



# PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News



March 2023

# Norfolk Hand Game brings healing and laughter to members

Members and guests were joined by relatives from the Southern Ponca on Saturday, February 18 for a Hand Game. Attendees learned about the history and culture surrounding the Hand Game. The afternoon presented an opportunity for both healing and laughter. Video of both the Hand Game and language lesson presented by Eagle Rhodd at the event will be available soon on the Ponca Tribe YouTube channel.



## Artists Wanted

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members are invited to submit art for the Annual Northern Ponca Powwow poster and t-shirt, to be used for this year's Powwow. The artist whose design is selected will be compensated \$300 for their art, and have their art credited on the t-shirt and poster. Artists may submit previously submitted art. **Designs MUST be submitted NO LATER THAN 11:59 pm, April 30th, 2023.**

*Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members only. All artwork must be high resolution, scalable to poster and/or t-shirt size. For more information, or to submit designs, please email [rwrightjr@poncatrIBE-ne.org](mailto:rwrightjr@poncatrIBE-ne.org).*



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## District 1 Easter Giveaway

District 1 will not be having an in-person event for Easter. However, we will be sending out \$20 Visa gift cards to all current active District 1 Ponca members.

For more information, please contact District 1 Council Reps Angie Starkel, 402.922.0436, or JoAn Schlotman, 712.276.7103.



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On the cover: Tribal members participate in a hand game sponsored by the Language and Culture Committee.

# Beading classes held in Norfolk in February

On February 21, the first of an ongoing series of beading classes was held in Norfolk. Members received material, and instructions on how to begin beading. Beading classes will be held in Norfolk on a weekly basis, with instructional videos available soon on the Ponca Tribe YouTube channel.



# Family Movie Morning

Hosted by District 2 Tribal Council

**April 16 | Doors open at 10 am | Movie Starts at 10:30 am**

Majestic Theater | 14304 West Maple Road | Omaha, NE

District 2 SDA Ponca tribal members and their families are invited to a morning matinee showing of the movie, "The Super Mario Bros." Small combos of popcorn and a drink will be provided for each attendee. First come, first served. Everyone must check in at the PTN table upon arrival.

For more information, please contact Becci Sullivan at 531.222.4471.



## PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

# Sign up now for Norfolk and Sioux City Youth Groups!

The first Integrated Health Youth group in the Norfolk location will be held on Wednesday, March 1st and will occur every Wednesday, through the end of the school year. We will be offering 3 different youth groups for various ages in this location

K-4th : 2:30-3:30  
5th-8th : 4:00-5:00  
9th-12th : 5:30-6:30

The first Integrated Health Youth group in the Sioux City location will be held on Monday, March 6th and will occur every other Monday, through the end of the school year. We will be offering 2 different youth groups for various ages in this locations.

6th-12th : 2:30-3:30  
K-5th : 3:30-4:30

Parents and/or guardians are responsible for transportation to and from youth group. There are only 12 spots available for each group in both locations. If you and your youth are interested in joining the integrated health youth group, please contact Leah Franklin for more information at 531-269-0276 or lfranklin@

poncatribe-ne.org. You are more than welcome to stop by our Norfolk location at 1800 Syracuse Ave. or our Sioux City location at 125 6th St. for applications. More information and details will be provided in the upcoming months for youth group in our Knox County service area.

## SAVE THE DATE! PTN Youth Council Summit Saturday, June 24, 2023

Metro Community College  
Fort Omaha Campus | Omaha, NE

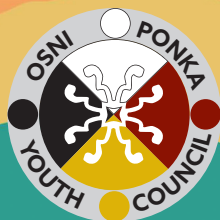
Make plans now to attend the **first ever Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Youth Council Summit**, featuring **guest speaker Dean Jacobs!**



Dean Jacobs, a native of Nebraska, left a secure job with corporate America to pursue a dream: a dream to travel around the world and to understand the world we share.

The experience of exploring in over 50 countries has exposed Dean to the goodness of humanity and the magnificence of the natural beauty throughout the world.

Dean brings his experiences to children and adults everywhere through school presentations and keynotes that focus on the goodness of humanity and the awe of nature. By offering his audiences the opportunity to see these qualities in others and themselves, Dean leaves them inspired and empowered to make their world a better place in which to live.



## Pathways to Native Business Plan Development and Sustainability



Interested in launching or growing your Native business?

Join us for a two-part virtual series on Native entrepreneurship presented by the Office of Indian Economic Development (OIED) and the Administration for Native Americans (ANA)

**March 7, 2023, 2:00 - 3:30 pm EST**

Part 1: Business Plan Development

- o Prepare for business plan development
- o Eight essential components for developing a business plan
- o Business development assistance and mentor opportunities

**March 9, 2023, 2:00 - 3:30 pm EST**

Part 2: Business Sustainability

- o Plan for business sustainability
- o Business growth concepts and strategies
- o Business plan development & sustainability resource toolkits



For more information, or to register, please visit [www.bia.gov/as-ia/ied](http://www.bia.gov/as-ia/ied), or call the Office of Indian Economic Development at 202.219.0740.

# Health symposium features cultural roads to better health

On February 3-4, Creighton University sponsored the Great Plains Native American Health Symposium. Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Health Services CEO Janelle Ali-Dinar delivered the opening remarks.

Healing Ribbons Natasha Hall-Chase & Tami Buffalohead-McGill gave a presentation on healing through the cultural reclamation of Indigenous textile arts.

Ponca member Stacy Laravie also gave a presentation on Indigenous healing foods.



District 2

# Easter Celebration

## Saturday, March 25 | 9 am

Ralston Transit Building | 5701 S 85th Circle | Omaha, NE

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska youth ages 0-12, living in the District 2 Service Delivery Area, are invited to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt at the Ralston Transit Building. Easter baskets will be distributed at the Ralston Administration building following the Easter Egg Hunt.

For more information, please contact District 2 Tribal Council Representative Becci Sullivan at 531.222.4471.



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# March focuses on the stories and struggles of women

Hello and happy March from the DV Program!

This month, we are celebrating National Women's History Month, International Women's Day on March 8th, and "No More" Week from March 5th to March 12th. We hope you will join us in sharing or learning about women's history and as usual, ways to support survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking.

## National Women's History Month

Much of our human history that has been written, recorded, and even passed down orally from generation to generation has been told by men or from a male perspective.

This month (and whenever possible), practice shifting focus to a "herstory" perspective.

*her°story*(Noun)- a play on words to indicate any historical writing by or about women; history from a female point of view or as it relates to women. – Oxford Languages and dictionary.com

## Herstory in the Making

Have a conversation with at least one woman who makes a difference in your life (your mother, grandmother, sister,

auntie, an elder, etc.) and learn a little bit about their own or their maternal herstory.

Some questions to consider asking:

- What was it like growing up with your mother/grandmother/aunties?
- What story is important to you that you hope to share and be remembered?
- What is a tradition that is special to you and who taught that to you?

Remember to give back by sharing with her something you truly appreciate about her or your gratitude for the impact she makes in your life. Finally, don't forget to thank her for sharing her *herstory* with you.

More information about National Women's History Month can be found at <https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>.

## International Women's Day

International Women's Day is March 8th is year's theme is #EmbraceEquity.

Equity is a combination of recognizing who needs lifting up as well as how they need lifting up.

The basic premise of equity is to provide an individual or a group of

people that face barriers or inequalities with the appropriate resources, tools, and skills to access and receive:

- basic needs and services (safe shelter, healthy food, fresh water, appropriate clothing, physical/mental/emotional/spiritual health services)
- achieve goals for personal and financial success
- enhance self-sufficiency, confidence, resiliency, and collective growth

Communities benefit from an equity approach. As peoples' needs are met and they feel safer, healthier, and more accomplished, they can better provide for themselves and their loved ones.

Over time, these individuals will interact with colleagues, peers, and relatives in their community, and as interconnected as communities tend to be... there is a positive ripple effect! Someone that received basic needs and services may then go on to be a teacher or service provider for another generation that may then find purpose helping others through equity.

Indigenous girls and women in particular face insurmountable challenges and inequalities nation-

ally and abroad. Different cultures, communities, and families have wider gaps of power, privilege, and access to resources between men and women, boys and girls. Some of the identifiable roots of these gaps include strict cultural gender roles, skewed power imbalances, and harmful stereotypes. As a result, girls and women are victims of domestic and sexual violence at higher rates than boys and men, and are also more often targeted for sex and labor trafficking. The pressures to perform and dangers of acting "right as a woman" can lead to higher rates of anxiety, depression, self-harm, chronic health conditions, mortality, and suicidality.

For a healthier, happier, and brighter future, let us #EmbraceEquity! As women here at home and around the world are celebrated on March 8th, International Women's Day, reflect and take action how you – a community member, leader, relative, colleague, or friend can – challenge gender stereotypes, call out discrimination, draw attention to bias, and seek out inclusion. In these ways, we can all help lift up our beloved girls and women to help end abuse,

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## Women’s Month: Learn how to advocate for women in your community

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inequality, exploitation, and show them the love they deserve.

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

### “No More” Week March 5th – March 12th

While the responsibility for domestic violence or sexual assault lies with the perpetrators of these crimes, we all play a role in creating a culture of respect and preventing violence.

The No More Project focuses on awareness and prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault. Some colleges and univer-

sities present information from the campaign and you may also see the logo and information on social media posts.

Some Ponca Tribe Services Areas might set up displays with handouts from “No More,” but even if your local Ponca Tribe DV Advocates do not post information, you can find out a lot of great information at <https://no-more.org/learn/>.

On the website, you can learn about consent, recognizing signs of abuse, how to help loved ones that have experienced domestic abuse or sexual assault, and how to respond

as an engaged bystander.

As caring relatives and friends, we can help those we know find help in an unsafe situations, and we can do the same with others who we have not met. As an engaged bystander, you can recognize when and how to respond to prevent or disrupt a domestic abuse or sexual assault situation taking place. The website gives easy-to-understand instructions and example situations to help you make sense of all their suggestions.

And remember, safety is the first priority! Please do not intervene if you

feel yourself or anyone else might be put in danger.

For more information on how to think and respond like an engaged bystander, to share a story about your “Herstory” in the Making, or if you or a loved one need assistance, please reach out to your local Ponca Tribe DV Advocate/Case Manager.

Lincoln: 531-248-3030

Omaha: 402-734-5275

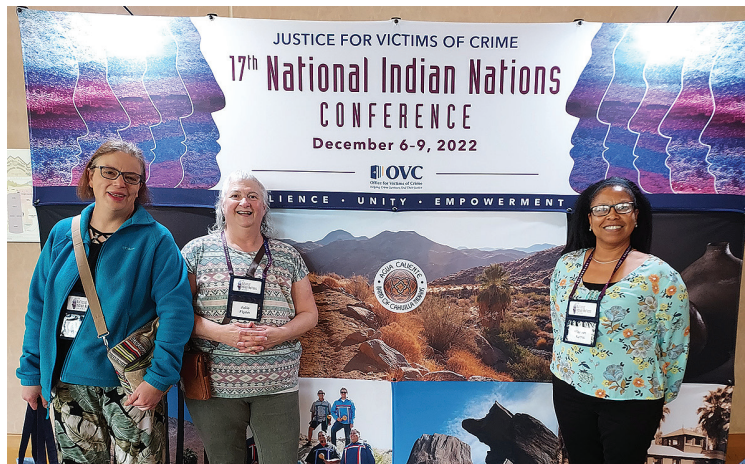
Norfolk: 402-371-8834

Niobrara: 402-857-3391

Sioux City: 712-258-0500

## Ponca Tribe Domestic Violence staff attend Justice for Victims Crime Conference

Since 1988, OVC (Office Victims of Crime) has sponsored 16 Indian Nations: Justice for Victims of Crime Conferences (Indian Nations Conferences) that have attracted thousands of tribal, state, local and federal personnel responsible for meeting the needs of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) victims of crime. The Indian Nations Conference provides participants with a unique forum for victim advocates, prosecutors, law enforcement officials, judicial personnel, social services personnel, health and mental health professionals, survivors, volunteers and others to share their successes, challenges, lessons learned, best



practices, and visions for the future of crime victim services for AI/AN survivors and communities. The purpose of the conference ties in with two of Department of Justice Strategic goals, to include the prevention and intervention of crimes against vulnerable popula-

tions and the upholding of rights of, and improve services to, America’s crime victims. It also ties DOJ’s goal to provide training, and technical assistance to communities, including Indian Country, across the country to develop programs, policies, and practic-

es aimed at ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. By bringing together Native American victims, victim advocates, tribal leaders, victim service providers, community volunteers, prosecutors, judicial and law enforcement personnel, family violence and sexual assault specialists, medical providers, social services and mental health personnel, probation/corrections, criminal justice and juvenile justice personnel, and federal and state agency representatives to share their knowledge, experiences and ideas for developing programs that serve the unique needs of crime victims in Indian Country.

# Red Road Talking Circles offer traditional path to recovery

**Marissa Wright**  
Peer Support Specialist

As Indigenous people, we are fortunate to have our traditions, culture and community to turn to in our times of need. Addiction and mental health are common challenges that we are faced with. There is hope when it comes to these challenges. The answer lies in turning to our traditional ways, our ceremonies. As Peer Support Specialists, we offer our own recovery journeys as well as the opportunity to engage and learn from our culture. We are not experts, we are learning. As we learn and become familiar with our Indigenous traditions, we extend a helping hand to those experiencing challenges in addiction and mental health.

The Peer Support program is brand new, but we are excited to say that we have already been able to use one of our tradi-



tions in an empowering and encouraging way. The Red Road Talking Circle, located at our Omaha clinic, has been up and running for almost 3 months. The results have been successful in bringing a good number of Indigenous people together, seeking answers that only our traditions can answer.

The Red Road Talking Circle is a tradition-based talking circle that includes conversation on the meaningfulness of the circle, and why it is sacred to us. Each circle begins with smudging with our medicine and then prayers to open and close our circle. Often, we are fortunate to have a singer and his hand drum. Refreshments are offered as it is traditional to offer food and drinks at gatherings. Based on clients' responses, the

Red Road Talking Circle is a success.

Peer Support also encourages clients to be involved with culturally based community events. These events promote recovery. Many clients want to learn about our traditions so that their addiction and or mental health recovery journey can flourish.

Norfolk also recently started a Red Road Talking Circle on Wednesday, February 15th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm with hopes for just as great as an outcome as the Omaha office has had so far with this offering.

## Head Cook & Cleaning Staff Needed

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is seeking letters of interest from Ponca members for Head Cook and cleaning staff for the 2023 Annual Northern Ponca Powwow in August. **Letters of intent MUST be submitted NO LATER THAN 11:59 pm, April 30th, 2023.**

*Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members only. For more information, or to submit your letter of intent, please email [rwrightjr@poncatrIBE-ne.org](mailto:rwrightjr@poncatrIBE-ne.org)*

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# Did you know?

## Our PTN Education programs are open to members nationwide!

- Need based funding in our Higher Education, Adult Vocational Training, and Graduate programs at the post-secondary level.
- K-12 Youth Incentive program
- GED Incentive Program and GED testing fee assistance

For more information on any of these programs, please contact the Education Department at 402.371.8834, via email at [pate@poncatrIBE-ne.org](mailto:pate@poncatrIBE-ne.org) or [aknudsen@poncatrIBE-ne.org](mailto:aknudsen@poncatrIBE-ne.org), or via mail:

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Department of Education  
1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE 68701

## PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA



### 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 2023 deadline: May 15, 2023**

**Fall 2023 deadline: August 15, 2023**

**Winter 2023 deadline: November 15, 2023**

**Spring 2024 deadline: December 15, 2023**

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 2022-2023 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 at: office (402)371-8834, work cell (402)844-0957, or [aknudsen@poncatrIBE-ne.org](mailto:aknudsen@poncatrIBE-ne.org). *\*Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs\**

Hello Members,

The Enrollment Department is doing their best to keep our members information current and up to date but we can't do it without your help. If you've moved or need to report a death please contact us to let us know.

Below is a list of members that are inactive. **This means that we do not have a current address for them on file or maybe a death was never reported or documents were never received.** If you see the name of someone you know who has moved please contact them and tell them to update their information with us. If there is the name of someone you know who has passed please contact us. We need a death certificate or document on file in order to change their status.

You may contact the Enrollment Department at [enrollment@poncatribene.org](mailto:enrollment@poncatribene.org), or contact the Niobrara or Lincoln offices.

We appreciate your help!

## INACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF 2/1/2023

Alexander, Tiannie Dawn	Flowers, Diamonds Ann	Leach, Dominic Charles	Scurlocke,
Anthony, Jr., Steven Scott	Flowers, Joseph	Lerew Jr, Zachariah Ray	Athena Larissa Lucille
Arrow, Robert Eugene	Foley, Michael Joseph	Lieb, Donovan Joseph	Seaquist, Karli Jo
Bagent, Wayne Orval	Franklin, Crystal Lee	Lieb, Syllas Vittorio	Sherman, Brian Nicholas
Baker, Dakota Dean	Garcia, Cia Christine	Little, Jeromy Todd	Sherman, Cody Lee
Baker, Jacob Jessie Bowen	Glenn, John Allen	Loftis, Timothy James	Sherman, Harold Dewayne
Banuelos, Christa Rose	Glisan, Cynthia Lynn	Lopez, Jr., Juan Francisco	Sherman, John Glenn
Barber, Gabriela Marie	Glover, Nelson Ray	Maben, Jessica Paige	Sherman, Michael Ray
Bear, Joshua Gilbert	Gortarez, Gina Marie	Maddox, Kaitlyn Renea	Sherman, Mitchell Everett
Beaver, Jason Chaska	Gortarez, Rachel	Mann, Sydney Desiree`	Sherman, Robert Le Roy
Becker, Jr., Anthony Arnold	Gortarez, Rudy John	Marlow, Skyler Jade	Sherman, William Edward
Becker, Sr., Anthony Arnold	Goss, Mamie L.	Martin, Andrea Lynn	Smith, Joni Sue
Becker, Tyller Randell	Govia, Isaiah Lee	Mategko, Lisa Louise	Smith, Linda Louise
Bell, Darian Patrick	Govia, Mc Kenzie Jo	McClure, Meaghan Marie	Smith, Matthew Shannon
Bell, Shaune` Kay	Grant, I I I., Jesse Clarence	McGrath, Bryan Thomas	Standblack, Marko Tulio
Bennett, Erica Paige	Gutierrez, Rosaland Ann	McGrath, Daniel Patrick	Stuczynski, Drake Keegan
Blowe, Dominick Adams	Haahr, Anneliese Teresa	McGraw, I I I., Dormand Clare	Swinarski, Alicia Estrada
Blowe, Isaiah Fredrick	Hack, Tehya Marie	McGraw, Sheila Rae	Taylor, Russell Laverne
Blowe, Tyrone Richard	Hall, III, Ralph	Mercier, Jade Sharice	Taylor, Wesley Moses
Boettger, Dakota Birdhead	Halverson, Marvin Casper	Mielke, Brittany Nikole	Thomas, II,
Boyer, Berlin N.	Hamilton, Bobbi-Jo Danielle	Moniz, Cherish Toshia	Scott Richard Herbert
Brownrigg, Steven Francis	Hamilton, Debra Rose	Morehouse, Lisa Lynne	Thomas, Jenny Anne
Buckley II, Sentwali Onyemachi	Harris, Kenidy James	O`Neill, Thomas Edward	Thomas, Natana Lynn
Buckley, Maurice	Hawk, Heather Nichole	Peck, Brandalynn	Thomas, Robin Diane
Buckley, Sarai-Rachel Olivia	Hennek, Gail Howe	Peck, Tyler Duane	Treichler, Jasmine Dawn
Buffalo Chief, Martel	Hewitt, Mildred Barrel	Pedroza, Christian Joel	Van Orden, Skyler Ray
Buffalo Chief,	Hill, Mary Jane	Perry,	Vaughan, Linda Lou
Santana Marquerite	Hocking-Gosnell, Zalla C.	Hannah Noelle Antoinette	Veals, Clifford James
Burns, Jr., George	Holiday, Vessa Cheriss	Petersen, Kevin Lee	Veals, Frances Lou
Burston, Sandra Lee	Hope, Dorothea Jo Ann	Phillips, Noah Trench	Velder, Tristen Leo Spencer
Carter, Amber Lynn	Horine, Ashley Danielle	Pierce, Raychel Marie	Voss, Michael Roy
Cooks, Jeremy Jurai	Howard, Truman Ardell	Polly, Rachael Anne	Waters, Deon Koleen
Courtright, Michael Todd	Howe, Richard H.	Prichard, Joseph John	Wayte, April May
Crawford, Audrey Jean	Humphreys, Belinda Kay	Prunty, Austin Joe	Wells, Isaiah David
Crowder, Delorse Sue	Iron Thunder, Norman Noel	Quintana Jr, Arthur Jose	Wilcox, Christina Rae
Da Moude, Kyle Nash	Jeppesen, Zachary Lee	Raymond, Joseph Allen	Wilson, Clarence Roy
Danielson, Daniel James	Johnson, Daniel James	Reece, David Wayne	Wilson, Justice Carrie Marie
Danner, Dante` Edward	Johnson, Lukus Tyler	Reese, Lacey Lynne	Wright, Cherita Alberta
Drapeaux, Jordan Charles	Kelso, James Alan	Richard, Robert Brandon	Wright, Jesse Dean
Drapeaux, Juston Lee	Kerrigan, Kathleen Ann	Roberts, Marquitta Ruby	Wright, Kiera Michelle
Eckley, Daniel Joseph	King, Gavin Michael	Rulo, Byron	Wright, Rita Marie
Eckley, Lane Emory	Krueger, Annette Marie	Russell, Kristina Anne	Wright, Vincent Virgil
Evans, Kaci Antonette	Kyles, Jarred Joseph	Sainz, Tritia Jeanene	Yarbrough, Jay Daniel
Evans, Matthew James	Latimer, LaRohn Lewis	Sarton, Gwendolyn Lee	
Faux, Jerod Michael	Le Roy, Gisele Marie	Schmidt, Jr., Karl Michael	
Flagg, I I I., George Albert	Le Roy, Sophia Storm	Scuderi, Jana Marie	

### 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

## PEDCO program seeking Ponca and Native students for internships with the Tribe

The Ponca Economic Development Corporation, or PEDCO, is a tribal non-profit corporation with a mission to seek long-term sufficiency for Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members and to provide business and employment opportunities to stimulate economic growth and self-sufficiency. PEDCO offers many business and learning opportunities for tribal members, one of which is the internship program.

The PEDCO internship program is offered to current college students that want to complete an internship with a department of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. This program is available to all currently enrolled college students, but the goal is to have more native and Ponca students apply for the program.

To become a PEDCO intern, students must send their resume to Larry Loucks, PEDCO Workforce Development Coordinator, apply on a university job board like Handshake, or visit the PEDCO website. Students will then be interviewed, before being placed with a Ponca Tribe of Nebraska department that best fits their interests and major. Interns are typically placed with a de-

partment within 30 days. From there, students can receive college credits that go towards their degree and will be compensated by PEDCO depending on how many hours they work. Internships with PEDCO last 12 weeks long, but can roll over for an additional 12 weeks depending on the needs of the department. PEDCO interns have agency over what they learn and do, and are able to track their progress with the department through a training program they develop. This fiscal year, PEDCO is hoping to place five interns.

Another program PEDCO offers is the Trainee program, which is designed to help new or existing employees of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska that might not be reaching their full potential in their department. These positions are available for a 12-month period to help employees gain new skills, improve their productivity, and grow their promotability.

PEDCO also offers online education resources that are free to all tribal members and can help with increasing skills in starting your own business, video tutorials on popular office software, general internet skills, and even assistance

to earn a GED.

If you are a currently enrolled student residing in the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska service delivery area in need of an internship, or want to utilize

the free educational resources, please reach out to Larry Loucks at [lloucks@pedco-ne.org](mailto:lloucks@pedco-ne.org) or visit the PEDCO website at [pedco-ne.org](http://pedco-ne.org).

### Free assistance to Ponca member owned businesses to help you compete for government contracts!

*Do you own a business?*

*Would you be interested in developing your business through government contracting?*

PEDCO PTAC can help—by offering completely free of charge procurement counseling that will help your business to succeed in the government marketplace! Our services include (and are not limited to):

- Assisting your business with all necessary registrations for government contracting
- Identifying and applying for special government contracting certification programs that leverage your business's minority owned status
- Marketing your business to government agencies and prime contractors
- Locating contract opportunities that are suited for your business
- Assisting you to write bid proposals
- And much, much more!

To learn more, visit our website at [www.pedcoptac.org](http://www.pedcoptac.org). Sign up at the website for client services, or contact Darren Osborne (Program Manager) for more information. Darren can be reached by phone at 712.308.1366 or by email at [dosborne@pedcoptac.org](mailto:dosborne@pedcoptac.org).



## **MEMBERS NEEDED**

### **PONCA TAX COMMISSION:**

Under the Authority of the Constitution of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska a body to be known as the "Ponca Tax Commission" was created. This public agency of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is subordinate to the Tribal Council, and will possess all the powers, duties, rights and functions as defined in the Law & Order Code to carry out the administration and enforcement of all Tribal tax laws.

The term of Maci Schott will be expiring on 4/24/23. Therefore, Tribal Council is accepting letters of interest and resume's.

To be qualified to be appointed a Tax Commissioner a person shall: 1) Be an enrolled member of the Tribe; 2) Be at least the age of majority; 3) Have no conflicts of interest, as defined in the Taxation Code; 4) Be willing and able to comply with the ethical duties of Commissioners, as defined in the Taxation Code; 5) Be willing and able to perform the Commission's duties in compliance with the laws of the Tribe; 6) Have or acquire knowledge of the Tax Code, unless the Tribal Council waives such qualifications for the appointee; 7) Have the time available to actively fulfill the duties of a Commissioner; and 8) Be willing to receive orientation and training regarding the duties of the Commission.

Commissioners are paid a \$250.00 stipend per meeting plus mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles roundtrip. A letter of interest and resume to apply for the position of Ponca Tax Commission must be forwarded to Ponca Tribal Council, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, Nebraska or crepenning@poncatrib-ne.org. Deadline for applications is April 1, 2023

### **NORTHERN PONCA HOUSING AUTHORITY - DISTRICT 2:**

The term of Pam Noyes who represents District 2 will be expiring on 5/31/23. District 2 represents Douglas, Burt, Sarpy Counties of Nebraska and Pottawattamie County of Iowa.

Commissioners receive a \$250 stipend per meeting as well as mileage reimbursement and per diem. A meeting is held 1 day per month and four months of the year a 2 day meeting is held.

Other qualifications to serve on this Board are as follows:

- Any person appointed to the Board shall not be less than twenty-five (25) years of age.
- If convicted of a felony, or a sexually-related conviction, misdemeanor or otherwise such a person shall not be allowed to serve as a member of the Board.
- No immediate family members may serve on the Board at the same time. Immediate family means mother, father, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother, sister, spouse or individuals residing in the same household. This shall include half, step and in-law relations.
- No member of the Tribal Council, employee of the Tribe or any entities thereof, shall serve on the Board of Commissioners.

Please mail your letter of interest with a resume or brief background on why you would be a good candidate for the Board of Commissioners to the Ponca Tribal Council, PO. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or crepenning@poncatrib-ne.org If you need more detailed information please contact Joel Nathan, Executive Director of the Northern Ponca Housing Authority at 402-379-8224. A background check will be conducted on all candidates. Deadline for Application is May 1, 2023.

### **OSNI PONCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Due to a resignation the Tribal Council is accepting applications for the Osni Ponca Board of Directors, the term will expire on August 8, 2024. The purpose of Osni Ponca LLC is to engage in economic development activities for the benefit of the Tribe and its members. This Board manages the activities and affairs of Osni Ponca. No member of the Tribal Council, employee of the Tribe or any entities thereof, shall serve on this Board. The Board members must have the following minimum qualifications: 1) Be at least twenty-five (25) years of age; 2) either (a) possess a Bachelor's Degree in business or a related field, or (b) possess a high school diploma (or GED) and have at least five (5) years of business, financial, legal government contracting, tribal government or industry experience; 3) have no felony convictions; and 4) submit to a background investigation which yields no results showing convictions involving tax evasion, tax fraud, embezzlement or moral turpitude. Applications will be accepted from Tribal and non-tribal members. A \$250 stipend per meeting is paid as well as mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles roundtrip.

Applicants must submit a letter of interest and current resume to the Tribal Council, Attn: Candace Repenning, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or by e-mail to crepenning@poncatrib-ne.org. A background check is required. Deadline for application is March 15, 2023.

**MEMBERS NEEDED**

**ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED:**

The Tribal Council is accepting applications for District 2, for the Election Board as a term is expiring. Members are paid \$250 per meeting and mileage will be paid for a maximum of 410 miles round trip at the federal government approved rate. Most meetings are held in Niobrara, Nebraska.

To be qualified to be appointed to the Election Board, a person shall:

1. Be an enrolled member of the Tribe
2. Be a resident of the voting district from which they are appointed.
3. Be eligible to vote in the election for which they will serve as an Election Board Member; and
4. If convicted of a felony, have completed his sentence requirements, including any parole, at least two (2) years prior to appointment.

No individual shall be permitted to sit as an Election Board member who:

1. Has been convicted of a crime involving the theft of funds or property of the Tribe in any court of any jurisdiction regardless of any pardon or restoration of civil rights for said offense.
2. Currently holds elective office in the Tribe.
3. Is or plans to be a candidate in any election during his or her term.
4. Has an immediate family member who is currently a member of the Tribal Council, or who is or plans to be a candidate in any election during his or her term
5. No Ponca Tribe of Nebraska employees may serve on the Election Board per the PTN Employee Handbook.

A criminal background check will be conducted.

Please submit a letter of interest to Ponca Tribal Council, Attn: Candace Repenning, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or via e-mail to [crepenning@poncatribene.org](mailto:crepenning@poncatribene.org). Deadline for application is May 1, 2023.

**Interested in Ponca Language classes?**

Classes stream live at <https://call.lifesizecloud.com/13507809>. Additionally, a playlist of previous language classes can be found on the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska YouTube channel. For more information, please contact Ricky Wright, Culture Director, at [rwrightjr@poncatribene.org](mailto:rwrightjr@poncatribene.org), or 402.371.8834, ext. 120.



**Elder's Committee Meetings**

**March 6 | 10 am**

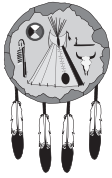
Ponca Tribe Offices | Norfolk, NE

**April 3 | 10 am**

Ponca Tribe Offices | Niobrara, NE



Elder Resource Guides for 2023 are now available! Elders can pick one up at their nearest office location, or call 402-438-9222 or email [info@poncatribene.org](mailto:info@poncatribene.org) to have one mailed to them. Elder Resource guides are available on a first-come, first-served basis.



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Fax: (402) 857-3771

#### **Cultural**

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### **LINCOLN 68512**

#### **Administration**

1600 Windhoek Dr.  
Ph: (402) 438-9222  
Fax: (402) 438-9226

#### **Ponca Health Services-Lincoln**

1600 Windhoek Dr  
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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