

# PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News



## Raising Awareness

May sees several events and activities raising awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR)





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27th Annual Northern Ponca

# POW W O W

August 13, 14 & 15, 2021

Grand Entries: Fri - 7 pm | Sat - 1 pm & 7 pm | Sun - 1 pm  
Meals provided 1 hour before each Grand Entry

**Diabetes Fun Run**  
August 13 | 5 pm  
Join us for a fun walk/run before Friday Grand Entry

**Horseshoe Tournament**  
August 15 | 10 am  
1st Prize: \$250  
2nd Prize: \$150  
3rd Prize: \$100

**Hand Drum Contest**  
1 person must have their own drum.  
1st Prize: \$300  
2nd Prize: \$200  
3rd Prize: \$100

**Team Dance Contest**  
3-5 dancers, all dancers must be in regalia  
1st Prize: \$400  
2nd Prize: \$250  
3rd Prize: \$150

**Head Man**  
Quentin Bonge

**Head Woman**  
Taya Wright

**Head Boy**  
Mike Sheridan, Jr.

**Head Girl**  
Kitanna Wright

**Arena Director**  
Josh LeRoy

**MC**  
Shannon LeRoy

**Head Singer**  
Robert Collins

**Invited Drums**  
Omaha Whitetail  
Young Bucks  
The Horse  
Standing Eagle  
Mato Pejuta  
Mazakute

**Senior Princess**  
Nevaeh Horse

**Junior Princess**  
CeCe Taylor

**Little Miss**  
Cante Iyapa Blacktail  
Deer (Rosebud)

**All Dancers, Vendors and Spectators Welcome.**

Security and First Aid Provided. Restrooms, Running Water, and Limited Camping on Site  
PTN POWWOW GROUNDS DIRECTIONS: One mile West of Niobrara on Highway 12. Turn left at the Ponca Sign, located across from the Niobrara State Park. Follow the pavement to the Powwow Grounds.

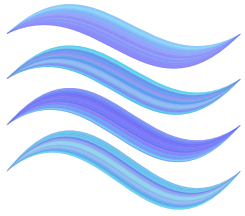
# PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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# Pó<sup>n</sup>ka Íye-t<sup>h</sup>e! The Ponca Language

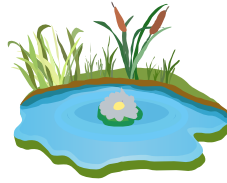
Need help saying the words? **Hear audio recordings on the PTN website at [poncatrIBE-ne.tv/category/language/](http://poncatrIBE-ne.tv/category/language/)** and refer to the pronunciation guide on this page.  
-Angie Starkel



**ní**  
water



**wachishka**  
creek



**neúthisho<sup>n</sup>**  
lake



**nishúde**  
Missouri River



**í'e**  
rock



**tó'de**  
ground/earth



**snó<sup>n</sup>sno<sup>n</sup>**  
flat prairie



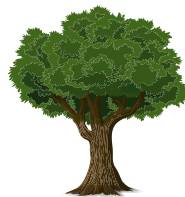
**pahé**  
hill



**zho<sup>n</sup>ábe**  
leaf



**gaxá**  
branch in tree



**xthábe**  
tree



**uxthábe**  
a stand of trees



**mó<sup>n</sup>xe**  
sky



**miká'e**  
star



**mi**  
sun/moon/month



**nío<sup>n</sup>ba**  
moon/moonlight

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

- a** Like a in father
- b** Like b in big
- ch** Like 2nd ch in church
- ch<sup>h</sup>** 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
- i<sup>n</sup>** Like ea in mean
- k** Like k in ski
- k<sup>h</sup>** Like k in key
- m** Like m in man
- n** Like n in need
- o** Like o in no
- o<sup>n</sup>** Like aw in dawn
- p** Like p in spot
- p<sup>h</sup>** Like p in pot
- s** Like s in sing
- sh** Like sh in shop
- t** Like t in stop
- t<sup>h</sup>** 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 (<sup>n</sup>) means to nasally say the vowel before the <sup>n</sup>.

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.



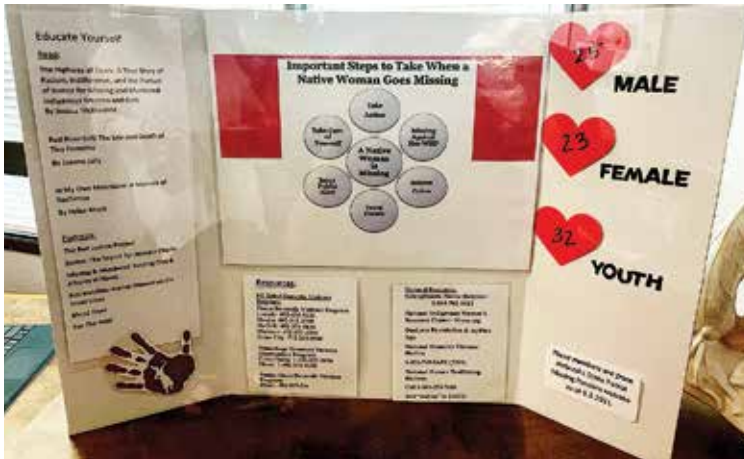
# Domestic Violence Program wears red for awareness

May 5th was the National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Led by the Domestic Violence Department, staff expressed support for the cause by wearing red and ribbon skirts.

Domestic Violence staff dedicated the first week of May to awareness of the issue. Little red dresses were displayed around the PTN buildings and red feathers adorned campus trees. The red dresses and feathers represent the women and children who

go missing or are murdered every year. Why red? In many tribes, red is the only color that the spirits can see. By wear-

ing red, we call back the spirits of our women and children.





# Celebrating Two Spirit people in June

**Taenda Wright**  
Community Outreach  
Advocate



Hello everyone, as most of you know June is LGBTQ & Pride Month / Two-Spirit Month. As some people may not know, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Pride Month (LGBTQ) is celebrated every year in June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Riots and works to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for the LGBTQ and the questioning Americans.

A little history of the Stonewall Riots: in June of 1969 patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City staged an uprising to re-

sist the police harassment and persecution to which LGBTQ Americans were commonly subjected. This uprising marks the beginning of a movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against LGBTQ Americans.

Now for some, they may

not be familiar with the term Two-Spirit and may be wondering what exactly that is. Well for that I can explain what that means. Traditionally indigenous two-spirit people were male, female, and sometimes intersexed individuals who com-

bined activities of both men and women with traits unique to their status as two-spirit people. In most tribes they were considered neither men nor women; they occupied a distinct, alternative gender status. In tribes where two-spirit males and females were referred to with the same term, this status amounted to a third gender. As mentioned earlier, two-spirits were considered a distinct gender – one that combined balanced both male and female essences. As such, their worldview and experiences were unlike those of the binary gender. They were therefore seen as extraordinary, possessing a sacred quality.

## Red dresses raise awareness for MMIWG



Red dresses were displayed around the PTN buildings to raise awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls

# May Youth Council activities focus on MMIR awareness

**Maci Schott**

At the end of April, Youth Council members Cami and Maci Schott led the first “Earth Ambassadors Contest”. This took place from April 19-23, 2021. Cami and Maci planned a week full of challenges that brought awareness to environmental issues. On Monday, the Youth Council challenged members to recycle any plastic or paper they used

throughout the day. On Tuesday, we challenged members to pick up litter. On Wednesday, Youth Council challenged members to water any indoor or outdoor plants. Thursday was Earth Day! On this day, we asked PTN members and staff to post pictures of themselves wearing green in support of going green.

We are so appreciative to the Ralston, Fred Leroy

Health and Wellness Center, Lincoln, Sioux City, Norfolk, and Niobrara staff that sent in pictures of them wearing green in support of our challenge! Pictured below are a few of the submissions from staff. These are from three of our offices and a selfie of Youth Council members Cami and Maci Schott wearing green on Earth Day. Lastly, on Friday we challenged mem-

bers to unplug and enjoy the outdoors. We loved sharing and seeing everyone participate on social media! At the end of this project, we randomly selected a winner to receive an eco-friendly basket that was worth over \$75. This basket included a cooler bag, a silicone reusable sandwich bag, a reusable grocery bag, a reusable straw set, a

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# 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.*

# YOUTH: Follow the Youth Council for up to date information

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glass food container, and a 32oz water bottle. This was all awarded to Patience Teboe.

Thank you again to everyone who participated! Please follow our Instagram @poncatribeyouth-council for all upcoming contests so you can win a prize. All you have to do is follow to stay updated on events and news from our Youth Council.

Youth Council brought awareness in May to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives movement. We raised awareness of this unfortunate issue with hope for a change. Youth Council member Trip Howell

gathered footage of all of our members spreading awareness about this epidemic. This can be seen on our Instagram page. Along with this, Chairwoman Maci Schott made graphics and posted MMIR content with hopes to take action and allow time for healing. On May 5 we recognized the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Our Youth Council is passionate about this epidemic because missing and murdered indigenous women and relatives have been overlooked for far too long. Unfortunately, Native women face a murder rate more than 10 times

the national average rate. Plus, more than 5,000 American Indian and Alaska Native women are missing and 55% of Native women have experienced domestic violence in their lifetime. These statistics are found from the most recent data from the U.S. Department of Justice. We hope to continue to raise our voices with hopes of changing this statistic.

Next, we will be collaborating with an MMIR5K committee. Although the MMIR5K will not take place until Spring 2022, there will be virtual events for members to access and take part in.

We raised awareness on

certain days in May that connected to the virtual event that day. For example, on May 12, we spoke about prevention on our Instagram, highlighting the dynamics of violence and helping youth. On May 16, we posted about navigation, exploring how to navigate and support loved ones of MMIR victims. Lastly, on May 26, we posted about healing, focusing on techniques and resources for survivors of violence. We hope that these posts and events will raise awareness on the MMIR epidemic. We hope that members can help us spread awareness by liking and sharing our posts on Instagram.

## Attention All AVT/HIED Students Nationwide:

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

**Fall 2021 deadline: August 15, 2021**  
**Winter 2021 deadline: December 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@poncatribe-ne.org.

*\*Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs\**

# Reel Mentors provides opportunities for connection, nature, and learning

While 2020 worked overtime to bring youth loads of isolation, loss, and insecurity, community leaders flipped the switch, bringing youth and mentors together for encouragement, learning, fun, and meaningful connection. From South Florida to Nebraska and beyond, mentors and youth are coming together to learn about fishing, each other, nature, careers, and more – enriching lives and nurturing promising futures. Reel Mentors is partnering with the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, engaging Youth Leadership Council members in mentoring 20-25 Ponca youth who aspire to catch fish!

Reel Mentors' first Nebraska fishing event is June 26 at Flanagan Lake in Omaha. Flanagan is home to a host of fish species - bass, catfish, crappie, northern pike, bluegill and more. This diversity will provide a great catch-and-release opportunity for learning and fun. Youth will be provided everything they need for a day of fishing, including poles, reels, tackle, bait, licenses, and safety gear. A couple of surprises are in store, with rumors of

awards for the biggest fish of each species. Everyone will take something home, such as rods, reels, educational materials – and hopefully, no sunburns!

**9:30 – 11:30:** The day will begin with mentors and youth sharing breakfast, getting acquainted, and learning fundamentals of fishing such as tying knots, baiting hooks, and casting lines. Youth will be introduced to the types of fish they will see, learning about their habitat, food preferences, and the procedures and rationale for “catch-and-release.”

**11:30 – 3:30:** Youth and mentors will fish from the banks of Flanagan Lake, enjoying stories, comradery, the beautiful lake area, and the challenge of fishing. Youth will have the opportunity to be as independent as they want to and can be with their fishing, such as baiting hooks and reeling in fish. Mentors will assist as needed, such as with releasing fish and dealing with entanglements. Snacks, beverages, and shelter will be available for youth during their fishing experience. This part of the day will close

with clean-up, photos, and some fun prizes.

**3:30 – 5:00:** Following fishing, youth and mentors will picnic and participate in career exploration.

There will be opportunities for hands-on learning in areas such as solar technology, electrical engineering, financial investment (including cryptocurrency), and environmental management. Youth will receive additional take-home resources to share with others and continue their learning. At 5:00, youth will be boarded to depart and return home from a fun, successful day

Ponca Youth Council members are providing input on plans for the June 26 event and will serve in leadership roles, mentoring younger participants while fishing, exploring, learning, and getting to know each other. The Omaha event will also welcome the participation of youth from urban Palm Beach County, initiating a cultural exchange experience that will be an ongoing part of Reel Mentors.

In addition to fishing and

learning, participants will have the opportunity to engage with former UFC champion Rashad Evans, a strong proponent for youth development. Rashad's personal story provides a meaningful example of the power of goals, discipline, effort, and the ability to cope when the going gets tough. Rashad is committed to “giving back” to strengthen our communities and our kids.

The June 26 event is intended to be the first of a series of Reel Mentors fishing partnerships with the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. If you are interested in serving as a mentor or contributing, contact Ron Suverkrubbe at 402.216.5232. If you know of a Ponca youth who would like to be involved, contact Becci Sullivan at 531.222.4471.



# Class of 2021

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska would like to honor all of our 2021 graduates. Congratulations on all of your hard work and accomplishments!



**Celeste Allen-Lopez**  
Oakland Craig High School  
Attending University of Nebraska, Kearney



**Kiersten Ross**  
Foothills High School, Henderson, NV  
Attending University of Nevada to become an elementary teacher.  
Granddaughter of Randy Ross.



**Chloe A. Baker**  
Mountain View High School, Tucson, AZ



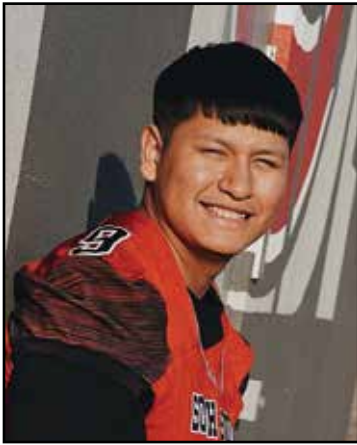
**Kimberly Ross**  
Foothills High School, Henderson, NV  
Attending College of Southern Nevada to become a Veterinarian  
Granddaughter of Randy Ross



**Millyzient McClure**  
Liberal High School  
Top 10% in graduating class. Congratulations Milly we love you and are very proud of you.



**Calista Foster**  
Elkhorn High School, Elkhorn, NE  
Attending UNO this fall and pursuing her Bachelors in Psychology.  
Calista is the oldest child of Courtney & Ubaldo Chavez.



### **Alexander A. Lasley**

South Sioux City High School, South Sioux City, NE

Attending Wayne State College, majoring in Business Management

Son of Alvin and Ora Parker, Jr., and Andrea Lasley-Thomas (biological mother).

Grandparents: Gary Lasley and Priscilla Hamilton-Henry. Alex is the great, great-grandson of Jenny Standing Bear.

Alex has been involved in football and track, and has become a role model to fellow underclassmen, as well as his four little brothers. Alex is family oriented, and is involved in our Native culture and attends sweat lodge ceremonies every chance he gets.

Alex dreams of becoming an entrepreneur and owning his own business. He has been recognized as "Employee of the Month" at his job, where he's worked for 1 1/2 years.



### **Michael Anthony Wendzillo-Gracey**

Warrensburg High School, Warrensburg, MO

Michael is a "military" brat who was born at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX. Michael has been in Scouting for 11 years and is a Star Scout working towards Eagle Scout and has a camo belt in Taekwondo. He has participated in SO track/field and basketball. He enjoys making short movies with his classmates and Anime. He completed a summer work program in Knob Noster State Park in Summer 2020. He is looking forward to graduating and joining the workforce. He lives with his mother, Mona Wendzillo, his sister Shelby Jo Wendzillo-Gracey, maltipoo Baxter, and is a grandson of Jo An Schlotman and great-grandson of the late elder, Donnabelle Mackey Wendzillo.



### **Benjamin Jiro Morinishi**

Aloha High School, Aloha, OR

Attending University of Hawaii at Manoa in Honolulu

Parents: Kent and Becky Morinishi of Beaverton, OR. Grandparents: Barbara Kintz of Forest Grove, OR, Kelly and Carole Bon of Ilwaco, WA, and Bob and Grace Morinishi of Fountain Valley, CA, great-grandson of Ethel Maxine (Franklin) Kellison and 4th great-grandson of Mele La Charite Sherman.

Benny graduates with academic honors, in addition to competing in soccer, pole vault and track, and being active in leadership in the Aloha High School Key Club. He enjoys video games, strategy games, parkour, flag football and water sports and has earned a Black Belt in Taekwondo. Benny is a SAG-AFTRA actor and hopes to continue acting while he is attending college. He plans to major in Mechanical Engineering with a focus on Aerospace.



### **Levi James Robinette**

Verdigre Public School, Verdigre, NE

Attending Northeast Community College, majoring in Agribusiness and Sales

Son of Tanya and Jeremy Simons and LeRoy and Shannon Robinette. Siblings include Matthew, Roni Jo, Tanner, Kami Jo, and Dylan.

Levi has been a member of the FFA for 6 years, and an officer for 2 years. He has played football for 4 years and was co-captain his Senior year. Levi is also a Boys State recipient, CloseUp Member, and enjoys hunting and fishing.





### **Robert "Trip" Howell III**

Roncalli Catholic High School, Omaha, NE

Attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, majoring in Prehealth.

He is a member of the National Honor Society, officer on student government and a student ambassador. He was involved in youth ministries as well as the Vice President of Roncalli's pro-life club. Trip is a youth representative on the Ponca Tribe's Youth Council. While attending Roncalli, Trip participated in Track & Field as well as Cross Country all four years. His family is so proud of his servant heart and feel blessed to continue to watch him flourish and serve for many more years to come as he starts this new chapter in his life.



### **Joseph Richard Coddling**

Ocean View High School, Huntington Beach, CA

Attending the local community college, then Cal State Long Beach, majoring in Aerospace Engineering

Joseph is a 4 year wrestler and 4 year Business Academy member. His family is so proud of all he has and has yet to accomplish. We know with your talent and determination, the sky isn't the limit, it's the beginning.



### **Nevaeh Horse**

Lincoln Northeast High School, Lincoln, NE

Parents: Jerry Horse & Mary Roberston

Grandparents: The late Jerry Horse, Sr. and Hildreth Red Eyes and the late Bruce & JoAnne (IronThunder) Robertson. Nevaeh is the great-granddaughter of the late Ernest & Amelia (Babe) (Knudsen) IronThunder.

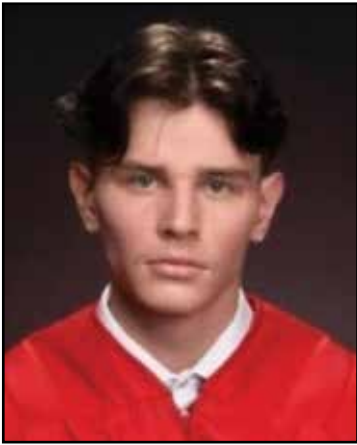


### **Ben Schott**

Roncalli Catholic High School, Omaha, NE

Son of Candy and John Schott. Siblings Cami and Maci Schott

Ben Schott is a member of National Honor Society and an honors student. He has served on Student Government all 4 years of high school and is currently Vice President of Student Government. Ben played varsity football, basketball and track, earning several awards for each, including Academic All-Conference Award in Football and Basketball, All-District Honorable Mention (Football), First Team All-District (Football), First Team River Cities All-Conference, Omaha World-Herald All Omaha Boys Basketball Honorable Mention, Nebraska School Activities Association: Academic All-State for Basketball winter 2021, and the NCPA Academic All-State Award for academic excellence, leadership and school activities. Ben also served as Football Captain and was one of the CW15 Station's Featured Scholar Athletes. It should be noted that he had perfect attendance for his entire high school years! Ben is also a member of the PTN Youth Council and has volunteered for the majority of events held in District 2.



**Caleb Smiley-Perez**

Cordova High School,  
Rancho Cordova, CA



**Dallas Wright**

Northstar High School,  
Lincoln, NE  
Son of Jeremy Wright and  
Dianna Kastanek



**Amber White**

Niobrara Public School,  
Niobrara, NE



**Mariono L. Wright**

Lincoln Public High School  
Mariono has five siblings  
and was raised by a single  
mother, with the help of his  
grandmother.



**Reagan Fitzgerald**

Southwest Christian School,  
Fort Worth, TX

Attending Oklahoma City  
University in the fall to  
study Theatre Design and  
Production.

Reagan is a member of the  
National Honor Society,  
the National English Honor  
Society and the International  
Thespian Society.



**Aidan Marcus Queen**

Harry A. Burke High School,  
Omaha, NE.

Honor roll with distinction  
all four years.

Attending Morningside  
University, Sioux City, IA.  
Aidan has been offered a  
spot on their football team.



**Tanner Oestreich**

Battle Creek High School  
Attending Northeast  
Community College

Son of Mark and Rhonda  
Oestreich and Kelli Rodriguez  
and Charlie IronThunder.  
Grandson of Claudette Vacha  
and Great grandson of Ernest  
and Babe IronThunder.

Tanner received the All  
Conference Honorable  
Mention for basketball.



**Pacey Ryan Queen**

Harry A. Burke High School,  
Omaha, NE.

Honor roll with distinction  
all four years.

Attending York College,  
York, NE. He has been  
offered a spot on their  
basketball team.



# NPHA congratulates new home owner

Northern Ponca Housing Authority would like to congratulate Rose Birdhead on becoming a homeowner. Rose recently purchased her home through NPHA's Mutual Help Program. If you are interested in learning more about homeownership opportunities, contact Shelby Coffman at (402)379-8224 or shelby@poncahousing.org.



# EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Have you been affected by COVID-19? NPHA's ERA program provides eligible households up to 12 months of assistance to cover past-due or future rental and utility payments.



Apply online today at [www.poncahousing.org](http://www.poncahousing.org)

For questions or more information, contact Maria (402) 992-0745 or Olivia (402) 860-6934 — [maria@poncahousing.org](mailto:maria@poncahousing.org) or [olivia@poncahousing.org](mailto:olivia@poncahousing.org)

### 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.

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DATE



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

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**TRIBAL MEMBERS**

(please print)

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

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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](mailto: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



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P.O. Box 288 • Niobrara NE 68760 • Phone: 402.857.3391 • Fax: 402.857.3736

### OPPORTUNITY FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

In an effort to support the Santee Sioux Nation and provide opportunities for our tribal citizens and the employees who work on our behalf, the Tribal Council has again approved to purchase a Corporate Membership at the Tatanka Golf Club, operated by the Santee Sioux Tribe, near Niobrara, Nebraska. This membership offers the Tribe a tee time every day except days of tournaments and leagues for one group of 1-4 players for 18 holes of golf and includes one cart. All guests must follow golf course attire, local rules and etiquette.

If you want to schedule a tee time you must contact one of the following individuals during PTN business hours Monday through Friday 8 AM to 4:30 PM at least five days in advance if possible:

Kyle Taylor at 402-750-4299 or [taylor651@gmail.com](mailto:taylor651@gmail.com)

Angie Starkel 402-922-0436 or [angie.starkel@gmail.com](mailto:angie.starkel@gmail.com)

Cheryl Kitto 402-857-3391 or [cherylk@poncatrIBE-ne.org](mailto:cherylk@poncatrIBE-ne.org)

We will try to accommodate each request. In the case of multiple requests for the same day, a drawing may be held to choose the request for that day. In the case of an individual wanting to reserve the same day over multiple weeks, if there is a request from another who has not previously scheduled a time, they shall receive consideration for that day. We want to try to accommodate as many requests that we can and be as equitable as we can. Thank you.





Council members Angie Starkel, Suzie Baker, Becci Sullivan, and JoAn Schlotman attending the Honoring Ceremony of Uncle Louis Headman in White Eagle, OK on Friday, April 30, 2021. Rev. Headman was being honored for his numerous accomplishments to include his recent honorary doctorate degree and completion of the Dictionary of the Ponca People. Mr. Headman, a Ponca Elder, has published other books about the Ponca history and has spent years as a senior language researcher for his Ponca People. His work and accomplishments continue the growth of the Ponca Language and Culture.

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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...



We would like to thank Ponca Express Transporter John Wright as he hangs up his Ponca Express vehicle keys for a fishing pole, and congratulate him on his retirement! The Ponca Tribe has been blessed to have you on the Ponca Express team for the past 5 years! Good luck and Happy Retirement!



# Elder's Council Meeting

June 7 | 9 am July 2 & 3 | 9 am

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## Congratulations on qualifying for State Track!

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the five Ponca Youth who have qualified for State Track in 2021.



### Madison Knudsen

Junior at Stanton High School

Qualified in Pole Vault

Daughter of Amanda and Ryan Ruff.

Congratulations and good luck! We love you and are so proud of you!

Love~ Mom, Dad, Scarlett, Locklynn, Sebastian, Cassius, and the rest of the Knudsen Clan!



### Charlie Yunker

Belgrade High School, Montana

Qualified in Discus and 4X100 relay, with a chance to qualify in the open 100, the shot, and the javelin at divisional.



### Abraham Larson

Junior at Stanton High School

Qualified in 3,200 meter and 1,600 meter runs

Son of Aubrey Knudsen and Tim Larson

Congratulations and good luck! We love you and are so proud of you!

Love~ Mom, TJ, Ally, and the rest of the Knudsen Clan!



### Ben Schott

Roncalli High School

Qualified in the 800m run



### Hunter Oestreich

Battle Creek High School

Qualified in the 4x800 relay with a team time We are so proud of our so of 8:36 and his PR split of a 2:08.

Congratulations to all the Ponca youth who made their way to State Track!!!



## In Memory - Andrew David Laravie



Andrew David Laravie (Dave or David), Ponca name "Walking Strength," entered this world on August 6th, 1955 to Florence Snoozy (Laravie) in Wagner South Dakota. He grew up and was raised by his grandfather Benjamin Laravie in Verdel, NE. Andrew was known as Dave or David to those that were close to him. He was a member of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska and is a direct great-great grandson to Chief Standing Bear of the Ponca. He once said that his grandfather Benjamin was the love of his life and they were very close. Benjamin was a father to Dave and raised him along with his aunts Carol, Judy, and Candace. He hunted, fished, and learned the Ponca ways of life and language from his grandfather Benjamin. They trapped along the Missouri River and Ponca Creek. Dave was so proud to pass this knowledge on to his children.

He traveled quite a bit throughout his younger days, and when he was even younger he would play with his cousins and town buddies along the Ponca Creek. He like playing tricks and got into some shenanigans I'm sure. He gathered so many friendships along his journey and loved to share his Ponca heritage. He was a great woodcarver, artist, native beader, leather worker, and all around great at whatever craft he picked up and was a talented artist. He loved teaching his twin girls how to gather materials like diamond willow for canes along the rivers, and he passed down a quantity of craft knowledge to

his twins. He also took them on many adventures camping outdoors and scaring them with his ghost stories and Ponca myths around the fire. While his grandfather was still living in Verdel, Dave spent most of his time with his grandfather and brought his twins.

In 1984 he married, and from that marriage came 4 children. Tracy and Stacy whom are the eldest (twins), Kimberly, and A.J. (Andrew James), named after him. He lived in O'Neill, NE during this time. Dave worked for the department of Roads and had many great friends he made through his church, work, and anywhere he went. He was a kind man with a big heart. He was always funny and loved to keep things light and humorous. Throughout his life he gave many Native American talks to schools, libraries, etc. He was on the first Tribal council, known as the restoration council, and during this time he helped to reinstate the Ponca Tribe for federal recognition, even traveling to Washington D.C. This was a very proud time. He loved the Ponca people and carried so much knowledge. Dave was also part of a men's group called Promise Keepers at Word of Life church and had many great friendships from this.

Dave had a love for music and shared this with many of his grandchildren. He made Native drums and flutes over the years. Dave just loved life, meeting people, learning, creating, and seeing new things. His love language was food. He was a great cook and made the best Indian Frybread, along many other things. Dave had his struggles, but always cared about others around him. He saw the world in a different way and was easy to talk to. Toward the end of his life, he spent time with his twin daughters and his grandchildren, passing on knowledge, camping, fishing, spending holidays, and going to powwows with them.

Dave entered heaven on April 23rd 2021 at Plainview Manor. All the staff and the manor were so kind to Dave and the family thanks them in allowing him to practice his culture. He also established friendships at the manor. He will be missed greatly, but he is with the ancestors now and is an ancestor. May we all carry on what he taught us and walk a path of peace.

Dave is survived by his mother, Florence Snoozy (Laravie) of Sioux City and brothers Fred Snoozy of Sioux City, IA, Richard Snoozy Sioux City, IA, and Benjamin Lapointe of Eagle Butte, SD. His children Tracy Laravie of Hastings, NE; Stacy Laravie of Pierce, NE; Kimberly Laravie of Hasting, NE; and A.J. Laravie of Hastings, NE. His 10 grandchildren: Shyanne, Lakota, Talon, Shayde, Sequoia, Gabby, Gaven, Parker, Silas, and Bella.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather Benjamin Laravie, his aunts Carol, Judy, and Candace, and one grandchild.

Cards may be sent to: 416 W. Nebraska St., Pierce, NE 68767, or 109 W H. St., Hastings, NE 68901



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800-273-8255

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800-799-7233

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