



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News

Powwow Days

The end of summer
brings Back to School
events, 30th Anniversary
Powwow, and more!



September 2024

District 2 holds Back to School backpack bonanza!

District 2 youth got geared to go for the 2024-2025 school year with a back to school event, held July 31 at the Ralston office. Youth received backpacks, school supplies, and socks, donated by the Ponca Youth Council! Thanks to everyone who came out and helped!



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, September 23, 2024 | 4 - 6 pm
Sioux City | 125 6th Street

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 | 4 - 6 pm
Niobrara | 2523 Woodbine Street

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 | 4 - 6 pm
Omaha | 5815 South 86th Circle

Thursday, September 26, 2024 | 4 - 6 pm
Norfolk | 1800 Syracuse Avenue | North Gym Lot

Friday, September 27, 2024 | 4 - 6 pm
Lincoln | 1600 Windhoek Drive | North Lot



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.

****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.**



On the cover: A moment of golden hour light touching reigning and visiting Princesses captures the magic of summer and Powwow. More pictures can be found on pages 10 and 11 of this edition. Look for more photos in the October newsletter and on Flickr @PoncaTribeofNE.

Backpacks and big fun at D3 Back to School!



Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair

November 10, 2024

11 am - 2 pm

Lincoln Community Room
1600 Windhoek Dr | Lincoln, NE

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska will host a Craft & Vendor show featuring Ponca and Native artists and business. Tables will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Each vendor will be only allowed one table. Vendor registration deadline is **November 3rd**.

For more information, please contact Tribal Council Representative Shanna Carpenter at shannac@poncatrib-ne.gov.

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SAVE THE DATE! Diaper Distribution

September 19, 2024 | 10 am - 6 pm

Participating Locations and contact information:

Norfolk Gym | 1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE
Robin Wright: robinwright@poncatrib-ne.gov

Lincoln Community Room - North Entrance
1600 Windhoek Dr | Lincoln, NE
Tiffani Spencer: tspencer@poncatrib-ne.gov

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

Niobrara Headquarters | 2523 Woodbine St | Niobrara, NE
Kris Kotrous: kkotrous@poncatrib-ne.gov

Cabinet Building Garage | 5813 S 86th Cir | Omaha, NE
Skyelar Timm-Beavers: stimm-beavers@poncatrib-ne.gov

THE/THERE

by Steve Laravie, Sr., Language Program Coordinator

W Á É T Á X Q Š É M É G Đ A N
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GÁHIĐÉÁTÀ - THERE, "over there." Speaker is giving the direction of a place, including distance from where they stand.

ĐÍKE - THE, definite article. Describes a particular or specific animate subject; also described as a word used in connection with the position a person or object is in, i.e. at rest or sitting, and connotes a place such as a home or office.

GÁWADÌ - THERE, refers to a specific physical place away from the speaker or out of sight of the speaker and hearer.

ÁKA - THE, definite article.

ĐÁ - THE, used with nouns that describe parts of the human body; also used with circular objects; can be either singular or plural

ĐÁKA - THE, definite article. Describes animate subjects and is in the plural form; a descriptive word that is used in connection with the position a person or object is in, and connotes a place.

ÁMA - THE, definite article. With animate subjects, can be either singular or plural, showing action or movement; however, in certain usage the term may show no action or movement.

EDÍ - THERE, refers to a location or place.

MÁ - THE, plural article. Designates animate subjects.

ETÁ - THERE Refers to a place mentioned at an earlier time.

TÁ - THE

ŠÉĐUDÌ - THERE, right there - pointing to something physical.

TÉ - THE

ŠÉGEDÌ - THERE

WÍ - THE, indefinite article, used to designate indefinite singular animate or inanimate objects; similar to the English a and an.

ŠÉWADÌ - THERE, indicates a place or position of a thing away from the speaker, usually refers to distance from the speaker, as in an object across the room, rather than an object close at hand; far away, out of sight.

For more information, or examples of which THE or THERE to use in a given situation, contact the language instructor at your nearest office location!

Answers on page 21

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@poncatrib-ne.gov, or 402.371.8834, ext. 120.

Staff attend Annual Dhegiha Language Conference

The Dhegiha Language Society hosted its 13th Annual Language Conference July 24-25, 2024 in Quapaw, OK. The Culture team, Language & Culture Committee, CEO of Tribal Affairs Courtney Chavez and Deputy Director of Tribal Affairs Alexia Boggs attended, representing the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. Attendees spent 2 days sharing and learning from each other. Also present were language teachers from the Kaw, Osage, Quapaw and Omaha. Keynote speakers included Dr. Louis Headman (Ponca), Eagle Rhodd (Ponca), and Desiree Storm Brave (Kaw).



Every Child Matters Lunch & Learn

September 23, 2024 | 12 pm
Lincoln Community Room
1600 Windhoek Drive | Lincoln, NE

September 24, 2024 | 12 pm
Ralston Transit Facility
5701 S 85th Circle | Omaha, NE

September 25, 2024 | 12 pm
Sioux City Conference Room
119 6th Street | Sioux City, IA

September 26, 2024 | 12 pm
Norfolk Cafeteria
1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE

September 27, 2024 | 12 pm
Niobrara Conference Room
2523 Woodbine St | Niobrara, NE

Community members are invited to join the Domestic Violence and Community Health Programs for an Every Child Matters Lunch and Learn in recognition of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (September 30). Learn about the history of Indian Boarding Schools, and their impact on present-day life for Native Americans.



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District 4, JOM, & Behavioral Health back to school event



Tribal Home Visiting Now Enrolling!

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

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

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

Abbi Miranda-Carreto, 402.670.7976
amiranda-carreto@poncatribes-ne.gov

Jessica Upton, 402.315.2760
jupton@poncatribes-ne.gov



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@poncatribes-ne.gov.

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District 1 families explore Henry Doorly Zoo!

This summer, District 1 families had the opportunity to experience animals up close at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, with two separate trips for members in Niobrara and Sioux City, and tickets available for members who couldn't make those dates.



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
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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
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*Optional class to take



Executive Team Meet & Greet Dates


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

October 18, 2024 | 2:30 – 4:00 pm
1600 Windhoek Drive | Lincoln, NE

November 8, 2024 | 2:30 – 4:00 pm
5805 South 86th Circle | Omaha, NE

Meet the Executive Team!

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



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Did you know?

Our PTN Education programs are open to members nationwide!

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

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

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

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Attention All AVT/HIED Students Nationwide:

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

Winter 2024 deadline: November 15, 2024

Spring 2025 deadline: December 15, 2024

Summer 2025 deadline: May 15, 2025

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

Youth build skills at Second Annual Creator's Game Classic

Native youth from around the Lincoln area, PTN Districts, and beyond came together at the beginning of August for the Second Annual Creator's Game Classic.

Youth had the opportunity to meet and learn from lacrosse players from across Nebraska, and had the opportunity to try some of the skills out for themselves!



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



District 3
Virtual Costume Contest

All District 3 Tribal members are welcome to submit a photo of their Halloween Costume to be a part of a virtual costume contest.

The costume contest will be open from October 15th-November 1st. We will have our staff vote and choose winners in every age category. We will post pictures of the winners and send gift cards out as prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in multiple age categories. To participate, follow the QR code, or visit https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/d3_virtual_costume_contest.

For more information, please contact District 3 Tribal Council Representative Shanna Carpenter, 402.805.0883

All submissions will be featured on PTN social media, and winners will be featured in the December newsletter. By submitting your picture and information, you agree to allow us to post your pictures.

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District 3 SDA

Trunk or Treat

October 10, 2024 | 6 pm
Ponca Health Services – Lincoln
1600 Windhoek Drive | Lincoln, NE

District 3 Ponca Tribal members and their families are invited to dress up in your best Halloween costumes, and join us for a trunk or treating event in the North parking lot! PTN staff will be decorating their trunks and handing out candy and treats. A dinner will be served in the Community Room.

For more information, please contact Tribal Council Representative Shanna Carpenter at shannac@poncatribene.gov.

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District 3

Roca Berry
Farm Tickets

Roca Berry Farm (16531 S 38th St, Roca, NE) tickets are available to District 3 SDA Ponca Tribal Members, starting October 1st. Tickets can be picked up at the Lincoln office (1600 Windhoek, Lincoln) front desk from Dezaræ Hansen.

Tickets will be available on a first come first served basis and are good for any daytime admission through their season. (2 and under admitted free.)

(Tickets are for active enrolled District 3 service delivery area Ponca Members at the time the list was pulled from Enrollment, no exceptions. One ticket per member. You may only pick up tickets for members of your household, unless prior authorization has been given.)

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District 2 SDA

Vala's Pumpkin
Patch Tickets

Free Vala's Pumpkin Patch Tickets for all **District 2 SDA Ponca members!** Good for one Monday through Thursday admission for the 2024 Vala's season, starting on September 16.

Tickets are now available for pick up. Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. One ticket per member and can only pick up for members of your household. Must be on the enrollment list to be eligible. Please stop by the front desk of the Fred LeRoy Health and Wellness Center and see Shannon Malone for tickets.


For more information, please contact Tribal Council Representative Falon McAlpin at 402.208.0297.

***Vala's Pumpkin Patch is not accepting cash payment for anything on site. Only debit and credit cards may be used for purchases at the pumpkin patch, so please plan accordingly.*


District 3 hosts Ponca Youth Lock-In

District 3 youth of all ages (and a few parents!) enjoyed an overnight extravaganza of fun and friendship with a Youth Lock-In July 26-27, 2024. Ponca youth from preschoolers to teenagers watched movies, played games, ate pizza, played a LOT of basketball, and had an overall great time!






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
District 2 Falon McAlpin 402.208.0297	





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.











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.

Parents and children experience enrichment and support with THV events

The Tribal Home Visiting (THV) program hosted another Family Connection event July 30th. Children and families worked together to create family trees with hand and foot prints, and families learned about resources for wellbeing. The THV program is currently enrolling in Lancaster County! Call for more info today!



September awareness observances promote public health

Dr. Jaqueline Bae,
CEO Ponca Health Services

During September, we would like to observe and bring awareness to several public health initiatives to promote better health awareness and to provide education. Here are a few health initiatives to learn more about this month:

1. National Cholesterol Education Month:

This month is dedicated to raising awareness about managing cholesterol levels to reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke. It is essential to have your blood cholesterol checked annually, to make healthy lifestyle choices, and to follow recommended treatments from your healthcare provider.

2. Healthy Aging Month:

September is also a month to focus on the positive aspects of growing older, such as physical aspects, mental aspects, and emotional well-being. It encourages elders and those approaching elder age to take control of their health and improve their quality of life.

3. National Suicide Prevention Month:

This month we would also like to raise awareness about suicide prevention, reducing the stigma around mental health, seeking mental health assistance, and supporting those affected by suicide.

4. World Alzheimer's Month:

The global campaign World Health Organization (WHO) aims to raise awareness and challenge the stigmas surrounding dementia. This month highlights the importance of early diagnosis, understanding Alzheimer's disease, and supporting those living with the condition and their caregivers.

5. World Heart Day (September 29):

This global initiative increases awareness about cardiovascular diseases (CVD), which includes heart disease and stroke, and promotes preventative measures to reduce CVD risk factors.

These initiatives serve a critical role in encouraging healthy behaviors and provide resources to help individuals manage and improve their health. For more information, contact your local Ponca Health Services clinic.

Niobrara Market proud to serve the community Powwow weekend and year round

Osni Ponca LLC and the Niobrara Market would like to THANK the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Tribal Council, Tribal Affairs, the Powwow Committee and Cooking Staff, NPHA, and our amazing Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members for the continued support they have provided to the Niobrara Market. We had record-breaking sales over the powwow weekend. We strived to make every sale experience wonderful by providing excellent customer service, keeping the shelves full, and adding more products.

We hope you enjoyed the 30th Anniversary Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

Powwow Weekend as much as we did! Thank you!

-Osni Staff and BODs
-Niobrara Market Staff



Calling all Ponca Artists

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members are invited to sign up to sell their handmade items at the Niobrara Market.

Please scan our QR code or visit https://poncatrbeofne.formstack.com/forms/ponca_artists_niobrara_market to sign up. For more information, contact Rebecca Sullivan at bsullivan@osniponca.com.



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 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.



PEDCO provides information on opportunities at Powwow

PEDCO had a successful Powwow event for 2024. We had a lot of foot traffic to the booth. The weather was perfect for most of the weekend. Our raffle did not get off to a good start, as events were taking longer than expected. The raffle was delayed until after the Grand Entry at 7:00 pm on Saturday evening. Items given away included squirt guns, temporary tattoos, and hand fans. The raffle itself went amazingly according to Culture Director, Richard Wright, Jr., who handled



the PEDCO raffle. Overall, we met expectations. I would have liked to

have more interest in current PEDCO projects and available USDA

revolving loan funding. Many of the people who showed up to our booth were genuinely interested in PEDCO, but there were also many people who did not know what PEDCO did for the Tribe. I hope I was able to answer all the questions. If there are still questions that need answered, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

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



PEDCO Native APEX Accelerator:
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 **MARKETING** PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

 **FINDING** CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES

 **BIDDING** ON CONTRACTS

 **POST AWARD** ASSISTANCE



We offer ongoing training and support for Native American businesses, provided **FREE** of charge.

531-310-2494
<https://pedco-ne.org/pedco-native-apex-accelerator/jnicewanger@pedcoapex.org>

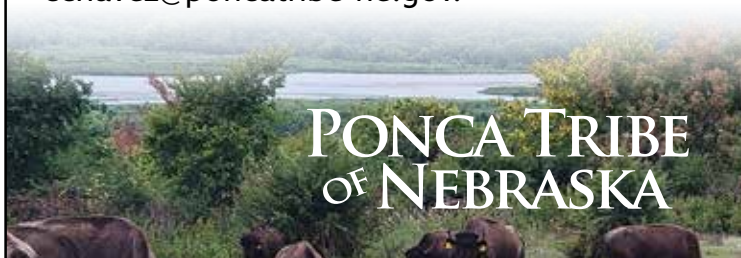
The APEX Accelerator is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the Department of Defense.



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@poncatribes-ne.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@poncatribene.gov, or contact the Niobrara or Lincoln offices.

We appreciate your help!

INACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF 9/1/2024

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, Tyller 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
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
Davis, Mary Frances
Drapeaux, Juston Lee
Eckley, Lane Emory
Eckley, Leigha Irene
Evans, Kaci Antonette
Evans, Kareem Antwon
Fasthorne, 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
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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

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

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TRIBAL MEMBERS

(please print)

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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.

****** NOTICE: All Tribal Members ********LAW AND ORDER CODE REVISION
Discussion on October 8, 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 expand the Indian Child Welfare Advisory Board by changing the composition of the Board.

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

- **Section 3-4-5 #1 – changes the number of the Board from 5 to 8 and adds term limit of two years**
- **Section 3-4-5 #2 – new section that states if a member of the Board is serving based on their position, and they are removed from their position, then they are automatically removed from the Board.**

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@poncatribes-ne.gov.

There will be a discussion by Tribal Council that is open for public comment on October 8, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

Written comments will be accepted until October 4, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. The written comments may be emailed to janc@poncatribes-ne.gov or mailed to

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

Healing Ribbons selects Janelle Whipple as Executive Director

Healing Ribbons recently announced the selection of Janelle Whipple as the very first Executive Director for the organization. Janelle is Santee Sioux, Sicangu (Rosebud Sioux Tribe), and Ponca, and is the daughter of Fred LeRoy.

Janelle brings a wealth of experience in Native American education, leadership, and community service. She is currently pursuing her PhD in Leadership Studies at Gonzaga University.

Healing Ribbons is an organization dedicated to promoting holistic wellbeing, healing, personal and economic empowerment, positive cultural identity and cultural revitalization



among intergenerational Indigenous Women and their families.

Congratulations to Janelle on your new role!

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Language instructor Charlie Iron Thunder had the privilege of meeting movie actor/Osage tribal member Talée Redcorn, who played Non-Hon-Zhin-Ga in the Oscar-nominated 2023 film, "Killers of the Flower Moon," at the Degiha Language Conference in July.

River Phoenix Kallhoff (June 26, 2024 - July 8, 2024)

River Phoenix Kallhoff was born into this world on June 26, 2024, at UNMC in Omaha, and was soon transferred to Omaha Children's Hospital. River passed away to the heavenly gates in the presence of his mom and dad on July 8, 2024, after struggling with congenital heart disease. River was loved by all that met him, and will be greatly missed and always remembered.

River is the beloved son of Russel Kallhoff and Jaquelyn "Jackie" Hopkins Kallhoff, grandson of Michael "Mike" Kallhoff, Frances Kallhoff, Jeanne Aguilar, and Jim Hopkins, and great-grandson of William and Jean Grimes, Richard "Bud" and Delilah Hollingsworth, Delmar and Betty Hopkins, Bernard V. Kallhoff, and Lovina and Boyd Van Vleck.



Elder's Committee Meetings

September 2 | 10 am

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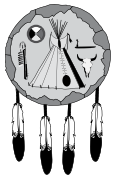
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The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska offers members a \$250 incentive upon successful completion of the program plus \$60 to be applied toward testing fees.

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





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OTHER RESOURCES

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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

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800-448-3000

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877-726-4727

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888-866-8660

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800-273-8255

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