

# PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News

**Celebrating  
our Resilience**

**November is Native American  
Heritage Month**



November 2023

Natives Americans serve in the Armed Forces at five times the national average and have served with distinction in every major conflict for over 200 years. Native people have the highest per-capita involvement of any population to serve in the U.S. military.

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TO ALL OUR WARRIORS  
HAPPY VETERANS DAY!



**THANK YOU**

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we honor your bravery and sacrifice.



Tribal member Roman Knudsen recently finished his assignment as a U.S. Army Drill Sergeant and was promoted to Sergeant First Class.

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

*A message from  
Chairwoman Schmidt*



Fred LeRoy-Jai Steadman

# Holiday Hoops Event

## Stetson University vs. UNO Mavericks

### December 17 | 1:00 pm

Baxter Arena | 2425 S 67th Street | Omaha, NE



Jai Steadman, proud Ponca Tribe of Nebraska member, and Head Men's Basketball Coach at Independence Community College in Kansas would like to invite Native American students and their families to come and watch as Stetson University takes on the UNO Mavericks. There will be free food and drinks, and holiday goodie bags. Transportation to and from the game is also available.

For more information, or to RSVP, please call Nancie at 402.450.1095.



**Honoring Fred LeRoy,  
Former Ponca Tribe  
Chairman**




On the cover: 1877 photo of a Ponca delegation to Washington. Seated, L-R: Big Elk, Standing Buffalo Bull, White Eagle, and Standing Bear. Photo courtesy Smithsonian Institute.



# Ponca Tribe hosts Transportation Secretary Buttigieg

On Monday, September 25, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska had the honor of hosting a meeting at our Lincoln offices between Tribal leaders from all four Nebraska Tribes and Senior Tribal Affairs Advisor Eldridge Onco and Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg to discuss transit and transportation needs for Tribal Nations.



# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**November 18, 2023 | 11 am**

**At any office location, or online via Lifesize**

Tribal members are invited to attend the General Membership meeting of 2023 at any PTN office location (Niobrara, Sioux City, Ralston, Lincoln Clinic, Norfolk), or online via Lifesize. Lunch and refreshments will be provided at each office location.

**Please RSVP by November 12** if you plan to attend at one of the office locations. Questions submitted by **November 12** will be addressed first. Tribal members wishing to participate virtually must contact Candace Repenning. To submit questions, or to RSVP, please contact Candace Repenning at 402.857.3391 or [crepenning@poncatribene.org](mailto:crepenning@poncatribene.org).

**Ralston Admin**  
5805 S 86th Circle  
Omaha, NE

**Niobrara HQ**  
2523 Woodbine St  
Niobrara, NE

**Sioux City**  
125 6th Street  
Sioux City, IA

**Lincoln Clinic**  
1600 Windhoek Dr.  
Lincoln, NE

**Norfolk Transit**  
1800 Syracuse Ave  
Norfolk, NE





## COMING SOON: FREE Online Cybersecurity in Agriculture Training!

Calling all Farmers, Ranchers, Rural Landowners, Farmers Markets, and related businesses who have an interest in bolstering your technology; Cyber Security and National Security interested people and businesses that want to learn more about how they can work within the \$1+ trillion-dollar agriculture industry. We have FREE cybersecurity in agriculture online training coming soon! More to come as we begin to create the modules/training. All training will be available virtually, so you may take it in the privacy of your home. In-person training will also be available as we work to set up locations if that is your preference.

- Do you have an on-line presence related to agriculture or cybersecurity products affecting accounting, feed, inventory, food, planting, land usage or other aspects of the agriculture industry?
- Do you feel the need to be more informed about Cybersecurity?
- How could Ransomware affect you and your business? How could it affect crops, produce, cattle, Buffalo, finances, inventory, and more?
- Are you Ponca, another tribe, or any agricultural producer located in Nebraska currently using some amount of tech for your agriculture? You may be eligible for an additional specific learning opportunity!

*Please reach out to [lloucks@pedco-ne.org](mailto:lloucks@pedco-ne.org) for more information!*

# Elders Friendsgiving Party

**Lincoln: November 13**  
**Omaha: November 14**  
**Sioux City: November 15**  
**Norfolk: November 16**  
**Niobrara: November 17**

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Elder Meal program is delighted to host our elders at all of our locations for a Friendsgiving party! Join us for a classic holiday meal and fellowship. Friendsgiving is from 12-2 pm at all locations. For more information, please contact your local Community Health Worker.





# More photos from the Southern Ponca Powwow in August



# Culture teachers wanted!

Are you interested in sharing Ponca culture and knowledge with others? The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Culture Department is seeking Ponca members interested in teaching various aspects of Ponca culture (regalia, beading, singing, dancing, food, etc.) at classes throughout the coming year.

To be considered, please send a sample of your work (video, picture, etc.) to Culture Director Ricky Wright, Jr. at [rwrightjr@poncatrIBE-ne.org](mailto:rwrightjr@poncatrIBE-ne.org) or 402.371.8834.

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# Ponca Health Services hosts Annual Health Fair in Omaha

On Saturday, September 30th, Ponca Health Services hosted their Annual Health Fair at the Ralston location. This year, the Health Fair moved from the Transit building parking lot to a new indoor location on South 86th Circle, by the Administration building. The new indoor location allowed members, clients, and community members shade and cool breezes as they learned more everything that Ponca Health Services has to offer. Other offerings from Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

programs were also on display, along with booths from partnering agencies from the community, and even some vendors.

The event also included food, fun, and prizes, with a cakewalk that ran throughout the event, raffles, and several drawings for bicycles of all ages.

Special thanks to all of Ponca Health Services staff, and to Candy Schott for all of her work organizing the event. We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's event!



**Sweat Lodge & Traditional Healing**  
**Last Friday of each month at 6 pm**  
 Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Center  
 2602 J Street | Omaha, NE

For more information or to volunteer to help:  
 Robert Sweeney 402.637.1372  
 Rose BirdHead 531.255.8088

## Elders Christmas Parties

**Lincoln: December 11**  
**Omaha: December 12**  
**Sioux City: December 13**  
**Norfolk: December 14**  
**Niobrara: December 15**  
**12-2 pm all locations!**

Elders are invited to join the CHWs for holiday food and fun. Enjoy holiday games, and wear your ugliest sweater for the Ugly Sweater Contest! Prizes will be awarded.





# Behavioral Health Food Pantry

**Third Wednesday of each month | 9 am-12 pm**

Ponca Admin Building | 5805 S 86th Circle | Omaha, NE  
Ponca Health Services | 1600 Windhoek Dr | Lincoln, NE  
Ponca Tribe Gym Building | 1800 Syracuse Ave. | Norfolk, NE

Ponca Health Services - Behavioral Health is pleased to be able to offer food pantry to all current Ponca Health Services clients. Sioux City and Niobrara will have pantry delivery available. Please reach out to your case manager.

***Clients MUST reach out to their case manager to ensure all required assessments are completed in advance of pantry days.***

**Omaha:** Bri Gardner  
402.738.3153  
bgardner@poncatribene.org

**Lincoln:** Salissa Tonkin  
402.940.2602  
stonkin@poncatribene.org

**Norfolk:** Kylie Haase  
531.242.1027  
khaase@poncatribene.org

**Sioux City:** Chris Denney  
712.258.0500  
cdenney@poncatribene.org



**Ponca Health Services**

Behavioral Health





# Domestic Violence Program holds Every Child Matters

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Domestic Violence program held a number of community awareness and education events for Every Child Matters Awareness Day in September. The DV program is working to raise awareness as more and more information is made public about the reality of residential schools. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada stated that 4000 to 6000 children who attended residential schools died (Aldred, 2023). This number increases as new findings take place at US residential schools such as Carlisle Indian Industrial School.

DV staff in Norfolk, Niobrara, Lincoln, and Omaha all hosted showings of the movie “Older Than America,” which focuses on the lasting impact of residential schools on a family. In Norfolk, the DV Department partnered with the youth

program for a pinwheel planting activity. Pinwheels were also planted as part of education and awareness activities in Lincoln, Omaha, and Niobrara. Awareness walks were also held in Lincoln, around the State Capital, and in downtown Sioux City, IA. These activities were all conducted to create awareness for the Every Child Matter movement.

Life satisfaction depends on our social support, emotion regulation, and resilience (Azpiazu et al., 2021). Family support has been found to be the most important factor. Forced assimilation impacted the indigenous family structure. In order to continue healing as a family, community, and tribal nations we need to stay resilient together and keep our sense of humor. The DV program events each month promote this resilience!

Do you have a relative or friend who was a victim or survivor of the residential school era?

Email us the name of person and/or school. We will include a name list in our next newsletter submission for all members to witness and honor. Email [ptnservices@poncatribene.org](mailto:ptnservices@poncatribene.org)

## November is National American Indian Heritage Month

“Let a hundred drums gather. It must be a time of celebration, of living, of rebuilding, and of moving on. Our warriors will sing a new song, a song of a new beginning, a song of victory. Let our warriors sing clear and loud so the heartbeat of our people will be heard by Sitting Bull and all our ancestors in the Spirit World, and our two worlds will become one again.”

-Maria Yellow Horse

Brave Heart, Ph.D, “Return to the Sacred Path.”

Aldred, T. (2023). Every child matters. *British Columbia Medical Journal*, 65 (7), 238.

Azpiazu Izaguirre, L., Fernández, A. R., & Palacios, E. G. (2021). Adolescent Life Satisfaction Explained by Social Support, Emotion Regulation, and Resilience. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 12, 694183. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2021.694183>

Heart, M. Y. H. B. (1998). The Return to the Sacred Path: Healing the Historical Trauma and Historical Unresolved Grief Response among the Lakota through a Psychoeducational Group Intervention. *Smith College Studies in Social Work*, 68 (3), 287–305.





# Child Matters awareness events for community





# Staff goes purple for Domestic Violence Awareness





# District 1 Ponca Families Holiday Meal

**Friday, Nov. 17, 2023 | 5:30 pm**

The Legion  
121 2nd Street SW | Wagner, SD

**Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023 | 2 pm**

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Headquarters  
2523 Woodbine Street | Niobrara, NE

**Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023 | 2 pm**

Sioux City Museum  
607 4th Street | Sioux City, IA

District 1 Ponca families are invited to a holiday meal.  
Dress in your holiday best for FREE family portraits!

For more information, please contact  
District 1 Council Representatives

JoAn Schlotman,  
712.276.7103 or  
Angie Starkel,  
402.922.0436.

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## AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

# VISIT THE WEBSITE BELOW FOR

**INFO REGARDING DISCOUNTS ON YOUR INTERNET!**

[WWW.FCC.GOV/ACP](http://WWW.FCC.GOV/ACP)

\$30-75 per month  
towards internet  
service for eligible  
households



# Calling all Ponca Artists!

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members are invited to submit their designs for the 30th Annual Northern Ponca Powwow t-shirt. The artist whose design is selected will be compensated \$300 for their art, and have their art credited on the t-shirt. Artists may submit previously submitted art. **Designs MUST be submitted NO LATER THAN 11:59 pm, February 29th, 2024.**

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

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# District 1 Seeking Cooks

District 1 is seeking bids for cooks for the following upcoming event:

- Christmas Candies & Cookies (hiring multiple bakers)**
- December 9 | Niobrara, NE (approx. 60 dozen cookies/candies)
- December 10 | Sioux City, IA (approx. 120 dozen cookies/candies)
- Bids Due: November 22**

Contact Angie Starkel, 402-922-0436 for more details. Submit bids to [astarkel@poncatribene.org](mailto:astarkel@poncatribene.org). Preference given to Ponca and other tribal members.

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# Family Movie Outing

Hosted by District 2 Tribal Council

**December 3 | Doors open - 9:30 am | Movie - 10:00 am**  
Majestic Theater | 14304 West Maple Road | Omaha, NE

District 2 SDA Ponca tribal members and their immediate family members are invited to an morning showing of the movie, "Wish." 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 at 531.222.4471 or Falon at 402.208.0297.

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# Gingerbread House Competition

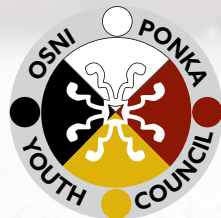
All Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members are invited to participate in the Osni Ponca Youth Council Gingerbread Competition. If you need a gingerbread kit, please fill out the form at <https://ow.ly/O5oH50PKHjM> to be picked up at your local office the week of December 4th while supplies last.

All submissions for the contest must be made by **Sunday, December 10th at 11:59**. Submit pictures of your Gingerbread House creation and include your first and last name, full address, phone number, enrollment number, and age to: **GingerbreadHC@poncatrIBE-ne.org**.

By submitting, you agree to photos and name being shared via tribal outlets. The gingerbread houses will be released on the Tribe's Youth Council page on December 11 where each "Like" counts as a vote. Winners will be announced on Monday, December 18.

**There will be two age groups with three winners in each group**  
(0-12 and 13+)

- 1st Place - \$50 gift card
- 2nd Place - \$25 gift card
- 3rd Place - \$15 gift card





# Youth Council member prioritizes period products for Ponca members

**Megan Baker**  
Osni Ponka  
Youth Council Member

I'm very excited my Youth Council Project is already well underway! I am giving free reusable menstrual products to female Ponca members 12-24 to reduce menstruating costs and increase sustainability within our tribe. With the help of Becci Sullivan,

our youth council advisor, we packed and shipped almost 50 orders so far! Each member is eligible for two free products and can choose from period panties, period cups, and period pads. Please visit the link at [https://poncatribeof-ne.formstack.com/forms/period\\_project](https://poncatribeof-ne.formstack.com/forms/period_project) to order your products. I hope to expand this project in the future.



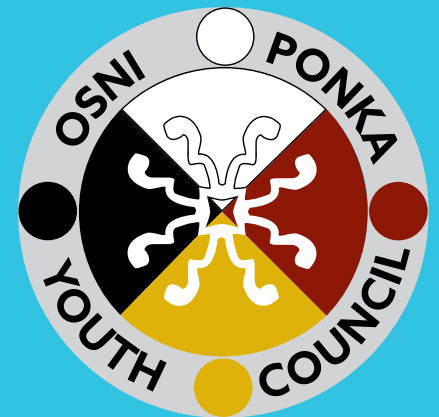
# No problem. Period.

Female Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members ages 12-24 can order any two menstrual products:

- Period Panties
- Menstrual Cup
- Nighttime Pads

All female Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members **ages 12-24** are invited to participate in the Osni Ponka Youth Council No Problem. Period. Project.

Order any **two** products for FREE online at <https://ow.ly/YxtJ50PKLpt>. The products will be mailed directly to you.



*Limit of two products per female Ponca Tribe of NE member. Must be between the ages of 12-24. Must be actively enrolled and information must match that of enrollment. Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.*







# 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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### Attention All AVT/HIED Students Nationwide:

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

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

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

**Summer 2024 deadline: May 15, 2024**

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 2023-2024 school year is July 31, 2024.**

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 11/1/2023

Ahlman, Dylan Andrew	Eckley, Lane Emory	Johnson, Nicholas Adair	Rouse, Angell Miguel
Anthony, Jr., Steven Scott	Eckley, Leigha Irene	Jones, Christopher Lee	Rulo, Byron
Arrow, Robert Eugene	Evans, Kaci Antonette	Kelso, James Alan	Russell, Kristina Anne
Bagent, Wayne Orval	Evans, Matthew James	Kerrigan, Kathleen Ann	Sainz, Tritia Jeanene
Baggett, Donovan Joseph	Fasthorse, Beverlee Ann	King, Gavin Michael	Sarton, Gwendolyn Lee
Banuelos, Christa Rose	Fink, Alissa Rose	Klug, Jeremy Tyler	Schmidt, Jr., Karl Michael
Barber, Gabriela Marie	Flagg, I I I., George Albert	Krueger, Annette Marie	Scuderi, Jana Marie
Bear, Joshua Gilbert	Flowers, Diamonds Ann	Kyles, Jarred Joseph	Scurlocke,
Beaver, Jason Chaska	Flowers, Joseph	Latimer, LaRohn Lewis	Athena Larissa Lucille
Becker, Jr., Anthony Arnold	Foley, Michael Joseph	Le Roy, Gisele Marie	Sherman, Brian Nicholas
Becker, Sr., Anthony Arnold	Foster, Michele Paige	Lerew Jr, Zachariah Ray	Sherman, Cody Lee
Becker, Tyllor Randell	Freeman, Xavier Lee	Lieb, Donovan Joseph	Sherman, Harold Dewayne
Bell, Darian Patrick	Garcia, Cia Christine	Lieb, Syllas Vittorio	Sherman, John Glenn
Bell, Shaune` Kay	Glenn, John Allen	Little, Jeromy Todd	Sherman, Michael Ray
Birdhead, William Randolph	Glisan, Cynthia Lynn	Livermore, Lakin Mardell	Sherman, Mitchell Everett
Blowe, Dominick Adams	Gortarez, Gina Marie	Lopez, Jr., Juan Francisco	Sherman, Robert Le Roy
Blowe, Isaiah Fredrick	Gortarez, Rudy John	Maben, Jessica Paige	Skinner, Jessie Russell
Blowe, Tyrone Richard	Goss, Mamie L.	Mann, Sydney Desiree`	Smith, Ashley Nicole
Boettger, Dakota Birdhead	Govia, Isaiah Lee	Mategko, Lisa Louise	Smith, Joni Sue
Boettger, Jarell Duncan	Govia, Mc Kenzie Jo	McClure III,	Standblack, Marko Tulio
Boyer, Berlin N.	Grant, I I I., Jesse Clarence	Tommy James Franklin	Stivers, Andrew Jonathan
Branstiter, Brett Theodore	Haahr, Anneliese Teresa	McGrath, Bryan Thomas	Stuczynski, Drake Keegan
Brownrigg, Steven Francis	Hamilton, Bobbi-Jo Danielle	McGrath, Daniel Patrick	Swinarski, Alicia Estrada
Buffalo Chief, Martel	Hart-La Londe,	Mercier, Jade Sharice	Thomas, II,
Buffalo Chief,	Kaedyn Mikael	Mroz, Justin Lee	Scott Richard Herbert
Santana Marquerite	Hennek, Gail Howe	Mullen, Owen Dean	Thomas, Jenny Anne
Burston, Sandra Lee	Henritze, Joseph Dale	Peck, Brandalynn	Thomas, Natana Lynn
Carter, Amber Lynn	Henritze, Karen June	Peck, Tyler Duane	Thomas, Robin Diane
Christiansen,	Hill, Mary Jane	Petersen, Kevin Lee	Treichler, Jasmine Dawn
Delores Alexandra	Hocking-Gosnell, Zalla C.	Phillips, Noah Trench	Tubbs, Shea Micah
Christiansen, Kari Bianca	Hope, Dorothea Jo Ann	Phillips, William Diamond	Vaughan, Linda Lou
Cooks, Jeremy Jurai	Horine, Ashley Danielle	Pierce, Raychel Marie	Veals, Clifford James
Cournoyer-Galindo,	Howard, Michelle Leigh	Polly, Rachael Anne	Velder, Tristen Leo Spencer
Monique Rosabelle	Howard, Truman Ardell	Prichard, Joseph John	Voss, Michael Roy
Courtright, Michael Todd	Howe, Richard H.	Prunty, Austin Joe	Waters, Deon Koleen
Crowder, Delorse Sue	Humphreys, Belinda Kay	Quintana Jr, Arthur Jose	Wayte, April May
Cutshall, Katline James	Jeppesen, Zachary Lee	Raymond, Joseph Allen	Wells, Isaiah David
Danielson, Daniel James	Johnson, Daniel James	Richard, Robert Brandon	Wright, Kiera Michelle
Drapeaux, Juston Lee	Johnson, Lukus Tyler	Roberts, Marquitta Ruby	



**The Child Care and Development Fund** provides assistance to low-income families who need child care due to work, work-related training and/or attending school.

For more information or to see if you qualify for acceptance into the program, contact the program coordinator:

Joan Geardino  
 Ponca Tribe of Nebraska  
 1701 E Street  
 Lincoln, NE 68502  
 jgeardino@  
 poncatribе-ne.org



## Elder's Committee Meetings

**November 6 | 10 am**

Ponca Office | Lincoln, NE

**December 4 | 10 am**

Headquarters | Niobrara, NE



## MEMBER NEEDED FOR GAMING COMMISSIONER VACANCY

The Tribal Council is accepting applications for a Gaming Commissioner as a term will be expiring on December 1, 2023. Commissioners are paid \$250 per meeting and \$100 for training work days, plus mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles roundtrip and applicable per diem is paid.

The Ponca Gaming Commission was established to regulate gaming on Ponca Indian Lands by enforcing the Ponca Gaming Ordinance.

This includes:

- Enforcing all NIGC and FBI requirements for Fingerprint background checks and approving all licenses for all KEY, PMO and Non-Gaming employees.
- Enforcing all NIGC and Gaming Commission Internal Controls for each department's policy and procedures.
- Approving all Department's Policies and Procedures to ensure compliance with the NIGC and state compact regulations.
- Granting the Facility license for any building that has gaming, ensuring that the Federal, State and Tribal building codes are enforced to protect the health and safety of the employees and the guests.

### Qualifications:

- Must be at least 25 years of age and must not be a gaming-related employee, contractor of the Tribe or a member of the Tribal Council. Any appointment will be temporary, pending completion of a background investigation. No Commissioner may have committed a gambling or bribery offense, had a felony conviction, or have any financial interest in, or management responsibility for, any gaming activity governed by the Ordinance, including a Management Contract.
- Must complete all Levels of the NIGC Commissioner Training and Master Class within the first year.
- Must complete the FBI's Level III Security Awareness Training and obtain a certificate prior to accessing any FBI Criminal History Reports to make licensing decisions.

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





Theodore A. (Red) Branstiter celebrated his 92nd birthday on Sunday, October 15, 2023. He is shown here surrounded by his son, 2 daughters, grandkids and great grandkids, along with nephews and a niece. Red would like to thank those that took time out of their busy days to come help him celebrate. The day was spent visiting and sharing memories and laughs.

# Adopt a buffalo today!

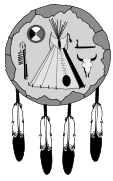


You can help our buffalo to prosper by adopting one or more members of our herd. Our Adopt-A-Buffero program is open to both Tribal members and Non-Tribal friends. You will receive a photo of your buffalo along with an official adoption certificate. Just choose from the three categories of yearly support listed below:

- \$25 for the Yearling Group**
- \$50 for the Buffalo Herd Group**
- \$100 for the Head Herd Bull Group**

**Make Checks payable to:** Northern Ponca Buffalo Program  
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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**

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#### **Veterans Crisis Line**

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