, there may be a few easy fixes to change the pressure differences between the lower level of the home and the outside ground. Sometimes this involves installing a fan in the basement and running a pipe from the basement to the outside air. In other situations, simple changes in ventilation or air conditioning can fix the problem.

## 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.



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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When completed please return to:

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

Attn: Chris Minarik

2523 Woodbine Street

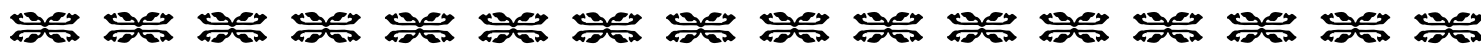
Niobrara, NE 68760

christinem@poncatribes-ne.gov

402-857-3391



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## 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 7/1/2024

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 Randell  
 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  
 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, III, 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  
 Fasthorne, 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, Tehya Joe  
 Hallowell Jr., Timothy Eugene  
 Hamilton, Bobbi-Jo Danielle  
 Hampshire, Austin Taylor  
 Harris, Paul Joseph  
 Hart-La Londe, Kaedyn Mikael  
 Hendren, Adavia Gabrielle  
 Hennek, Gail Howe  
 Henritze, Joseph Dale  
 Henritze, Karen June  
 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  
 LaPointe, Robert James  
 Latimer, LaRohn Lewis  
 Le Roy, Gisele Marie  
 Lerew Jr, Zachariah Ray  
 Lieb, Donovan Joseph  
 Lieb, Sylas Vittorio  
 Little, Jeromy Todd  
 Livermore, Lakin Mardell  
 Lopez, Jr., Juan Francisco  
 Maben, Jessica Paige  
 Mann II, Steven Michael  
 Mann, Sydney Desiree`  
 Mategko, Janet Louise

Mategko, Lisa Louise  
 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, II,  
     Scott Richard Herbert  
 Thomas, Jenny Anne  
 Thomas, Natana Lynn  
 Thomas, Robin Diane  
 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  
 Whiting, Jerica Ryan Taylor  
 Williams, Andrea Michelle  
 Williams, Summer Rose  
 Wintermantel,  
     Samuel Max Kawakami  
 Wooten, Kendra Jade  
 Wright, Alina Lee  
 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)

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### **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



**\*\*\*\* NOTICE: All Tribal Members \*\*\*\*****LAW AND ORDER CODE REVISION  
Discussion on August 6, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.  
During Tribal Council Meeting****\*\*\*\* NOTICE: All Tribal Members\*\*\*\***

The Ponca Tribal Council will be reviewing proposed amendments to the Law and Order Code. The revisions are being considered because the Tribal Council wants to increase the autonomy of the Tax Commission by changing the composition of the Commission and granting the Commission the authority to determine whether or not a Commissioner should participate in an action due to a potential conflict of interest.

**There are changes being proposed to Title XII. The revisions being considered include but are not limited to the following:**

- **Section 12-2-2** Changes the composition of the Commission by removing the Vice-Chair of the Tribal Council and increases the number of Tribal members who serve
- **Section 12-2-3** Changes the qualification of the Commission
- **Section 12-2-8** Requires the Commission to elect a Chairperson and Secretary at its first meeting each calendar year or earlier if a vacancy occurs, and prohibits Chairperson from voting unless there is a tie
- **Section 12-2-10** Gives the Commission the authority to determine by majority vote whether a Commissioner is able to participate in an action due to a potential conflict of interest.

A complete copy of the proposed amendments is available at the tribal offices, or one may be obtained by contacting Jan Colwell, Executive Assistant to Tribal Council at 402-857-3391 Ext. 5016 or [janc@poncatribene.gov](mailto:janc@poncatribene.gov).

**There will be a discussion by Tribal Council that is open for public comment on August 6, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.**

**Written comments will be accepted until July 31, 2024 at 10 a.m.** The written comments may be emailed to [janc@poncatribene.gov](mailto:janc@poncatribene.gov) or mailed to

Jan Colwell,  
P.O. Box 288  
Niobrara, NE 68760

**MEMBERS NEEDED**

**POWWOW COMMITTEE VACANCY**

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Powwow Committee is in place to plan, organize, prepare for, facilitate, and host the Annual Ponca Powwow.

There will be three terms expiring on 9/30/24 on the Powwow Committee. Letters of Interest are being accepted at this time. Committee members are paid a \$250 stipend per meeting plus mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles round trip. This is a three-year-term.

Applicants must submit letter of interest and current resume to the Tribal Council, Attn: Candace Repenning, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 658760 or by e-mail [crepenning@poncatribene.gov](mailto:crepenning@poncatribene.gov). A background check is required. Deadline for applications is September 1, 2024.

**GAMING COMMISSIONER VACANCY**

The Tribal Council is accepting applications for Gaming Commissioners. Commissioners are paid \$250 per meeting and \$100 for training work days, plus mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles roundtrip and applicable per diem is paid.

The Ponca Gaming Commission was established to regulate gaming on Ponca Indian Lands by enforcing the Ponca Gaming Ordinance.

**This includes:**

- Enforcing all NIGC and FBI requirements for Fingerprint background checks and approving all licenses for all KEY, PMO and Non-Gaming employees.
- Enforcing all NIGC and Gaming Commission Internal Controls for each department's policy and procedures.
- Approving all Department's Policies and Procedures to ensure compliance with the NIGC and state compact regulations.
- Granting the Facility license for any building that has gaming, ensuring that the Federal, State and Tribal building codes are enforced to protect the health and safety of the employees and the guests.

**Qualifications:**

- Must be at least 25 years of age and must not be a gaming-related employee, contractor of the Tribe or a member of the Tribal Council. Any appointment will be temporary, pending completion of a background investigation. No Commissioner may have committed a gambling or bribery offense, had a felony conviction, or have any financial interest in, or management responsibility for, any gaming activity governed by the Ordinance, including a Management Contract.
- Must complete all Levels of the NIGC Commissioner Training and Master Class within the first year.
- Must complete the FBI's Level III Security Awareness Training and obtain a certificate prior to accessing any FBI Criminal History Reports to make licensing decisions.

Please submit a letter of interest and resume to Ponca Tribal Council, Attn: Candace Repenning P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or via e-mail to [crepenning@poncatribene.gov](mailto:crepenning@poncatribene.gov). Deadline is July 19, 2024 .





## Elder's Committee Meetings

**July 1 | 10 am**

Ponca Offices | Sioux City, IA

**August 9 | 10 am**

PTN Headquarters | Niobrara, NE



## MEMBERS NEEDED

### NORTHERN PONCA HOUSING AUTHORITY - DISTRICT 1

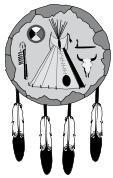
There is a vacant position on the Northern Ponca Housing Authority for District 1 with a term expiring on 5/31/25. District 1 represents Boyd, Knox and Holt Counties of Nebraska, Charles Mix County of South Dakota, and Woodbury County of Iowa.

Commissioners receive a \$250 stipend per meeting as well as mileage reimbursement and per diem. A meeting is held 1 day per month and four months of the year a 2 day meeting is held.

#### **Other qualifications to serve on this Board are as follows:**

- Any person appointed to the Board shall not be less than twenty-five (25) years of age.
- If convicted of a felony, or a sexually-related conviction, misdemeanor or otherwise such a person shall not be allowed to serve as a member of the Board.
- No immediate family members may serve on the Board at the same time. Immediate family means mother, father, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother, sister, spouse or individuals residing in the same household. This shall include half, step and in-law relations.
- No member of the Tribal Council, employee of the Tribe or any entities thereof, shall serve on the Board of Commissioners.

Please mail your letter of interest with a resume or brief background on why you would be a good candidate for the Board of Commissioners to the Ponca Tribal Council, PO. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or [crepenning@poncatribes-ne.gov](mailto:crepenning@poncatribes-ne.gov) If you need more detailed information please contact Joey Nathan, Executive Director of the Northern Ponca Housing Authority at 402-379-8224. A background check will be conducted on all candidates. Deadline for Application is July 20, 2024.



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#### **Administration Building**

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#### **Gym Building**

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

#### **Ponca Hills Clinic**

Ph: (402) 371-8780  
(402) 371-5726  
Fax: (402) 379-4291 - Pharmacy  
(402) 379-4293 - Registration  
(402) 371-4094 - Medical Lab

#### **Ponca Express**

Ph: 877-769-3111

#### **Northern Ponca Housing Authority**

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

#### **Purchased/Referred Care**

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

### **OMAHA 68107**

#### **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

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Ph: (402) 733-1325  
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#### **Northern Ponca Housing Authority**

10635 Birch., 68134  
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### **SIOUX CITY 51103**

#### **Administration**

125 6th Street  
Ph: (712) 258-0500  
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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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