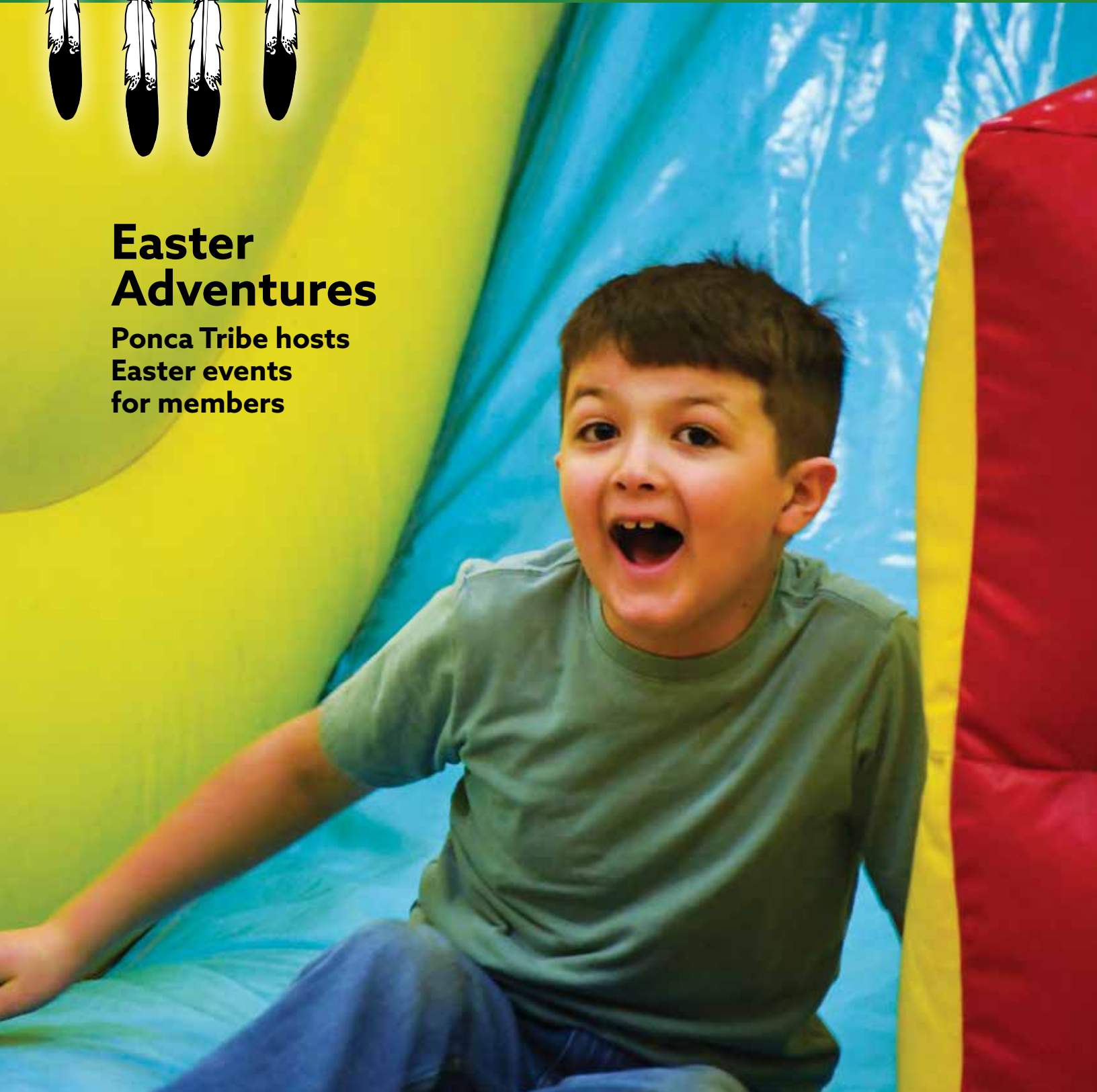




# PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News

## **Easter Adventures**

**Ponca Tribe hosts  
Easter events  
for members**



# Schlotman honored with Legends Award at UNAHA Conference



On April 3, District 1 Tribal Council Representative JoAn Schlotman was honored at the annual meeting of the United Native American Housing Association (UNAHA) with the Legends in Indian Housing Award. This award honors those individuals who have worked tirelessly to help provide adequate and safe housing for Native American families.

Councilwoman Schlotman was selected for the Legends award for her service on the Northern Ponca Housing Authority Board of Commissioners from 2011-2021 and her continued work since being elected to serve on Tribal Council.

While serving as the NPHA BOC Secretary, JoAn was present for every meeting of the Board of Commissioners, and traveled to UNAHA meetings to remain up to date on important information regarding housing. As a member of Tribal Council, JoAn has remained a strong advocate for NPHA and supports their mission on all levels of the Ponca Tribe.

Congratulations to JoAn Schlotman on receiving the 2023 Legends in Indian Housing Award.

The United States Postal Service cordially invites you to attend the

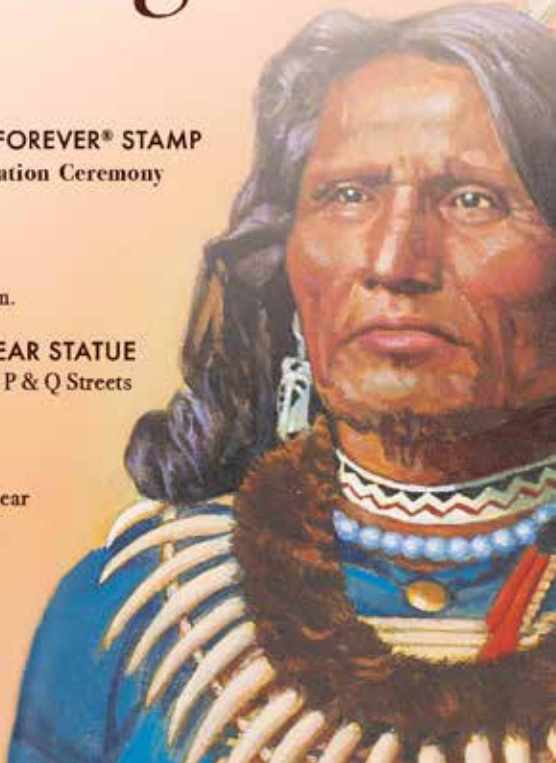
# Chief Standing Bear

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FRIDAY  
May 12, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.

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Lincoln, NE 68522

RSVP AT:  
[usps.com/chiefstandingbear](https://usps.com/chiefstandingbear)



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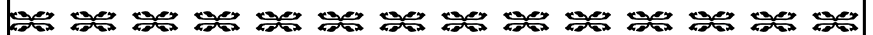
Keeping your enrollment number safe and secure is important! Your enrollment number is the fastest and easiest way to verify your enrollment in the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, and your eligibility for programs open to members of the Ponca Tribe.

Moving forward all changes to forms and other personal information, online, in person, and over the phone, will require your enrollment number. No changes will be made without a verified enrollment number. Likewise, all Ponca-specific programs will require a verified enrollment number at the time of application to be accepted.

So remember to keep your enrollment number handy, and keep it secure! If you need a new enrollment card or tribal ID, please reach out to the Enrollment Department, [enrollment@poncatribene.org](mailto:enrollment@poncatribene.org).



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# Tribal Council and Ponca Tribe staff attend Tribal Transportation Conference

In March, staff and Tribal Council members from the Ponca Tribe attended the 2023 Tribal Transportation conference in South Sioux City.

This yearly meeting, hosted by the Nebraska Department of Transportation and Nebraska Local Technical Assistance Program serves as a way for the state to touch base with the four Nebraska Tribes to discuss Transit and transportation issues and ongoing projects, ensuring that the voices and perspectives of tribal partners within the state are recognized. They do a quick overview of any upcoming grants that may



be beneficial as well as the state construction that will be happening and when we can expect those projects to be completed.

Each Tribe had the opportunity to do a quick presentation on current projects and how projects are funded. There were also several roundtable talks and breakout ses-

sions addressing many different subjects.

Ponca Tribe attendees were able to get a look at transportation projects being undertaken by other Tribes in the state, and network with staff and Tribal Council representative from other Tribes, while building strong government to

government relationships with state agencies. These continued collaborations and relationships help ensure that the infrastructure of our roads remains a safe and reliable part of the quality of life for all Nebraskans.

*-Photos courtesy of the Nebraska Department of Transportation*



Left to Right: Penny Lingle, Deputy Director of Tribal Affairs; Kyle Taylor, District 4 Tribal Council Representative; Dani Wright, Transit Director; Susie Baker, District 3 Tribal Council Representative; Candace Schmidt, Tribal Council Chairwoman; Bill Yunker, Tribal Transportation Director; Courtney Chavez, Deputy Director of Tribal Affairs; Talia Jennings, Transit Lead/Scheduler; JoAn Schlotman, District 1 Tribal Council Representative; Falon McAlpin, District 2 Tribal Council Representative; Richard Wright, Jr., Culture Director; Stacy Laravie, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer; and Brandon Villalpando, Transit Lead/Scheduler.

# Easter fun for District 2 with egg hunt and Easter baskets!

On Saturday, March 25, District 2 held their Easter Event. The Youth Council provided an Easter Egg Hunt starting at 9 am outside of the Ponca Transit Facility. D2 children ages 0-12 enjoyed hunting for candy filled eggs, balls, and cookies! The Easter Bunny was

helped by Candy Schott, Maci Schott, Claudia Villegas, Courtney Chavez, Falon McAlpin, and Becci Sullivan.

After the egg hunt, children and their families went to the Ralston Administration office to pick out Easter baskets,

provided by the District Tribal Council Representatives, Falon McAlpin and Becci Sullivan.

We look forward to providing more events and activities for our D2 members!

-Falon and Becci



**Drive-In Fun for District 2!**

District 2 is offering **\$20 gift certificates to Quasar Drive-In** for **District 2 Service Delivery Area members**, good for any time during the 2023 season. Certificates can be used for entrance fee or concessions.

Certificates are available for pickup from Candy Schott at the Ralston Administration Office from 9am - 2pm, Monday - Friday on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, please contact Becci at 531.222.4471 or Falon at 402.208.0297.

**Must be an actively enrolled member of the Ponca Tribe of NE for D2 SDA at the time the list was pulled, no exceptions! You may only pick up for members in your household unless prior authorization has been given. Not responsible for lost or stolen gift certificates.**

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**DISTRICT 2**

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

**Friday, May 19**  
**6:00-9:00 pm**

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

District 2 SDA Ponca tribal members, their families, and our District 2 staff members and families are invited to a night of fun for all ages! There will be food, snacks, games, activities, prizes, and an outdoor movie to end the night!

Sponsored by D2 Tribal Council Representatives Becci Sullivan and Falon McAlpin. For more information, please contact Becci at 531.222.4471 or Falon at 402.208.0297.

# District 3 hosts Easter brunch and Easter egg hunt for members



District 3

## School's Out! Ice Cream Social Saturday, May 27 | 2 pm

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Community Space  
1600 Windhoek | Lincoln, NE

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska school age youth (K-12) and their families, living in the District 3 Service Delivery Area, are invited to an ice cream social to celebrate the end of the school year and kick start summer!

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

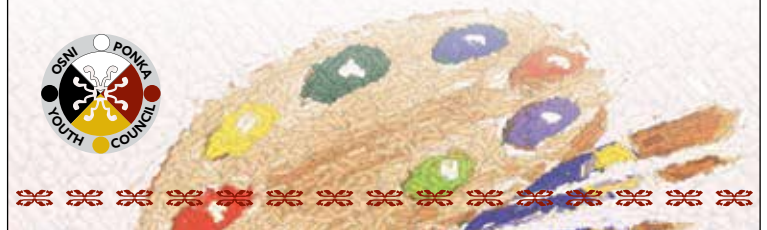


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## Virtual Youth Art Camp Thursday, July 13, 2023 | 9-11 am (CST)

The Osni Ponca Youth Council is sponsoring a virtual art camp for Ponca youth ages 5-12 nationwide. Participants will learn basic painting techniques, and have a painting project. Art supplies will be mailed to participants, and classes will be held online. Class is open to the first 20 Ponca youth with a complete application, and all information verified. Participants will be notified that they have secured a spot via email. For more information, email youthcouncil@poncatribene.org.

Registration is open May 1-June 15 to allow time for art boxes to be mailed to participants! Space is limited, so register NOW by going to [https://poncatribefne.formstack.com/forms/ponca\\_art\\_camp\\_registration](https://poncatribefne.formstack.com/forms/ponca_art_camp_registration)



# District 4 Easter event jumps into spring with bounce houses, a meal, and an Easter egg hunt!



## Beading Class

**Thursdays | 5:30-7:30 pm**  
**Every 3rd Saturday | 12-4 pm**

*Please note there will be no Thursday class on the weeks with a Saturday class.*

Norfolk Gym Cafeteria  
1800 Syracuse | Norfolk, NE

Please join us for materials and instruction on beading.

For more information, please contact Ricky Wright, Jr. at 402.371.8834

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## Tuition Assistance Opportunity from Behavioral Health

Students seeking to achieve their **Psychiatric APRN** are encouraged to **apply by June 1, 2023** for the opportunity to receive tuition assistance from Ponca Health Services Behavioral Health.

**Eligible candidates must be:**

- Currently enrolled in a credentialed Psychiatric APRN program or ready to enroll for the Fall 2023 semester
  - Able to commit 2 years to Ponca Health Services at our Norfolk site
- If interested, please submit a letter of interest and your CV to Dr. LuAnne M. Even at [leven@poncatrIBE-ne.org](mailto:leven@poncatrIBE-ne.org).



For more information, please call Dr. Even at 402.738.3148.

**Ponca Health Services**  
Behavioral Health



# District 2 families enjoy new Super Mario movie

**Becci Sullivan**  
District 2 Tribal Council  
Representative

On Sunday, April 16, District 2 rented an entire theater at the Majestic Theater at 144th and Maple to show the new Super Mario Movie to Omaha area Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members and their families. The theater was entirely packed, with over 130 members and their families attending the movie event.

Each attendee was provided popcorn and a drink. The event was organized by District 2

Tribal Council members, Becci Sullivan and Falon McAlpin.

Special thanks to Candy Schott, Maci Schott, Ben Schott and Abbey Jenkins for their assistance, making sure the event ran smoothly.

We are back to pre-COVID numbers and looking at renting a bigger theater for our next movie event! It was so good to see everyone. We love providing family activities for our membership!



## 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://poncatrifeofne.formstack.com/forms/2023\\_graduates](https://poncatrifeofne.formstack.com/forms/2023_graduates)

Questions? Please email [info@poncatrife-ne.org](mailto:info@poncatrife-ne.org).

## Reel Mentors Youth Fishing Event

**June 4 | 10 am-2 pm**

Schramm Park | 20874-21146, NE-31 | Gretna, NE

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska District 2 & 3 youth ages 8-16 are invited to join the Youth Council, and Ponca Member Ron Suverkrubbe's Reel Mentors organization for a day of fishing and fun. Lunch will be provided. Fishing poles will be provided to participants, on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Space is limited, so register online today!**

To register for the event, go to [https://poncatrifeofne.formstack.com/forms/reel\\_mentors\\_registration](https://poncatrifeofne.formstack.com/forms/reel_mentors_registration)

Participants **MUST** register online!

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# Ponca Tribe and Healing Ribbons provide learning and community

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska has partnered with Healing Ribbons to provide cultural engagement, fellowship, and community support in the form of beading and regalia classes. Participants have the opportunity to come together and learn new skills, both from instructors and from each other. As the classes grow, so does the sense of community between participants. Please follow the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Facebook page for more information on classes.



## Beading Class

1st & 3rd Friday of each month | 6-9 pm  
*(unless otherwise specified)*

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

Please visit the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Facebook page for updated information on dates and class topics.

For more information, please contact:  
Valery Kills Crow Copeland at 402.612.3348.



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## Weekly Regalia Classes

Every Saturday | 1-4 pm

Fashion Arts Collective | 1141 N. 11th Street, 2nd Floor | Omaha, NE 68102  
*(Door is locked-Press #4 on the key pad and ask for Paula)*

Women, teens, children (5 and above), and two-spirited are invited to learn how to sew regalia

May 6 & 13: Ribbon Skirts. Learn to make a ribbon skirt from scratch

For more information, contact: Tami Buffalohead-McGill at tamibuffalohead@gmail.com.

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# Help shape the agricultural future of tribal lands!

## Greetings Relatives,

The Tribal Affairs Department is currently working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), to develop an Agriculture Resource Management Plan (ARMP). Many of our members may not be aware that the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is the largest land owner within Knox County. Over the years, your leadership has been committed to gaining our homelands back. As a result of recent purchases, our Tribe currently has 3,254 acres of land within Knox County that can be utilized for farming, foraging, grazing, hunting, or similar agriculture or conservation efforts.

Developing an ARMP will assist the Tribal Affairs department with planning and implementing strategies that will enhance and protect our lands and provide additional food resources to our communities. This plan can assist our programs in identifying culturally significant foods, traditional farming, harvesting, and food preservation practices, and can reintroduce our youth and elders to foraging for foods and medicines, or hunting and fishing. The plan could identify the need to improve current farm/pasture lease areas or prioritize the use of agricultural lands for tribal members. Completion of the ARMP could also provide potential future funding opportunities for our agricultural resources.

We have options to focus on land conservation and revenue generation. **We** are solely in charge of what type of agricultural practices will be conducted on our lands and near our water resources. This plan empowers us, as a Nation, and strengthens our authority to determine how our lands are used.

An ARMP is a ten (10) year strategic plan that serves to strengthen Tribal Sovereignty over Food & Agriculture practices. For us to create a valuable plan that serves our Tribe and our People, we need your input.

Please complete this brief survey by May 12th to help us identify the critical values and goals of our Tribal Citizens. Scan QR Code with your phone camera to access the survey or visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PoncaARMP>

If you would like to complete a paper copy of the survey, please visit any Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Office and a survey will be available at the Office Coordinator.

Surveys will be made available at all Circle of Elder's Meals, at each in person Tribal Council meeting, and online on our website.



# PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

*All respondents will be entered in a raffle to win a star quilt!*



# Recognizing the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People

**Thomas Wright, II**  
Domestic Violence  
Program Coordinator

May 5th has been identified as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Person Awareness Day. This means that we, as human beings, take time to share information regarding our missing and/or murdered Indigenous relatives.

Here in the US, studies show that Native Americans people face some of the highest rates of violence in the country, experiencing violent crime at higher rates than the national average. Unfortunately, our Native women and girls are experiencing disproportionately high rates of sexual and gender-based violence, including intimate partner violence (IPV). Our Native men also experience higher rates of violence than other demographic groups. LGBTQ and Two-Spirit people in Tribal communities are also often targets of violence.

Generations of American Indians and Alaska Natives have mourned missing and murdered loved ones. Their calls for justice and healing through grass roots activism and advocacy have created nationwide attention and increased support for this Missing or Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) crisis.

Native people have fought back and taken the crisis of MMIP into our own hands to bring justice to our stolen women, two spirit peoples, and men. By creating movements, Native advocates and allies have raised awareness of injustice and helped bring about positive changes for all of our peoples; however, there is still a need to carry on this work.

In last year's MMIP proclaim, President Biden stated "Our Nation's failure to address this ongoing tragedy not only demeans the dignity of each Indigenous person who goes missing or is mur-

dered — it undermines the humanity of us all. Today and every day, we must continue to stand up for Indigenous people, and we must never forget the thousands of unsolved cases that continue to cry out for justice and healing. As a Nation, we must answer that call and work together to achieve the promise of America for all Americans."

For more information on MMIW and MMIP movements, please see:

2022's Proclamation Missing or Murdered

Indigenous Persons Awareness Day at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/05/04/a-proclamation-on-missing-or-murdered-indigenous-persons-awareness-day-2022/>

National Indigenous Women's Resource Council at <https://www.niwr.org/>

We R Native website at: <https://www.wernative.org/articles/national-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-persons-awareness-day>

## 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.

**Your input is needed!**

Complete the survey to be entered into a prize raffle.

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Domestic Violence Program is conducting a Domestic Violence needs assessment to assess domestic violence and available services within our communities.

**Participation in this survey is completely voluntary and anonymous.**

All data collected will assist in the planning of future education events and to improve services addressing the needs of survivors of domestic violence and the community.

Participation in the survey does qualify you to be entered into a prize raffle. A separate form is provided for entering the raffle, so that all survey responses remain totally anonymous.

Surveys are available at all office locations or online at <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7316578/Domestic-Violence-Needs-Assessment> or by scanning the QR code below.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM



**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](http://poncahousing.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).



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

Metro Community College  
Fort Omaha Campus | Omaha, NE

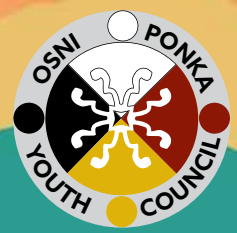
Make plans now to attend the **first ever Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Youth Council Summit**, featuring **guest speaker Dean Jacobs!**



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.

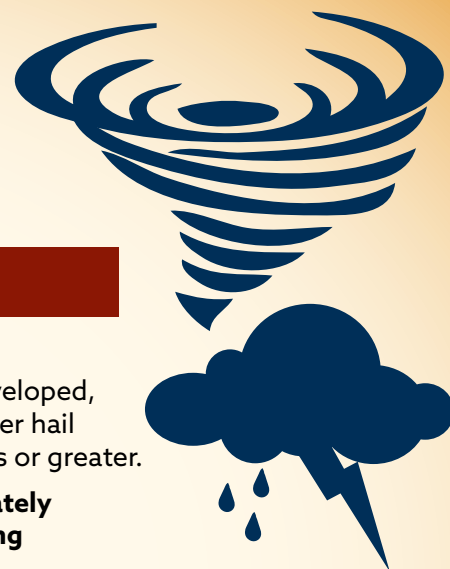


## PTN Emergency Management hosts Storm Spotter training

On Tuesday, April 4th, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Emergency Management, in conjunction with the National Weather Service, hosted Storm Spotter Training, at the Transit building in Norfolk. Staff and tribal members had the opportunity to train to become a certified NWS Skywarn storm spotter.



# Severe Weather Watch or warning?



### WATCH

#### Severe Thunderstorm

Atmospheric conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms, with 1" diameter hail, and/or 58 mph winds or greater.

- Check for forecast updates
- Plan where to take shelter if needed

#### Tornado

Atmospheric conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms, capable of producing tornadoes.

- Check for forecast updates
- Plan where to take shelter if needed

### WARNING

#### Severe Thunderstorm

A severe thunderstorm has developed, capable of producing 1" diameter hail or greater, and or 58 mph winds or greater.

- Take shelter indoors immediately
- Use extra caution while driving
- Check forecast updates

#### Tornado

A severe thunderstorm has developed, and has either produced a tornado, or has a radar signature that is conducive for one to develop

- Take shelter indoors immediately
- If driving, find the nearest shelter
- Check forecast updates

Even thunderstorms that are not severe can produce heavy rain and dangerous lightning.

**Remember: When thunder roars, go indoors!**

**If there is water across the road, turn around, don't drown!**





*Livestream will be available*

*The 2nd Annual*

# MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES POW WOW

## JULY 14-16, 2023 - RIVERSIDE PARK IN SIOUX CITY, IOWA

**Blessing of the Ground**  
William St. Cyr Omaha/HoChunk (Winnebago, NE)

**Gourd Dance Staff**  
**Head Man**  
Mark White Eyes Omaha (Walthill, NE)  
**Head Lady**  
Angel Peer Ioway (Kansas City, MO)  
**Head Boy**  
Bernard Verde-Vance Omaha (Lincoln, NE)  
**Head Girl**  
Talia Tatsinuupi Ata Paya-Quiroga Comanche-Otoe (Lawton, OK)  
**Head Gourd Drum**  
Standing Eagle (Walthill, NE)  
 Omaha Tia-Piah Society Gourd Organization

**Pow Wow Dance Staff**  
**Head Man**  
Maurice Phillips Omaha (Lincoln, NE)  
**Head Lady**  
Nicole Jay Nesahkluah Apache (Wichita, KS)  
**Head Boy**  
Jaden Painter HoChunk (Winnebago, NE)  
**Head Girl**  
Kamimilla Waci Win Coons HoChunk/Oglala Lakota (Winnebago, NE)  
**Head Drum**  
Steven Little Cook - Yellow Hammer (Ponca City, OK)  
**Master of Ceremonies**  
Allen Hare Yankton Sioux (Marty, SD)  
**Announcers**  
Terry Medina Santee Sioux (Dakota City, NE)  
Josh Taylor Omaha (Sioux City, IA)  
**Arana Director**  
Kenny Cook Yankton Sioux (Marty, SD)  
 VFW Post #363 (Winnebago, NE)

**TENATIVE AGENDA**

Note: Point system will begin Friday evening. Registration opens Friday at 5pm and closes after Saturday's 1pm Grand Entry

**FRIDAY**

Gourd Dance at 5pm  
Grand Entry at 7pm

**SATURDAY**

Gourd Dance at 11am  
Grand Entry at 1pm  
Supper Break  
Gourd Dance at 5pm  
Grand Entry at 7pm

**SUNDAY**

Gourd Dance at 11am  
Grand Entry at 1pm

**SPECIALS**

#MMIR PRINCESS SPECIAL  
WOMEN'S RED DRESS SPECIAL 1st - 1000 2nd - 750 3rd - 500 Dance your own style

**1st ANNUAL RUFUS WHITE TRADITIONAL CONTEST (19+ years)** 1st - 800 2nd - 500 3rd - 200  
 Breaking Mourning for Rufus White Ron and Thelma Thomas (Santee Sioux) will lead this for some of the family members of the late Rufus White (Omaha) who would like to break their mourning

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
NO ADMISSION FEE  
CAMPING AVAILABLE

**OUR PROUD HOST HOTEL**



Hampton Inn by Hilton

Hampton Inn by Hilton  
101 Sodrac Dr  
North Sioux City, SD, 57049  
605.232.9739

Hampton Inn & Suites By Hilton  
5555 Sergeant Rd  
Sioux City, IA, 51106  
712.587.6984

**\$99**  
per night

**\$119**  
per night

Rooms available on a first-come, first-serve basis

**DANCE CATEGORIES**  
TINY TOTS PAID DAILY  
Cash prize for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

**GIRLS (7-12)**  
Traditional 1st - \$150 2nd - \$125 3rd - \$100  
Fancy 1st - \$150 2nd - \$125 3rd - \$100  
Jingle 1st - \$150 2nd - \$125 3rd - \$100

**BOYS (7-12)**  
Traditional 1st - \$150 2nd - \$125 3rd - \$100  
Grass 1st - \$150 2nd - \$125 3rd - \$100  
Fancy 1st - \$150 2nd - \$125 3rd - \$100

**TEEN GIRLS (13-19)**  
Traditional 1st - \$300 2nd - \$150 3rd - \$100  
Fancy 1st - \$300 2nd - \$150 3rd - \$100  
Jingle 1st - \$300 2nd - \$150 3rd - \$100

**TEEN BOYS (13-19)**  
Traditional 1st - \$300 2nd - \$150 3rd - \$100  
Grass 1st - \$300 2nd - \$150 3rd - \$100  
Fancy 1st - \$300 2nd - \$150 3rd - \$100

**WOMEN'S (20-49)**  
Traditional 1st - \$500 2nd - \$300 3rd - \$200  
Fancy 1st - \$500 2nd - \$300 3rd - \$200  
Jingle 1st - \$500 2nd - \$300 3rd - \$200

**MEN'S (20-49)**  
Traditional 1st - \$500 2nd - \$300 3rd - \$200  
Straight Dance 1st - \$500 2nd - \$300 3rd - \$200  
Grass Dance 1st - \$500 2nd - \$300 3rd - \$200  
Fancy 1st - \$500 2nd - \$300 3rd - \$200

**GOLDEN AGE WOMEN'S(50+)**  
Traditional 1st - \$800 2nd - \$500 3rd - \$200  
Fancy 1st - \$800 2nd - \$500 3rd - \$200  
Jingle 1st - \$800 2nd - \$500 3rd - \$200

**GOLDEN AGE MEN'S(50+)**  
Traditional 1st - \$800 2nd - \$500 3rd - \$200  
Straight Dance 1st - \$800 2nd - \$500 3rd - \$200  
Grass Dance 1st - \$800 2nd - \$500 3rd - \$200  
Fancy 1st - \$800 2nd - \$500 3rd - \$200

**ALL DRUMS  
WELCOME  
DRUM SPLIT**

**FOOD VENDOR FEE \$200 ARTS/CRAFTS/NON-FOOD VENDOR FEE \$100**

\$50 DEPOSIT BY 6/1 DEADLINE 7/1



# 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

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The deadline to apply for Higher Education assistance for summer term is May 15th. All on-going students also need to re-apply as summer term is not considered a part of the normal school year.

### 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\*

### 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



## 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](mailto:enrollment@poncatribene.org), or contact the Niobrara or Lincoln offices.

We appreciate your help!

### INACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF 5/1/2023

Alexander, Tiannie Dawn	Drapeaux, Juston Lee	Kelso, James Alan	Scuderi, Jana Marie
Alvarado, Mischelle Lynn	Eckley, Daniel Joseph	Kerrigan, Kathleen Ann	Scurlocke,
Anthony, Jr., Steven Scott	Eckley, Lane Emory	King, Gavin Michael	Athena Larissa Lucille
Arrow, Robert Eugene	Eilers, Richard James	Krueger, Annette Marie	Sherman, Brian Nicholas
Bagent, Wayne Orval	Esser, Jeremiah Joseph	Kyles, Jarred Joseph	Sherman, Cody Lee
Baggett, Donovan Joseph	Evans, Kaci Antonette	Latimer, LaRohn Lewis	Sherman, Harold Dewayne
Baker, Dakota Dean	Evans, Matthew James	Le Roy, Gisele Marie	Sherman, John Glenn
Baker, Jacob Jessie Bowen	Fitzgerald, Jacob Steven	Leach, Dominic Charles	Sherman, Michael Ray
Banuelos, Christa Rose	Fitzgerald, Stephanie Joy	Lerew Jr, Zachariah Ray	Sherman, Mitchell Everett
Barber, Gabriela Marie	Flagg, I I., George Albert	Lieb, Donovan Joseph	Sherman, Robert Le Roy
Bear, Joshua Gilbert	Flowers, Diamonds Ann	Lieb, Sylas Vittorio	Sherman, William Edward
Beaver, Jason Chaska	Flowers, Joseph	Linn, Micayla Naomi	Skinner, Jessie Russell
Becker, Jr., Anthony Arnold	Foley, Michael Joseph	Lipscomb, Miranda Rae	Smith, Joni Sue
Becker, Sr., Anthony Arnold	Franklin, Crystal Lee	Little, Jeromy Todd	Smith, Linda Louise
Becker, Tyllor Randell	Fua, Tyler Anthony	Loftis, Timothy James	Smith, Matthew Shannon
Bell, Darian Patrick	Garcia, Cia Christine	Lopez, Jr., Juan Francisco	Smith, Rocky Allen
Bell, Shaune` Kay	Glenn, John Allen	Maben, Jessica Paige	Standblack, Marko Tulio
Bennett, Erica Paige	Glisan, Cynthia Lynn	Mann, Sydney Desiree`	Starks, Brandon Michael
Berg, Jayla Jean	Gortarez, Gina Marie	Martin, Andrea Lynn	Stivers, Amanda Katherine
Blowe, Dominick Adams	Gortarez, Rachel	Mategko, Lisa Louise	Stuczynski, Drake Keegan
Blowe, Isaiah Fredrick	Gortarez, Rudy John	McGrath, Bryan Thomas	Swinarski, Alicia Estrada
Blowe, Tyrone Richard	Goss, Mamie L.	McGrath, Daniel Patrick	Thomas, II,
Boettger, Boyd Otto	Govia, Isaiah Lee	Mercier, Jade Sharice	Scott Richard Herbert
Boettger, Dakota Birdhead	Govia, Mc Kenzie Jo	Morehouse, Lisa Lynne	Thomas, Jenny Anne
Boettger, Jarell Duncan	Grant, I I., Jesse Clarence	Peck, Brandalynn	Thomas, Natana Lynn
Boyer, Berlin N.	Haahr, Anneliese Teresa	Peck, Tyler Duane	Thomas, Robin Diane
Branstiter, Brett Theodore	Hall, III, Ralph	Perry,	Treichler, Jasmine Dawn
Brownrigg, Joanna Fern	Hamilton, Bobbi-Jo Danielle	Hannah Noelle Antoinette	Tubbs, Shea Micah
Brownrigg, Steven Francis	Hamilton, Debra Rose	Petersen, Kevin Lee	Vaughan, Linda Lou
Buckley II,	Hart-La Londe,	Phillips, Noah Trench	Veals, Clifford James
Sentwali Onyemachi	Kaedyn Mikael	Pierce, Raychel Marie	Veals, Frances Lou
Buffalo Chief, Martel	Hennek, Gail Howe	Polly, Rachael Anne	Velder, Tristen Leo Spencer
Buffalo Chief,	Hewitt, Mildred Barrel	Prichard, Joseph John	Voss, Michael Roy
Santana Marquerite	Hill, Mary Jane	Prunty, Austin Joe	Waters, Deon Koleen
Buncy, Jasen Trevor	Hocking-Gosnell, Zalla C.	Queen, Wayne Scott	Wayte, April May
Burston, Sandra Lee	Holiday, Vessa Cheriss	Quintana Jr, Arthur Jose	Wells, Isaiah David
Carter, Amber Lynn	Hope, Dorothea Jo Ann	Raymond, Joseph Allen	Williams, Carlos Tre` Von
Cooks, Jeremy Jurai	Horine, Ashley Danielle	Reese, Lacey Lynne	Williams, Faythe Nichole
Courtright, Michael Todd	Howard, Michelle Leigh	Richard, Robert Brandon	Wilson, Clarence Roy
Crawford, Audrey Jean	Howard, Truman Ardell	Roberts, Marquitta Ruby	Wilson, Justice Carrie Marie
Crowder, Delorse Sue	Howe, Richard H.	Roten #82144, Justin Phillip	Wright, Cheyenne Rose
Cutshall, Katline James	Humphreys, Belinda Kay	Rulo, Byron	Wright, Jesse Dean
Da Moude, Kyle Nash	Iron Thunder, Norman Noel	Russell, Kristina Anne	Wright, Kiera Michelle
Danielson, Daniel James	Jeppesen, Zachary Lee	Sainz, Tritia Jeanene	Wright, Rita Marie
Danner, Dante` Edward	Johnson, Daniel James	Sarton, Gwendolyn Lee	
Drapeaux, Jordan Charles	Johnson, Lukus Tyler	Schmidt, Jr., Karl Michael	

**MEMBERS NEEDED**

**ELDER'S COMMITTEE:**

There are currently two vacancies on the Elder's Committee due to resignation for District 2 & 3 service delivery area. The qualifications are that you must be age 55 or older and must reside in or live within 100 miles from the border of Burt, Douglas or Sarpy County, Nebraska for District 2, and Hall or Lancaster County, Nebraska for District 3. The Northern Ponca Elder's Committee exists to enrich the lives and meet the needs of the Northern Ponca Tribal Elders and to provide ways that positively impacts all Northern Ponca Tribal Elders. Members of this committee receive a stipend of \$250.00 per meeting, along with mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles roundtrip and they meet on a monthly basis. A background check is required. The term will expire on January 13, 2025.

Deadline to apply for this committee is May 15, 2023

Applicants must submit letter of interest and current resume to the Tribal Council, Attn: Candace Repenning, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or by e-mail [crepenning@poncatrIBE-ne.org](mailto:crepenning@poncatrIBE-ne.org). A background check is required.

# Calling all Ponca Veterans!



The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) is working to create a comprehensive list of all Ponca veterans for present and future recognition of service. As such, the THPO is respectfully requesting members who are veterans, or those who have family that have served, help provide information, including:

- Branch of service
- Wars served
- Dates served
- Photographs
- Details or a story from that service

This information will be featured on a veterans honor wall in the Ponca Tribe Museum, and will be used to honor veterans at events, memorials, etc.



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To submit veteran information, please contact Stacy Laravie, THPO via email ([ssettje@poncatrIBE-ne.org](mailto:ssettje@poncatrIBE-ne.org)) or via mail:

Stacy Laravie, THPO  
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska  
88915 521 Avenue  
Niobrara, NE 68760



# Congratulations!

Lola Weddell and Azara Zephier competed in JAG competition March 7, in Mitchell, SD representing Wagner Community Middle School. JAG stands for Jobs for America's Graduates. It is a program designed to help students begin their path to either joining the workforce or preparing for higher education.



The competition that they entered was for career development, where students had to research a potential career that they might want to pursue in the future. After writing a paper over the career, they had to develop a visual representation of the career and present it to judges.

Out of the students who presented at the competition, Lola received first place for her research into the career of a movie producer, and Azara received second place for their research into the career of a Botanist.

Lola and Azara are both enrolled members of the Ponca Tribe of NE and great granddaughters of Conceta Zephier.

We are very proud of these two, there are amazing students!



Left: Lola Weddell. Right: Azara Zephier



# Elder's Committee Meetings

**May 1 | 10 am**

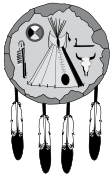
Ponca Tribe Offices | Niobrara, NE

**June 5 | 10 am**

Admin Building | Ralston, 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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#### **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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