



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News

Restoration Powwow 2023

Members brave snow and
chilly weather to enjoy
expanded Restoration
Powwow



December 2023

Chairwoman Schmidt speaks at White House's "Communities in Action" event

(WASHINGTON) – Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Chairwoman Candace Schmidt was in attendance at the White House to participate in the Biden-Harris Administration's "Communities in Action" event, focusing on federal investment in the states of Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. Chairwoman Schmidt shared with White House officials how federal investment in Nebraska and Indian Country is benefiting Tribal Members by better connecting and protecting their communities.

"For more than 30 years, since our restoration by the federal government, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska has steadily rebuilt our tribal rolls, slowly reclaimed our native land by repurchasing it and invested in critical services our Members deserve," said Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Chairwoman Candace Schmidt. "I appreciate the White House's invitation to share how federal investment is benefiting our community. As a Tribe restored without a settlement, federal infrastructure dollars are critical to connect our people – both through safe and reliable



transportation channels, and by connecting our people digitally through high-speed internet that will allow them to learn and access Tribal services, like health care, job training and cultural preservation. Further, funding for flood mitigation efforts will protect our people, land, crops, and our sacred buffalo in the Missouri River Basin."

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska has a 15-county service delivery area, which spans portions of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. The Tribe maintains offices in Lincoln, Neb., Niobrara, Neb., Norfolk, Neb., Omaha (Ralston), Neb. and Sioux City, Iowa.

According to the White House, nearly \$1.3 billion in federal funding has been announced for 127 infrastructure projects

across Nebraska. This includes:

- \$67 million in levee repairs in the Missouri River Basin announced by the Army Corps of Engineers

- Investments to better protect smaller communities from extreme flooding, like what the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska has experienced in recent years in Niobrara, Neb.

- Three formula grant opportunities totaling more than \$1.1 million for rural areas and Tribal Transit through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska operates the Ponca Express transportation service, which is available to both Tribal Members and the general public.

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

On the cover: Ponca member Charlie Iron Thunder dances at the 2023 Restoration Powwow, held October 28 in Norfolk, NE. More pictures of the Restoration Powwow can be found on pages 2-3.

Chairwoman's Corner

Greetings Relatives,

Over 146 years ago the Ponca people experienced our greatest challenge as a people; being forcibly removed from our homelands along the Niobrara river. During the Ponca Trail of Tears we lost nearly everything... land, resources, relatives of all ages, and our home. Even through the heavy rains, mud, cold weather, and all the tremendous loss the Ponca people did not lose hope.

Hope of something better back home. Through perseverance and commitment to fulfilling a promise, our Chief Standing Bear and a band of others began the trek back north to return home. This journey led to more adversity (such as being arrested shortly after they left), but the outcome in the end was worth it. Not only did

Standing Bear and the small band get released and allowed to continue northward, but the trial was a momentous victory. For it was at this point Native people were declared "persons" according to the law.

Despite everything our leaders overcame, there was still more our people had to endure. In 1962, the Northern Ponca were identified as one of the tribes to be terminated through the Termination Act. For nearly 30 years the Northern Ponca lost even more, including our culture and identity. Thankfully, once again our people did not give up. The Ponca Restoration Committee was formed in an effort to regain federal recognition. It was through these efforts that we were restored 33 years ago on October 31, 1990. Had those on the committee not



come together for the betterment of all of us, we would not have what we do today. We have come a long way and have a lot to be proud of. I truly believe together we can achieve anything.

On Ponca Restoration Day, we remember and reflect. Remember all that our ancestors endured and overcame. Reflect on what it truly means to be Ponca.

I wish all our relatives and friends a wonderful holiday season. If this year you have an empty seat, leave that spirit plate in your loved ones honor, cherish those memories, and be gentle on yourself. Take care and talk soon.

WiBthaHa,

Candace Schmidt
Ponca Tribal Chairwoman

Other activities/events to highlight:

- Second general membership meeting held on 11/18
- NCAI Convention and Great Plains Caucuses
- Strategic Planning Sessions
- BIA Budget Meetings
- G2E Gaming Expo
- Turkey giveaways and holiday events
- Nebraska Intertribal Coalition Meeting
- Office site visits and planning meetings
- Housing Legal Symposium

- Prairie Flower Casino celebrates 5 years (thank you PFC team members!)
- Hand Game and Restoration Powwow (celebrating 33 years!)
- Native American Heritage Month Proclamation from Nebraska Governor
- Chief Standing Bear Prize for Courage Dinner (Congrats Senator Brewer!)
- Ponca Pa'tha'ta Ceremonial Opening of first Ponca Earthen Lodge (congrats to our southern relatives!)

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Hand Game held in conjunction with Restoration Powwow



Looking for more photos? All our official Ponca Tribe of Nebraska photos are available on Flickr @PoncaTribeofNE.

District 3 members enjoy monthly potluck

On November 11th, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members in District 3 gathered to enjoy the first of many monthly potlucks. These events are scheduled for the second Saturday of every month. Tribal Council provides the main entree, and members are invited to bring a side dish to share. For more information, please contact District 3 Tribal Council Representatives Susie Baker, 925.788.0649 and Shanna Carpenter, 402.805.0883



Winners of the District 1 Pumpkin Carving Contest



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@poncatrIBE-ne.org.



Members enjoy Halloween food, fun, a



and games at District events in October!



District 3

Holiday Dinner

December 21 | 5-7 pm

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

District 3 members are invited to come celebrate the holidays together. Join us for food, activities, Bingo, gifts for the whole family, and a visit from Santa! Dress your best for FREE family portraits!

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

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District 4

Christmas Party

December 14 | 6 pm

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

District 4 members are invited to come celebrate the holidays together. Join us for a hot cocoa station, meal, bounce houses, a visit from Santa, and live music! Dress your best for FREE family portraits!

For more information, please contact Kyle Taylor at 402.750.4299.

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Cornhole tournament held before Restoration Powwow




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*

Omaha elders enjoy movie showing

On Friday, October 20, some members of the Omaha elders group had the opportunity to attend one of the first showings of “Killers of the Flower Moon,” thanks to an anonymous donor. Everyone had a great time. We would like to thank our donor for their generosity that enabled these elders to have that experience!



Toys for Tots Distribution

District 1 - Niobrara Headquarters & Sioux City
December 11 | 8 am-4:30 pm

District 2 - Ralston Transit Building
December 7 | 9 AM - 3 PM (Ponca)
December 8 | 10AM - 6PM (Ponca)
December 14 & 15 (Any Natives)

District 3 - December 15 | 10AM - 4PM

District 4 - December 14
1 hour prior to Holiday event - end

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is holding a Toys for Tot distribution at all office locations for ALL Ponca Youth (regardless of residency in the Service Delivery Area), **NO SIGN-UP REQUIRED!** Members must come to the office location on the date/time specified to pick up gifts. No gifts will be delivered.



Diabetes Program holds Diabetes Day presentations

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Diabetes Program held several presentations across the office locations in recognition of World Diabetes Day on November

14th. Diabetes Program staff presented information about diabetes, and gave a cooking demonstration on a diabetes diet friendly meal.



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 or 402.371.8834.

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MEMBER NEEDED FOR POWWOW COMMITTEE VACANCY

Due to a resignation, there is a vacancy on the Pow Wow Committee for a term that will expire on 9/30/25. Letters of Interest are being accepted at this time. Committee members are paid a \$250 stipend plus mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles at the current federally approved rate. If you are interested in serving please submit your letter of interest to Ponca Tribal Council, Attn: Candace Repenning, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or via e-mail to crepenning@poncatrIBE-ne.org. Deadline to apply is December 31, 2023.



Do you have a medical billing concern?

In the event that Ponca Health Services cannot provide the needed specialty care, the PRC program may be available to pay for care administered by private or external healthcare providers. The PRC Program is considered the payer of last resort and Federal Regulations require patients to exhaust all health care resources available to them from private insurance, state health programs (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid) before the PRC program can provide payment. There are several requirements before a patient can be authorized for the program. Please call 402-371-8834 for more information about the PRC program.

Questions to ask yourself when you are referred to an outside doctor:

1. Did your Ponca Health Service provider submit a PRC referral?
2. Did you consult with the PRC Department about your referral?
3. Did you inform the outside doctor's office that you are PRC eligible?
4. Did you provide your insurance card to the doctor's office during your visit?

Steps to take when you receive a medical bill in the mail:

1. **Call the phone number that is located on your patient bill:**
 - Inform the office that you received a bill in the mail.
 - Provide account number and any other information they request.
 - Inquire if they have your insurance information, if not provide it.
 - Inform them that you are Ponca Health Service PRC eligible.
2. **Submit your bill to the Ponca Health Service PRC Department:**
 - PRC does not always know that you have an unpaid medical bill.
 - Please contact a PRC Staff member to discuss your bill.
 - Please submit your most current updated insurance card, so our system can be updated accordingly.

Facts to know about PRC Funds:

1. PRC receives yearly funding. It is used from October 1st to September 30th.
2. All PRC patient referrals must be approved, otherwise PRC funding will not be applied to your patient bill.
3. PRC patients must apply for any alternate resources for which you may be eligible (Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance etc.)
4. PRC funding is a Payer of last resort. It pays only for costs not paid for by your alternate resources.

Ponca Health Services - Purchased/Referred Care (PRC)
 1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk NE 68701
 Phone: 402.371.8834 or 800.405.0365 | Fax: 402.371.0176



Take these important steps to prepare your car and home

There are lots of things to look forward to in December – the holidays, good food, family, bright lights, but with this joyful time of year also comes winter weather.

Winter weather in the Midwest is extremely variable and can sometimes prove unpredictable, even for the most seasoned meteorologists. That's why we should always be prepared to face any winter weather conditions.

The Ponca Tribe's Environmental and Emergency Services Departments would like to share a comprehensive list of important tips and tricks to be properly prepared for winter weather.

1. Have proper winter footwear and outerwear.
2. Always have some sort of emergency roadside survival kit ready in case your car gets stuck or stalls during bad weather. This roadside kit could consist of any of the following: first aid kit, winter clothes, snow shovel and brush, blanket(s), emergency blanket, flare(s), jumper cables, cell phone charger, flashlight, water, snacks (non-perishable foods), tow rope, spare tire, survival candles, compass etc.
3. Be sure to have your car or truck made ready for winter.
 - a. Battery tested and charged (replace if it is 5 years or older)
 - b. Tire tread at least 4/32" deep on all four tires
 - c. Tires inflated to proper pressure. Over inflation causes the tire tread to not have good

contact with the road surface, causing a loss of traction. In some cases, a little under inflation (2-4 psi) may be beneficial.

- d. Brakes serviced and inspected
- e. All fluids at optimal levels and changed as needed, especially engine oil, transmission fluid, and brake fluid
- f. Windshield wipers replaced
- g. Air conditioning serviced. Some makes of automobiles route defroster air through air conditioning first to dry it out
4. Make sure you always have at least a half tank of gas in your car at all times during the winter months.
 - a. Top off before you go on any trips greater than 10 or 15 miles away from your starting point over open roads
 - b. Keep your gas tank full during periods of extreme cold to help fight development of moisture in the fuel tank due to condensation (temps below -10F)
5. Have flashlights and extra batteries stored at work and at home. Keep in mind, very cold temperatures can greatly reduce battery life. Batteries, flashlights, and booster packs should not be stored in vehicles overnight or for lengthy periods.
 - a. Li-ION powered storage devices, such as power bricks, should be charged and discharged every three months to maintain their best battery

life. They are best kept stored for long periods by charging fully then discharging to about 70-75% of storage capacity before storage.

- b. Booster packs for jump-starting automobiles use a lead-acid battery. They should be stored in a place where temperatures are well above freezing when not packed for travel and should not be subjected to very cold temperatures for long periods. They should be maintained, routinely checked for charge purposes, and recharged immediately after use to maintain optimal efficiency. Many booster packs now come with additional power features, such as USB ports for charging cell phones and digital devices. Some booster packs even come with built-in AC power inverter and can run some low-power AC devices
- c. Avoid discharging your cell phone. Be sure to not let your cell phone get below a healthy minimum battery life, such as 30%. This helps the battery maintain life in very cold temperatures.
6. If you take any prescription medications, make sure you are stocked up in case you are unable to get to the pharmacy. *NOTE: Some drugs are controlled substances and stock of additional doses or refilling before a prescription runs out may not be possible.*
7. Always have an emergency heat source available in case your

, to protect yourself and your family in winter weather.

- primary heat source fails. Examples of this include: a fireplace, wood stove, or a space heater.
8. Make sure your carbon monoxide detectors are working correctly and that the outside vent is clear of leaves, debris, and snow.
 9. Be sure to have sewer vents and chimney flues inspected and ensure proper operation. If vents are not maintained, they may ice up and cause a back-up of gas into the house. Chimney flues that are not cleaned when needed may be at risk of causing a chimney fire when in use.
 10. Weatherproof your home, check for and seal any drafts, especially around doors and windows.
 11. If you have babies or toddlers in your home, be sure to stock up on plenty of diapers, formula, baby medication, baby foods, and/or additional nursing supplies that may be needed, including high protein foods and/or lactation aid supplements for the nursing mom.
 - a. Traveling with baby, be sure to have an extra diaper bag in the trunk with items such as: portable changing pad, extra diapers, diaper cream, hand sanitizer, baby wipes, extra sippy cup, bottle and/or pacifier. Be sure to keep a heavy winter coat, hat, gloves, warm socks, extra baby food, and toys/games for baby in the cabin with you.
 12. In case of power outages, keep on hand a supply of non-perishable food that can sustain your household for at least a week.
 13. Have extra food and an appropriate warm shelter for animals living on your property. For animals that spend a majority of their time outside, care must be taken to protect them from strong winds that come along with winter weather. Outdoor animals may also require more feed than normal during cold periods.
 14. If possible, purchase a NOAA Weather Radio or portable radio to receive emergency information.
 - a. Download a weather radio app, NWS Weather app, or FEMA Alerts app on your phone.
 - b. Be able to receive weather and community information by means other than internet or provider subscription service.
 15. Finally, if you are stranded while driving, do these things:
 - a. Stay with your vehicle – it is the best form of shelter you will be able to find, especially if you have it stocked with a winter survival kit. It also offers you the best chances of being found by immediate responders or others willing/able to give aid.
 - b. Call – be sure to call on your cellphone for help. Most smart phones are equipped with a maps app that you can use to give your location to emergency responders.
 - c. Take Inventory – if you have one, go through winter survival kit to check on all items. If you do not have a winter survival kit, take an inventory of supplies and tools that are in your vehicle. Take stock of how much fuel the vehicle has.
 - d. Remain calm – In this situation, it is best to remain calm to avoid expending too much energy.
 - e. Keep Warm – use emergency survival blankets and winter clothes to stay warm. Several people can huddle together for warmth and conservation of body heat.
 - f. Turn on Hazard lights – Be sure to turn on your hazard lights so emergency responders can see your automobile. This also alerts snow plows that you are there to avoid any collisions.
 - g. Run Car Periodically – Run the vehicle as necessary every hour to keep the battery and cell phone charged and the cabin warmed. Avoid running many auxiliary systems to conserve power.
 - h. Occasionally check that the exhaust pipe is clear of snow. A clogged pipe can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning
 - i. Wait – Wait for help
- If you have any further questions on topics about or related to this article, please reach out to the Environmental Department or Emergency Services Department. All contact information can be found on the Ponca website: <https://www.poncatribene.org/>

Members and staff go pink for Breast Cancer Awareness

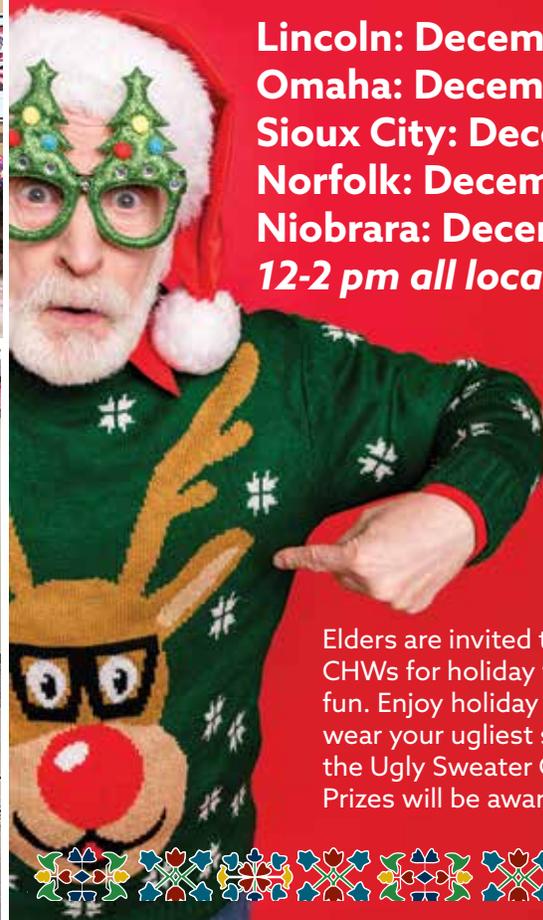


Elders groups get spooky for Halloween!



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 Book Club gets active

The Behavioral Health Book Club in Lincoln promoted activity at the November meeting, with a variety of traditional activities including archery and lacrosse, followed by a book discussion. This club is part of a partnership with the Lincoln Indian Center, and meets the first Monday of each month.



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



Norfolk Behavioral Health Youth Group in full swing with fall events

The Norfolk area Behavioral Health Youth group has been active this fall, participating in a variety of activities and awareness events, including Go Purple events to promote domestic violence awareness. The group meets each Wednesday. For more information, contact Leah Franklin at 402-371-8834.



AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM
VISIT THE WEBSITE BELOW FOR
INFO REGARDING DISCOUNTS ON YOUR INTERNET!

WWW.FCC.GOV/ACP

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

D2 SDA elder holiday basket thank you

A special THANKS to Shannon Malone and Trezure Patlan for always ensuring that our D2 SDA elders are taken care of with their holiday food baskets. Shannon and Trezure continue to help purchase, assemble, and deliver these baskets to our elders 65+ in the Omaha area. We appreciate all you do!

- Becci and Falon



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.



Youth Council Great Pumpkin Contest Winners

Youth Winners



1st Place - Aidan Thompson



2nd Place - Rolando Venegas



3rd Place - Ava Beauvais

Adult Winners



1st Place - Elizabeth Venegas



2nd Place - Michael Wright



3rd Place - Bradley Johnson

Interested in obtaining your GED?

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska offers members a \$250 incentive upon successful completion of the program plus \$60 to be applied toward testing fees.

For any questions or to obtain an application, please contact Aubrey or Pat in Education at (402) 371-8834 or you may email them at aknudsen@poncatribene.org or pate@poncatribene.org.





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 aknudson@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.

Spring 2024 deadline: December 15, 2023

Summer 2024 deadline: May 15, 2024

Fall 2024 deadline: August 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 of 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 aknudson@poncatrIBE-ne.org. **Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs**

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 for more information!

Interested in pursuing a career in trucking?

The Ponca WIOA Program may be able to connect you with resources!



Colleen Plasek | Ralston | 402.315.2765
 Bianca Moreno | Norfolk | 531.207.2455
 Lisa Agans | Lincoln | 531.893.3931



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 12/1/2023

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

(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

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



Welcome!

Phoenix Au, born on Sept 10th. He gets his name from the his grandma on his dads side and the mythical bird. His grandpa gave him his indigenous name which is dragonfly. His name means to overcome hardship. Dragonflies remind us to take time to reconnect with our own strength courage and happiness. We also believe he was handpicked by his big brother in heaven.

Phoenix's mother, Nikki, and his father, William, come from vastly different cultures and walks of life. Nikki was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska in a multi-racial family and William was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York as Chinese-American but with their unity came the wonderful creation of new chapters in the lives of many and a path of new beginnings. Phoenix is a proud member of the Ponca tribe and the newest descendant to Chief Standing Bear.

Elder's Committee Meetings

December 4 | 10 am

Headquarters | Niobrara, NE

January 8 | 10 am

Ponca Office | Norfolk, NE



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:

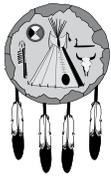
\$25 for the Yearling Group

\$50 for the Buffalo Herd Group

\$100 for the Head Herd Bull Group

Make Checks payable to: Northern Ponca Buffalo Program
Mail to: Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
P.O. Box 288
Niobrara, Nebraska 68760
ATTN: Northern Ponca Buffalo Program





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1600 Windhoek Dr
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Osni Ponca

2756 O Street
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NORFOLK 68701

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1800 Syracuse Ave.
Ph: (402) 371-8834
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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
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Fax: (402) 505-3066

SIoux CITY 51103

Administration

125 6th Street
Ph: (712) 258-0500
Fax: (402) 939-0297

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

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877-726-4727

Nebraska Family Helpline

888-866-8660

Veterans Crisis Line

800-273-8255

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