

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News

Summer Fun

Members celebrate
summer with fireworks,
baseball games,
potlucks, and more!



August 2024

30th Annual Ponca Tribe of Nebraska POWWOW

4-DAY POWWOW! August 8-11, 2024

Grand Entries: Thurs- 7 pm

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

Meals provided 1 hour before each Grand Entry

All Dancers and Spectators Welcome.

Head Man

Čaní 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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OF NEBRASKA**

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



With the
support of the
Nebraska Arts
Council.



On the cover: District 4 youth share a laugh at the District 4 Fourth of July celebration, just one of several member outings and gatherings held this summer.

Chairwoman's Corner

"Think of how quickly we could heal this world if more of us were dancing, singing, storytelling, and spending time in silence."

Thati'a relatives,

I hope this message finds you well. I'd first like to say a quick "hello" to Mr. James P. who wrote to me recently. I look forward to connecting with you to learn more about you and your story. These last couple of months have been extremely busy. There has been a lot of preparation occurring for our 30th Annual Powwow Celebration at the homelands this month. This year we've added an additional day so the Powwow will begin on Thursday. In recognition of our 30-years we are providing a special anniversary gift to all our Ponca elders in attendance. Elders can pick up their gift at the Breakfast and Bingo event Saturday morning or at the Tribal Council booth at the Powwow grounds. There will be even more activities being held in conjunction with the Powwow as well including a first ever Ponca member "Meet & Greet" being held on Thursday. More details of all the different activities are included in this Newsletter as well as on all our social media pages.

We are very excited for everyone to see and



Chairwoman and Council members with Executive Team members.

experience the new Powwow arena. Due to repeated storms hitting the area, Tribal Council and staff recognized the need to redo the arena along with some much needed additions to the entire area as well. Thanks to the Ponca-owned business Lacreme Construction this dream became a reality over the summer. A huge shout out to Curtis Boschult and his crew for working tirelessly to get everything done on time for Powwow. We are now proud owners of one of the largest arenas in the Midwest, a much larger MC (Crow's Nest) booth, and state-of-the-art kitchen. This June we also planted our own Ponca corn on the grounds, be sure to check it out located behind the Earth Lodge.

The Tribal Council recently approved an Agricultural Resource Management Plan (ARMP) that will help guide us as we continue to look at ways to improve and develop some of our land. As a part of this we were

excited to announce that we are the recipient of a \$4.8 million grant to help us build a corral system and processing plant for herd management. Once complete this will allow us to provide even more buffalo meat to members nationwide and will create new job opportunities for tribal members. We will keep you updated as we progress in these activities.

Below are some additional events and highlights to share from the last couple of months. Reminder of our Council meeting held during Powwow on August 11th at 9:00 a.m. at the Niobrara Headquarters building, we'd love for you to join us in-person or online. Until next time, take care!

- Chief Standing Bear & Ponca Cultural Center planning meetings
- Ponca Corn Planting in Niobrara
- Farmer's Market events at all office locations
- Matter of Respect

meeting with the construction crew for Prairie Flower Casino

- Meeting with U.S. Census officials
- Nebraska Intertribal Coalition Meeting
- Great Plains Tribal Health Board Meetings
- Great Plains Chairmen's Association Meetings
- Tribal Health Sponsorships Conference
- Health Consultations
- Elder's Meetings
- Strategic Planning Review
- 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
- Annual Employee Appreciation Event
- General Membership Meeting

WiBthaHa (Thank you),
Chairwoman
Candace Schmidt
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Ponca Youth participate in Ironhawk Juniors Triathalon event



L-R: Edith Valandra, Tonya Valandra, Nadia Chavez, Addison Rodgers, and Riley Somchana.

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska donation committee donated to Ironhawk Jrs Triathlon program for the second year. The program builds confidence, character, and promotes healthy lifestyles for girls ages 7-14 in the Omaha Metro. The non-profit provides the program free of charge and girls participating are eligible to receive, at no cost, bikes, helmets, running shoes, swim suits, goggles, swim

caps, and bike and swim lessons!
This year four Ponca youth participated in the event and became triathletes. For several it was their first year, one completed her second triathlon, and one became a fifth year triathlete.
Thank you to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Tribal Council, and the donation Committee for supporting this program!

Member Spotlight - Alizay Ironheart

Alizay Ironheart our Little Miss Ponca Princess participated in the 66th TIHA Annual Summer Powwow in Llano, Texas. She competed in the jingle dress tiny tot competition and won 1st Place. Congrats Alizay! I look forward to watching you dance again at our Annual Powwow this month. You have represented the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska so well during your time as our Little Miss, we are so proud of you!

Important Notice:

Families with Loved Ones in the Ponca Cemetery

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

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

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

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

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Looking for even more photos? All our official Ponca Tribe of Nebraska event photos are available for members to view and download on Flickr @PoncaTribeofNE!


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District 4 lights up the night with July 4 celebration

District 4 members enjoyed food, fun, fireworks and music at the July 4 celebration. Kids were able to make a splash with water slide bounce houses, while everyone enjoyed live music provided by member Dennis Lewchuk. The evening concluded with a fireworks show.






Member Mailing Questions



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

District 1 JoAn Schlotman 712.276.7103 Angie Starkel 402.922.0436	District 3 Shanna Carpenter 402.805.0883 District 4 Alex Taylor 402.750.2045 Kyle Taylor 402.750.4299
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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@poncatrIBE-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 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.**





UKÍTE - Other Tribes

by Steve Laravie, Sr., Language Program Coordinator

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CommancheŠAÁXTI -
Rosebud Sioux

ZÁGE - Sac and Fox

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OjibwayHÍGABU -
KickapooHÚKPAPA -
HunkpapaHÚTAĞÀ -
Winnebago

KÁZÈ - Kaw

PÁĐI - Pawnee

IHÁTAWÌ - Yankton

MÁXUDÈ - Iowa

WAĐÚDADA -
OtoeUKÍTE - Enemy, other
tribes*Answers on page 16***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** /Ĳ/ 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, or 402.371.8834, ext. 120.

Meet Your Language Instructors: Gwendolyn Santiago-Wright

Q: Please introduce yourself in Ponca

A: Ɖat'ía, izaže wít'ake
Mášàzí Waćígaxè.
Níp'úki P'ák'áíye
Wagáze Wádí bđi
ha. Hello, my name
is Dancing Yellow
Feather, I am the
Norfolk Ponca
Language Instructor.

Q: What are you passionate about?

A: I am very passionate about my family, I'm very passionate about my job, to just learn the language and meet different, many different people, many different Tribes. Just to teach people a language that we couldn't be taught before, that was taken from us, very passionate that we are able to share and teach people our ways.

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

A: I am the daughter of Robin E. Wright and Javier Santiago, and I am also the granddaughter of Loyalee Wright and Thomas McAnally. Otto Birdhead is my great grandfather. Yellow Horse is who I



am the descendant of. I am part of the Buffalo Clan. We are the feeder of the People.

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

A: I wish to achieve to teach our younger youth, our Elders, our middle age relatives how to speak Ponca, even if you're not Ponca I want to teach other people about our language. Just to bring back our history and our ways and just to make our Tribe stronger. I wish to take this to when I'm very old. I wish to become a fluent speaker, to have other people become fluent speakers as well.

Q: Where are you from?

A: I am from Norfolk, Nebraska, born and raised.



Q: Do you have any nicknames?

A: Yeah I have Quincy's my nickname, Squincy.

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

A: I have a lot of favorite movies, I'd probably say my number one is the Harry Potter series. Books, I don't really have a favorite book.

Q: What is your favorite childhood memory?

A: My favorite childhood memory would be when me and my niece would go to my grandmas house and we would go to the Dollar store, and we'd only have to pick, so like at the Dollar store you can pick five things and it'd be five dollars, and we'd only pick things, so we'd always share our things. Then we'd go home and like, play and do all that

stuff, I think that'd be my favorite, just spending the weekend with my grandma.

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

A: One thing I want to add is this is just a very honorable job and honorable thing that we're learning. And I'm very very passionate about this, so I just want to say thank you for everyone who supports me, and thank you for my teacher, my coworkers, my supervisors, I'm very thankful to have them there by my side to help me walk this path that I'm going down, and just all the positive comment. I also just want to encourage everybody else to learn the language and don't be scared to try something new, like if you have a drive to do something, do it, don't hesitate. And I just want to say thank you.

Community of Neligh returns pipe to the Ponca Tribe

On July 3, the Antelope County Museum and the township of Neligh invited the Ponca people and elders for lunch and the return of a Pipestone Pipe. The pipe was given to the museum as part of a Native American collection many years ago. These pipes are used for tribal ceremonies, and should not be on display in museums. After conversations with the museum's Executive Director, Donna Hanson, the museum honored the Tribe's wishes, and returned the pipe to the Tribe. A speech of gratitude and



honor was given by one of the community's eldest residents.

The Ponca people and the town of Neligh have a relationship that goes back to the Ponca's trail

of tears in the late 1800s. White Buffalo Girl was a year-and-a-half-old Ponca child who died along the way, and was buried in Neligh. The town promised to continue to look after her grave. "We've

never forgotten the promise that they gave to us to take care of her grave and always respect her in that way. We always try to give back in any way that we can," said Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Culture Director Ricky Wright.

After the presentation, Junior Ponca Princess, Taliah Zephier, USD Junior Princess, Nevaeh Wright, along with some of the Ponca youth group dancers in full regalia, and the Horse Drum Group held an exhibition dance for the town's people.

Culture team receives training on artifact preservation

In mid-June, The Culture and Language team invited conservation experts from The Ford Conservation Center of History Nebraska as consultants to the Community Building in Niobrara.

The specialists offered a two-day hands-on workshop on the process of examining, cleaning, repairing, and identifying damage, along with how safety precautions for using chemicals while cleaning artifacts.

Over the course of the training, Rebecca Cashman, Objects Conserva-



tor, explained the need for safety procedures for artifact cleaning, as historically, arsenic and other chemicals have been used to repel insects. Cashman also demon-

strated how to vacuum artifacts without compromising the artifact's integrity. After the demonstration, Teresa Foley, Tribal Historian Preservation Officer and bead enthusi-

ast, practiced stabilizing the beadwork on a sash and pipe bag.

Hilary Lefevere, Paper Conservator, brought her cleaning kit to demonstrate how to clean up and repair important Ponca historical documents, records and photos.

With this training, the Culture and Language team has been able to begin cleaning the items that will go in the Tribes Museum in the Community Building. The Museum will be open 1-6 pm throughout Powwow.

District 3 members enjoy Salt Dogs baseball outing



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 Executive Team!

NPHA

Joey Nathan
Justine Knapp

Finance

Greg Gunderson

HR

Johnathan Robinson

Tribal Affairs

Courtney Chavez
Penny Lingle
Alexcia Boggs

Ponca Health Services

Dr. Jacqueline Bae
Rhiannon Pitzl

Prairie Flower Casino

Ernie Dellaverson

Information Technology

David Threm

Ponca Gaming Commission

Mai Lee

Osni/PEDCO

Becci Sullivan

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, August 19, 2024 | 4 - 6 pm
Niobrara | 2523 Woodbine Street

Tuesday, August 20, 2024 | 4 - 6 pm
Norfolk | 1800 Syracuse Avenue | North Gym Lot

Wednesday, August 21, 2024 | 4 - 6 pm
Sioux City | 125 6th Street

Thursday, August 22, 2024 | 4 - 6 pm
Lincoln | 1600 Windhoek Drive | North Lot

Friday, August 23, 2024 | 4 - 6 pm
Omaha | 5815 South 86th Circle



Tips for addressing bullying as school starts

Lorene Thomas
Community Outreach
Advocate

Summer is starting to come to an end, and the school year will soon begin again. I have seen so many children deal with bullying and think to myself, "when this is going to end?" As a parent and advocate against violence, we want the best for our children.

Bullying is aggressive behavior that is intentional and involves an imbalance of power or strength. It is a repeated behavior and can be physical, verbal, or relational. While boys may bully others using more physical means, girls often bully others by social exclusion. Bullying has been a part of schools and workplaces for years. More recently, technology and social media have created a new venue for bullying. Cyberbullying is bullying that happens online and via cell phones. Websites like YouTube, Instagram, and Snapchat allow kids to send hurtful messages to other children 24 hours a day. Some sites, like Instagram, allow for users to create multiple accounts that can't be traced to the original creator and can be used to anonymously bully others.

Preventing and stopping bullying involves a commitment to creating a safe environment where children can thrive, socially and academically, without being afraid. The American Psychology Association (APA) recommends that teachers, parents, and students take the following actions to address bullying.

Teachers and school administrators:

Be knowledgeable and observant.

Teachers and administrators need to be aware that although bullying generally happens in areas such as bathrooms, playgrounds, crowded hallways, and school buses as well as via cell phones and computers (where supervision is limited or absent), and it must be taken seriously. Teachers and administrators should emphasize that telling is not tattling. If a teacher observes bullying in a classroom, he/she needs to immediately intervene to stop it, record the incident, and inform the appropriate school administrators so the incident can be investigated. Having a joint meeting with the bullied student and the student who is bullying is not recommended—it is embarrassing and very intimidating

for the student that is being bullied.

Involve students and parents.

Students and parents need to be a part of the solution and involved in safety teams and antibullying task forces. Students can inform adults about what is really going on and teach adults about new technologies that kids are using to bully. Parents, teachers, and school administrators can help students engage in positive behavior and teach them skills so that they know how to intervene when bullying occurs. Older students can serve as mentors and inform younger students about safe practices on the internet.

Parents:

Parents of kids being bullied.

Observe your child for signs they might be being bullied.

Children may not always be vocal about being bullied. Signs include ripped clothing, hesitation about going to school, decreased appetite, nightmares, crying, or general depression and anxiety. If you discover your child is being bullied, don't tell them to "let it go" or "suck it up." Instead, have open-ended conver-

sations where you can learn what is really going on at school so that you can take the appropriate steps to rectify the situation. Most importantly, let your child know you will help them and that they should try not to fight back.

Teach your child how to handle being bullied.

Until something can be done on an administrative level, work with your child to handle bullying without being crushed or defeated. Practice scenarios at home where your child learns how to ignore a bully and/or develop assertive strategies for coping with bullying. Help your child identify teachers and friends that can help them if they're worried about being bullied.

Set boundaries with technology.

Educate your children and yourself about cyberbullying and teach your children not to respond or forward threatening emails. "Friend" your child on Facebook and other social media platforms and set up proper filters on your child's computer. Make the family computer the only computer for children and have it in a public place in the home where

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BULLYING: Watch for signs that your child is being bullied or is bullying

it is visible and can be monitored. If your child has a cell phone, choose settings that will keep your child safe, like removing an app's access to the cell phone camera or microphone. Let them know you will be monitoring their text messages. As a parent, you can insist that phones are stored in a public area, such as the kitchen, by a certain time at night to eliminate nighttime bullying and inappropriate messaging. Parents should report bullying to the school and follow up with a letter that is copied to the school superintendent if their initial inquiry receives no response.

Parents should report all threatening messages to the police and should document any text messages, emails, or posts on websites.

Parents of kids engaged in bullying:

Stop bullying before it starts.
Educate your children about bullying. It is possible that your child is having trouble reading social signs and does not know what they are doing is hurtful. Remind your child that bullying others can have legal consequences.

Make your home “bully free.”
Children learn behavior through their parents. Being exposed to aggressive behavior or an overly strict environment at home makes kids more prone to bully at school. Parents/caregivers should model positive examples for your child in your relationships with other people and with them.

Look for self-esteem issues.
Children with low self-esteem often bully to feel better about themselves. Even children who seem popular and well-liked can have mean tendencies. Mean behavior should be addressed by parents and disciplined.

Students:
Report bullying and cyberbullying.
It is important for students to report any bullying to a parent or an adult they trust. Often kids don't report cyberbullying because they fear their parents will take away their phone or computer. Parents will support their child's reports of bullying and not take away their phones consequently. It is important for kids to remember that bullying is wrong and should be handled by an adult.

Don't bully back.It may be difficult to not bully back, but as the saying goes, two wrongs don't make a right. Try not to show anger or tears. Either calmly tell the bully to stop bullying or simply walk away.

Avoid being alone.
Whenever possible, avoid situations where there are no other students or teachers. Try to go to the bathroom with a friend or eat lunch in a group. When riding the bus, sit near the front. If you know a student who likes to bully others is in an area where you normally walk to lunch or class, try to use alternative hallway

routes.
Remember, report bullying of yourself or other students to your teacher, coach, principal, and/or parent.
Conclusion
Students who experience bullying may feel overwhelmed, depressed, or anxious. If your child or student is having trouble at school or with friends as a result of bullying, a mental health professional, such as a psychologist, can help your child develop resilience and confidence. This will enable your child to be more successful both socially and academically.


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@poncatribene.gov



ATTENTION Ponca Students:

Application Deadline extended to August 15, 2024 for the Adam Way Scholarship!

- \$1,000.00 Scholarship for enrolled Ponca Members
- NEBRASKA residents ages 18-45 only
- Awarded to one student per school year.

Applications are on the website or contact Aubrey Knudsen to request one at aknudsen@poncatribene.gov or 402.371.8834.



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@poncatribene.gov or aknudsen@poncatribene.gov.



**PONCA TRIBE
OF NEBRASKA**



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@poncatribes-ne.gov or aknudsen@poncatribes-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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 school year is July 31, 2025.

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

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

Revised February 2024



Nebraska Secretary of State

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.

Change of venue doesn't mean change in fun for District 3 pot luck!

Games, food, and fun had been scheduled at Oak Lake Park for the District 3 July Member Pot Luck, but high temps and higher heat indexes meant that

the gathering had to be moved indoors. Members still had a great time, with grilled goodies and plenty of play time!



WIOA Resume & Job Search Workshops

The WIOA Program will be hosting workshops on resume building and searching for jobs. If all workshops are attended, participants will be able to get an interview outfit.

Lincoln Learning Lab | 5:30 – 7:00 pm

1600 Windhoek Drive | Lincoln, NE

September 10
Resume
Workshop

September 17
Job Search &
Interviewing
Workshop

***September 24**
Reviewing
Resume with
WIOA Staff

Ralston Transit Building | 5:30 – 7:00 pm

5701 S 85th Circle | Omaha, NE

October 9
Resume
Workshop

October 16
Job Search &
Interviewing
Workshop

***October 23**
Reviewing
Resume with
WIOA Staff



*Optional class to take

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

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

Sioux City Office | 125 6th St | Sioux City, IA
Brad Johnson: bjohnson@poncatribene.gov

Niobrara Headquarters | 2523 Woodbine St | Niobrara, NE
Kris Kotrous: kkotrous@poncatribene.gov

Ralston Transit Building | 5701 S 85th Cir | Omaha, NE
Skylar Timm-Beavers: stimm-beavers@poncatribene.gov

Ponca Tribe participates in Heartland Pride

On Saturday, July 13th, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska staff participated in the annual Heartland Pride parade in Omaha. PTN kicked off the parade with the first company/business display, and had the opportunity to meet and network with several members of the community.



Call Now to Secure Your Place in the Circle!

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.



Tribal Home Visiting Now Enrolling!

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

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

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

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

Jessica Upton, 402.315.2760
jupton@poncatribene.gov



Ponca Dental services expanding with Mobile Health Unit

Dr. Jacqueline Bae
CEO Ponca Health Services

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska’s Dental clinics are busier than ever seeing patients, participating in community events, and expanding our services to other districts.

Ponca Health Services began utilizing our Mobile Health Unit at a the Mini Health Mixer in Sioux City in May. At that time, we were only able to perform dental screenings as we were still



refining our systems for the Mobile Unit. In June, the MHU was deployed to Niobrara, where we were able to add to our

services, like performing radiographs, comprehensive exams, and prophylactic cleanings. Our most recent deployment

was back in Sioux City in July, where we were able to add to our services yet again, as we were better equipped to complete deeper cleanings and restorations.

Our MHU is still in its infancy phase, and we plan on offering more services as time progresses. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment with our MHU Dental Clinic please call our Fred LeRoy Location at (402) 733-1325 for more information.

Mammogram Van Appointment Attendance

We had 35 appointments scheduled for the mammogram van, but only 18 people showed up. To help us manage the process more efficiently and avoid any discrepancies, please notify us in advance if you are unable to attend your appointment. Thank you for your cooperation.

PHS Community Health Dept

Ponca Health Services summer update

Greetings from PHS!

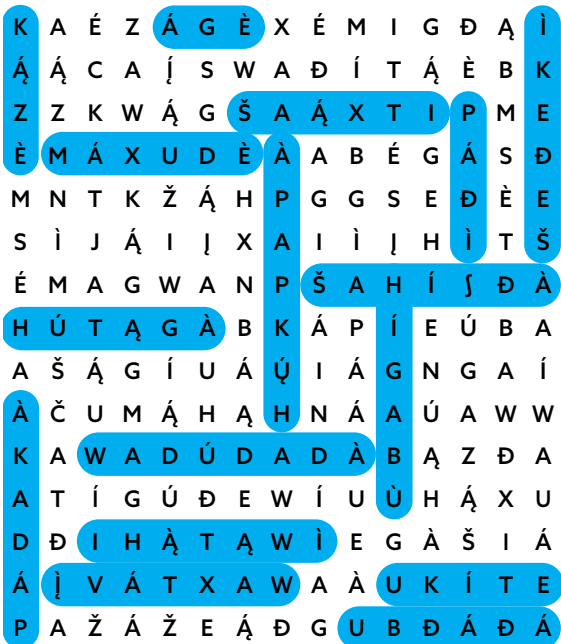
Summer is proving to be a vibrant season here at PHS, with many exciting developments underway. We are pleased to share some updates with our community:

individuals we serve. We strive to engage our community through healthy lifestyle coaching, empower our staff members, achieve accreditation with AAAHC/NCQA, and finalize our Joint Venture Construction Project.

- **Growing Team:** We now have 115 dedicated employees at PHS, serving our community with pride.
- **Comprehensive Services:** Our services include primary care (medical), dental, pharmacy, behavioral health, and community health/population health services.
- **Commitment to Excellence:** Our goals remain steadfast in delivering the highest quality healthcare to all of the

Community Focus: We are committed to providing exceptional services tailored to the needs of our community and AIAN individuals.

For any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to our CEO, Dr. Jacqueline J. Bae at jbae@poncatribene.gov . Thank you for your continued support as we work together to promote health and well-being in our community.



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Transformational Training and Workforce Development with industrial robotics

Ani Schutz

Silicon Prairie News

A new industry-certified training program supported by the Heartland Robotics Cluster is upskilling Nebraskans to navigate a future or work that includes collaborative and industrial robotics.

The Heartland Robotics Cluster (HRC) is part of a \$25 million multi-year grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA). NIS is one of eight community partners in the HRC. \$4 million of the grant goes directly towards “transforming NIS into a vibrant hub for anyone building, researching, prototyping, or programming the machines of the future – at any skill level,” according to the NIS website.

The program offers core certification training on Universal Robots collaborative robot arms as well as application-specific training, such as robotic welding. Participants gain access to advanced equipment like 3D printers and laser cutters, to further develop skills and expose participants to the latest innovations.

Program Coordinator John Strobe said NIS has been operating for



L-R: attendees Eileen DeCora, Lightning Wakute, Adrian Villalpando, and instructor Isaac Regier, machinist Elijah Paulson, and program coordinator John Strobe.

more than a year, and the Universal Robots CORE Training program for the past few months. NIS is now introducing a new pairing to the core program with application training using robotic welding.

Ponca Economic Development Corporation (PEDCO), a tribal non-profit organization responsible for providing economic development activities for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, sponsored three individuals to go through the training program July 8-12 at Nebraska Innovation Studio.

Training and getting certified in robotic arm operation increases job satisfaction, Strobe said. “These machines do the jobs that people don’t want to do, or that are hard on people’s bodies, or [the robots] take away the boring elements of someone’s work so that they

can focus on the things that actually matter.”

The three individuals that went through the CORE training and robotic arm welding sponsored by PEDCO were—Eileen DeCora of Sioux City, Lightning Wakute of Sioux City and Adrian Villalpando of Norfolk. None of them had previous experience in robotics or automation. Wakute is appreciative of the process that the program offered, thinking they would just be learning slides all day. They jumped into using the robotic arms after the initial safety and basic information. Wakute said being a visual learner and having the hands on learning right away was enough for him to start putting the pieces together and start learning.

Wakute said he had been doing hard labor jobs his entire life. Learning and

being in this new experience was surprising. He said he didn’t think he was going to enjoy it as much as he did. He said he was hesitant to pursue a career he knew nothing about going into it.

“After we got done [the first day] I went home and already started looking at more and more example videos on things I could try to improve on,” Wakute said.

For DeCora, she found her motivation to come to the training so that she could show her kids that if she can do it, they can, as well.

“I never thought this was for me...or I’d be able to do this,” DeCora said.

Villalpando said he was most excited to learn how to use the arm for welding. After the training he has been inspired to learn how to weld by hand and to use the robotic arm in the future.

“I’m so proud of myself,” Decora said.

To get involved, Strobe said that NIS training is open to anyone over the age of 18. Regardless of age, background or perceived skill-level. Individual fees range from \$200 to \$1000.

Osni/PEDCO announces new CEO and interns

Becci Sullivan
Chief Executive
Officer



Becci is a proud member of the Ponca Tribe of NE and the CEO of Osni and PEDCO.

She has over 20 years of Tribal Council and Tribal Administrative experience; and 20 years in management and analytics. Becci has a bachelor's degree in education from Wayne State College and two master's degrees in business administration and business management from Bellevue University.

Megan Baker
Intern



Hi! I am 22 and from Folsom, California. I recently graduated from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln with a bachelor's in environmental studies and political science, and will be pursuing my master's in environmental science and management at UC Santa Barbara in September. I am currently part of the Youth Council and am excited about this opportunity to continue serving the tribe.

Claudia Villegas
Intern



Hello! My name is Claudia Villegas. I am currently attending The University of Nebraska-Lincoln with the goal of getting my bachelor's in fine arts. In the tribe I am a part of the Youth Council as the new Vice-Chairwoman and now am an intern within the OSNI Ponca and PEDCO companies. I'm honored to be a member of the team and can't wait to do so many things for the Tribe and community.

PEDCO offering FREE Ag Cybersecurity Training

We have all heard about Cybersecurity, but you never really understand its importance until it happens directly to you. Hackers are getting more sophisticated, and they attack randomly. This is true even in Agriculture. Understand your options and prepare for the possibility that it could happen to you. Ponca Economic Development Corporation (PEDCO) is offering free Cybersecurity in Agriculture training in conjunction with the University of Nebraska-

Omaha. Training will be available on-line, or in-person if requested. Training sites will be available in any of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska offices throughout the Service Area if requested.

If you are interested in the training, please contact Larry Loucks/Managing Director PEDCO

lloucks@pedco-ne.org
402-499-1202

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.



Our website has moved!

You can now find the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska website at **www.poncatribene.gov**.



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, or contact the Niobrara or Lincoln offices.

We appreciate your help!

INACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF 8/1/2024

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, Sr., Anthony Arnold
Becker, Tyler Randell
Bell, Darian Patrick
Bell, Shaune` Kay
Birdhead, William Randolph
Blair, Hunter Wo Day Leon
Blowe, Dominick Adams
Blowe, Isaiah Fredrick
Blowe, Tyrone Richard
Boettger, Dakota Birdhead
Boettger, Kevin Otto
Bonge, Angela Marie
Bonge, Todd Joseph
Boyd, Myron Ralph
Boyer, Berlin N.
Brooks, Angela Ellen
Brown, J. Wesley
Brown, La` Trel Lucious
Brownrigg, Steven Francis
Buckley II, Sentwali Onyemachi
Burston, Sandra Lee
Carter, Amber Lynn
Castro, Shylo Angel Marie
Chwalowski, Kaitlin Martika
Courtright, Michael Todd
Cutshall, Katline James
Da Moude, Deborah Kay
Danielson, Daniel James
Danner, III, Terry Edward
Davis, Mary Frances
Drapeaux, Justin Lee
Eckley, Lane Emory
Eckley, Leigha Irene
Evans, Kaci Antonette
Evans, Kareem Antwon
Fasthorse, Beverlee Ann
Flagg, III., George Albert
Flowers, Joseph
Foley, Michael Joseph
Freeman, Xavier Lee
Givens, V'Unna Anna Mae
Glenn, John Allen

Glisan, Cynthia Lynn
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
Hallowell Jr., Timothy Eugene
Hamilton, Bobbi-Jo Danielle
Hampshire, Austin Taylor
Harlan, Kyzur James
Harlan, Lavara Mina
Harris, Paul Joseph
Hart-La Londe, Kaedyn Mikael
Hatfield, Kyleigh Rae Marie
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
Kent, Alexander Mason
Kerrigan, Kathleen Ann
King, Gavin Michael
Knudsen, Miles Henry
Krueger, Annette Marie
Kyles, Jarred Joseph
LaPointe, Alejandro Jauquine
LaPointe, Robert James
Latimer, LaRohn Lewis
Le Roy, Gisele Marie
Leach, Isaiah Marcus
Lerew Jr, Zachariah Ray
Lieb, Donovan Joseph
Lieb, Sylls Vittorio
Little, Jeremy Todd
Livermore, Lakin Mardell
Lopez, Jr., Juan Francisco
Maben, Jessica Paige
Mann II, Steven Michael
Mann, Desiree` Leann

Mann, Sydney Desiree`
Mategko, Janet Louise
Mategko, Lisa Louise
Mategko, Michael Steven
Matthews, Jett Haden
McGrath, Bryan Thomas
McGrath, Daniel Patrick
Mercier, Jade Sharice
Morehouse, Lisa Lynne
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
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
Skinner, Phillip David
Smith, Ashley Nicole
Smith, Danial Ray
Smith, Stephanie Rae
Standblack, Marko Tulio
Stark, Brandy Nickole
Stastny, Rachel Colleen
Stegman, Mi'a Miwasa Nevaeh
Stolle, Ryan Matthew
Stuczynski, Drake Keegan
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
Velder Jr., Jason Lee
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, Cherita Alberta
Wright, Cruz Montgomery
Wright, Lane Andrew
Wright, Yesenia Carmen
York, Gregory Allen
Young, Darius Alonzo
Young, Ma Kenna Kay

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

(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.

Congratulations, 2024 Graduate!

David Conn
Lovejoy High School

David plans to study Criminal Justice

Parents - Tina and Greg Conn;
Grandmother - Clarice "Hot Rodd " Pilcher Prentiss;
2x Great Grandmother - Mamie LeClair Walker;
3x Great - Wakanwin Delia Yellow Horse LeClair;
4x great - Sangehinze Horse with Yellow Hair

Congratulations to the most awesome person ever! All your hard work has truly paid off! We are so proud of you son, you have a very bright future ahead. Much love to you, Mom and Dad



Language instructors Charlie Iron Thunder and Gwendolyn Wright-Santiago had the pleasure of meeting the eldest living Ponca elder, Theodore (Red) Branstiter, at the Neligh Mills Day celebration. Dancers from the Ponca Tribe participated in the celebration, in honor of the good relationship that the Tribe has had with the town of Neligh since the 1800s.



**Elder's
Committee
Meetings**

August 9 | 10 am

PTN Headquarters | Niobrara, NE

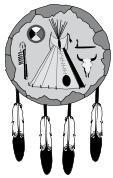
September 2 | 10 am

PTN Offices | Norfolk, NE



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Cultural

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Fax: (402) 857-3652

LINCOLN 68512

Administration

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

Ponca Health Services-Lincoln

1600 Windhoek Dr
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Osni Ponca

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

NORFOLK 68701

Administration Building

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

Gym Building

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

Ponca Hills Clinic

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

Ponca Express

Ph: 877-769-3111

Northern Ponca Housing Authority

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

Purchased/Referred Care

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

OMAHA 68107

Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Clinic

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

Administration

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

Dental

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

Northern Ponca Housing Authority

10635 Birch., 68134
Ph: (402) 505-3055
Fax: (402) 505-3066

SIOUX CITY 51103

Administration

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

OTHER RESOURCES

Child Abuse Hotline

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

National Child Abuse Hotline

800-422-4453

National Suicide Hotline

800-273-8255

Domestic Violence Hotline

800-799-7233

National Human Trafficking Hotline

888-373-7888

National Problem Gambling Helpline

800-522-4700

Elder Abuse Hotline

800-252-8966

Boys Town Crisis Line

800-448-3000

Drug Treatment & Referral Hotline

877-726-4727

Nebraska Family Helpline

888-866-8660

Veterans Crisis Line

800-273-8255

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