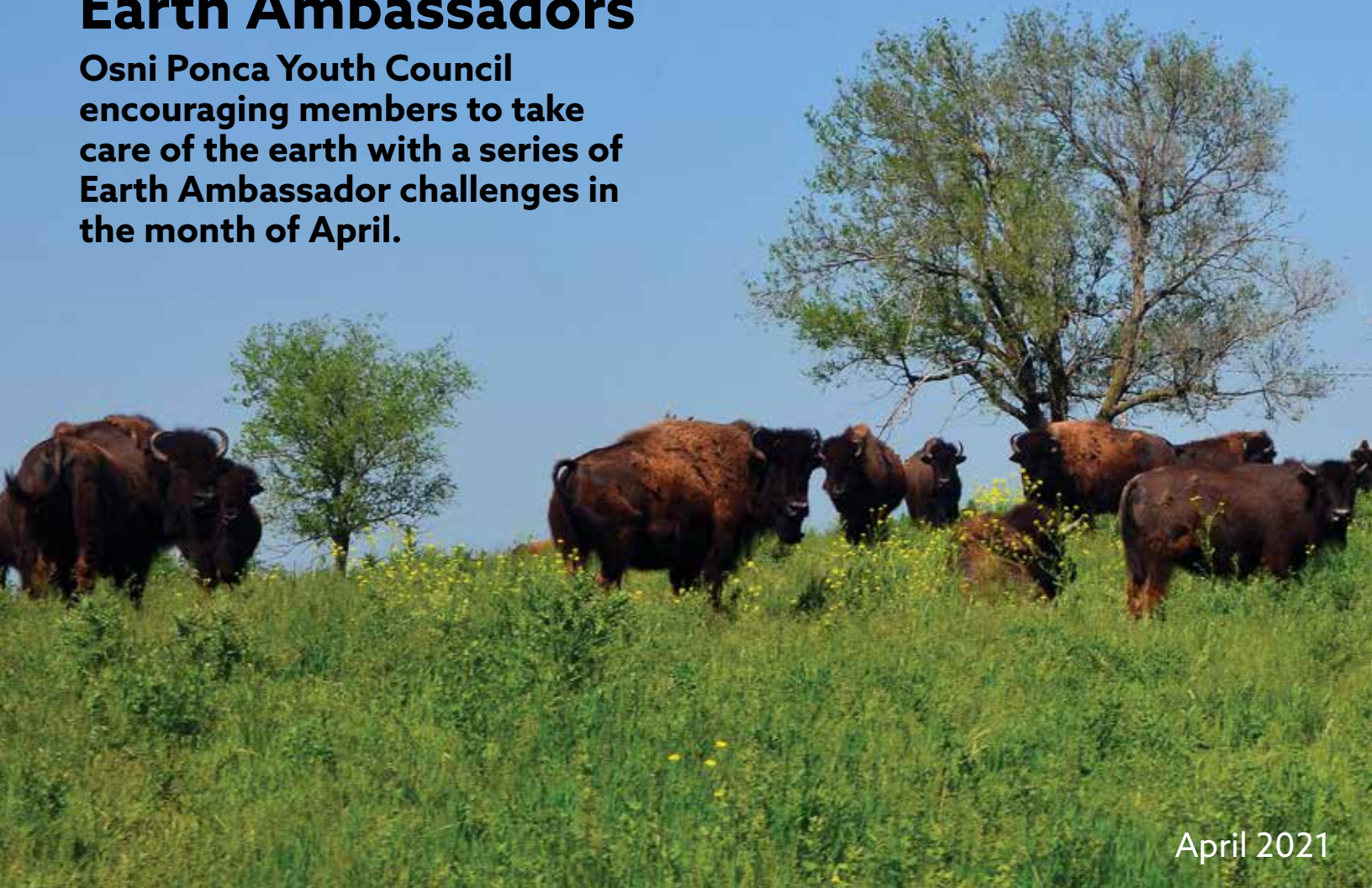




PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News

Earth Ambassadors

Osni Ponca Youth Council
encouraging members to take
care of the earth with a series of
Earth Ambassador challenges in
the month of April.



The rain that wasn't wet

by Cliff Taylor

The following is an excerpt from a longer essay by the same name, detailing an experience of the author on Ponca homelands in Niobrara.

I kept climbing the slope, occasionally stepping around large, dried-out buffalo patties, praying and feeling, seeing as much as I could see with my eyes like I was seeing a painting I knew I would never see again and so I'd better look at it as closely as I could while I could; always, this species of intensity arose in me when I was in my people's homelands. I walked and got about even with the small, compact sweat and, without walking over to it, checked it out, looking for signs of recent use, of which there were none. Then, like a portal had sprang open, I heard the spirits: "Come in here. We want to talk with you." I stood there looking at the covered-over sweat and could see that there were old people in there and they wanted me to crawl into that dark sweat with them, me being the only one with a body. They said it again, like an invitation. No, I thought; I'm not going in there. I was spiritual and dedicated but still young

and there were apparently limits to my fearlessness. I shook my head. Somehow, I was experienced enough with the spirits to know that it'd be okay. Not this time. My world was wrapped in silence. I continued walking and didn't look back at the sweat, the realness of what I'd heard trailing behind me from out of my chest. Whatever they had to show me, I guess I wasn't yet ready for.

I kept walking up the slope and toward the pond, eyeballing the ground, feeling the build-up of Spirit, praying aloud, doing my thing like the young person I was, making myself, making myself out of the experiences that I wanted to be made out of. And then I saw the buffalo, huge, semi-gathered on the back edge of the pond, awake, aware, seemingly aware of me. I slowed and watched them, felt their immensity, their dangerousness, imagined myself being the dumb Indian who pushed his luck and wound up trampled, dead on the hill. I stopped and watched them, didn't want to be that dumb Indian, talked to them some, their eyes in my direction, their forms shifting and turning, and

then I turned around. I guessed that was as far as I was going to go tonight. I started heading back down, looking over my shoulder to make sure the herd wasn't following me, that I didn't need to hurry up and run. I walked and took in the expanse of Niobrara from that elevated point of view, all of it a shimmering, unforgettable sight. My back prickling respectfully at the buffalo, I was one lucky Ponca; one lucky dude, for sure.

I walked slowly down that same vague road, feeling like I'd done my prayerful duty and my walk was coming to an end, looking at the black shadowy structure of the sweat and feeling all right with myself for not crawling into it, and then, out of nowhere, I heard it begin to rain behind me, a light, soft rain up about where I'd turned around or so, coming with a familiar sound as all that water pattered into the earth. I looked up but saw no clouds really, other than a couple random ones, couldn't even see the rain falling really but could hear it clear as day and so just kept on with my descent. I walked and prayed and heard that rain coming

my way, on my heels, on course to swallow me, get me before I made it back to my tent, and I was accepting of it; some rain there was just no outrunning. I walked without rushing and I could hear that spreading rain getting closer, percussively landing on the ground, and then when it was mere feet away, I stopped to let it have me. I stood there, Liv's white vehicle and our two tents not too far away now, the trees, the restrooms, earth lodge, and Agency building all still and potent and dark, and then the rain expanded beyond me, going past me, falling around my feet, everywhere, but actually not on me, not at all. I stood there in that light, incessant rain and was oddly, miraculously, dry as a bone.

It was the strangest, queerest thing: according to my ears, it was totally raining all around me -I could hear it pelleting the dry, grassy ground all around my feet!- and yet, as I held my arms aloft and out, not a drop landed on my skin and actually, for the life of me, I could not SEE any rain at all. It was peculiar, magical, sweet, powerful, an unexplainable event

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Póⁿka Íye-t^he! The Ponca Language

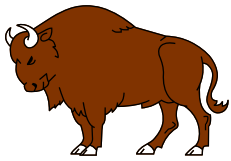
Need help saying the words? **Hear audio recordings on the PTN website at poncatribe-ne.tv/category/language/** and refer to the pronunciation guide on this page.
-Angie Starkel

Waníta - Animals

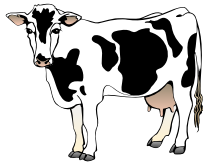
Wanáthe
Domesticated animal

Nugá
Male animal

Migá
Female animal



Té
Buffalo



Téska
Cattle



Shíⁿudoⁿ
Dog



I^gthóⁿga
Cat



I^gthóⁿga si-sne
Mountain Lion/
Cougar



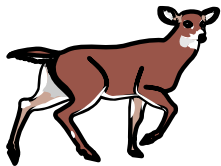
Síⁿga
Squirrel



I^hchóⁿga
Mouse



Mo^shtíⁿga
Rabbit



Táxti
Deer



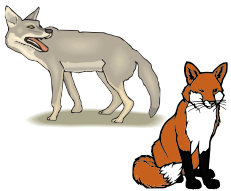
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Xúga
Badger



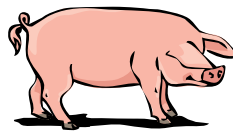
Miká
Raccoon



Míkasi
Fox/coyote



Móⁿga
Skunk



Kúkusi
Pig



Shó^toⁿga
Wolf



Shóⁿge
Horse



Moⁿchú
Bear/Grizzly Bear



Wasábe
Black bear



Zhábe
Beaver

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.

TAYLOR: Experiencing the unique spirit of the Ponca people

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 created by the spirits to enfold me in some mysterious communication. I looked up and felt no rain, smiled, felt a streak of happiness followed by streaks and streaks of something much deeper moving through me, like messengers arriving on the scene. I really kind of couldn't believe it. I examined it; it didn't wane; I just stood in the middle of it and opened up like I knew how to, the pure-hearted beginner grateful to behold anything the Creator had to show him. I began to pray and

right away it was like a boundless mass of some things began to assemble in the night air before me, a glimmer, a cosmic shape, a vision radiating into this world/my world in order to tell me something. What I visually saw is almost not as important as the degree to which my entire being was ecstatically engaged and the experiential comprehension I started travelling into. I saw all of the infinite, distinct, unique essences of my Ponca tribe gathering and concentrating in the space in front of me, like every iteration of our people's

existence and every core essential spirit behind them, ornately convening and condensing in an overall communicative soul, allowing and giving me contact with my tribe's purest spirit and that purest spirit's every key, indispensable, precious manifestation. It was like all the stories that were uniquely Ponca in the cosmos, that composed the Ponca cosmos, were unfolding and revealing themselves to me in that spirit-rain that was falling in the buffalo field. It goes without saying that there were more spirits and ancestors there

in that nighttime field than anyone could've ever counted. The experience and my comprehension of what was visiting me, kept growing and growing and I just surrendered to it, was struck open by the vision of this supernatural reality that I'd never guessed I'd see in my lifetime: my Ponca people's all-generating Divine soul.

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

Class of 2021

Honoring our Graduating Seniors

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska would like to honor our 2021 Ponca graduates in a special section in our June 2021 newsletter.

Please send a high-resolution photo, and include the name of your graduate, along with school name and city. Feel free to include info about award, honors, future activities and family. Submissions may be subject to minor edits for space and consistency.

Send your graduate's information to **info@poncatrIBE-ne.org**, with the subject line: **Class of 2021, no later than May 10th, 2021**, to have your graduate featured in this section.

2021 tornado season expected to have above average activity

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), severe weather and tornadic activity in 2021 could rival the notorious 2011 severe weather season. NWS also expects the number of tornadoes to increase slightly this year as well by about 10-15% nationally. This anticipated increase is due, in part, to the La Nina climate pattern.

According to the NWS, the climate pattern referred to as La Nina is a natural cycle marked by cooler than average ocean water in the central Pacific Ocean. Climate patterns such as La Nina are some of the main drivers of weather around the globe.

“The temperature of the water in the central and eastern tropical Pacific during February 2021 is similar to the La Niña pattern in February 2011,” AccuWeather meteorologist Paul Pastelok said.

La Nino is the warming of the central Pacific waters, which leads to differing effects on weather patterns, according to

Weather.com.

While tornadoes can occur all year, they are most common in Midwest during spring and early summer.

Preparing for a Tornado:

- Know your area’s tornado risk. In the U.S., the Midwest and Southeast have a greater risk for tornadoes.
- Know the signs of a tornado, including a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud, an approaching cloud of debris, or a loud roar like a freight train.
- Sign up for your community’s warning system. The Emergency Alert System and NOAA Weather Radios also provide emergency alerts.
- Pay attention to weather reports. Meteorologists can predict when conditions might be right for a tornado.
- Identify and practice going to a safe shelter such as a lower-level basement or storm shelter. The next best protection is a small, interior, windowless room

Tornado Watch

Weather conditions could lead to the formation of severe storms and tornadoes. **BE PREPARED:** Know your safe location. Be ready to act quickly if a Warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching.

Tornado Warning

A tornado has been spotted or indicated by weather radar, meaning a tornado is occurring or expected soon. **TAKE ACTION:** There is imminent danger to life and property. Immediately seek refuge in the safest location possible.

Tornado Emergency

An exceedingly rare situation with a severe threat to human life and catastrophic damage due to a confirmed violent tornado. **TAKE ACTION:** There is imminent danger to life and property. Immediately seek refuge in the safest location possible.

- on the lowest level of a sturdy building.
- Plan for your pet. They are an important member of your family, so they need to be included in your family’s emergency plan.
- Prepare for long-term stay at home or shelter in place by gathering emergency supplies, cleaning supplies, non-perishable foods, water, medical supplies, and medication.

Rental assistance available

LINCOLN, NE (KTIV) - Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts has announced the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Beginning Feb. 22, the state of Nebraska began accepting applications for the assistance program.

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program is for Nebraska residents that have been unable to pay past rent or future rent after suffering financial loss

due to COVID-19. Renters must meet the income guidelines and be able to prove financial loss directly or indirectly impacted during COVID-19. No one person can receive more than \$20,000 in assistance during the life of the program.

For more information or to apply for assistance visit the Nebraska Coronavirus Relief Fund Public Awareness website.

Elder's Council Meeting

April 5 | 9 am
May 3 & 4 | 9 am

Lifesize & Conference Call available.

Member Needed for Indian Child Welfare Advisory Board

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 January 31, 2023.

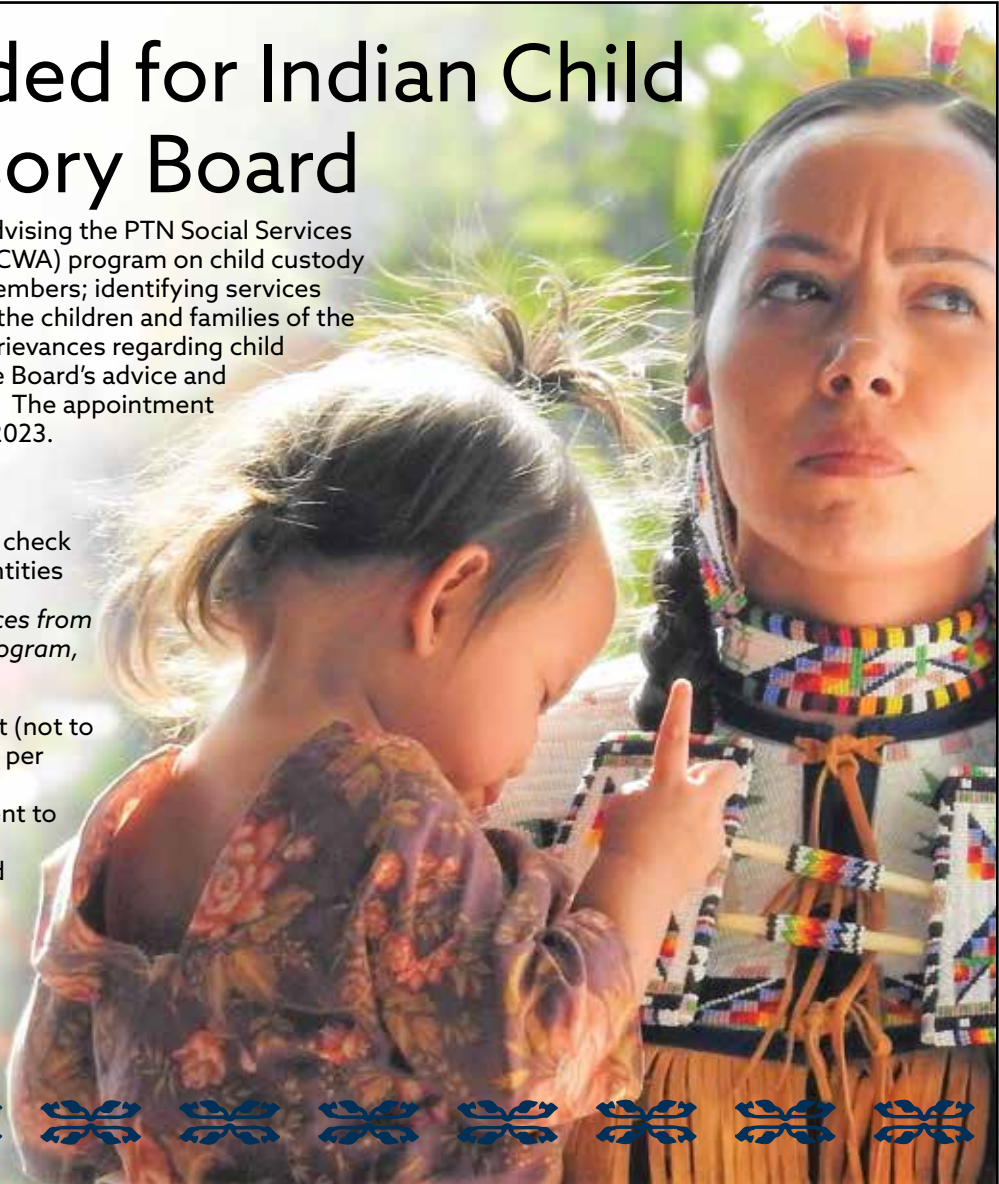
Requirements to qualify for the Board:

- 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 at the govt. rate) are paid per meeting. Deadline for applications is due April 28, 2021. Letters of interest can be sent to Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Attn: Beth Barger, PO Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or emailed to bbarger@poncatrIBE-ne.org.

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA



LIHEAP provides energy assistance

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps low-income households stay safe and healthy by providing financial assistance to offset the costs of heating and cooling. LIHEAP particularly helps households that pay a high portion of household income for home energy to meet immediate home energy needs.

LIHEAP provides heating assistance, cooling assistance, year-round crisis assistance, emergency furnace repair and replacement, fan program, and weatherization services for eligible citizens/households.

Do I Qualify for LIHEAP?

Typically, if you qualify for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), TANF, Supplemental Security Insurance (SSI), and certain veteran's benefits, you will automatically qualify for LIHEAP.

What is the LIHEAP application process?

To apply for LIHEAP benefits, you must contact your State's LIHEAP office for additional information about enrolling in the program. When applying for assistance, you typically need to provide the following as evidence of the State's eligibility:

- Photo identification
- Proof of state residency
- Recent proof of the household's total gross income from the previous 30 days

- A recent utility bill or termination notice

- A recent heating fuel bill

In addition to this information, you must provide your name, contact information, Social Security Number, and mailing address when applying for benefits. You must also provide information about your household's living arrangements, including your relation to each household member.

Where do I apply in Nebraska?

You can apply by filling out an application via the ACCESSNebraska website: or by calling ACCESSNebraska at (800) 383-4278

Where do I apply in Iowa?

You can apply online at www.caasiouxland.org or by calling Community Action Agency of Siouxland at (712) 274-1610 ext 220; toll free (800) 352-3725

Where do I apply in South Dakota?

- You cannot apply online but you may get an application or more information at: <https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/ENERGY/energyassistanceapplication>

- Call the toll-free phone number at: 1-800-233-8502

- Or send an email to: LIEAPApp@state.sd.us

Where do I apply in other States?

The LIHEAP program is a Federal program available in every state, thus, all residents can apply for

LIHEAP.

You can call the National Energy Assistance Referral (NEAR) project. NEAR is a free service providing information on where you can apply for LIHEAP. You can speak to someone at NEAR Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m.- 5 p.m. (Mountain Time). You can:

- Call the toll-free phone number at: 1-866-674-6327
- Send an e-mail to: energy@ncat.org
- Or you can contact your State's LIHEAP office

Need more help?

If you need assistance with applying or learning more about LIHEAP, contact your district case manager:

District 1: Niobrara & Sioux City
Brad Johnson
712-258-0500
bjohnson@poncatribe-ne.org

District 2: Omaha
Donna Larson
402-315-2760
dlarson@poncatribe-ne.org

District 3: Lincoln
Tiffani Spencer
402-438-9222
tspencer@poncatribe-ne.org

District 4: Norfolk
Charla Cournoyer
402-371-8834
ccournoyer@poncatribe-ne.org

What Arbor Day means for ambient air

Allison Gienapp
Air Technician

Trees mean a lot when it comes to air quality around the world. Trees help filter the air we breathe, making it cleaner and healthier for us. One of the most important things that trees do for us is provide the oxygen that we breathe. Trees also take carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and store it in their roots, giving it back to the soil as part of the carbon cycle. Trees are an essential component of the ecosystem providing food, shade, and

habitat not only to animals but to people, as well.

The first Arbor Day celebrated was on April 10, 1872, in the state of Nebraska. It has been estimated that more than 1 million trees were planted during the 1st Arbor Day. Arbor Day became an official Nebraska state holiday in 1885. Currently, all 50 states have an Arbor Day observance of some kind. These observances coincide with optimal season conditions to plant new trees for their areas. Arbor Day in Nebraska is normally

celebrated between April 22nd and April 30th. This year Arbor Day is set for Friday, April 30, 2021.

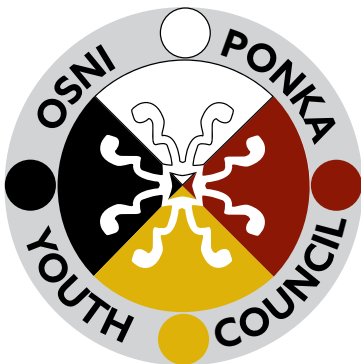
Arbor Day is all about trees and planting trees. By planting trees, we help promote reforestation of our natural timbers. Planting trees also promotes hope for the future of clean air and our environment. For more information on Arbor Day, check out the Arbor Day Foundation website at www.arbor-day.org or contact Allison Gienapp, Air Technician, at agienapp@poncatribene.org.



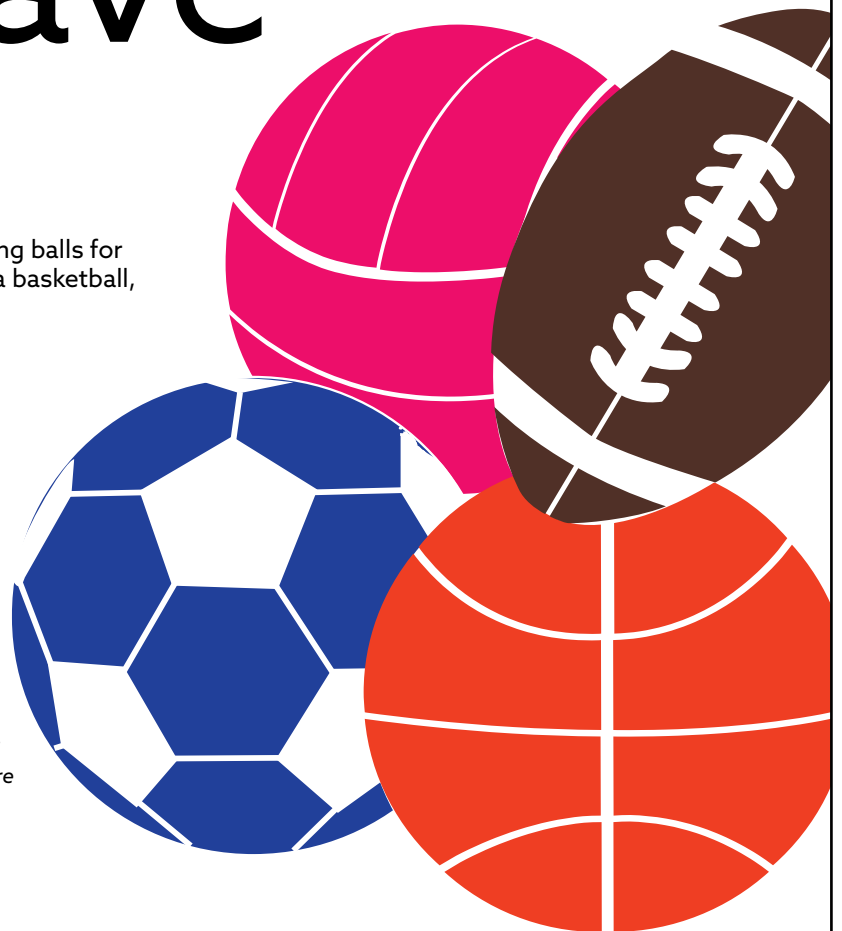
Let's Have a Ball!

The Ponca Tribal Council and Youth Council are providing balls for all enrolled Ponca youth, ages 2-18. Youth can choose a basketball, football, volleyball, soccer ball, or playground ball.

- Omaha | Saturday, May 29 | 9-11 am**
- Lincoln | Sunday, May 30 | 9-11 am**
- Sioux City | Saturday, June 5 | 9-11 am**
- Niobrara | Sunday, June 6 | 9-11 am**
- Norfolk | Saturday, June 12 | 9-11 am**



One ball per enrolled Ponca youth. Balls are available on a first-come, first-served basis.



WIOA Program opens doors for employment opportunities for participants

Stephanie Prichard-Slobotski
Workforce Development Program
Director

The Tribe’s Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program is available to all Native Americans living in the State of Nebraska. The program’s main goal is to assist unemployed and underemployed Native Americans find and retain employment leading to greater self-sufficiency. The WIOA program focuses on education and training. These services will be provided by the WIOA-INA program and referred out to one-stop partners when necessary.

The State of Nebraska recently released its Long-term Occupational Projections which is a list of high wage, high skill, and high demand employment projections for the State of Nebraska. Some of these positions identified are heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers, registered nurses, general and operational managers, bookkeeping, accounting and auditing clerks, elementary school teachers, machinists, carpenters, secondary school teachers, human resource specialists and plumbers, pipefitters and steamfitters. While some of these positions require higher education others only require a high school diploma and on-the-job training. The WIOA program is here to help guide you in your interests in acquiring the skills needed for these types of positions.

While we can assist anyone in job searches you must meet the eligibility requirements below to become enrolled in our program.

1. Native American enrolled in a federally-recognized or state-recognized tribe
2. A resident of Nebraska
3. Eighteen years or older or a graduate of high school
4. Unemployed and actively seeking employment or underemployed
5. A low-income individual
6. Recipient of a bona fide lay-off notice which has taken place in the last six months
7. An employed individual who is

employed but is determined to be in need of employment and training services to obtain or retain employment that allows for self-sufficiency

Please give one of the following offices a call for more information:

Norfolk: Bianca Marino
402-371-8834

Omaha: Colleen Plasek
402-315-2765

Lincoln: Tierra Hernandez or
Stephanie Slobotski
402-438-9222

Looking for education resources?

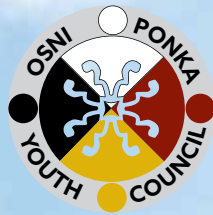
Sign up for the Ponca Education Department email newsletter for up-to-date information on scholarships, internships, study programs, and funding sources!

Visit www.poncatribene.org/services/education/ to sign up!

Let's Stay In Touch!

Youth Council is excited to announce our new e-newsletter! We are excited to have this new mode of outreach, to invite youth to participate and create a community of leaders within our tribe.

If you, your family, or friends are between the ages 14-24, and would like to be included in receiving the e-newsletter, please email the Youth Council at youthcouncil@poncatribene.org



Follow us on Instagram:
@poncatribeyouthcouncil

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 2021 deadline: May 15, 2021
Fall 2021 deadline: August 15, 2021

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

Instagram challenge and Earth Ambassadors on tap for April

Maci Schott

This month, Youth Council is hosting an Instagram contest. A flier is being sent out to Ponca youth ages 14-24 years old, located in our service delivery areas. This contest runs from April 5-9, 2021. The winner will be awarded a \$50 Target gift card. To participate in this contest, the youth need to follow the Ponca Youth Council's

Instagram page, like our posts, tag one person in the comments, post our content to their story, and tag our handle. This information will be tracked and a random winner will be picked. By creating this contest Youth Council hopes to create a format where we can keep in touch with our youth, be active, and deliver information to our young members in a new way.

We look forward to creating more fun and engaging contests for youth to participate in!

The Osni Ponka Youth Council also challenges Ponca members to become Earth Ambassadors. The Youth Council is planning a week full of challenges from April 19-23. Throughout this week, members are challenged to pick up trash outside, recycle, water

plants, wear green on Earth Day, and more! We are asking staff to wear green on Earth Day to show their support for bringing awareness to environmental issues that impact our community and land. The Osni Ponka Youth Council will be creating a video about this project, which can be viewed on our social media accounts.



Connect with us on Instagram and win!

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Youth Council will be holding a contest on Instagram April 5-9, 2021. To be entered in the contest, you must:

- Follow the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Youth Council on Instagram,
- Like the daily posts April 5-9
- Comment and tag a friend on the daily posts
- Send our daily posts to your story, tagging the Ponca Tribe Youth Council

Contest is open to Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Youth ages 14-24.

Change of Address Form

Mail to: PTN Enrollment Dept PO Box 288 Niobrara, NE 68760 Fax: 402-857-3771

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD MUST BE AN ENROLLED PONCA TRIBE MEMBER

OTHER ENROLLED PONCA TRIBE MEMBERS IN HOUSEHOLD:

PREVIOUS ADDRESS: (Street/P.O. Box, Apt #, City, State, Zip, County)

NEW ADDRESS: (Street/P.O. Box, Apt #, City, State, Zip, County)

NEAREST RELATIVE
PHONE/ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

ALTERNATE/CELL
NUMBER:

E-mail

DATE NEW ADDRESS IN EFFECT:

To provide better services to Ponca tribal members, this information will be shared with all PTON Departments as needed. Any service may be suspended until this information is corrected and/or updated.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

DATE

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

I _____ I

TRIBAL MEMBERS

(please print)

NAME: _____ DOB: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DO YOU WANT YOUR SS NUMBER ON YOUR ID CARD? YES _____ OR NO _____

If yes, please check one of the following: Full SS number _____ or Last 4 digits only _____

By marking **Yes** you understand it is your responsibility to keep your SSN confidential and acknowledge that the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is not responsible if the card is lost or stolen.

Photo ID Instructions

1. 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. Only adults need to sign for their own ID's.)

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:

Please email a current photo (without filters) to - enrollment@poncatribene.org

You may scan and email or mail documentation to:

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
Enrollment Department
PO Box 288
Niobrara, NE 68760-0288

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
or Lestina Saul (402)885-5445

*Healing through tradition, ceremony and
prayer...*



Thank You!

Hi! My name is Danielle Perez. On behalf of myself and my family, we want to thank Ponca Tribe from the bottom of our hearts for financial help! Our city in Sacramento CA is still on shutdown along with our schools, so my kids are still having to do distance learning. With your support, I was able to convert one of our rooms into a classroom and buy school supplies, desks, bookshelf, learning activities, reading materials, art supplies - everything you can think of to make learning/ school at home fun. They use their iPads every day to log into their zoom class! Since I am unable to work because I have to stay home with the kids, I am still able to buy healthy nutritional groceries every week! We are so incredibly thankful and are at a loss of words for how much your generosity means to us! We pray to our creator every night thanking for blessing us with your help. Words can't describe our gratitude, thank you all so much, and have a blessed day!



Judy Allen | July 10, 1944-January 24, 2021

In loving memory of a wonderful Mother, Grandmother, Tribal Elder.

Mrs. Judy Allen served the Ponca People to the best of her ability for over 30 years. Judy served the Ponca People from the very beginning of our reinstatement. She helped with the writing of our constitution, the by-laws, and the organizing of our Tribal departments.

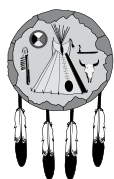
Judy worked for many years in the Social Services Department in multiple capacities.

Judy served on our Tribal Council and various committees. She helped organize and start the Elders Council.

Judy always put the Ponca People first. She will be remembered and loved by many.



D2 members Bryson Alvarez & Kyleigh Schlotfeld (left) and Cristian Villegas (right) enjoyed their Xmas gifts from the Toys for Tots District event for youth 0-13.



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

National Child Abuse Hotline

800-422-4453

National Suicide Hotline

800-273-8255

Domestic Violence Hotline

800-799-7233

National Human Trafficking Hotline

888-373-7888

National Problem Gambling Helpline

800-522-4700

Elder Abuse Hotline

800-252-8966

Boys Town Crisis Line

800-448-3000

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877-726-4727

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