



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News



Festive Fun

Elders and members begin celebrating the holiday season

District 3 members enjoy Disney's "Wish"



D2 hosts movie outing

D2 Tribal Council members hosted a family movie outing on Sunday, December 3, 2023, at 10 am at the Majestic Theater in Omaha, NE. Disney's WISH movie was well attended by our D2 families. Each member received a small popcorn and drink to make the movie experience more enjoyable. Thanks to

everyone who attended! Becci and Falon



Ponca Family Fun Day

February 25, 2024 | 2-5 pm

Kiewit Luminarium
345 Riverfront Dr | Omaha, NE

The Kiewit Luminarium in Omaha is pleased to host a Ponca Family Fun day for enrolled members and their families. Please complete the form at https://poncatrbeofne.formstack.com/forms/kiewit_fun_day. Space is limited, so register today!

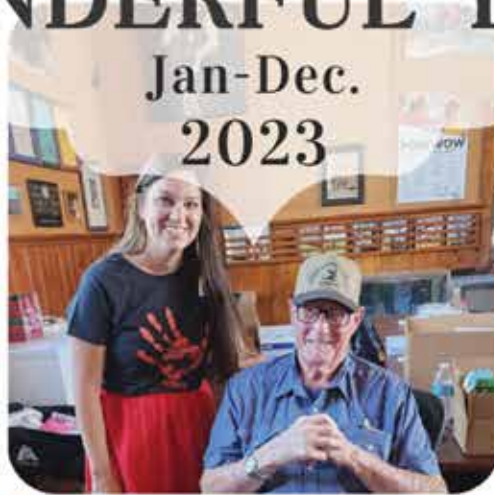


On the cover: Elders try their luck at Polar Bear Pong, enjoying friendly fun, competition, and prizes at the Norfolk Elders Christmas Party. More photos of the Elders' Parties can be found on page 9. Look for more festive photos of holiday fun in our February 2024 edition.



*It's been
a*
WONDERFUL YEAR

Jan-Dec.
2023



Sioux City Social Dance provides medicine for the people

Antoinette Hegstrom
Culture Multimedia Specialist

It was a full house with over 350 people attending the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska sponsored Social Dance at the Sioux City Convention Center Saturday, December 2.

The gathering started with a pipe ceremony lead by Harvey Dreaver (Big River First Nation Cree), who served as Stickman for the dance. Mr. Dreaver is a well-known singer and the lead singer of the international champion drum group, Whitefish Jrs, a family drum of the Dreaver family. His mother was a round dance keeper for his people.

As Stickman, Mr. Dreaver was in charge of the singing by passing the drumsticks and some tobacco to each of the invited singers, who in turn sang a set of four songs with help from the other singers.

The evening continued with a community meal followed by singing and dancing, including Round Dance, Two-Step, Kahomni & Side Step Songs. The Social Dance was open to the public and the attire was your best “streetwear.” Men’s applique shirts and



women’s ribbon skirts were popular choices. Vice Chair Angie Starkel explained, “It’s an opportunity for people to come together to take part in the good medicine coming from the singing and dancing, which is especially needed in winter time. Winter time was historically hard for our people with the challenges of survival and continues to be hard in this day and times on many levels. The good feelings and prayers from the social dance are meant to build the people up and to take home with them to help carry them through the winter. As native people we have always known that singing and dancing is truly medicine.”

Eight invited singers came from across Canada and the United States, each a member of a championship drum group, along with over 20 more singers and a couple dozen backup women

singers. Ponca Tribe of Nebraska member Thomas Hinman, was one of the invited singers. Attendees came from locally as well as states

away, including a grandmother and a grandson who traveled from 18 hours away in Canada to fulfill the grandson’s birthday wish to attend the dance.

Interested in working with the Ponca buffalo?

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR PONCA YOUTH AGES 18-27!

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska has formed a partnership with The Nature Conservancy to give Ponca youth the rare opportunity to gain hands on experience working with buffalo by visiting a variety of different buffalo ranches and tribal herds. There is a potential for the experience gained from this program to provide a career path towards working full time with the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Buffalo herd. For more information, please contact Courtney Chavez at 402.500.9979 or cchavez@poncatribene.org



Culture & Language Team participate in week of intensive instruction

Antoinette Hegstrom
Culture Multimedia Specialist

In early December, the Language and Culture team gathered in Lincoln for in-person instruction with Eagle Rhodd, our Southern Ponca relative, and Language Coordinator Steve Laravie Sr. for a more in-depth learning experience.

In-class studies included Ponca history, new words, short sentences, and having instructors take turns demonstrating what we learned.

The class took a trip to Udi wjít'it'agà (Walmart), which can be translated to, “big place to shop, buy or trade.” Not every item in the store has



Left to right: Language Instructors Charlie Iron Thunder, Britnie O’keefe, Ruby Wright, Language Coordinator Steve Laravie Sr., Language Instructor Eagle Rhodd, Culture Director Ricky Wright Jr.

Not pictured: Language Instructor Rafael Teboe

a Ponca word. Older Poncas who didn’t know English had to create new words for new things using the Ponca vocabulary they already

had. An example word might be, “computer” or mázè wédixdī which translates to “metal brain.”

The language team also went on a hike through Pioneers Park and Nature Center, learning about the wildlife and their habitat, as well as, food, spices, natural herbs, and grasses that were used for healing and medicinal purposes. On the return drive in the car, Eagle, Ricky and Charlie shared some impromptu Ponca singing.

The final day of instruction included a scavenger hunt using Ponca words as clues for the **Wagáze wádí** (instructor), Eagle Rhodd, to find a gift of appreciation at the end of the hunt.



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@poncatribene.org or 402.371.8834.

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA



Big things to come from CHWs in 2024

Nancie Velasquez
Community Health Manager

The Community Health Worker Program (CHW's) would like to update our Tribal members and patients on some of the things we'll be offering during the 2024 year. We'll be kicking it off health presentations on Cervical Cancer, Breast Cancer, Mobile Mammograms in Omaha, Diabetes, Nutrition, Healthy Heart IBS, Arthritis just to name a few. Our top priority has been and will continue to be the health of our Tribal members and patients. We will be working closely with our clinics to ensure home visits for those who

are in need, we will also be offering more Lunch n' Learns to keep our patients informed of the latest news on health issues, including those for children.

Please remember if you have any questions, please reach out to your local CHW:

Niobrara/Sioux City:
Beth DeCory

Norfolk/Sioux City:
Miranda Keifer

Lincoln:
Klarica Waage

Omaha:
Nancie Velasquez

May you have a Happy and Healthy 2024!!

Be ready for the next step.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act- Indian and Native American Program

The Ponca Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program is funded by a Department of Labor Grant. The program assists individuals with education and training, job search activities, and employment related supportive services.

Information about hiring events, job listings, educational opportunities, and more is available on the Ponca Tribe WIOA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ptnwioa.

If you are interested in obtaining education and training, contact the WIOA Program to see if you qualify for assistance.

The WIOA Staff are:

Colleen Plasek—Ralston | 402.315.2765

Bianca Marino—Norfolk | 402.371.8834

Lisa Agans—Lincoln | 402.438.9222



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.



District 1 celebrates the holidays

This year for the holidays, District 1 hosted three separate holiday parties for their members the weekend before Thanksgiving, so that members throughout the wider District 1 Service Delivery area

would all have the opportunity to celebrate. Members enjoyed good food, lots of time spent with relatives, and were able to have their family pictures taken by Tribal Communications staff.

If you or your family had pictures taken at the event, please email info@poncatribene.org for a link to the private album containing the family photos from the District 1 holiday parties.

Watch for more great photos from the District 3 and 4 holiday parties on the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska social media platforms, and in the February newsletter.



January is National Stalking Awareness Month: Know It, Say It, Stop It.

Thomas Wright, II
Domestic Violence Program
Coordinator

In the animal kingdom, predators stalk their prey to kill or overpower them. Stalking is a predatory act. It showcases the power and control one animal wants to have over another.

Stalking is much the same in the human world. It is about power. It is not cute or romantic. Victims of stalking often feel vulnerable, not knowing where their stalker is or when they may show up next. Victims may be on alert, sensing that someone or something is watching them, tracking them.

Stalking is dangerous. Victims may struggle with their responses toward their stalkers. They may try and reason with or appease

a stalker, hoping that being nice will make it stop. Victims may try and minimize their stalking experiences, telling themselves “it’s not that bad.” Victims may also respond to stalking by confronting or threatening the stalker, or attempting to fight back. While victims cannot control the stalking behavior, they should feel empowered to take steps to keep themselves, their families, and their loved ones safe.

There are numerous resources available to people who are being stalked. Outside of contacting the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska’s Domestic Violence Program for assistance, or other local resources, victims may communicate with nationwide resources like: Victim Connect, the National Domestic

Violence Hotline, or the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network.

Victim Connect, to talk to someone, victims can call or text directly at 1-855-4VICTIM (855-484-2846) or chat online by visiting <https://victimconnect.org/>.

National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH) is 800.799.SAFE (7233). Their website is <https://www.thehotline.org/>.

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network’s (RAINN) hotline 800.656.HOPE. Online at <https://www.rainn.org/>.

For more information on stalking, visit Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center (SPARC) website at <https://www.stalkingawareness.org/>.

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



New year, new awareness: Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Andrea Womacque
Trauma Informed Care
Specialist

Welcome to January. For some, January is the beginning of a new year. However, for many readers the New Year will not begin until March. The days slowly get longer, minute by minute, and we are quickly headed towards spring, though January and February often feel extremely long. These winter months invite us to slow down, rest, and start planning for the future before March pulls us out of our slumber and gets us excited for new growth and new opportunities.

It has become a Western tradition to set New Year's resolutions. Unfortunately, this tradition has become commercialized, and often has us setting goals that are neither important or sustainable. This year, I encourage our readers to review your New Year's Resolution. Use the time between January and March to plan and set some realistic goals. Ask for help and use this time to reflect. If you do decide to go full speed ahead with a new goal, use the energy of spring that March brings with it to fully implement your plans. Resolutions can be extremely valuable. Our

readers and community our amazing! Set amazing goals for yourself that hold true value!

One goal I would welcome everyone to consider is to set aside some time each month to learn about an issue taking place in your community. Many of us are inundated with problems that are so big and far away that we begin to feel a sense of powerlessness to make things better. Reading this publication every month is a good place to start to learn about issues affecting your community, issues you can get involved in that make a difference for our members.

One such issue affecting all of our Service Delivery Areas is Human Trafficking. January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. In our service delivery areas, you will most commonly encounter sex trafficking.

The Office of Justice Programs published a Native Youth Toolkit on Human Trafficking. There is also plenty of information on this topic at the Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center website.

Native American women and men are at risk of sex trafficking. Jurisdictional issues on and near reservations complicate the issue. Unfortunately, prostitution, which is considered a form of trafficking, may be found in casinos around the area.

Additionally, the advancement of technology makes it easier for predators and traffickers to target our children. Facebook and Snapchat are prime locations for traffickers to recruit children and young adults into trafficking schemes.

Where do we start? Speak with your children and family members. Communication is key. Set the example. Would you want your child to act like you? If the answer is no, then maybe some resolutions are in order. We are here to help. Most importantly learn, observe, and trust your intuition. If it feels bad, it probably is.

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/otip/native_youth_toolkit_on_human_trafficking.pdf

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

Youth Council sparks creativity with Gingerbread House Competition

The Osni Ponka Youth Council invited all Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members to participate in its first-ever Gingerbread House Competition. Members in or around the service delivery areas had an option of filling out an online form to order a gingerbread house kit and then pick it up at their local office starting on Monday, December 4th. Our members submitted over 50 of their creations to participate in the contest. The Youth Council members voted and picked the winners for the two age groups of 0-12 and 13+, and they chose the top three winners in each category.

Congratulations to the winners and the Youth Council looks forward to providing this family activity again next year.



0-12 Winners



First Place - Rylen Meins



Second Place - Everley Howell



Third Place - Annalisa Venegas

13+ Winners



First Place - Liz Venegas



Second Place - Rita Pitzer



Third Place - Cami Schott

Elders gather for holiday cheer at Elder Christmas Parties

Elders across all the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska office locations were treated to an afternoon of food, fun, and prizes at the Elder Christmas Parties in December. Community Health Workers in all locations served a holiday feast to the elders, with Christmas goodies to follow. Elders were able

to participate in games like Polar Bear Pong and Reindeer Ring Toss for prizes. Several dressed in their best ugly Christmas sweaters for the Ugly Sweater Contest. The afternoon also included door prize drawings, and a gift for each elder from the Ponca Tribe.

While there may not be as much in the way of holiday festivities year round, the Community Health Workers do host Elders Luncheons each week at each office location, from 12-2 pm. Monday - Lincoln, Tuesday - Omaha, Wednesday - Sioux City, Thursday - Norfolk, and Friday - Niobrara.



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!

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.

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

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**





Did you know?

Our PTN Education programs are open to members nationwide!

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

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

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

**PONCA TRIBE
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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.

Summer 2024 deadline: May 15, 2024

Fall 2024 deadline: August 15, 2024

Winter 2024 deadline: November 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. **Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs**

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 1/1/2024

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

(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

****** NOTICE: All Tribal Members ********LAW AND ORDER CODE REVISION
Discussion on January 23, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
During Tribal Council Meeting******** NOTICE: All Tribal Members******

The Ponca Tribal Council will be reviewing proposed amendments to the Law and Order Code. The revisions are being considered because the Election Board wants to ensure that the Election Process in 2024 will be fair and impartial.

There are changes being proposed to Title IX. The revisions being considered include but are not limited to the following:

- **Section 9-3-3** Adding a requirement for the Registrar to attend quarterly meetings during odd years and monthly during even years.
- **Section 9-3-3** Require the Registrar to send out a voter registration form upon receiving a change of address from a Tribal Member.
- **Section 9-3-6** Requiring a registered voter who moves within their voting district to re-register to vote with an updated address and provide the change of address form to the Registrar before ballots are sent out.
- **Section 9-8-2** The process for Petitions for Recall will be changed.

A complete copy of the proposed amendments is available at the tribal offices, or one may be obtained by contacting Jan Colwell, Executive Assistant to Tribal Council at 402-857-3391 Ext. 5016 or janc@poncatrIBE-ne.org.

There will be a discussion by Tribal Council that is open for public comment on January 23, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

Written comments will be accepted until January 22, 2024 at 10 a.m. The written comments may be emailed to janc@poncatrIBE-ne.org or mailed to:

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

MEMBER NEEDED

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

Tribal membership is central to the health, welfare, economic security, and political integrity of the Tribe and elemental to the Tribe's very existence as a sovereign and independent political community. The purpose of this Title is to implement Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution and provide rules, regulations, and procedures governing the enrollment and honorary membership of eligible individuals in the Tribe as an exercise of the inherent authority of the Tribe.

The Tribal Council is accepting applications for the Enrollment Committee as all terms will be expiring February 1, 2024. Members are paid \$250 stipend per meeting and mileage will be paid for a maximum of 410 miles round trip. All meetings are held in Niobrara, NE. A background check is required.

Please submit a letter of interest and resume to the Ponca Tribal Council, Attn: Candace Repenning, PO BOX 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or via e-mail to crepenning@poncatrib-ne.org. Deadline for applications is January 22, 2024.

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

The Tribal Council is accepting applications for the Language & Culture Committee as all terms will be expiring on March 9, 2024. Applications are now being accepted. This Committee focuses on the preservation and revitalization of the Ponca language.

The Committee consists of 6 representatives; a representative from each site within the Service Delivery Areas (SDAs) and a representative from outside of the SDAs. Committee members will be selected according to their knowledge of Ponca language, culture, and traditional ways. If a representative is not who meets the above qualification is not available from each site, any qualifying member may be appointed to the committee.

Members will be expected to attend all Committee meetings scheduled monthly and will be paid a stipend of \$250 per meeting and claim associated travel at the government rate, not to exceed a total of 410 total miles.

Some of the responsibilities of this committee are:

- To provide guidance to the Culture Department and Language Program with long-term planning, programming, and the use of traditional knowledge.
- To generate culturally-appropriate programming to increase tribal involvement on culture and language activities and create a sustainable culture and language program for tribal members inside and outside the SDAs.
- To act as a resource for Tribal departments to create culturally-based programming by providing guidance, knowledge, wisdom, and expertise on Ponca culture, traditions, history, and beliefs.
- To assist the Ponca Tribal government in the formulation of policies and procedures pertaining to the Ponca Language, culture, and history.
- To review and approve all Ponca culturally related educational material, such as instructional materials and modern communication media productions, to be used to provide instruction to
- To review and reserve approval on all other activities and tasks related to the Ponca language, history, and culture as may be referred the Committee.
- To periodically assess and review the Language Program and provide such assessments to the Tribal Council.

If you desire more information regarding this committee, please contact the Culture Director, Richard Wright Jr., at rwrightjr@ponatribe-ne.or or 402.371.8834. Please forward your letter of interest including your qualifications/resume for this Committee to Ponca Tribal Council, Attn: Candace Repenning, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or via e-mail to crepenning@poncatrib-ne.org. Deadline for Applications is February 16, 2024.

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Elder's Committee Meetings

January 8 | 10 am
 Ponca Office | Norfolk, NE

February 5 | 10 am
 Ponca Offices | Ralston, NE

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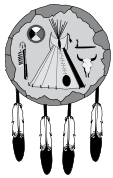


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1501 Michigan Ave.
Ph: (402) 379-8224
(800) 367-2320
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Ph: (800) 405-0365
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OTHER RESOURCES

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

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800-448-3000

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888-866-8660

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