



# PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News

## Signs of Spring!

*Spring heats up with lots of events  
across the Service Delivery Area!*

**Are you a gardener or forager?  
Would you like to be?  
Offer your input on the  
Indigenous Seed Survey!**

*More information on page 7!*



# USDA funding changes affect Farmer's Market food distributions

On Friday, March 7th, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska received notice from the USDA that they are terminating the grant agreement for the Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) Program. The LFPA program funding was awarded in 2023 and has been instrumental in supporting our local farmer's market food distribution events at each office location. This program has had a significant and positive impact on our Tribal community. On average, we have distributed 975 food baskets each month, increasing to nearly 1,500 in November to ensure Tribal households had the necessary items to prepare a Thanksgiving meal.

Beyond supporting our families, this program has strengthened local economies by providing

direct support to farmers in Nebraska and Iowa. The decision to end this funding is deeply disappointing, as it does not align with the needs of our communities. The USDA has chosen to discontinue this program for all Tribal Nations and States, despite its proven success.

We encourage all Tribal members and community supporters to contact your state and federal representatives in Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota to express how the LFPA program has benefited your family. Let them know that funding for food security programs is critical and should remain a priority. We also invite members to share their stories about how the LFPA program has supported their families. If you

would like to submit a statement or testimonial, please email questions@poncatribene.gov. These stories will be vital in our continued advocacy.

While this news is disappointing, the Ponca Tribal Council and staff remain committed to seeking al-

ternative funding sources to continue providing critical services and assistance to our community. The final farmers market distribution under the LFPA program will take place in May. We encourage all members to take advantage of this final opportunity.

## Farmer's Market Food Distribution

### April

- Mon. April 14, 2025 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Norfolk | 1800 Syracuse Avenue | North Gym Lot
- Tues. April 15, 2025 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Sioux City | 125 6th Street
- Wed. April 16, 2025 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Lincoln | 1600 Windhoek Drive | North Lot
- Thurs. April 17, 2025 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Omaha | 5815 South 86th Circle
- Fri. April 18, 2025 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Niobrara | 2523 Woodbine Street

### May

- Mon. May 19, 2025 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Sioux City | 125 6th Street
- Tues. May 20, 2025 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Niobrara | 2523 Woodbine Street
- Wed. May 21, 2025 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Norfolk | 1800 Syracuse Avenue | North Gym Lot
- Thurs. May 22, 2025 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Omaha | 5815 South 86th Circle
- Fri. May 23, 2025 | 4 – 6 pm**  
Lincoln | 1600 Windhoek Drive | North Lot

SAVE THE DATE!



31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL  
PONCA TRIBE OF  
NEBRASKA POWWOW  
August 7-10, 2025

4-Day Powwow!  
All Dancers, Vendors and  
Spectators Welcome.

For the most up-to-date information, follow us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/PTNCultureDepartment/](https://www.facebook.com/PTNCultureDepartment/) or contact Galicia Drapeau at [gdrapeau@poncatribene.gov](mailto:gdrapeau@poncatribene.gov).



On the cover: A Shell-Leaf Penstemon blooming in the buffalo pastures.

# Chairwoman's Corner

**"When we have been wronged we went to war. To assert our rights and avenge our wrongs we took the tomahawk. We had no law to punish those who did wrong, so we took our tomahawks and went to kill. He concluded, "But you have found a better way. You have gone into court for us and I find our wrongs can be righted there. Now I have no more use for the tomahawk. I want to lay it down forever. I lay it down, I have no more use for it. I have found a better way."**

Thati'a relatives,

I hope this message finds you well. I want to take a moment to provide you with an update concerning our ongoing efforts to monitor the executive orders and activities emanating from the new administration in Washington, D.C. Our primary focus remains on safeguarding our funding and ensuring the welfare of our members. To keep abreast of any developments, we hold bi-weekly meetings with our federal partners, during which we receive briefings, discuss updates, and assess any necessary actions. Should you have concerns, questions, or if you have been affected by any recent changes, please do not hesitate to reach out via email at [questions@poncatribene.gov](mailto:questions@poncatribene.gov).

As we navigate these developments, we have also seen extreme weather events that have affected our service delivery area and beyond. We have witnessed wildfires, dust and wind storms, blizzards, and power outages—reminding everyone of the importance of ensuring that our Enrollment Department has your most current contact information; ([enrollment@poncatribene.gov](mailto:enrollment@poncatribene.gov)). This way, we can reach you promptly in the event of such incidents. Additionally, feel free to connect with our Emergency Management team ([smingura@poncatribene.gov](mailto:smingura@poncatribene.gov)) to explore how they may assist you during these challenging times.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the upcoming events this spring. We will be hosting the Healthy Living Walk/Run in conjunction with the Powwow in Norfolk on April 12. This



L-R: CEO of Tribal Affairs, Courtney Chavez; Deputy Director of Tribal Affairs, Alexcia Boggs; Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Chairwoman Candace Schmidt; Steve Laravie, Jr. and Nathaniel Laravie, descendants of Chief Standing Bear. Tribal leadership testified to the Appropriations Committee on behalf of the new Standing Bear Museum and Cultural Center.

event promises to be a wonderful opportunity to engage in fun exercise while coming together to celebrate through song and dance. I eagerly anticipate seeing many of you there. Moreover, mark your calendars for the Sacred Ponca Corn Planting; scheduled to take place in Niobrara on May 17-18. Stay tuned for more details, which will be shared online and through the mail. Lastly, I would like to highlight some key events from the past couple of months.

- Tribal Council Health Subcommittee meetings
- Weekly Tribal Council meetings
- Meetings with local and state officials

- Tribal Leaders Roundtable
- Diaper Distributions at all office locations open to all tribal members
- Farmer's Market events at all office locations open to all tribal members
- Federal briefings and consultations
- Chief Standing Bear Museum and Cultural Center meetings
- Great Plains Strategic Planning
- Media inquiries and interviews
- High School Mock interviews
- PFC Phase II Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Bi-weekly Federal calls
- PFC Phase II Grand Opening

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Ceremony

- Great Plains Chair meetings
- Native/Church Invitation
- Testify for Chief Standing Bear Museum & Ponca Cultural Center
- Great Plains Health Board meetings
- Tomahawk Exhibit Day at State Capitol
- Nebraska Intertribal Coalition Meeting
- Sheldon Art Museum Meeting
- Tribal Strategic Planning Meetings
- Good Life is Calling Focus Group
- Executive Team meetings
- Social Determinants of Health Summit

Take care of yourselves and each other.

**wibđahà (thank you),**

Chairwoman Candace Schmidt

candaces@poncatribes-ne.gov | (402) 860-1497

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska invites you to

# Save the Date

## Mať'ānqahà déwađè : Ponca Youth Camp

**July 13 - 17, 2025**  
Niobrara Grounds | 88915 521 Avenue | Niobrara, NE

Ponca Youth aged 12 to 18 Connect to your culture through education Learn about natural resources

Registration will open in April. For more information, please contact Misha Mazurkewycz at [misham@poncatribes-ne.gov](mailto:misham@poncatribes-ne.gov).

## Member Spotlight - Jenny Chaparro



Chris Legband said her daughter Jenny had struggled with addiction and health issues for quite some time.

"There was a time that the only way I could check on her was to do a wellness check with the local police. This went on for over 10 years and the police were not always willing to listen to us."

Next, Chris said by the grace of God Jenny survived having her leg amputated due to diabetes complications but wasn't quite ready to leave the dangerous lifestyle behind.

"No one had heard from her for a few days after she had gone home without medical approval from the hospital and I told my husband we would go to her apartment that day if I couldn't get through to her."

It was in her apartment that Jenny lay on a mattress in the middle of her living room, with no means to get food, water, medication or a phone for emergencies. Her husband (at the time) had purposely left her walker and wheelchair in opposite corners of the room so she could not access them.

"She's lucky she was still alive," Chris said.

Legband and her husband called 911 because she was so weak they couldn't lift her up to get her out of the apartment and paramedics came to help.

"We took her home and I went into emergency case manager mode to help her to start to heal. This went on for weeks until we started seeing the old Jenny," she said.

Although she was registered for her junior year at Midland University in Fremont, Jenny decided to take the semester off to heal, get stronger and deal with all of the things she'd been facing. This included filing for divorce. Chris said Jenny is much happier now and that she and her sweet dog Annabelle (her lifeline) are celebrating one day at a time and that she's her miracle. Jenny has been successful in her classes and also enjoys participating in Choir at Midland.

Their message through Jenny's story is to never give up on yourself and don't be afraid to lean on those that love you the most in times of need.



# District 2 Girl Scout Cookie Day a great success!



## Join Us for Lunch!

Members are invited to come and share lunch with the Executive Team at our monthly meet and greet! We look forward to sharing a meal, and hearing member input on projects and prospects facing our Tribal nation. Please be sure to RSVP, so we can save you a spot at the table!

**April 18 | 12 - 1 pm**  
Lincoln Community Room  
1600 Windhoek Drive

**May 16 | 12 - 1 pm**  
Ralston Transit Building  
5701 South 85th Circle

**June 20 | 12 - 1 pm**  
Norfolk Housing Authority  
1501 W Michigan Ave

**July 18 | 12 - 1 pm**  
Niobrara Agency Room  
88915 521 Avenue

**August 15 | 12 - 1 pm**  
Sioux City Offices  
125 6th Street

**September 19 | 12 - 1 pm**  
Lincoln Community Room  
1600 Windhoek Drive

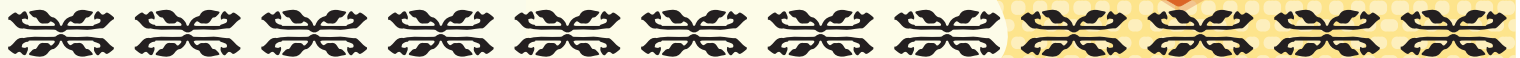
**October 17 | 12 - 1 pm**  
Ralston Transit Building  
5701 South 85th Circle

**November 21 | 12 - 1 pm**  
Norfolk Housing Authority  
1501 W Michigan Ave

**December 19 | 12 - 1 pm**  
Niobrara Headquarters  
2523 Woodbine Street



To RSVP, please scan our QR code or visit our link: [https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/meet\\_and\\_greet](https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/meet_and_greet). For more information, questions, or to request a link to join virtually, please contact Taylor White at [twhite@poncatribene.gov](mailto:twhite@poncatribene.gov).



**Díxìdà Clan**

by Steve Laravie, Sr., Language Program Coordinator

À Ì A Đ A X Ž E Đ A W Í G A Í N  
 A P Á M Í H Ú S Á S Á Ž U Č Š N  
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For the next several months, this word search puzzle will explore historic personal names from each of the Ponca clans. Ponca names are formed from words in the language, and provide a unique way to study both the language and history of the Tribe.

**Mí Hídabì -**

Waning Moon

**Áhjdubà -** Wings**Mačú Skà -**

White Bear

**Wégasapì -**

The Whip

**Mí Hùsásá -**

Sparkling Moon

**Nudà Mádĵ -**

Warrior

**Wétĵwì -**

Club Woman

**Čabéskà -**

White Beaver

**Ní Wa'ì -**

Gives Water

**Míxa Žĵgà -**

Little Duck

**Xidà Mąšigđe -**

Rising Eagle

**Inidabì -**

The One Healed By

**Čumąđì -**

Spits Walking

**Ní Agíwađe -**

Let Us Get Water

**Šáge Níkagahì -**

Horse Chief

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**Đisíhi**

to clean

Bdisíhi - I clean

Nisíhi - You clean

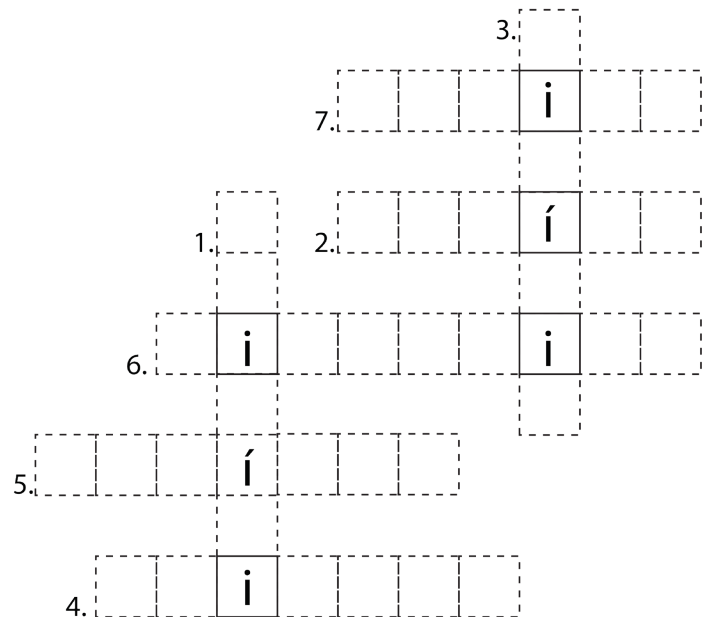
Đisíhi'ì - He or She

Ađisíhi - We clean

Nisíhi'ì - You all clean

Đisíhi'imà - They all clean

Mé sihi - Spring clean





Annual Healthy Living

# Walk/Run & Powwow

**April 12, 2025****10:00 am | 2 Mile Prayer Walk & Run**

Skyview Lake | 1900 West Maple Ave | Norfolk, NE

Registration starts at 9:30 am. Prizes in all age categories, and  
**FREE RAFFLE DRAWINGS** for all walk/run participants!**11:30 am – 12:00 pm | Lunch**

Ponca Tribal Gym | 1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE

Lunch will be provided to all walk/run participants and  
powwow attendees.**1:00 – 5:00 pm | Powwow**

Ponca Tribal Gym | 1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE

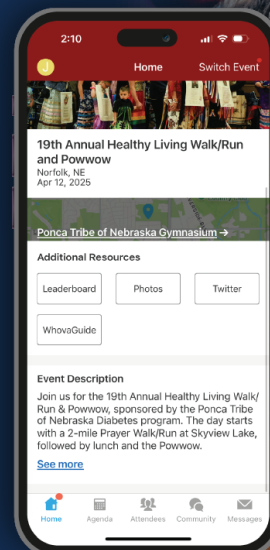
**4:30 – 6:00 pm | Buffalo Distribution**

Norfolk Cafeteria | 1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE

For more information, please contact your local PTN office or  
Crystal Mundorf at 402.371.8834

## Enhance Your Diabetes Powwow Experience with the Whova App!

- ➡ Connect with others
- ➡ View the schedule
- ➡ Get directions
- ➡ Play games and quizzes to win prizes
- ➡ Share your pictures from the event

Download the  
Whova App!

# Weekly Ponca Language Classes!

**5:30-7:00 pm each week!**

**Norfolk | Mondays**

**Niobrara | Thursdays**

**Omaha | Tuesdays**

**Sioux City | Fridays**

**Lincoln | Wednesdays**

**Or join us online in real time via Lifesize!**

This is a great opportunity to connect with our Ponca language and culture. For more information, or the virtual class link, contact your area instructor.

**Sioux City: Deion Miller**

402.929.1908

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**Omaha: Ruby Wright**

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**Niobrara: Britnie O'Keefe**

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**Lincoln: Steve Laravie, Sr.**

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## INVITATION TO OUR ELDERS

**Share Your Stories –  
Keep Our Traditions Alive**

The Ponca Culture Department invites you to Share your stories, wisdom, and history through Oral Storytelling.

Interested?

Schedule a time and place that works for you!

Contact Galicia Drapeau at

gdrapeau@poncatribene.gov

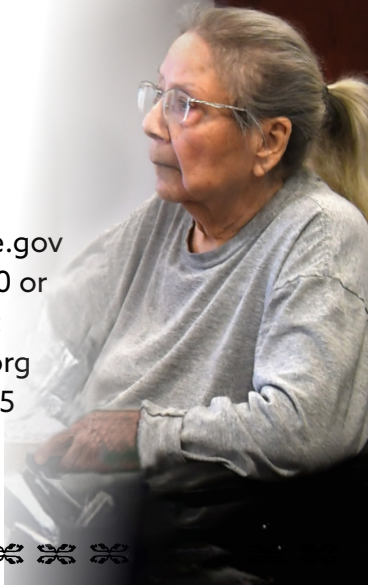
or 402.857.3519 ext. 5010 or

Contact Alexcia Boggs at

aboggs@poncatribene.gov

or 712.258.0500 ext. 1005

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## Culture Teachers Wanted!

Are you in the Omaha and Lincoln area? Are you interested in sharing Ponca culture and knowledge with others? The Culture Department is seeking Ponca members interested in teaching various aspects of Ponca culture (regalia, beading, singing, dancing, food, etc.) and offering classes throughout the coming year.

To be considered, please send a sample of your work (video, picture, etc.) to Deputy Director of Tribal Affairs, Alexcia Boggs at [aboggs@poncatribene.gov](mailto:aboggs@poncatribene.gov) or 712.258.0500 ext. 1005 or Culture Director, Galicia Drapeau at [gdrapeau@poncatribene.gov](mailto:gdrapeau@poncatribene.gov) 402-857-3519 ext. 5010

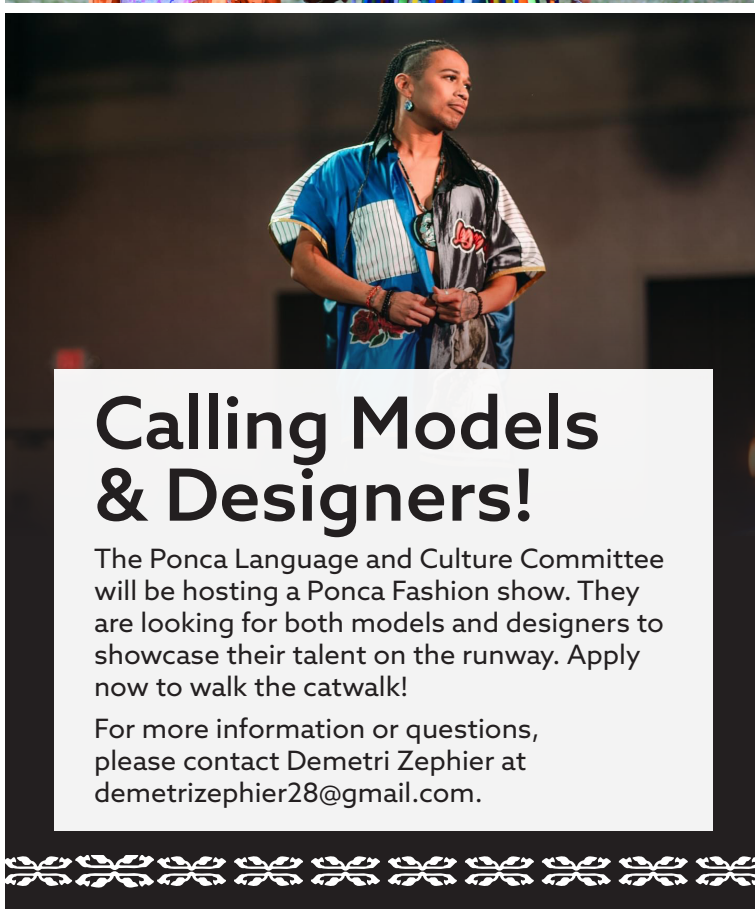


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## Calling Models & Designers!

The Ponca Language and Culture Committee will be hosting a Ponca Fashion show. They are looking for both models and designers to showcase their talent on the runway. Apply now to walk the catwalk!

For more information or questions, please contact Demetri Zephier at [demetrizephier28@gmail.com](mailto:demetrizephier28@gmail.com).





# Member input needed on Indigenous seed project!

Christina Gish Hill (Iowa State University, American Indian Studies) and Krista Isaacs (Michigan State University, Plant, Soil, and Microbial Sciences) are working with Native nations throughout Nebraska to support Indigenous efforts towards food and seed sovereignty. They are working together with Courtney R. Chavez, CEO of Tribal Affairs for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, under a new grant from USDA SARE, Indigenous Seed Sover-

eignty: Collaboratively Building Seed Systems with Midwestern Native Communities.

The purpose of the work is to support Indigenous communities in defining food and seed sovereignty. Through surveys and conversations with Native communities, we hope to incorporate Indigenous ways of knowing into programming designed to strengthen seed systems. This is a first step towards working collaboratively with the com-

munity in their efforts to grow, save, distribute, and conserve Indigenous seed in the Ponca nation.

To that end, we're inviting Ponca members to take a few moments to take a survey on Indigenous seed sovereignty. In this survey we ask a few questions about what you grow, how you get your seed, what plants you would like more access to, and if you would like to engage with our project designed to support your community's

seed system. Please scan the QR Code below to share your thoughts about plants, growing, gathering, and seed, and watch for more information on Visioning workshops where you can help further shape our project. Thank you so much!



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**May 31, 2025 | 10 am**

**5701 S. 85th Circle | Omaha, NE  
or online via Lifesize**

Tribal members are invited to attend the first General Membership meeting of 2025 in person, or online via Lifesize. Light refreshments will be provided for the in-person meeting.

**Please RSVP by May 26, 2025** if you plan to attend in person. Questions submitted by **May 26, 2025** will be addressed first. Tribal members wishing to participate virtually must contact Candace Repenning. To submit questions, or to RSVP, please contact Candace Repenning at 402.857.3391 or [crepenning@poncatrib-ne.gov](mailto:crepenning@poncatrib-ne.gov).





# Did you know?

## Our PTN Education programs are open to members nationwide!

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

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

**Summer 2025 deadline: May 15, 2025**

**Fall 2025 deadline: August 15, 2025**

**Winter 2025 deadline: November 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 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](mailto:aknudsen@poncatribes-ne.gov). *\*Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs\**



# Class of 2025

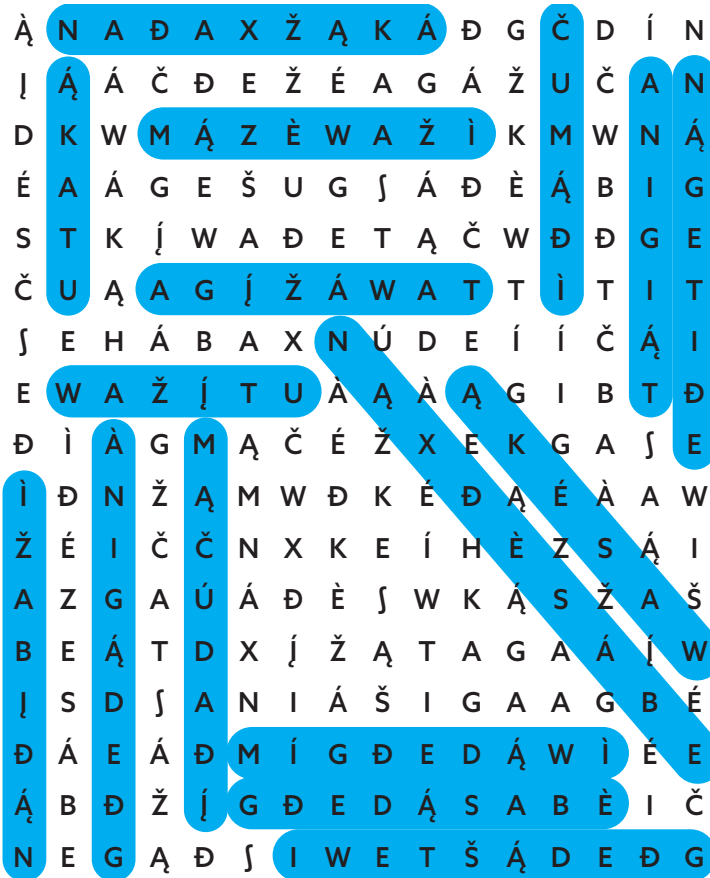
*Honoring our Graduating Seniors*

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska would like to honor our 2025 Ponca graduates in a special section in our June 2025 newsletter.

Please complete the online form **no later than May 9th, 2025** to have your graduate included in this section. Submissions may be subject to minor edits for space and consistency.

To submit your graduate, scan the QR code, or visit [https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/2025\\_graduates](https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/2025_graduates)

Questions? Please email [info@poncatrib-ne.gov](mailto:info@poncatrib-ne.gov).



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# Adam Way Memorial Scholarship

**AWARD:** \$1000

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- ★ Must currently reside in Nebraska
- ★ Enrolled Ponca members aged 18 – 45 years old
- ★ Preparing to enroll or currently enrolled in a college (2 or 4-year accredited institution), graduate, trade, or professional school whose eligibility is determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- ★ An essay explaining how the educational opportunity will be used to help the Tribe
- ★ Three written character references (Respondents need to be **non-family members**)
- ★ A completed financial need form

To start the application process, scan our QR code or visit our link: <https://www.poncatrib-ne.gov/services/education/adam-way-memorial-scholarship/>. Applications are due **June 15, 2025**. Applicants will be notified by **August 1, 2025**. This scholarship opportunity is available through the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Education Department.

Scan Me!



# District 4 has a roaring good time at Mufasa

District 4 members enjoyed an extra holiday treat this year, in the form of a private showing of the movie, "Mufasa," Sunday, December 22nd. The movie showing was just one of several fun member events hosted by District 4!



## Celebrating Earth Day

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Environmental Department will be hosting Earth Day events at each office site. We will be doing a clean-up, planting trees, and sharing a meal. Bags, gloves, and grabbers will be provided.

**April 14 | 10 am**

Lincoln Community Room | 1600 Windhoek Dr | Lincoln, NE

**April 15 | 10 am**

Ralston Transit Building | 5701 South 85th Cir | Omaha, NE

**April 16 | 10 am**

Sioux City Conference Room | 125 6th St | Sioux City, IA

**April 17 | 10 am**

Norfolk Transit Building | 1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE

**April 18 | 10 am**

Niobrara Headquarters | 2523 Woodbine St | Niobrara, NE

For more information or questions, please contact Misha Mazurkewycz at [misham@poncatrib-ne.gov](mailto:misham@poncatrib-ne.gov).





# D4 Easter Happenings:

Easter gift cards are being sent out to all District 4 Heads of Household nationwide. A meat distribution will also be held for Easter.

Watch for more information on social media and the website, or contact Kyle Taylor at 402.750.4299, or Alex Taylor at 402.750.2045.



District 1 SDA

# Easter Meals

**April 13, 2024 | 12 pm**

Stoney Creek Conference Center  
300 3rd Street | Sioux City, IA

**April 19, 2024 | 12 pm**

Niobrara Headquarters  
2523 Woodbine Street | Niobrara, Ne

**April 19, 2024 | 5 pm**

The Legion  
121 2nd Street | Wagner, SD

Join us for a meal, Easter baskets for the kids, Easter egg hunt, and an appearance by the Easter Bunny! For any questions, please contact D1 Council Representatives Patrick Lamoureux at [plamoureux@PoncaTribe-ne.gov](mailto:plamoureux@PoncaTribe-ne.gov) or Angie Starkel at [astarkel@PoncaTribe-ne.gov](mailto:astarkel@PoncaTribe-ne.gov).



District 2 SDA

# Family Easter Event

**April 5, 2025 | 3:30 – 6:00 pm**

Ralston Cabinet Building  
5811 South 86th Circle | Omaha, NE

District 2 Ponca Tribal members and their families are invited to come and celebrate together for Easter. Every child age 0 to 12 years old will receive an Easter basket to fill. Join us for filling Easter baskets at 3:30 pm, dinner at 4:30 pm! Dress your best for FREE family photos with the Easter Bunny!

RSVP by scanning our QR code no later than **11:59 pm, March 24, 2025**. For more information, contact Tribal Council Representatives Falon McAlpin at [falonm@poncatrib-ne.gov](mailto:falonm@poncatrib-ne.gov) or Samantha Gallagher at [sgallagher@poncatrib-ne.gov](mailto:sgallagher@poncatrib-ne.gov).

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District 3 SDA

# Easter Brunch

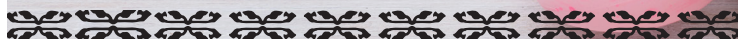
**April 5, 2025 | 11 am**

Lincoln Community Room  
1600 Windhoek Drive | Lincoln, NE

District 3 Ponca Tribal members and their families are invited to come and celebrate together for Easter. Join us for food, an egg hunt, Easter baskets, and a visit from the Easter Bunny! Dress your best for FREE family photos.

For details, please contact Tribal Council Representatives Shanna Carpenter at [shannac@poncatrib-ne.gov](mailto:shannac@poncatrib-ne.gov) or Susie Baker at [sbaker@poncatrib-ne.gov](mailto:sbaker@poncatrib-ne.gov)

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# April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

**Carrie Gibbs**

Domestic Violence Court Advocate

What is sexual assault?

Sexual assault covers any sexual activity not explicitly consented to by all parties, and includes rape, incest, child sexual abuse, intimate partner sexual violence, sexual exploitation, human trafficking, unwanted sexual contact, sexual harassment, exposure, and voyeurism.

Sexual abuse, harassment, and assault can affect anyone. Most men and women across all sexual identities who have experienced contact sexual

violence report that the person who harmed them was someone they knew. 52% of women, and 29% of men have reported contact sexual violence.

Native American and Alaska Native women are at the greatest risk of sexual assault, with women and girls age 12 or older experiencing around 5,900 assaults per year. 84.3% of Native women report that they have been assaulted at least once in their life. That's more than 4 out of 5 women, higher than any other demographic. In contrast, 1 in 3 His-

panic women report sexual assault at least once in their life, and 1 in 4 non-Hispanic black women report sexual assault. Among other marginalized populations, 31% of adults with disabilities have reported sexual abuse, and 47% of transgender persons have been assaulted at some point in their lives.

"Your body, my choice," is being used by young boys as harassment, influenced by online hate speech and misogynistic slogans. While it may be tempting to dismiss this harassment as only

words, hate speech can lead to escalated behaviors, including dating and domestic violence. Additionally, these behaviors create unsafe environments for female and marginalized students, and may go unchecked by school authorities. Teens who feel that they are in danger should report incidents of harassment or abuse to a trusted teacher, counselor, or the school principal. If action isn't taken by school authorities, the next step is to call the police. Teens and young adults are at the greatest risk for dating and domestic and sexual

## Ponca Tribal Code Series

The Ponca Tribal Court and the Domestic Violence Program are working together to host the Ponca Code Series. This series is a training being held to assist tribal members, staff, legal professionals, human service professionals, and members of the indigenous community to better understand the Ponca Tribal Code.

### Custody

April 24, 2025 | 11 am – 2 pm  
Ralston Transit Facility  
5701 South 85th Circle | Omaha, NE

### Divorce

May 8, 2025 | 11 am – 2 pm  
Sioux City Offices  
125 6th Street | Sioux City, IA

The series will go over one section of the code per event and is taught by the Honorable Patrick Runge. Lunch will be provided.

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## SAVE THE DATE! Diaper Distribution

**April 3, 2025 | 10 am – 6 pm**

Norfolk Gym

1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE

Lincoln Community Room – North Entrance

1600 Windhoek Dr | Lincoln, NE

Niobrara Headquarters

2523 Woodbine St | Niobrara, NE

Cabinet Building Garage

5813 S 86th Cir | Omaha, NE

**April 8, 2025 | 10 am – 6 pm**

Sioux City Office

125 6th St | Sioux City, IA

**Please bring Tribal ID or proof of enrollment for you or the child in need to participate.**



# CONSENT: More involved than just yes or no

violence.

## What is sexual consent?

Sexual consent means that all parties involved in any sexual activity agree to that activity freely and voluntarily. When one person is being forced, intimidated, coerced, or manipulated, that is not consent. Proper consent involves verbal agreement from all parties. Being in a relationship does not guarantee consent.

## 7 rules of consent:

1. An underage person cannot consent.
2. An intoxicated person

cannot consent.

3. An unconscious person cannot consent.
4. A person who is being coerced, threatened, or manipulated cannot consent.
5. Consent can be withdrawn at any time, even after sexual activity has been initiated.
6. Present consent does not indicate future consent.
7. No is NEVER yes, and maybe is NEVER yes.

Without consent, ANY sexual activity is consid-

ered sexual assault or rape. If this happens to someone you care about, listen and believe them. Then determine if it needs to be reported to an adult, or the authorities.

Individuals, communities, and private agencies are already combating the risk of sexual violence through conversations about sexual violence, assistance and support programs, policies, and tools that promote safety, respect, and equality. We have an opportunity in this country to educate our communities and help improve and change

harmful behaviors.

If you, or someone you know has experienced sexual assault or sexual domestic violence, help is available. You can reach out to Domestic Violence program staff at any Ponca Tribe of Nebraska office location, or call:

National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673

StrongHearts Native Hotline: 1-844-762-8483

Love is Respect: Text "Loveis" to 22522  
LoveisRespect.org

## Help Needed for 31st Annual Powwow!

Members are invited to apply for the following paid positions:

### Color Guard

Veterans and members of the active military are invited to apply to be a part of our Color Guard. All natives welcome!

*Applications Due:*  
**May 31, 2025 by 11:59 pm**



### Water Bearers

All applicants must be between 10 to 17 years old and must have Parent or Guardian permission.

*Applications Due:*  
**May 31, 2025 by 11:59 pm**



For more information, please contact Alexcia Boggs at [aboggs@poncatrIBE-ne.gov](mailto:aboggs@poncatrIBE-ne.gov).

## Ponca Artists: Help us Surround Our Children in a Community of Care

As part of our efforts to show care and love for our community, the ICWA Advisory Board is asking for artwork made by Ponca members to put on cards to go into care packages. We hope to bring comfort and strength to those who receive them.


To submit your work, scan our QR code. Applications **MUST** be submitted **NO LATER THAN 11:59 pm, March 28, 2025.**

**Scan Me!**




# PONCA YOUTH AGES 14-24:

Complete PEDCO's needs assessment survey for a chance to win a \$50 Visa gift card!



Share your needs in the areas of education, job training, and career exploration and help us develop our Workforce program to better serve Ponca youth!

Scan attached QR code and take the survey for your chance to win a \$50 Visa gift card.  
Contact: Greg Moser, PEDCO Director at 402-434-2127 Ext. 7.



# 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://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/ponca\\_artists\\_niobrara\\_market](https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/ponca_artists_niobrara_market) to sign up. For more information, contact Rebecca Sullivan at [bsullivan@osniponca.com](mailto:bsullivan@osniponca.com).




## Buffalo Meat Distribution at Diabetes Powwow

**Saturday, April 12, 2025**  
**4:30-6:00 pm**  
Ponca Tribe Gym Cafeteria  
1800 Syracuse | Norfolk, NE

Ponca households are eligible to receive buffalo meat. Ceremonial pieces are also available on a limited basis, including heart, liver, and kidneys.

*Buffalo will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. Meat will NOT be held for pick up at a later date.*






## COMING SOON! PEDCO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

**MORE INFORMATION TO COME!**

The PEDCO Workforce Development program will provide our Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members access to services designed to help nurture individual self-sufficiency, assist in eliminating barriers to employment, and provide members a means to achieve professional success. This program will be available to all members 16+ wanting pre-employment assistance, to further their career, or to advance professional skills. We are planning to build this into a career center based on the needs of our People.



**PEDCO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

CAREER EXPLORATION

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

CAREER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

VIRTUAL SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING

**PEDCO**  
2756 O Street  
Lincoln, NE 68510  
402.434.2127

[PEDCO-NE.org](http://PEDCO-NE.org)  
Releasing in early 2025



## Enrollment Department - 2025 Census

Each year, in the month of April, the Enrollment Committee will conduct a census of the members of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. The information that is received will help to update the enrollment records. When completed please mail back to: [PO Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760](#).

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are we sending your mailings to the correct address? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 If not, please list your complete physical and mailing address. (Don't forget to include apartment numbers.)

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Please list all of the Ponca members who reside in your home, including yourself.

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If you have a child that has recently moved out of your household, please list their name and address. (Mailing & physical)

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Is there a member or relative that you know has passed away in the last 5 years? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, please list the name of the individual(s) that you know of and who we may contact for further information.

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If you have recently had a name change due to marriage, divorce or otherwise, please list your previous/new name below and **attach a copy of your marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc.** for verification of your name change.

Previous name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 New name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered Tribal voter? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ (You may contact the enrollment department if you are unsure.)

If you are not registered would you like a Tribal Voter Registration form mailed to you? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you or do you currently serve in the military? If yes, please submit documents for verification if you have not already done so. Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of service: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Thank you! We appreciate your response!**

**\*\*If you know of any Ponca members that are not receiving their mailings from the Ponca Tribe please have them contact the Enrollment Department.**

**Scan the QR Code  
to complete the  
census online!**



## 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](mailto:enrollment@poncatribene.gov), or contact the Niobrara office. We appreciate your help!

## INACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF 4/1/2025

Anthony, Jr., Steven Scott	Freeman, Xavier Lee	Loftis, Timothy James	Sherman, John Glenn
Bagent, Wayne Orval	Fua, Tyler Anthony	Lopez, Jr., Juan Francisco	Sherman, Michael Ray
Bair, Wesley David	Glenn, John Allen	Maben, Jessica Paige	Sherman, Mitchell Everett
Baker, Skylar Dominick	Glisan, Cynthia Lynn	Madrigal, Steven Matthew	Sherman, Robert Le Roy
Baker-Ferguson, Jared Riley	Goss, Mamie L.	Mann II, Steven Michael	Sherman, Sage Mae
Banuelos, Christa Rose	Govia, Isaiah Lee	Mann, Sydney Desiree`	Sherman, Savannah
Barrett, Dannielle Samantha	Govia, Mc Kenzie Jo	Marlow Anderson, Saidra Lea	Sherman, Tristan Ray
Bear, Joshua Gilbert	Grant Jr., Donald Allen	Mategko, Janet Louise	Smith, Ashley Nicole
Bear, Max Starr	Grant, III., Jesse Clarence	Mategko, Lisa Louise	Smith, Danial Ray
Beaver, Jason Chaska	Green, Brooklyn Marie	Mategko, Michael Steven	Smith, Stephanie Rae
Becker, Jr., Anthony Arnold	Greenwood IV,	Matthews, Jett Haden	Solano, Anthony Earl
Becker, Sr., Anthony Arnold	Ernest Sydney Leshawn	McGrath, Bryan Thomas	Spencer, Peyton Thunder
Becker, Tyller Randell	Gutierrez, Vincent Clarence	McGrath, Daniel Patrick	Standblack, Daniel Skye
Bell, Darian Patrick	Haahr, Anneliese Teresa	McGraw, Rowan Bay Leigh	Standblack, Marko Tulio
Bell, Shaune` Kay	Hagler, Joshua James	McKeen, Juanita Rose	Stastny, Rachel Colleen
Birdhead, William Randolph	Harlan, Lavara Mina	Mercier, Jade Sharice	Stegman, Mi'a Miwasa Nevaeh
Blair, Hunter Wo Day Leon	Harris, Paul Joseph	Miodowski, Jesse Thomas	Stuczynski, Drake Keegan
Blowe, Dominick Adams	Hart-La Londe, Kaedyn Mikael	Mullen, Michael Thomas	Suverkrubbe, Nathan Fernando
Blowe, Isaiah Fredrick	Hendren, Adavia Gabrielle	Mullen, Owen Dean	Swinarski, Alicia Estrada
Blowe, Tyrone Richard	Hennek, Gail Howe	Muscutt, Elias Gordon	Taylor, Ka`ili Brianna
Boettger, Dakota Birdhead	Henritze, Joseph Dale	Muscutt, Jr., Gordon Dean	Taylor, Samantha Rose
Bonge, Todd Joseph	Henritze, Karen June	O'Meara, David Joseph	Teboe, Temperance Tayen
Boone, Lola Belle	Hocking-Gosnell, Zalla C.	O'Rear, Makenna Shay	Thomas, II,
Boyd, Myron Ralph	Hogie, Jamie Lyn	Peck, Brandalynn	Scott Richard Herbert
Boyer, Berlin N.	Hope, Dorothea Jo Ann	Peck, Tyler Duane	Thomas, Jenny Anne
Brooks, Angela Ellen	Horine, Ashley Danielle	Petersen, Kevin Lee	Thomas, Natana Lynn
Brown, J. Wesley	Howe, Richard H.	Pfundstein, Nathan Alexander	Thomas, Robin Diane
Brownrigg, Steven Francis	Humphreys, Belinda Kay	Picotte - Felde, Diamond Rose	Torrez, Jr., Lawrence DeWayne
Buckley II, Sentwali Onyemachi	Jeppesen, Zachary Lee	Pierce, Raychel Marie	Treichler, Jasmine Dawn
Buffalo Chief, Uriah Jordan	Johnson, Lukas Tyler	Poafpybitty, Misty Brook	Vanderlinden, Emmi Clarine
Burgon, Jeremy Edward	Keeling, Lamont Terrill	Polly, Rachael Anne	Vaughan, Linda Lou
Burston, Sandra Lee	Kelso, James Alan	Prichard, Joseph John	Veals, Clifford James
Carlson, Emma Rose	Kerrigan, Kathleen Ann	Prunty, Austin Joe	Velder Jr., Jason Lee
Carlson, Stephanie Lea	Kettula, Ruby Jean	Queen, Anthony Scott	Velder, Tristen Leo Spencer
Carter, Amber Lynn	King, Gavin Michael	Quintana Jr, Arthur Jose	Voigt, Mitchell Henry
Chwalowski, Kaitlin Martika	Knight, Cameron Patrick	Raymond, Joseph Allen	Voss, Joshua Le Roy
Courtright, Michael Todd	Knudsen, Crystal Mae	Remmenga, Daniel James	Voss, Michael Roy
Cutshall, Katline James	Krueger, Annette Marie	Rich, Mitch Andrew	Waters, Deon Koleen
Da Moude, Deborah Kay	Kyles, Jarred Joseph	Roberts, Marquitta Ruby	Wayte, April May
Danielson, Daniel James	LaPointe, Alejandro Jauquine	Rowe, Crystle Anette	White, Abrianna Aliya
Drapeaux, Juston Lee	LaPointe, Robert James	Rulo, Byron	Williams, Andrea Michelle
Droescher, Samantha Roma Rae	Laravie, Jr., Steve Alan	Russell, Kristina Anne	Wilson, Samantha Tyre
Droescher, Savannah Jo Anne	Larson, Scott Andrew	Sainz, Tritia Jeanene	Wolfe Sr, Michael
Eckley, Lane Emory	Lasley, Brittany Joy	Sarton, Gwendolyn Lee	Wright, Aaron David
Eckley, Leigha Irene	Latimer, LaRohn Lewis	Schmidt, Dylan Andrew- Philip	Wright, Alina Lee
Engles, Donna Antonette	Leach, Isaiah Marcus	Schmidt, Jaye Anthony	Wright, Asheena Lee
Evans, Kareem Antwon	Lerew Jr, Zachariah Ray	Schmidt, John Thomas Carl	Wright, Cherita Alberta
Fegan, Maria Christina	LeRoy, Sophia Storm	Schmidt, Jr., Karl Michael	Wright, Cruz Montgomery
Fierro, Brandon Michael	Lieb, Donovan Joseph	Schmitz, Jennifer Joy	Wright, Eric David
Flagg, III., George Albert	Lieb, Sylas Vittorio	Scuderi, Jana Marie	Wright, Howard Floyd
Flowers, Joseph	Lindenberg, David Charles	Scurlocke, Athena Larissa Lucille	Wright, Jacob Martin
Flyinghawk, Landon Alan	Little, Jeromy Todd	Sherman, Cody Lee	York, Gregory Allen
Foley, Michael Joseph	Loftis, Timothy Duane	Sherman, Harold Dewayne	Zephier, Cameron Dawn



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

I \_\_\_\_\_ I

### **TRIBAL MEMBERS**

(please print)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING):

\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**VETERANS ONLY: MILITARY BRANCH:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

#### **Photo ID Instructions**

##### **1. Signature**

Please completely fill in the information on the bottom of the signature page. With a **black** felt tip marker please sign your name in the middle of the top of the signature page. **(Please note that children do not require a signature for theirs.)**

##### **2. Clear readable copies of the following must be submitted:**

a: State Driver's License, State ID Card or other valid Picture ID card  
(It **must** have your picture and signature on it)

b: If you are **not** an enrolled member of the Ponca Tribe, but your child is, you must still submit a copy of your State Driver's License, State ID Card or other valid Picture ID and a copy of your child(s) Social Security Card and Tribal Enrollment Card for proof of enrollment.

##### **3. Photo Options:**

You must submit a current photo without filters and a solid colored background. You can email it to [enrollment@poncatrib-ne.gov](mailto:enrollment@poncatrib-ne.gov) or you may mail documentation and current photo to:  
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Enrollment Department, PO Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760-0288

**\*\*\*Please note that we can/will NOT use a photo from your state ID or driver's license.**

##### **4. Military Seals:**

Military branch seals are available for veterans. Military service papers must be submitted to the enrollment department to show proof of veteran status.

Change of Address Form

Mail to: PTN Enrollment Dept PO Box 288 Niobrara, NE 68760  
Fax: 402-857-3771 or enrollment@poncatribes-ne.gov

ENROLLED PONCA TRIBE MEMBER REQUESTING ADDRESS CHANGE:

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



## **MEMBERS NEEDED**

### **ELECTION BOARD**

The Tribal Council is accepting applications for the At Large positions for the Election Board. Members are paid \$250 per meeting and mileage will be paid for a maximum of 410 miles round trip at the federal government approved rate. Most meetings are held in Niobrara, Nebraska.

To be qualified to be appointed to the Election Board, a person shall:

1. Be an enrolled member of the Tribe.
2. Be a resident of the voting district from which they are appointed.
3. Be eligible to vote in the election for which they will serve as Election Board Member; and
4. If convicted of a felony, have completed his sentence requirements, including any parole, at least two (2) years prior to appointment.

No individual shall be permitted to sit as an Election Board member who:

1. Has been convicted of a crime involving the theft of funds or property of the Tribe in any court of any jurisdiction regardless of any pardon or restoration of civil rights for said offense.
2. Currently holds elective office in the Tribe.
3. Is or plans to be a candidate in any election during his or her term.
4. Has an immediate family member who is currently a member of the Tribal Council, or who is or plans to be a candidate in any election during his or her term.
5. No Ponca Tribe of Nebraska employees may serve on the Election Board per the PTN Employee Handbook.

A criminal background check will be conducted.

Please submit a letter of interest and application form to Ponca Tribal Council, Attn: Candace Repenning, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or via e-mail to [crepenning@poncatribes-ne.gov](mailto:crepenning@poncatribes-ne.gov). Deadline is May 1, 2025.

### **INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ADVISORY BOARD**

Tribal Council is seeking a member for a term that will be expiring on May 31, 2025. The responsibilities of this Board include advising the PTN Social Services Department and Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) program on child custody cases for PTN members or eligible to be members; identifying services for the Dept. to provide and/or request for the children and families of the child custody cases; hear complaints and grievances regarding child custody cases; and report to Council on the Board's advice and determinations to the Social Services Dept. The appointment is for a two-year term expiring May 31, 2027.

Requirements to qualify for the Board:

- Ponca Tribe of Nebraska member\*
- Successfully pass a criminal background check
- Not an employee of the PTN and PTN entities

\*Preferably the member has received services from the PTN Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) program, but it is not a requirement.

A \$250 stipend and mileage reimbursement (not to exceed 410 miles round trip at the govt. rate) are paid per meeting. Applicants must submit letters of interest and current resume to the Tribal Council, Attn: Candace Repenning, PO Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or by email [crepenning@poncatribes-ne.gov](mailto:crepenning@poncatribes-ne.gov). Deadline for applications is May 7, 2025.

## **MEMBERS NEEDED**

### **LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COMMITTEE**

The Tribal Council is accepting applications for Outside SDA position for the Language and Culture Committee due to a vacant position. Applications are now being accepted. This Committee focuses on the preservation and revitalization of the Ponca language.

The Committee consists of 7 representatives: a representative from each site within the Service Delivery Areas (SDAs) and a representative from outside of the SDAs. Committee members will be selected according to their knowledge of Ponca language, culture, and traditional ways. If a representative is not who meets the above qualification is not available from each site, any qualifying member may be appointed to the committee.

Members will be expected to attend all Committee meetings scheduled monthly and will be paid a stipend of \$250 per meeting and claim associated travel at the government rate, not to exceed a total of 410 total miles.

Some of the responsibilities of this committee are:

- To provide guidance to the Culture Department and Language Program with long-term planning, programming, and the use of traditional knowledge.
- To generate culturally appropriate programming to increase tribal involvement on culture and language activities and create a sustainable culture and language program for tribal members inside and outside the SDAs.
- To act as a resource for Tribal departments to create culturally based programming by providing guidance, knowledge, wisdom, and expertise on Ponca culture, traditions, history, and beliefs.
- To assist the Ponca Tribal government in the formulation of policies and procedures pertaining to the Ponca Language, culture, and history.
- To review and approve all Ponca culturally related educational material, such as instructional materials and modern communication media productions, to be used to provide instruction to
- To review and reserve approval on all other activities and tasks related to the Ponca language, history, and culture as may be referred the Committee.
- To periodically assess and review the Language Program and provide such assessments to the Tribal Council.

Please forward your letter of interest including your qualifications/resume for this Committee to Ponca Tribal Council, Attn: Candace Repenning, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or via e-mail to [crepenning@poncatrbe-ne.gov](mailto:crepenning@poncatrbe-ne.gov). Deadline for Applications is May 7, 2025.

## **Our website has moved!**

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

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





*The following is the third in a series of poems by Ponca Member Savannah Sherman/Lake. These poems will be published in the PTN newsletter over the next few months.*

## Fallacy

You say that my voice mimics that of a mouse  
But I'll show you a wolf, *a now recognized pest*  
Just count me to three  
"welcome"  
A new doormat for me

I made su casa - mi nido  
Your home - my nest  
Walls crumbled, came clean  
Your glass ceiling fell free

*luxurious irony*  
Being sold steel doors *handcrafted, the best*  
To find they were mirrors covered in sheet  
so fragile and weak that a mouse couldn't breathe  
-Savannah Sherman/Lake



## Elder's Committee Meetings

**April 7 | 10 am**

PTN Office | Lincoln, NE

**May 5 | 10 am**

Ralston Office | Omaha, NE



## MEMBERS NEEDED

### NORTHERN PONCA HOUSING AUTHORITY

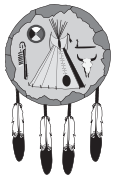
The District 1 representative term will be expiring 5/31/25. District 1 represents Boyd, Knox and Holt Counties of Nebraska, Charles Mix County of South Dakota, and Woodbury County of Iowa.

Commissioners receive a \$250 stipend per meeting as well as mileage reimbursement and per diem. Typically, meetings are held once a month.

Other qualifications to serve on this Board are as follows:

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

Please mail your letter of interest with a resume or brief background on why you would be a good candidate for the Board of Commissioners to the Ponca Tribal Council, PO. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or [crepenning@poncatribes-ne.gov](mailto:crepenning@poncatribes-ne.gov) If you need more detailed information please contact Joey Nathan, Executive Director of the Northern Ponca Housing Authority at 402-379-8224. A background check will be conducted on all candidates. Deadline for Application is May 7, 2025.



# PONCA TRIBE of NEBRASKA

P.O. Box 288  
Niobrara, NE 68760

[www.poncatribene.gov](http://www.poncatribene.gov)

## PONCA TRIBE of NEBRASKA Office Locations

### **NIORRARA 68760**

#### **Headquarters**

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

#### **Enrollment**

2523 Woodbine St., P.O. Box 288  
Ph: (402) 857-3391  
Fax: (402) 857-3771

#### **Cultural**

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

### **LINCOLN 68512**

#### **Administration**

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

#### **Ponca Health Services-Lincoln**

1600 Windhoek Dr  
Ph: (531) 248-3030

#### **Osni Ponca**

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

### **NORFOLK 68701**

#### **Administration Building**

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

#### **Gym Building**

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

#### **Ponca Hills Clinic**

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

#### **Ponca Express**

Ph: 877-769-3111

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

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

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

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

### **OMAHA 68107**

#### **Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Clinic**

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

#### **Administration**

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

#### **Dental**

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

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

10635 Birch., 68134  
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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