



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News

Showcasing our steps

Visits from Secretary of
Labor and IHS Director
highlight progress of
Ponca Tribe



Chairwoman's Corner

Greetings relatives!

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to touch base to share some highlights of what your government has been up to over the last month, as well as some notable items on the horizon. Tribal Council has held several regular council meetings in addition to committee meetings covering all the programs in Tribal Affairs and Health. Tribal Council members and executive staff are also invited to participate in consultation calls with several governmental agencies that take place throughout each month.

The four Nebraska Tribes were invited to a meeting with U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh, which was hosted by the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs (NCIA). This was the first time NCIA hosted a United States Cabinet member. We had great conversation about similarities the tribes have as well as differences, specifically related to workforce development. Through our WIOA (Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act) program we have served 108 individuals, which exceeds



the program's target goal of 57! This program assists tribal members with college/training courses, CNA, CMA, CDL, cosmetology, forklift training, and supportive services such as obtaining IDs, birth certificates, transit passes, etc. Following the meeting, the group was able to visit the First Peoples of the Plains Exhibit at Morrill Hall.

Tribal Council hosted IHS Director, Roselyn Tso, at our Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Center. Several members of our health staff and some of our executive staff were able to share about the current

health services we provide as well as some of our growth plans. Director Tso and her staff were also able to tour the Ponca Mobile Health Unit during a public unveiling. The Mobile Health Unit will allow us to provide health services to members in more of our rural areas that may not be able to visit one of our three clinics. The Ponca Mobile Health Unit debut made the front page of the Omaha World-Herald, which is the largest newspaper/press outlet in the entire state of Nebraska!

We've submitted testimony for several

legislative bills, including LB474 that would allocate funding for a Chief Standing Bear/Ponca Cultural Center.

On May 12 (Chief Standing Bear Day), the United States Postal Service will be issuing a stamp honoring Chief Standing Bear. A ceremony is being planned for that day in Lincoln. More details will be shared once confirmed.

Several Easter events and activities are planned throughout the districts. Contact your Tribal Council representatives for details.

After three years of the pandemic, we are excited to be having our Healthy Living Walk/Run and Powwow again in Norfolk on April 22. In conjunction with the powwow, we will be holding our first general membership meeting as the new council on April 23 in Norfolk. Members can attend in person at any of our office locations or virtually on Lifesize.

Thank you for letting me share with you. Until next time...

Wi Btha Ha,
Chairwoman Schmidt



On the cover: IHS Executive Director Roselyn Tso and District 3 Tribal Council Representative Suzie Baker tour the new Mobile Health Unit.

Tribal leadership attend listening session with Secretary of Labor

On Thursday, February 23, 2023, representatives from the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, including Tribal Chairwoman Candace Schmidt, Tribal Secretary Susie Baker, Ponca Health Services and Tribal Affairs staff, joined Secretary of Labor Martin Walsh for a listening session held at the University of Nebraska Museum in Lincoln. The meeting began with a welcome and Land Acknowledgement from the University of Nebraska Museum host Dr. Susan Weller, and introductions by Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs Executive Director Judi M. gaiashkibos.

After brief remarks from Secretary Walsh, Tribal leadership from both the Ponca and Omaha Tribes discussed the unique challenges, needs, and opportunities regarding workforce development within tribal communities. Tribal leaders laid out the nature of these needs and challenges, including the differences between the Ponca and Omaha Tribes, and how those differences affect workforce development for each Tribal organization and the members they serve. Secretary Walsh offered input on federal entities and programs that might be able to offer some assistance to



tribal governments.

“We are so thankful for Secretary Walsh and his staff for taking time to visit with us. The Department of Labor has been a great partner in helping to develop not only our tribal citizens, but together we are helping to build America’s workforce.

Through these programs we’ve helped assist participants with trainings such as college courses, CNA, CMA, CDL, and more,” said Chairwoman Candace Schmidt.

At the close of the listening session, Secretary Walsh was honored by the Ponca Tribe of Ne-

braska with a Pendleton. Following the session, attendees were then able to tour the Museum’s First People of the Plains exhibit, where Secretary Walsh had the opportunity to view artifacts, photos, and information on the history of the Plains tribes.



District 4

Easter Event

April 7 | 5:00-7:30 pm

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Gym & Cafeteria
1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE

District 4 members are invited to join us for an Easter event! There will be bounce houses, an Easter egg hunt, and a youth Easter basket giveaway for District 4 Ponca youth ages 0-18. Dinner for everyone will be provided at 6:30.

For more information, please call Kyle Taylor at 402.750.4299 or Alex Taylor at 402.750.2045.

Easter Ham Distribution

April 7 | 10 am-5 pm

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Gymnasium

District 4 Heads of Household can pick up their Easter ham Friday during the day, prior to the District 4 Easter Event. Ponca Elders 55+ may contact Alex Taylor at 402.750.2045 to schedule an Easter ham delivery, starting April 4th.



**PONCA TRIBE
OF NEBRASKA**

Council members testify in support of LB474



Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Tribal Council members Shanna Carpenter (D3), Angie Starkel (D1) and Suzie Baker (D3) testified in support of LB474, introduced by Senator

Justin Wayne. LB474 would allocate funding for a future Ponca Cultural Center. Following this hearing, LB474 was made a priority bill.

Ponca Artists!

Time is running out to submit **your** art to be used on this year's Annual Northern Ponca Powwow poster and t-shirt! 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.

For more information, or to submit designs, please email rwrightjr@poncatrIBE-ne.org.

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA



Class of 2023

Honoring our Graduating Seniors

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska would like to honor our 2023 Ponca graduates in a special section in our June 2023 newsletter.

Please complete the following form online **no later than May 5th, 2023** to have your graduate included in this section. Submissions may be subject to minor edits for space and consistency.

https://poncatrIBEofne.formstack.com/forms/2023_graduates

Questions? Please email info@poncatrIBE-ne.org.



Ponca Tribe debuts new mobile health unit at IHS visit



On February 27, 2023, Roselyn Tso, the Executive Director of Indian Health Services, made a visit to the Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Center in Omaha for a meeting on the Joint Venture Project and the public unveiling of the Mobile Medical Unit.

Work is expected to begin this year on the Joint Venture Project, fulfilling a long-anticipated expansion of health services for Native Americans in the Omaha area.

For patients in the more rural areas of the Ponca Tribe Service Delivery

area, the Mobile Health Unit is a welcome addition, providing medical, dental, and some diagnostic services to members and patients who do not live near one of the Ponca Health Services clinics.

IHS Executive Director Tso was impressed by the

innovations of the Tribe, saying, “They’ve got some really good examples we can share across Indian Country.”

Members are invited to come see the new mobile unit on display April 22 at the Diabetes Walk/Run Powwow.



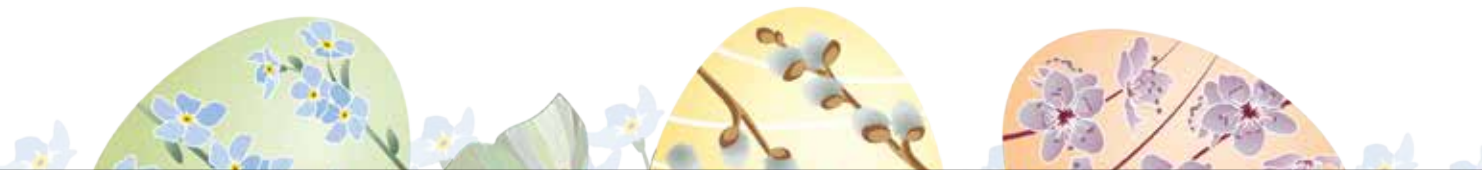
District 3 Easter Celebration April 8 | 10 am

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska | 1701 E Street | Lincoln, NE

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska youth ages 0-12, living in the District 3 Service Delivery Area, are invited to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt. Easter baskets will be distributed following the Easter Egg Hunt. District 3 will also be providing gift cards for members outside the Service Delivery Area.

For more information, please contact District 3 Tribal Council Representatives Susie Baker, 925.788.0649 and Shanna Carpenter, 402.805.0883

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA



Dr. Peck honored for 20 years of service with Ponca Health Services

On February 24, 2023, Physical Therapist Dr. Kirk Peck celebrated 20 years of volunteer service as a physical therapist with Ponca Health Services at the Fred LeRoy Health and Wellness Center in Omaha. He received a Ponca Tribe of Nebraska hoodie, hat, and jacket. Congratulations, Dr. Peck, and thank you for 20 years of service!



NORTHERN PONCA HOUSING AUTHORITY




\$15,000 IHBG-ARP HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Who's eligible?

- Homeowners that are members of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska living *outside* of the service area
- Household income must be at or below 80 percent of the area median income

NPHA WILL ASSIST 4 HOMEOWNERS BASED ON PRIORITIZED NEED

DEADLINE TO APPLY: MAY 31, 2023

For more information please call Shelby, or visit the website to apply! **402.379.8224**
poncahousing.org

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.

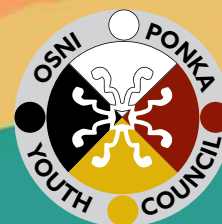
Dean brings his experiences to children and adults everywhere through school presentations and keynotes that focus on the goodness of humanity and the awe of nature. By offering his audiences the opportunity to see these qualities in others and themselves, Dean leaves them inspired and empowered to make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

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@poncatribene.org

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA





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 or 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. **Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs**

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Tiffani Spencer
Social Services Case
Manager

Sexual assault and/or violence is a nationwide problem. Many communities experience or have experienced sexual assault. This is something we should not turn a blind eye to, as this has impacted so many regardless of gender, race, or age. Unfortunately there is one specific community that consistently displays the highest rate of sexual assault experiences, the community of Indigenous women.

Indigenous women live in fear of murder and sexual abuse. More than half of indigenous women have been sexually assaulted. According to a 2016 National Institute of Justice study, over a third of women have been raped during their lifetime. Unfortunately indigenous women's rate of rape is nearly 2.5 times higher than that of white women.

Despite the fact that indigenous women suffer the highest rate of missing persons, abuse, and sexual assault, justice is still not being served. Often, when sexual assault occurs on the reservations, jurisdiction becomes an issue

even with additional stipulations and laws put into place of non-natives committing crimes on the reservation or being arrested by tribal authorities. The higher percentage of these offenders are non-natives and do not reside on reservations. With the unfortunate occurrence of sexual assaults occurring on the reservation, they are often overlooked by federal prosecutors. According to the Government accountability office, out of the 80 percent of sexual crimes that are committed by non-natives on reservations, federal prosecutors decline over 67 percent of sexual abuse cases regarding Native women, which leaves only 13% of sexual related crimes being investigated.

STATISTICS:

- Native Americans are 2.5 times more likely to experience sexual assault crimes compared to all other races.
- 1 in 3 Native American women report having experienced raped during their lifetime (34%).
- U.S. Attorneys declined to prosecute 67 percent of sexual abuse, firearms violations, homicide

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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. 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.



Sexual Assault: Learn how to prevent assault, and support victims

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and other violent crimes occurring in the lives of Native American women.

- Violence against Native women occurs across a continuum in the lives of Native women anywhere from verbal abuse to murder.
- Most Native women do not report such crimes because of the belief that nothing will be done.

- Signs of Sexual Abuse:**
- Depression
 - Change in sleep patterns
 - Change in eating habits
 - Low self-esteem
 - Drug or alcohol usage
 - STDs
 - Avoiding specific places or situations
 - Falling grades or withdrawing from classes
 - Self-harming behaviors or suicidal thoughts

- Preventing Sexual Assault:**
- Promote and practice healthy relationships, behaviors and attitudes.
 - Intervening when needed or appropriate.
 - Believe survivors and help them in finding resources.
 - Always keep your cell phone charged and on.
 - When on a date or dealing with someone, set clear limits and be firm.
 - Avoid secluded places.

Please be aware of signs, listen, and be supportive without judgement. Sexual assault can be prevented, it's not traditional, take action, and protect the sacred.

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE:
1-800-656-4673

Ponca Social Services:
Lincoln: 531-248-3030
Norfolk: 402-371-8834
Ralston: 402-315-2760
Sioux City: 712-258-0500

Annual Healthy Living Walk/Run & Powwow April 22, 2023

10:00 am: 2 Mile Prayer Walk and Run
Skyview Lake | 1900 West Maple Ave | Norfolk, NE
Registration starts at 9:30 am. **Prizes in all age categories, and FREE RAFFLE DRAWINGS for all walk/run participants!**

11:00 am-1:00 pm: Program Booths (Ponca Tribal Gym)
Ponca Tribe Gym | 1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE
Information booths about PTN programs and other area programs serving tribal communities.
Craft Vendors Welcome (No Food Vendors) There will be a \$35 vendor fee with all proceeds going to the Annual Powwow. Vendor spots are awarded on a first-come/first-served basis. Vendors please contact Crystal Mundorf at 402.371.8834

11:30 am-12:30 pm: Lunch (Ponca Tribal Gym)
Ponca Tribe Gym | 1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE
Lunch will be provided to all walk/run participants and powwow attendees.

1:00 pm-5:00 pm: Powwow
Ponca Tribe Gym | 1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE

Head Woman - Marissa Wright
Head Man - Jeffrie Mesteth
MC - Robin Bair

This event is a time to honor each other. All PTN service sites are included and encouraged to attend. Walk/Run and Powwow participants will receive a voucher for buffalo meat from the Diabetes Program while supplies last.

For more information, please contact the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska office in your area, or Crystal Mundorf at 402.371.8834



HELP US UPDATE OUR MEMBER INFORMATION!

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, or contact the Niobrara or Lincoln offices.

We appreciate your help!

INACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF 4/1/2023

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

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

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

**Discussion on May 2, 2023 beginning at 4:00 p.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 govern arbitrations that are put into contracts that the Tribe enters into.

There are changes being proposed are adding Chapter 12 to Title Six. The revisions being considered include but are not limited to the following:

- Chapter 12 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 May 2, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

Written comments will be accepted until April 21, 2023. The written comments may be emailed to janc@poncatribene.org or mailed to

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

MEMBERS NEEDED

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.

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@poncatrib-ne.org. Deadline for application is May 1, 2023.

Welcome!



It is with great pleasure we welcome our newest Ponca baby, Clementine M. Fonseca, born on November 4, 2022 to Kourtney Moore and Nikolaus Fonseca. She was welcomed by her brother Sebastian (7) as well as her grandparents, Aundrea and John Marcoe, and great grandparents Faythe and Ronald Hurd.



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, or 402.371.8834, ext. 120.



Elder's Committee Meetings

April 3 | 10 am

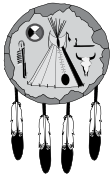
Ponca Tribe Offices | Niobrara, NE

May 1 | 10 am

Sioux City, NE | TBD



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 to have one mailed to them. Elder Resource guides are available on a first-come, first-served basis.



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1600 Windhoek Dr
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NORFOLK 68701

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1800 Syracuse Ave.
Ph: (402) 371-8834
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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
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Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Clinic

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

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Administration

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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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