Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
Member News



A Time to Gather

After a year with no Powwow, Ponca members and friends gather to celebrate the 27th Annual Northern Ponca Powwow

September 2021

















On the cover: Head Boy Mike Sheridan, Jr. dances at the 27th Annual Northern Ponca Powwow. See pages 1-3 for more Powwow photos this month, and watch for more Powwow follow-up in the October newsletter.














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Diabetes program hosts color run at Annual Powwow









Call for Recorded Music

Proposals due September 30, 2021

Ponca Economic Development Corp. (PEDCO), located in Lincoln NE, is commissioning recorded original or traditional, vocal or instrumental music by Native American individuals or groups for purchase or use in perpetuity. The music will used as soundtracks throughout PEDCO's online learning courses. Please submit electronically: (1) either a digital soundtrack of your proposed music or a soundtrack of past or existing music that is similar to what you propose for this project; (2) your proposed pricing and preferred purchasing terms; and (3) your proposed timeline for submission of final music to jmeyer@pedco-ne.org.

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New backpacks brighten rainy day for District 2 youth

Rain and wind did not dampen the spirits of the D2 crew for the Back to School drive-through event that was held on Saturday, August 7 at the Ralston office from 10-1pm. Tribal Council reps Crystal Howell and Becci Sullivan along with Youth Council members Maci Schott, Cami Schott, Ben Schott, and Tribal member Candy Schott all assisted with the B2S event. D2 youth entering Preschool - twelfth grade had a variety of backpacks to choose from for the upcoming school year; plus K-12 graders also received a $35 Target gift card for school supplies. The youth council also gave a ball to each youth from their Let's Have a Ball Program. The D2 crew provided these school items to over 150 youth in the Omaha area. THANKS to those that volunteered and made the day a success! Rain drops did keep falling on our heads ... but we definitely made the most of it!









Districts 3 & 4 hold Back to School events













Attention All AVT/HIED Students Nationwide:

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

Winter 2021 deadline: November 15,2021
Spring 2022 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 2021-2022 school year is July 31, 2022.

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



Youth Council ready to roll for a new school year!

Maci Schott

This month Sofia Hegstrum has put together an educational brochure to help youth ages 14-24 years old find resources for college. See material from the brochure below for more details and helpful information for native youth!

Youth Council members Andrew Boening, Ben Schott, Cami Schott, and Maci Schott helped out at the District 2 and District 3 Drive-In Movie Night. The Youth Council members helped pass out tickets to tribal families



and give out prizes to the youth of our tribe. Tribal members watched Despicable Me under the stars!

This month, Youth Council members have also been helping out at the Districts' Drive-Through Back to School events. District 2 Tribal Council representatives, Rebecca Sullivan and Crystal Howell, worked with Ben Schott, Cami Schott, and Maci Schott to hand out backpacks and gift cards to all enrolled tribal youth in Pre-K through 12th grade in District 2. Tribal member Candy Schott also volunteered her time to help at this event. These members spent hours in the rain handing out backpacks to help out youth get ready for school! Youth Council would like to wish all a happy and healthy 2021-2022 school year!

NATIVE YOUTH COLLEGE RESOURCES

Safety on Campus

Because college is an entirely new environment for some people, it is important to always keep the safety of yourself and others in mind. Provided below are tips to ensure that your college experience is a safe one.

1. Become familiar with the campus – In the case that you might get lost on campus, it would be a good idea to always have a sense of direction so that you know how to get back safely.
2. Travel with a group – While walking around on campus, it's always a good idea to walk alongside your friends to prevent running into danger.
3. Always carry cash with you – In case of an emergency, you should have cash stored away for the specific situation that you might be put into a dangerous situation.
4. Stay with friends at parties – While at any sort of party, always make sure that you have at least one trusted friend there. It is always important to have someone there that you can count on if something goes wrong.



Branching Out

For most students, college is about getting out of your comfort zone and enjoying the real world. College is a new and interesting place for everyone, especially new students. With an entirely new environment, it can be intimidating at first to make friends and find out what you're interested in. While trying to meet new people and learn more about your surroundings, these are some helpful tips to keep in mind.

1. Find a club – Clubs are a great and easy way to find people who are interested in the same things that you are.

   Getting a job on campus – Getting a job on campus not only provides you a source of income, but also gives the opportunity to meet new people.

   Attending sporting events on campus – Sporting events are a great way to make new friends while also showing school pride.

Getting out of Your Comfort Zone

College allows you to do so many things that you might not have been able to do before. Although some people might jump at all of those opportunitites, not everyone is as excited to make the first step out into the real world. If you're ever in need of a push in the right direction, there are tips listed below.

1. Say "yes' more often – Even if it is something small, it is always a good idea to keep an open-mind and try something new, even if it scares you at first.
2. Start out small – Even if you're just choosing a different place to eat than usual, any change is better than none. Eventually you can start working up to bigger things, but starting small is a great way to start.

   Stop picking the safe choice – While making decisions, don't be afraid to step outside of the box and chose something that you've never chosen before.



Time Management

With all of the freedom that college comes with, there is also a lot of responsibility that comes with that. Time management is one of the most resourceful skills that a college student can have. Listed below are some short and easy tips for making sure that your time is being spent efficiently.

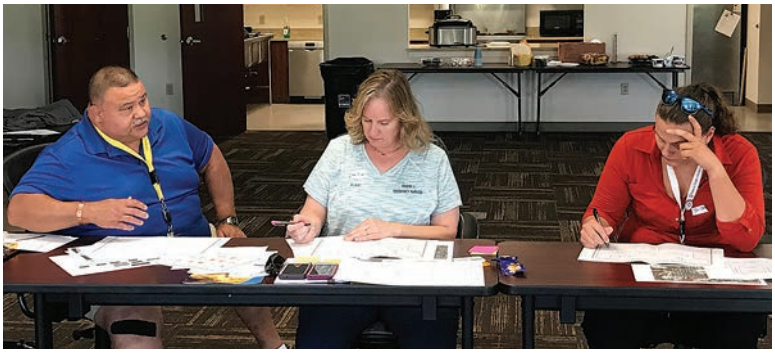
1. Make a list – Make a list of all of the things that you know that you need to get done, and rank them in order of need to get done. This will help to visualize your priorities and prioritize the things that are most important to you.
2. Create deadlines for yourself – Creating deadlines for yourself can help with procrastination and is a great way to save yourself time in the long run.
3. Get a head start – This skill goes hand in hand with creating deadlines. When you know that you will only be given a certain amount of time to complete a task, you will be more likely to want to begin working sooner and you will have more time for yourself, and not spent working.

Red Cross training held in July

On July 26, staff participated in emergency shelter training provided by the Red Cross. Employees learned about working with local and regional emergency management agencies and how the Red Cross can assist in times of crisis. Training activities included planning for mass care shelters. The training is part of ongoing efforts to be prepared for community disasters.







Give 2021 Your Best Shot!

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is offering $100 Target gift card incentive for **fully vaccinated** (both shots of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or one shot of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine) Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members, and staff from all Ponca Tribe of Nebraska entities. This incentive is available to Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members nationwide.

To apply, you must complete the form online at **https://tinyurl.com/nt3pd7**. Please be aware that submissions may take 1-2 weeks to process. Incomplete forms will not be processed.

For questions, please contact Becci Sullivan at 531.222.4471

Offer open to enrolled members of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, and current employees of all Ponca Tribe of Nebraska entities ONLY. Ponca Health Services can look up vaccine records for anyone who has received the COVID-19 vaccine at any of our Ponca Health Services locations and/or events, if documentation is unavailable. One incentive per person. Fraudulent claims may affect eligibility for future programs or employment status. Lost or stolen gift cards will NOT be replaced.

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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

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OTHER ENROLLED PONCA TRIBE MEMBERS IN HOUSEHOLD:

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

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

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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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SIGNATURE REQUIRED 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:_____

ADDRESS:_____

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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.

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

Photo ID Instructions

1. 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@poncatribe-ne.org

You may scan and email or mail documentation to:

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

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

IN RE: ADAMSON DISTRIBUTING CO. INC.
300 SOUTH 10TH
O'NEILL, NEBRASKA

DECISION GRANTING WHOLESALE LIQUOR LICENSE

The Liquor Control Board ("Board") met on August 24, 2021 in accordance with Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Code § 16-2-12 to consider Adamson Distributing Co. Inc. ("Licensee") application regarding a Wholesale Liquor License ("Application"). The Board reviewed the Application, verified the Applicant's business organization, 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 Wholesale Liquor License. The Board considered all comments received and all information relevant to the Application. The Board received no comments opposed to the granting of a Wholesale 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 a Wholesale Liquor License. In accordance with Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Code § 16-3-3 the license shall be valid for one (1) year beginning on the date of this decision and expiring August 23, 2022.

Dated: August 24, 2021

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

Board Chair

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

IN RE: EAGLE DISTRIBUTING, INC.
1100 BUD BLVD.
FREMONT, NEBRASKA

DECISION GRANTING WHOLESALE LIQUOR LICENSE

The Liquor Control Board ("Board") met on August 10, 2021 in accordance with Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Code § 16-2-12 to consider Eagle Distributing, Inc. ("Licensee") application regarding a Wholesale Liquor License ("Application"). The Board reviewed the Application, verified the Applicant's business organization, 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 Wholesale liquor license. The Board considered all comments received and all information relevant to the Application. The Board received no comments opposed to the granting of a wholesale 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 a wholesale liquor license. In accordance with Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Code § 16-3-3 the license shall be valid for one (1) year beginning on the date of this decision and expiring August 9, 2022.

Dated: August 10, 2021

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

Board Chair

Attention Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members: You can access Tribal Council minutes on the tribe's website at https://www.poncatribe-ne.org/tribal-documents/council-minutes-agendas/ (note that you must register and be logged in). These are updated as soon as approved minutes are distributed.



Elder's Committee Meeting

September 3 | 9 am
Prairie Flower Casino Conference Room
Carter Lake, IA

October 29 & 30 | 9 am
Norfolk Transit | Ralston

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ATTENTION PONCA MEMBERS!!!

If you are a registered member of the Ponca Tribe of NE, qualify for assistance, and have not yet received your iPonca21 check, please contact Troy Spencer at 402.438.9222 for more information. Please take into consideration that checks make take up to 3 weeks for delivery.

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Ph: (402) 857-3391
Fax: (402) 857-3771

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

LINCOLN 68508

Administration
1701 E Street
Ph: (402) 438-9222
Fax: (402) 438-9226

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

NORFOLK 68701

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

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

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

Ponca Express
Ph: 877-769-3111

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

Purchased/Referred Care
Ph: (800) 405-0365
Fax: (402) 371-0176

OMAHA 68107

Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Clinic
2602 "J" Street
Ph: (402) 733-3612
Fax: (402) 733-3487

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

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

Northern Ponca Housing Authority
10635 Birch., 68134
Ph: (402) 505-3055
Fax: (402) 505-3066

SIOUX CITY 51103

Administration
119 6th Street
Ph: (712) 258-0500
Fax: (712) 258-0762

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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