



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News



Ready for shoppers

Newly renovated, tribally owned Niobrara Market opens its doors.

And my favorite internet video of the year is...!

by Cliff Taylor

I sat on our couch and watched the 14-second video on Instagram over and over again -it made me feel something that kept almost bringing tears to my eyes -if the armor I'd donned my whole life hadn't been so present I surely would've cried.

The video has three parts. First, there's a hoop dancer in full regalia dancing and spinning around on an empty nighttime sidewalk, flapping his hoop-bedecked arms like a bird at the end; above his performance are the words Natives Embracing & Practicing Our Culture In 2020. Next, the same young man who was hoop dancing is seen as an ancestor looking on from the spirit-realm, his hair down, a blanket over his shoulders, a beaded medallion hanging from his neck, shaking his head and saying, "Wow," in awe of that hoop dancer performing so beautifully in the monumentally different world of today; above him are the words Our Ancestors Watching Proudly Because Much Was Taken Away. Lastly, this young man-as-ancestor gives the hoop dancer applause, saying, "Well done! Well done!", and clapping, conveying how joyously pleased he is

with his dedicated descendant who is carrying on the culture.

The video is one of many by James Jones, aka notoriouscree on Instagram. It's by far my favorite video of the year that I've encountered on the Internet (though I do love doggface208's Fleetwood Mac skateboarding video too). It has a power that's touched me unlike any of the other videos that are constantly jumping out of my phone or laptop screen; the power of a great movie moment that cracks me open and allows me to feel my own spirit, the bundle of feelings that drives my life, that's kept me dreaming and writing and making art for over 30 years now. I sent it to a brother of mine whom I've known for 20 years, whose career in obscurity mirrors mine, a long-suffering, deep soul, and he texted me back, "Yes. I need to see this every day. I need to see this every day."

I watched it in my car before work, the week of the election electrifying all that's beautiful about this country and all that's horrifying. I watched it in the break room with my masked and gloved grocery store coworkers buzzing around me, getting more caffeine,

taking a break from the customers and all of their oversharing. I watched it with my girlfriend beside me, feeling that Ponca kid who lived a spiritual life none of his non-Native Nebraskan peers around him understood, looking out through my 39-year-old eyes. How many people out there understand the sheer amount of mental/emotional/physical/spiritual/social/cultural work any given Native does just to remain themselves in a way that feels good and right? The sacrifice, the endurance, the wound-carrying, the not looking away. "Wow. Well done! Well done!"

I first Sundanced at age 22 and really began learning about my ancestors there. They were as present as our Sundance Chief, Joe Badmocasín, who sometimes wore a cowboy hat, as our leader, Ike Denny, who danced as perfectly and mesmerizing as that heartbreaking Native-done Oscar-caliber computer-animated Sundance leader spirit that is just probably still a couple of years down the road; the ancestors were as present as that tree in the middle we all danced around; they were as present as my uncle Dennis who invited me and danced beside me. This recovered

knowledge of our ancestors' presence in our lives was an utterly profound addition to my existence and worldview; essential; shifting everything onto the vector of true healing.

I sent the video to my Lakota brother who is doing a tremendous amount of Lakota language revitalization work, who's laughed and rapped and collaborated with me through all manner of things, and he said, "It's f***in cool." That's him for you: understated and spot-on, haha. He's told me of seeing the ancestors of the kids in his language classes coming into his classroom to learn, help, heal, encourage, and just be a part of the miracle of their descendants learning and speaking the Lakota language after everything that's happened. Our ancestors are so real. Not a single one of us is walking alone. There really is someone cheering you on right now, proudly nodding their head, and saying, "Wow. Well done! Well done!"

The ancestors don't lose their humanity when they become a part of those ones who continue to look after the tribe on the Other Side, rather, they become resplendent with a fully realized kind

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Póⁿka Íye-t^he! The Ponca Language

Need help saying the words? **Hear audio recordings on the PTN website at poncatrIBE-ne.tv/category/language/** and refer to the pronunciation guide on this page.

Our family relationships and Ponca words we use to describe our family members have a lot of significant meaning of respect and responsibility to one another. Our Ponca words are beyond how English describes family members and will not always be the same term and relationship as in English (ex. My mother's sister is a mother to me, not an auntie). Look forward to next month's newsletter article for more information on family relationships.

-Angie Starkel

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

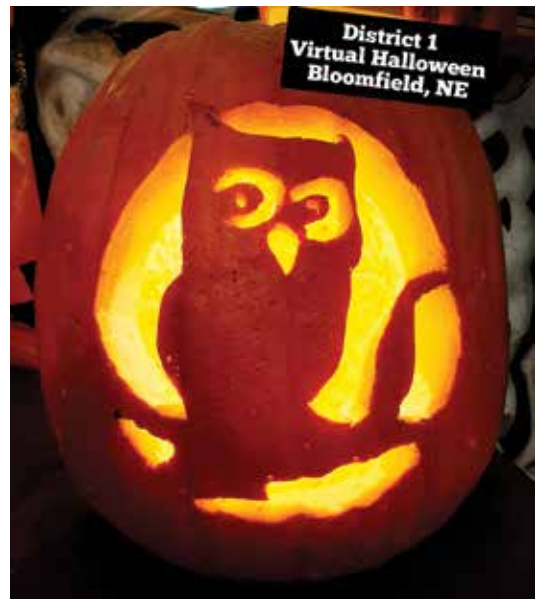
- a** Like a in father
- b** Like b in big
- ch** Like 2nd ch in church
- ch^h** Like 1st ch in church
- d** like d in dig
- e** Like e in Vegas
- g** like g in game
- h** like h in home
- i** Like i in ski
- iⁿ** Like ea in mean
- k** Like k in ski
- k^h** Like k in key
- m** Like m in man
- n** Like n in need
- o** Like o in no
- oⁿ** Like aw in dawn
- p** Like p in spot
- p^h** Like p in pot
- s** Like s in sing
- sh** Like sh in shop
- t** Like t in stop
- t^h** Like t in top
- th** Like th in that
- u** Like u in blue
- w** Like w in woman
- x** Like ch in German Bach
- z** Like z in zebra
- zh** Like ge in beige

The raised letter n (ⁿ) means to nasally say the vowel before the ⁿ.

The ' above a vowel (**like é**) means to stress that sound. There is no "L" sound in Ponca. Some confuse the "TH" as a L sound.

	Female talking to her:	Male talking to his:	Female talking about her:	Male talking about his:
Mother	no ⁿ há	no ⁿ hó	í ⁿ no ⁿ ha	
Father	dadihá	dadího	i ⁿ dádi	
Daughter	wizho ⁿ gehá	wizho ⁿ geho	wizhó ⁿ ge	
Son	wizhi ⁿ gehá	wizhi ⁿ geho	wizhí ⁿ ge	
Grandma	ko ⁿ há	ko ⁿ hó	wikó ⁿ	
Grandpa	tigo ⁿ há	tigó ⁿ ho	witígo ⁿ	
Grandchild	tushpahá	tushpáho	witúshpa	
Older Brother	tinuha	zhi ⁿ theho	witinu	wizhi ⁿ the
Younger Brother	so ⁿ geha	so ⁿ geho	wiso ⁿ ge	
Older Sister	zho ⁿ theha	to ⁿ geho	wizho ⁿ the	wito ⁿ ge
Younger Sister	wihe	wihe	wihe	
Mother's Sister	no ⁿ ha	no ⁿ ho	i ⁿ no ⁿ ha	
Mother's Brother	negiha	negiho	winégi	
Father's Sister	timiha	timiho	witimi	
Father's Brother	dadiha	dadiho	i ⁿ dádi	





Tribe gets creative for Halloween fun

Although the Tribe was unable to host many of its usual Halloween events this year, due to the pandemic, tribal members still had the opportunity to

dress up and have fun with drive-through Trick or Treating, and virtual costume and pumpkin decorating contests.



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.

Winter 2020 deadline: November 15, 2020
Spring 2021 deadline: December 15, 2020

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 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 school year is July 31, 2021.

All Education Department Applications and Program Information is available online on our tribal website. If you have any questions for the education department, please feel free to contact Aubrey Knudsen @ office (402)371-8834, work cell (402)844-0957, or aknudsen@poncatribene.org.

Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs

TAYLOR: Appreciating the presence of our ancestors

continued from inside cover of humanity, incredibly deep, incredibly understanding, incredibly loving, incredibly caring, incredibly connected to the Creator when it comes to the things they do now. That's part of why I love the video so much: the humanness of that ancestor's awe at his descendant's dance, and how that expresses all of the warm humanness with which they are still regarding us and watching over us and influencing our lives from their dimension. It really is like that. We got loved ones, regal and funny, wrinkled and full of memories, witnessing us do things they never could have imagined that are parts of the overarching tribal life they are collectively guid-

ing and dreaming into being. On a certain level, we all know this. I think I also love this video for how perfectly it expresses this, lets its Native viewer FEEL this truth that in their guts and bones they truly already know.

There were many years where I felt kind of friendless, at least like I didn't have any of those core kindred-spirit friends around who were always saving my life, and it was during those years that I felt my ancestors caring for me, keeping me upright, strengthening me, dancing beside me. When no one else was there to see the things I was going through in the name of helping my people and staying on the Red Road, the ancestors were there, tangible, unafraid to cry

with me, experiencing all my human feelings with me, rooting me on just like the young man-ancestor with his long hair down in the video. I watched this video over and over and I remembered how my experiences of my ancestors kept me going, kept me moving forward, heartened me when no one else was around and made me feel okay. It was healing to see this experience made into such a beautiful video, to see that it was out there for millions to watch and learn from and remember with. "Wow. Well done! Well done!"

I watched the video one more time and felt all those things that I couldn't exactly put words to, felt something tender welling up inside,

the living room empty but not, something speaking through the young man to me, to all of us. I put my phone down and looked outside, imagined what the world would look like if it had been wholly guided by the ancestors' hands and not Capitalism, trauma, or Empire. I imagined and liked what I saw. And then I grabbed my keys and went to work.

Thank you James Jones, @notoriouscree, for your video, creativity, and dancing.

"Wow. Well done! Well done!"

Cliff Taylor is an enrolled member of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. His first book, "The Memory of Souls," is available on Amazon.

MEMBERS NEEDED

PONCA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD: A vacancy currently exists on this Board with a term expiring on 3/19/23. The purposes and powers of the Ponca Economic Development Corporation are to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Corporation Business Code. The business and activities of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors which shall be persons with extensive experience in business in Nebraska or Iowa. A \$250 stipend per meeting is paid as well as mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles roundtrip.

Applicants must submit a letter of interest and current resume to the Tribal Council, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or by e-mail bbarger@poncatribene.org. A background check and drug test are required per the Articles of Incorporation. Deadline for Applications is December 18, 2020.

OSNI PONCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS: A vacancy currently exists on this Board with a term expiring on 3/19/23. Applications are now being accepted. The purpose of Osni Ponca LLC is to engage in economic development activities for the benefit of the Tribe and its members. This Board manages the activities and affairs of Osni Ponca. No member of the Tribal Council, employee of the Tribe or any entities thereof, shall serve on this Board. The Board members must have the following minimum qualification: 1) Be at least twenty-five (25) years of age; 2) either (a) possess a Bachelor's Degree in business or a related field, or (b) possess a high school diploma (or a general equivalency diploma) and have at least five (5) years of business, financial, legal government contracting, tribal government or industry experience; 3) have no felony convictions; and 4) submit to a background investigation which yields no results showing convictions involving tax evasion, tax fraud, embezzlement or moral turpitude. Applications will be accepted from Tribal and non-tribal members. A \$250 stipend per meeting is paid as well as mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles roundtrip.

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Dealing with grief during the holidays

Emily Driver

Trauma Informed Care Therapist

An empty chair at the Thanksgiving table, a present that won't be opened, expecting a holiday visit from a loved one who won't be coming. The holidays can be a very difficult time after losing a loved one, here are some tips on how to deal with grief during this time.

1. Allow Yourself to Have a Range of Emotions

The holidays can bring out a wide range of emotions. You might feel joy, guilt, and sadness all within a few minutes. Allow yourself to feel those emotions without judging yourself or thinking you should be happy or you should not be laughing.

2. Ask for Help

Don't be afraid to ask for help when you're struggling with the holidays. Reminding loved ones that you are having a rough time may be enough, but you also can reach out for more support. Look for support groups or counselors to help you deal with your grief in a healthy manner.

3. Share memories

Storytelling is a great way to celebrate our loved one's life and the relationship we have shared with them. The holidays will bring up memories, good and bad. Try to find a sense of peace by focusing on your loved one's life and not on their death.

4. Plan Ahead

Sometimes the anticipation over how hard something is going to be is worse than the actual event. Christmas dinner may only last two hours, but you could easily spend three weeks dreading it. Create a simple plan for how you'll get through the holidays to avoid unwanted emotions.

5. Set Healthy Boundaries

You don't have to force yourself to face every holiday event. If attending a tree lighting ceremony or participating in the office gift swap is likely going to bring up too many painful memories, be willing to say no. Other people may try to convince you to participate, but you certainly don't have to try to please everyone.

6. Take Care of Yourself

People don't often realize that emotional stress is one of the hardest kinds of stress to cope with. Grief can be very draining emotionally, mentally, spiritually, physically, socially, etc. Take time for you to be alone or to be with a trusting person, meditate, pray, or whatever feels relaxing to you.

The Ponca Tribe's Domestic Violence Program has resources if you are struggling with a range of emotions during the holidays. Reach out to our Trauma Informed Care Therapists Emily Driver at 402.943.6291 or Amber Wendt at 402.943.9997 if you need assistance.

Ponca Tribe staff go purple for Domestic Violence Awareness



Learning about soils to celebrate World Soil Day

Misha Mazurkewycz
TRP Technician

Hello everyone! We have now reached the end of the year, and there is another environmental holiday on December 5th, World Soil Day! What is so important about soil? Soil is the foundation on which we build our lives and feed ourselves.

Some soils are great for building roads and buildings on because they are stable and not easily moved, while others are more nutrient-rich making them great for growing plants.

Soil structure also helps determine how liquids

move through the layers of the earth. For example, it is easy for liquids to move through sand but harder for liquid to move through clay.

In Nebraska, our soils have been divided into different landscape categories including: Bluffs, Dissected Plains, Large Reservoirs, Plains, Rolling Hills, Sandhill, and Valleys. A majority of our Service Delivery Area in Nebraska is considered rolling hills, but in the Niobrara area, the land is considered bluffs and escarpments, which is land that is rugged and has steep irregular slopes.

Nebraska even has a state soil, called Holdrege, which is a good soil for growing corn, soybeans, and small grains.

Currently, there are major issues with a scarcity of good, nutrient-rich soil and land loss due to erosion. Soil needs nutrients and living organisms within it, otherwise it is just dirt. Farmers are all too familiar with this issue, and some have chosen creative paths to return nutrients to the land by rotating crops and planting cover crops. To help with erosion and plant and animal biodiversity, some farmers

have built-in buffer strips along their cropland to help hold the soil in place to reduce runoff from rain and erosion from streams and rivers.

You can help the soil, too, by helping to plant trees or other plants with extensive root systems or by composting your food scraps. Also, make sure you read the labels of products that you put on the soil.

If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Environmental Department!

Maintaining indoor air quality in colder months

Allison Gienapp
Air Technician

Most people spend at least 90% of their time in indoor environments. This time has been increased with a greater number of people working from home. A healthy home means healthy people. Sometimes, with all the different chemicals and materials in the home, the indoor environment could be more polluted than the air outside.

The most effective way to address air pollution indoors is to reduce and eliminate the source of pollutants. Along with elimination and reduc-

tion, you also need to have proper ventilation. Ventilation helps exhaust indoor air pollution to the outside and allows for clean air to come into the home.

With the cold months here, proper ventilation of the home becomes more daunting. Opening doors and windows to ventilate the home weighs greatly against energy efficiency and weatherization efforts that keep the home within a comfortable temperature range. There are some things that you can do to help clean up your indoor air while not letting the cold air in.

- Remove harsh chemicals from the living space, this includes everything that gives off strong odors. There is a green cleaning guide at https://www.poncatribene.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/env_NaturalAlternativeHouseholdCleaningProductsRecipe.pdf.

- Make sure you are changing your HVAC filters and getting them inspected regularly. This included proper maintenance of ductwork in the home. The HVAC system is what filters most of the air coming into your home.

- Check into the possibil-

ity of using air cleaners in your home. If you decide to purchase an air cleaner for your home, make sure that they do not produce ozone. If you don't feel like spending the money on buying an air cleaner there are DIY cleaners that you can make from box fans and HVAC filters. More information about air cleaners can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/air-cleaners-and-air-filters-home>.

For more information please contact Allison Gienapp, Air Technician, at 402.857.3391 or agienapp@poncatribene.org.

WIOA ready to assist clients with career opportunities

Colleen Plasek
Ponca WIOA Program

The healthcare sector is booming and will continue to do so. There are a variety of reasons for the demand. An aging baby boomer population, changes in the healthcare industry as a whole, changes in technology, and changes in the way services are provided are among them. As COVID-19 continues to impact our world, we can see daily the importance of healthcare workers.

Indeed.com identifies some of the fastest growing healthcare roles as:

- Home Health Aide
- Phlebotomist
- Occupational Therapy Aide
- Medical Assistant
- Physical Therapy Aide
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Massage Therapist
- Respiratory Therapist
- Registered Nurse
- Dental Hygienist

Many of these roles require training programs and certifications rather than Bachelor's degrees. The Ponca WIOA Pro-

gram can assist people with obtaining training in these career fields. The WIOA Program has assisted people with getting Certified Nursing Assistant and Certified Medication Aide credentials. Currently, there are students in Phlebotomy and Pharmacy Technician programs assisted by the Ponca WIOA Program. If you are interested in obtaining to get into a healthcare-related career, contact one of the following WIOA representatives:

Lincoln Office
Stephanie
Prichard-Slobotski
Workforce Development
Program Director
402-438-9222

Tierra Hernandez
Vocational Training
Specialist
402-438-9222

Omaha Office
Colleen Plasek
Vocational Training
Specialist
402-315-2765

Norfolk Office
Bianca Marino
Vocational Training
Specialist
402-371-8834

Ponca Tribal Court completes needs assessment

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska (PTON) was awarded a Tribal Court Improvement Program grant in 2018. The goal of the Tribal Court Improvement Program is to provide resources to improve the process of American Indian and Native Alaskan child welfare cases by tribal courts. Funding requires the tribe (1) conduct an assessment of how the tribal court handles child welfare proceedings and (2) implement changes to address the recommendations of the child welfare court assessment.

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska contracted with The Whitener Group to conduct the assessment. The assessment was completed in June 2020.

The needs assessment used a mixed methods research design, including a combination of policy manual and past assessment report document review, court observation, case file review, as well as surveys and interviews with identified Tribal Court, social services and Tribal government leaders and personnel.

A document review process was used to

better understand the PTON Tribal Court, social services, and Tribal government structure and operations. It also assisted the assessment data collection tools (e.g., case file review, survey and interview instruments). Specifically, the team reviewed existing PTON organizational, policy and procedures documents to gather background information about the Tribe (including understanding the history of the PTON); design needs assessment instruments; and to help determine if on-site observations conducted with staff of Tribal Court and

social services aligned with stated policies and procedures. In addition, the team reviewed past needs assessment reports conducted for the PTON to determine if the Tribal Court implemented recommendations from those assessments and/or if they still had relevance for the current assessment process.

Currently we are working on a plan of action should the Tribe eventually wish to proceed with child welfare cases in the Tribal Court as they proceed with child welfare cases in the State Court.

MEMBERS NEEDED

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE:

All three positions on the Enrollment Committee will be expiring on February 1, 2021. The role of the Enrollment Committee is defined in the Law & Order Code Title X - Enrollment and Membership Chapter 2 (go to poncatribene.org). Community Members receive mileage reimbursement (for a maximum of 410 miles at the federal govt. approved rate) and a stipend of \$250 per meeting. All terms will expire 2/1/24. The deadline for application is January 4, 2021.

NORTHERN PONCA ELDERS COMMITTEE:

The mission of this Committee is to advocate for improved comprehensive services and provide the leadership needed to meet the needs of our elders (55 and older) by planning and advocating for an aging population in a manner designated to protect and improve their quality of life while maintaining individual dignity.

Tribal Council will be appointing members to all nine positions on January 11, 2020. All positions will be appointed to four year terms. The Elders Committee shall consist of two members from each of the four Council Districts established in the Constitution or as modified by redistricting. Each of the two members must reside in the Service Area or 100 miles of the counties constituting the Service Delivery Areas of the Tribe as designated in the PTN Constitution for Council Members (Article IV Section 8). A ninth member shall be appointed from outside the Service Delivery Areas of the Tribe and shall reside outside the Service Delivery Area (including outside the area described in Article IV Section 8 of the Tribal Constitution). The Tribal Council shall strongly consider appointment of the two members from District 1 to represent an elder from the Niobrara Service Delivery Area and an elder from the Sioux City Service Delivery Area when possible.

Currently a stipend in the amount of \$250 is paid per meeting plus mileage reimbursement (not to exceed 410 miles at the govt. rate). The Elders Committee Charter recently approved by Tribal Council is posted on the website (poncatribene.org) and in the office sites or you can request a copy be mailed to you. Background checks will be conducted. Deadline for applications is December 15, 2020.

All letters of interest and qualifications can be sent to Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Attn: Beth Barger, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or e-mailed to bbarger@poncatribene.org. Thank you.

ELECTION BOARD:

There will be 3 terms on the Election Board that will be expiring on February 1, 2021 for District 1, District 3 and the At Large position. 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. These appointments will be 4-year terms expiring on 2/1/25.

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 an 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 individuals 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; or
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. The Deadline for Applications is January 4, 2021.

All letters of interest and qualifications can be sent to Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Attn: Beth Barger, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or e-mailed to bbarger@poncatribene.org. Thank you.

Youth Council pursuing projects to spread cheer to members

Maci Schott

Currently, Youth Council is finishing up the Fitness Tracker Project. This project is led by Taya Lehman and Claire Howell. So far, we have had two winners. These winners competed in a two-week trial wearing a fitness tracker. Out of all the participants in their group they had the most steps. Our first winner is Madison Knudsen! The second winner is Hunter Oestreich! Each of these contestants is awarded a \$50 Target gift card for showing their commit-

ment to fitness! We look forward to showcasing our next two winners in the upcoming newsletter! Youth Council would like to thank all our participants in the Fitness Tracker Project, and we hope you continue striving to walk more!

Youth Council has two exciting projects starting in the month of November! Maci Schott is leading Toys for Teens and Cami Schott is leading Senior Secret Santa. Maci and Cami have sent out all of the mailing envelopes, containing a flier where the participants can choose their style of gift. Maci sent out the Toys for Teens flier to teens ages 14-18 years old in service delivery areas. The teens can pick between a Sweet Tooth, Movie Night, Comfy Cozy, Spa

Central, or Tech Savy gift. Cami sent out the Senior Secret Santa flier to elders ages 60+ in service delivery areas. The elders can pick between a Comfy Cozy, Memory Lane, or Sweet Tooth gift. Youth

Council went to Walmart and bought these gifts on November 22! The D2 member then went to Ralston where they packaged the gifts and waited for Santa to put them on his sleigh!



Madison Knudsen



Hunter Oestreich



Above: Cami Schott, Maci Schott, Ben Schott, Candy Schott, and Rebecca Sullivan working hard as Santa's helpers, gathering gifts for teens and seniors alike!

Below: After the shopping comes the wrapping! Youth Council prepared and packaged gifts for the Senior Secret Santa and Toys for Teens project.



**PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD**

**IN RE: WHITE EAGLE EXPRESS
 DBA NIOBRARA MARKET
 25410 PARK AVENUE
 NIOBRARA, NEBRASKA
 KNOX COUNTY SERVICE AREA**


DECISION GRANTING OFF-SALE RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

The Liquor Control Board (“Board”) met on November 2, 2020 in accordance with Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Code § 16-2-12 to consider the Ponca Smoke Signals (“Licensee”) application regarding a retail off-sale liquor license (“Application”). The Board reviewed the Application, verified the Applicant’s business organization as a limited liability company organized under the laws of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, reviewed the results of the criminal background checks on the principals of the Applicant, and verified that the State of Nebraska has granted Applicant a liquor license pending fire and health inspection. The Board considered all comments received and all information relevant to the Application. The Board received no comments opposed to the granting of a liquor license to the Applicant.

Based on the Application, the comments received, and the information relevant to the Application, the Board hereby **APPROVES** Licensee’s Application for an off-sale retail liquor license conditioned on receipt of the Nebraska State Liquor License. In accordance with Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Code §16-3-11, upon the Licensee providing satisfactory proof that it has received a Nebraska State Liquor License, the liquor license will be issued to the Licensee. In accordance with Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Code §16-3-3 and subject to Licensee paying the required annual license fee, the license shall be valid for one (1) year beginning on the date of issuance after receipt by the Board of satisfactory evidence of a Nebraska Liquor License.

Dated: November 12, 2020

**PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD**



Board Chair

**PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD**

**IN RE: PONCA SMOKE SIGNALS
 210 W HAROLD STREET
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 KNOX COUNTY SERVICE AREA**

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Based on the Application, the comments received, and the information relevant to the Application, the Board hereby **APPROVES** Licensee’s Application for an off-sale retail liquor license. In accordance with Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Code §16-3-3 and subject to Licensee paying the required annual license fee, the license shall be valid for one (1) year beginning on the date of this decision and expiring November 1, 2021.

Dated: November 12, 2020

**PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD**



Board Chair

**PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
TRIBAL COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION 20-81

WHEREAS: The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is a federally recognized Indian Tribe (P.L. 101-484) whose business affairs are conducted by the Ponca Tribal Council as defined in the Constitution approved July 22, 1994 by the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to the Constitution of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Ponca Tribal Council exercises legislative powers to enact and promulgate resolutions and ordinances subject to all express restrictions upon such powers contained in the constitution; and

WHEREAS: The Ponca Tribal Council has reviewed the proposed amendments to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Law & Order Code Title VII, Tribal Occupational Injury Ordinance; and

WHEREAS: This Title is being revised to clarify the Worker's Compensation within the Ponca Tribal of Nebraska and will be renamed "Workers Compensation".

WHEREAS: The proposed amendments to the Law & Order Code Title VII was placed on the Tribal Council Agenda on November 2, 2020 to allow comments from the public and on November 9, 2020 and November 16, 2020 for first and second readings respectively. A notice of intent to amend the Law & Order Code Title VII was published in the Tribal newsletter, posted in office sites and the tribal website at least 14 days prior to any final action satisfying the requirements for the adoption, amendment, or abolishment of Ordinances.

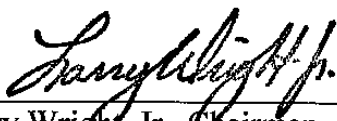
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ponca Tribal Council approves the amendments to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Law & Order Code Title VII – Workers Compensation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these amendments shall take effect immediately.

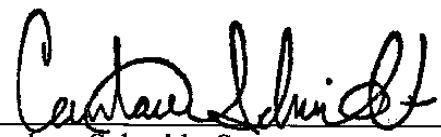
CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY AND AFFIRM that the above and foregoing resolution was duly authorized and passed by the Tribal Council of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska at a duly called meeting held via Lifesize on the 16 day of November, 2020 by a vote of 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstained; 3 Absent. Chairperson _____ voting ✓ not voting. A Quorum of 6 was present.

ATTEST



Larry Wright, Jr., Chairman
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska



Candace Schmidt, Secretary
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska



We'd like to introduce and wish a very happy first birthday to MeLe Hayes Sherman. She was born November 3rd, 2019 in Omaha, NE to Rodney Sherman and Kathleen Hayes Sherman.

Grandparents are Brenda Christensen and the late John Sherman of Council Bluffs, IA. David and Deb Hayes of Omaha, NE (Decatur, NE).

MeLe's namesake is her 6th great-mother, MeLe LaCharitie Sherman (1840-1898) married (1856) to Justus P. Sherman. The late MeLe Sherman's parents were Na Ja Ge Win and Francios LaCharitie.

MeLe received her Ponca name Nioⁿ ba Ujoⁿ (Pretty Moon) by elder Dwight Howe. MeLe's personality shines through everyday. She is going to do great things!



Abraham Larson, a junior at Stanton High School placed 3rd at the 2020 NSAA Cross Country Championships held in Kearney, NE on October 23rd, 2020.

Congratulations Abraham, we are so proud of you!

Abraham is the son of Aubrey Knudsen and Tim & Beth Larson



Elder's Council Meeting

December 7 | 10 am

January 4 & 5 | 10 am

Lifesize & Conference Call available.

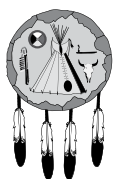


Cante' Waste' Win Tiospaye' Talking Circle



Please join our Female Talking Circle
Every 1st & 3rd Friday each month @ 6pm
Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition
2240 Landon Ct, Omaha NE
Any questions contact Marissa Wright (402)309-4503
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Healing through tradition, ceremony and prayer...



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OTHER RESOURCES

Child Abuse Hotline

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

National Child Abuse Hotline

800-422-4453

National Suicide Hotline

800-273-8255

Domestic Violence Hotline

800-799-7233

National Human Trafficking Hotline

888-373-7888

National Problem Gambling Helpline

800-522-4700

Elder Abuse Hotline

800-252-8966

Boys Town Crisis Line

800-448-3000

Drug Treatment & Referral Hotline

877-726-4727

Nebraska Family Helpline

888-866-8660

Veterans Crisis Line

800-273-8255

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