

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News



October 2022

Language and culture presentation held in Lincoln

On Saturday, September 24, the Language and Culture Committee hosted a special presentation from Dr. Louis Headman. Dr. Headman covered several aspects of Ponca culture, from weddings and funerals (both historical and modern) to Ponca games, and phrases in the Ponca language. A meal was provided by the committee, with Stacy Laravie supplying some additional side dishes made with traditional ingredients. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions, and learn more about Ponca culture and language at the event. As

always, Dr. Headman's presentation was interesting and informative. The Language and Culture Committee would like to thank Dr. Headman for traveling north to share with all who were able to attend.



On the cover: Head Man David Kitto dances at the 28th Annual Northern Ponca Powwow. See more Powwow pictures on pages 5-8 of this issue.



We're planting seeds... will you help them grow?

Become an instrumental part of the growth of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Language Program! We have several upcoming openings for positions teaching the Ponca language, and facilitating that education process. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE FLUENT IN PONCA TO APPLY!** Successful candidates need only have the desire and dedication to learn, as training will be provided. The Tribe will soon be hiring the following positions:

- Language Instructors (4)
- Language Coordinator
- Culture Multimedia Specialist

Look for these jobs to be posted on the PTN website at <https://www.poncatribene.org/careers/> in the near future. Please contact Culture Director Ricky Wright with any questions at 402.371.8834 or rwrightjr@poncatribene.org.

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October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Marian Harris

Domestic Violence Outreach
Coordinator

October was first declared as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1989. Since then, October has been a time to acknowledge domestic violence survivors and be a voice for its victims.

When native peoples seek out support services, there are often unique barriers to overcome, including inadequate education of their heritage or discrimination, as well as cultural differences. Sometimes, domestic violence is generational. Sometime violence may take the form of shouting and harsh words, as opposed to physical violence. Violence and having dominance and control are not a part of native heritage, but rather began with the removal of native peoples from their lands. We cannot change the past, but we can seek to improve the future by understanding and addressing the issues and actions of both the victim and abuser.

There is no single issue to abuse. We must recognize that a perpetrator of violence will not get better unless they want to. Typically, we don't often see signs that an abuser wants to quit being violent towards loved ones, but it is something we need to consider. Victims typically are the ones who have to learn new ways to cope, seek new places to live, and overcome financial ruin and emotional distress, often while taking care of children while their abuser goes on to abuse others, leaving a trail of brokenness, tears, financial ruin and sometimes even death.

We know that to stop violence in any form is a choice of the person committing violence. However, we are also able to stop violence when we see it. While it is important to maintain personal safety, there are ways to intervene that do not involve stepping in and physically stopping violence, including calling the police, providing support for the victim, or gathering resources to assist the victim. We know that violence isn't normal, so it's important to address domestic violence, even when it's uncomfortable. We can speak to the brother, uncle, auntie or cousins that commit violence and assist them in learning other ways to cope with anger.

Anger is a natural feeling but there are ways to manage it without resorting to violence. Please educate yourself on what you can do to reduce violence in your community and in your family. We must teach every person young and old that violence is not ok and not a part of native culture. Learn more at: <https://nomore.org/>

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska has a small but mighty Domestic Violence department that consists of the Domestic Violence Program Coordinator and Social Services Director who help guide us and ensure we follow policies, along with Domestic Violence Case Managers and Elders Victim Case Managers who conduct intakes, safety planning and serve survivors with other various needs, including court accompaniment or assisting in filling out protective orders. We are Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence Outreach Coordinators

who educate the public, including law enforcement, hospitals and schools of our program and ask them to refer our relatives to us when they encounter them. We can assist relatives in the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska service delivery area. We are able to provide transportation, clothing, food, and toiletries. We teach our survivors on trauma bonding, historical ramifications, and how to navigate through their experience. We build precious relationships, rapport and trust with our relatives. We understand that many times it takes a number of tries, for a number of reasons. We don't make decisions for the survivor, it is their life, not ours. DV staff partakes in the most up to date trainings on violence and advocacy.

The DV Program has memberships with NETAV (NE Tribes against Violence) and the Nebraska Coalition to end Sexual and Domestic Violence. We actively participate with both entities during trainings. We also engage with trainings from the US Dept. of Justice and other tribal coalitions such as Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition.

If you or anyone you know is experiencing DV, please connect with us at

<https://www.poncatribene.org/services/domestic-violence/>

StrongHeartsHelpling.org
1-844—7Native (1-844-762-8483)
<https://strongheartshelpline.org/>

National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY).

Sioux City holds healing event for survivors of domestic violence

On Friday, August 26, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Domestic Violence program hosted a cultural

healing activity for survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking. Participants took part in

a smudging and prayer, enjoyed a nature walk,

and ended the day creating artworks on canvas.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Saturday, October 15
1-4 pm**

All Ponca Tribe office locations, and on the "General Meeting" space on Lifesize

As a reminder, you **must** be logged in to the members side of the Ponca Tribe website in order to access the General Membership meeting online. Please make sure that you have a working log-in prior to the day of the meeting.

Be ready for the next step.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act- Indian and Native American Program

The Ponca Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program is funded by a Department of Labor Grant. The program assists individuals with education and training, job search activities, and employment related supportive services.

Information about hiring events, job listings, educational opportunities, and more is available on the Ponca Tribe WIOA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ptnwioa.

If you are interested in obtaining education and training, contact the WIOA Program to see if you qualify for assistance.

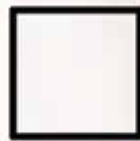
The WIOA Staff are:

- Colleen Plasek—Ralston | 402.315.2765
- Bianca Marino—Norfolk | 402.371.8834
- Tierra Hernandez—Lincoln | 402.438.9222



Calling all Native Artists!

Osni Ponca currently has space available in the Niobrara Market and/or the Crofton Smoke Shop to host artwork on consignment from Ponca members and other Native artists. If you are interested in selling your artwork, jewelry, regalia, pottery, or other artwork in this space, please contact Sharon at 402.434.2127 or spittman@osniponca.com, or Russ Brien at russ@brienlawllc.com.



Make your voice heard!

Take time to review the candidates and vote in the upcoming 2022 Tribal Election. Ballots for this year's election were mailed at the end of September.

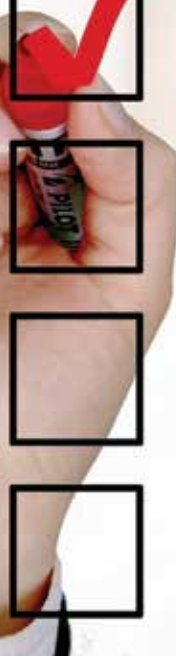
Votes will be counted on Ponca Election Day, November 1, 2022, starting at 6 pm, so please make sure you send your completed ballot far enough in advance for it to arrive on time!

No late ballots will be accepted.

Completed ballots must be mailed to:
**Ponca Election Board
P.O. Box 9
Niobrara, NE 68760**

Ballots will be verified by your signature on your registration envelope.

If you have questions, please email the Ponca Election Board at ebboard@poncatribene.org



28th Annual Northern Ponca Powwow



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Sacred Ponca Corn Harvest

October 16 | 1-4 pm

Ponca Nation Land

Tanderup Farm

857th Rd | Neligh, NE

(North of Neligh just off Hwy 14)

Please join the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska and Bold Nebraska for the 9th annual harvest of the Sacred Ponca Corn. Lunch will be at 1 pm, followed by traveling to the field for Prayer and Harvest. Participants are encouraged to bring your own chair, refillable water bottle, and a side dish for potluck.

For questions, please contact:
Richard Wright Jr., Culture Director
402.371.8834, Ext. 120
or rwrightjr@poncatribes-ne.org
Stacy Laravie, THPO
402.857-3519 or ssettje@poncatribes-ne.org

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

OTHER ENROLLED PONCA TRIBE MEMBERS IN HOUSEHOLD:

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

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

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ALTERNATE/CELL NUMBER: _____

E-mail: _____

DATE NEW ADDRESS IN EFFECT: _____

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

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

DATE

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

I _____ I

TRIBAL MEMBERS

(please print)

NAME: _____ DOB: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

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.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR BLOOD QUANTUM ON YOUR ID? YES _____ OR NO _____

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

Photo ID Instructions

1. Signature

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

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

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

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

3. Photo Options:

You can email a current photo (without filters) to - enrollment@poncatribene.org
 OR

You may mail documentation and your current photo to:

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

CERTIFICATE CARDS
 Certificate cards, or non photo IDs are available upon request. **This form is not required for certificate cards.** Please contact the enrollment department if you would like an enrollment card without a picture.

International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction- October 13

Monroe Pruett
Tribal Response Program
Coordinator

October 13 is the International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction. This holiday was created in 1989 by the United Nations to promote awareness of natural disaster prep and reduction. The Environmental Protection Department and Tribal Emergency Services are working diligently to keep Ponca Tribe prepared for emergencies and natural disasters. The Ponca Tribe Emergency Staff is Red Cross Emergency Certified and is trained in safety congregate sheltering. In the lower section of this article we have provided a few lists of items for you and your family to stay prepared for emergencies at home. It is also recommended that you have some supplies with you at all times in your home, car, workspace, and other frequent locations. For every \$1 spent on hazard mitigation \$4 is saved on post disaster/storm clean-up (FEMA). FEMA provides an app for disaster resources and gives more detailed emergency alerts. Either search "FEMA" in your phone's app store or text "ANDROID" to 43362 for Android devices or text "APPLE" to 43362 for Apple devices.

The American Red Cross also has an app to provide first aid information, emergency prep tips, and maps to local emergency shelters. To get this app text "GETFIRST" to 90999 or search for the American Red Cross in the App Store or Google Play. For additional questions please use the contact information below.

Essential Individual Disaster Kits:

- Water
- Food
- Radio
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Batteries
- Whistle
- Dust Mask
- Plastic sheet, duct tape, and rope (used to make a shelter)
- Moist towelettes and garbage bags
- Wrench or pliers
- Can opener
- Local Map
- Cell phone charger and

portable battery

Additional Supplies:

- Masks, soap, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes
- Prescription medications
- Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers and antacids
- Prescription glasses and contacts
- Baby formula, bottles, diapers, wipes, and diaper rash cream
- Pet food and extra water
- Cash or checks
- Copies of important documents including insurance, banking, and identification information
- Sleeping bags and blankets
- Complete change of clothing and sturdy shoes
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches or other fire starters

- Personal hygiene items
- Paper towels, toilet paper, and other paper products
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, napkins, and utensils
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles and other activities

Contacts:

Tori Champaign, Tribal Emergency Services and Risk Manager: 402-315-2760

Todd Schimelfenig, Safety and Risk Specialist: 402-438-9222

Misha Mazurkewycz, Environmental Manager: 402-326-3117

Monroe Pruett, Tribal Response Program Coordinator: 402-315-2770



Elder's Committee Meeting

October 3 | 10 am

Ponca Tribe Offices | Norfolk, NE

November 7 | 10 am

Ponca Tribe Offices | Niobrara, NE



****** NOTICE: All Tribal Members ********LAW AND ORDER CODE REVISION**

**Discussion on November 1, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m.
During Tribal Council Meeting**

****** NOTICE: All Tribal Members******

The Ponca Tribal Council will be reviewing proposed additions to the Law and Order Code. The revisions are being considered because the Tribal Council wants to create laws that will allow people to file a suit against insurance companies instead of the Tribe directly to deal with any suit where the Tribe has insurance. It keeps the Tribe from having to be in Court or pay out damages, but also helps ensure people have a remedy when insurance won't pay.

There are changes being proposed are adding Chapter 11 to Title Six. The revisions being considered include but are not limited to the following:

- Chapter 11 is a new Chapter that will be added to Title Six.

A complete copy of the proposed amendments is available at the tribal offices, or on the Ponca Website, www.poncatribene.org or one may be obtained by contacting Jan Colwell, Tribal Council Secretary at 402-857-3391.

There will be a discussion by Tribal Council that is open for public comment on November 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

Written comments will be accepted until October 24, 2022. The written comments may be emailed to janc@poncatribene.org or mailed to

Jan Colwell,
P.O. Box 288
Niobrara, NE 68760

The United Warrior Basketball Team along with their coaches would like to thank the Tribal Council and Donation Committee for sponsoring their team in the Native Youth Showcase earlier this month in Sioux City.

The team was coached by Ponca member Leah Franklin and her husband Brandon Franklin.

Back Row: Deondre, Carter, Payton, Devin, Keaton
Front Row: Robert, Eli, Julius.



Every year, the owner of Salon Ink, Ingrid Hagberg and her team volunteer their time on the Sunday before school starts for "Free Back to School Haircuts." All that is asked of the parents or guardians is that a school supply and/or non-perishable food is donated. This year, Salon Ink choose PTN to receive those donations. Salon Ink has been a proud supporter of PTN over the years with donations for our Elders. For the last almost two years, one of our very own tribal members is employed there, Antonia Montalvo.



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 2022 deadline: November 15, 2022

Spring 2023 deadline: December 15, 2022

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 2021-2022 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 2022-2023 school year is July 31, 2023.

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



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www.poncatribene.org

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Office Locations

NIOBRARA 68760

Headquarters

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

Enrollment

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

Cultural

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

LINCOLN 68508

Administration

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

Ponca Health Services-Lincoln

1600 Windhoek Dr, 68512
Ph: (531) 248-3030

Osni Ponca

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

NORFOLK 68701

Administration Building

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

Gym Building

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

Ponca Hills Clinic

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

Ponca Express

Ph: 877-769-3111

Northern Ponca Housing Authority

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

Purchased/Referred Care

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

OMAHA 68107

Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Clinic

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

Administration

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

Dental

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

Northern Ponca Housing Authority

10635 Birch., 68134
Ph: (402) 505-3055
Fax: (402) 505-3066

SIOUX CITY 51103

Administration

125 6th Street
Ph: (712) 258-0500
Fax: (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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