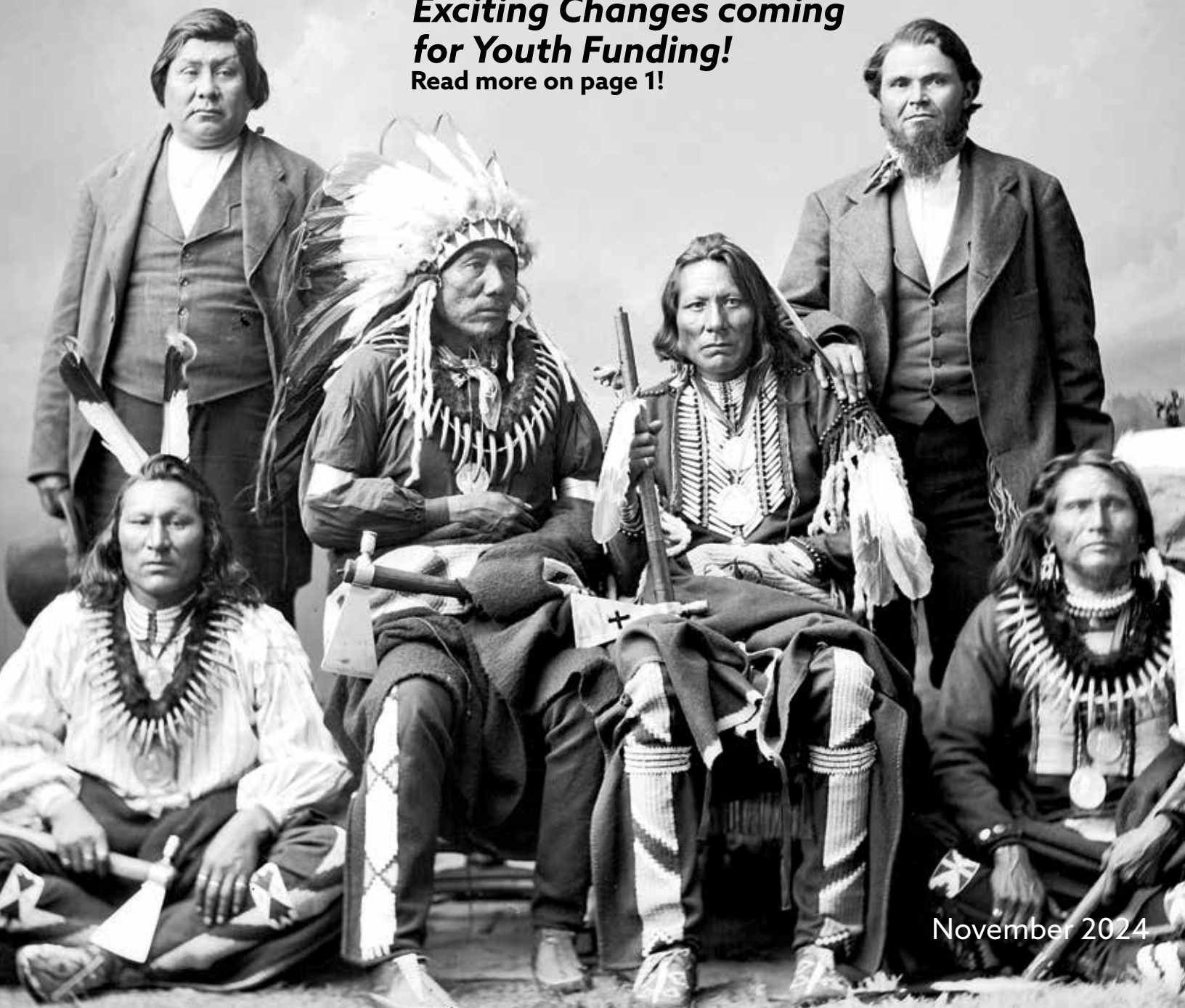


PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News

Celebrating Native American Heritage Month

*Exciting Changes coming
for Youth Funding!*
Read more on page 1!



November 2024

Farmer's Market Food Distribution

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska will be having a monthly Farmer's Market open to members of all federally recognized tribes to receive FREE seasonal fruits, vegetables, and other goods. Please bring your tribal enrollment card for sign-up forms.

Monday, November 18, 2024 | 4 - 6 pm
Norfolk | 1800 Syracuse Avenue | North Gym Lot

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 | 4 - 6 pm
Sioux City | 125 6th Street

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 | 4 - 6 pm
Lincoln | 1600 Windhoek Drive | North Lot

Thursday, November 21, 2024 | 4 - 6 pm
Omaha | 5815 South 86th Circle

Friday, November 22, 2024 | 4 - 6 pm
Niobrara | 2523 Woodbine Street



Elders can choose new ways to receive Elder benefits!

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is excited to announce changes that will make it easier than ever for Elders to receive benefits from the Tribe. Elders will be able to select their preferred payment method, including check or direct deposit, and payments will be automatically dispersed to all Elders with updated information on file.

Many Elders will have recently received a flyer from FSA TPA via email,

with instructions on how to sign up for their convenient, easy to use, online portal. If Elders choose not to sign up for the portal, they will still receive a check at their address currently on file with the Tribe.

If you have any questions on the program, or how to sign up, please reach out to FSA TPA Customer Service at 1-844-969-8777, or CustomerService@FSATPA.com



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 16, 2024 | 10 am

At any office location, or online via Lifesize

Tribal members are invited to attend the second General Membership meeting of 2024 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.gov.

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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 | |

On the cover: Big Elk, Standing Buffalo Bull, White Eagle, and Standing Bear with two unnamed Indian Affairs agents, Washington D.C., 1877.

Introducing changes to the Ponca Youth Fund!

The Ponca Youth Enrichment Fund (PYEF) is getting a **fresh new look** and will make an even **bigger impact!** It will now be known as Ponca Youth Fund. While we are dropping enrichment from the name, our goal remains the same: we want to enrich the lives of all our Ponca Youth ages 0 – 20 years old.

Starting **November 1st**, we're rolling out the **Ponca Youth Fund**, designed to support our youth in every way—physically, emotionally, mentally, culturally, and spiritually. We're breaking down barriers, opening up more opportunities, and making sure every Ponca youth has access to experiences and resources that help them grow, thrive, and succeed!

What's New?

Broadened Scope for Eligible Items:

We know every Ponca youth has their own dreams and goals. Whether it's sports, education, or cultural activities, the revamped program is here to **support their unique needs**. Now, guardians and youth of legal age can use the funds for more than ever before!

What does this mean?

If your youth:

- **loves football**, get them their gear!
- **needs new regalia**, make it for them!
- **wants to play the piano**, pay for those lessons!
- **is graduating**, cover their cap & gown!
- **outgrew their clothes**, replace them!
- **is heading off to college**, cover that meal plan!
- **loves the outdoors**, get them some new camping, hiking, or fishing gear!

The possibilities are endless! You're now in control of how the Ponca Youth Fund will **enrich and inspire** your youth's life. Just remember, the funds aren't for household expenses (groceries, rent, etc.). They're here to help your youth **live their best life!**

Equitable Access:

We've made the fund more inclusive, ensuring that **all eligible Ponca youth** are benefiting. The new process removes old barriers and automatically disburses funds, so you can **get started on those dreams sooner!**

Increased Funding:

We've boosted the funding from \$300 to \$400 annually to make a bigger impact. To ensure fairness, each youth will receive a one-time disbursement per year—giving everyone an equal opportunity to enhance their well-being in every way possible.

Streamlined Payment Options:

We heard you—reimbursements were tough. To fix that, we're partnering with a 3rd party provider (FSA) to process ACH Direct Deposit pay-

ments, Visa/Mastercard reloadable cards, or paper checks. No more delays—funds will be sent automatically each year!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out at youthfund@poncatribene.gov. We're here to make this transition smooth and easy for you! Scan the QR code below to read the full policy.



What Do You Need to Do?

- 1. Check your info with Enrollment!** Make sure you and your children's contact details are up to date. This includes address, email, and phone numbers. Call 402-857-3391 or email enrollment@poncatribene.gov.
- 2. Watch for details** on how to register for ACH Direct deposits or payment cards.
- 3. Want a paper check?** No need to do anything—just make sure your info is current! While checks work, we do highly encourage you sign up for ACH Direct Deposit or get the reloadable card, it's faster, and paper checks will eventually go away.
- 4. Wait for your funds to arrive**—our goal is to have this in place before the New Year!

Páka Ižáže te - Ponca Names

by Steve Laravie, Sr., Language Program Coordinator

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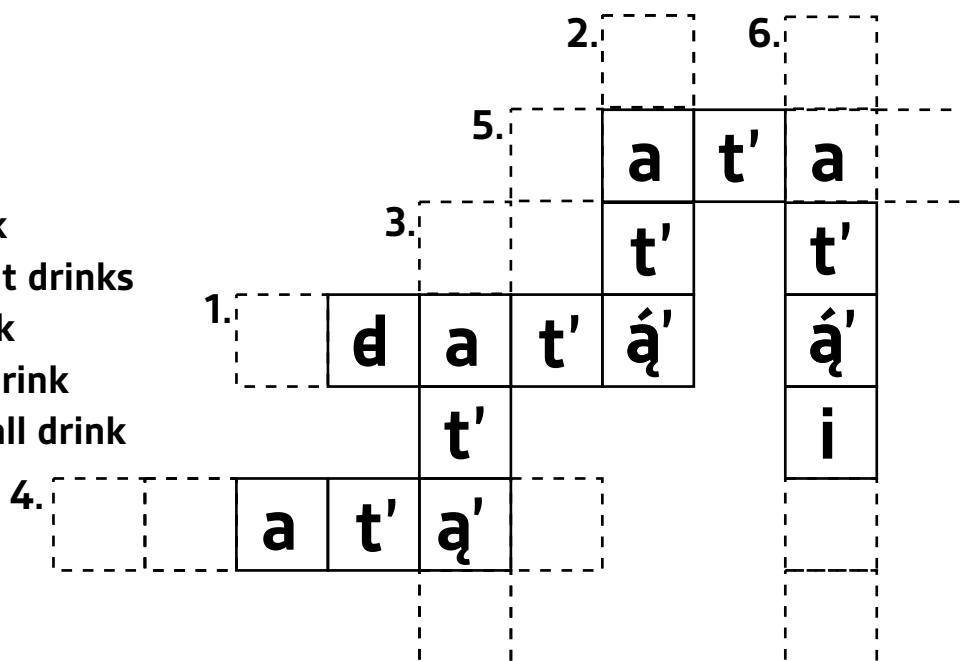
For the next several months, this word search puzzle will explore historic personal names from each of the Ponca clans. Ponca names are formed from words in the language, and provide a unique way to study both the language and history of the Tribe.

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Buffalo Tongue | Mađí Čakj -
Walks Carelessly |
| Axewà -
Covered with Frost | Ukiábè -
Spoken To |
| Điába Žjga -
Little Lightning | Winá Zjga -
Little Sister |
| Gédawi - Clear Day | Wasábé - Black Bear |
| Niába Žjga -
Little Moonlight | Té Níxa -
Buffalo Belly |
| Sabe Kéwađe -
Darken Them | Mí Wahùsa -
Scolding the Moon |
| Šúkabi -
Puffy Clouds | Hamađi Žjga - Walks
Little at Night |
| Gédadađi -
Clearing Weather | Wasábe Xđaha -
Poor Bear |
| Té Nùgà Pà -
Buffalo Head | Małpí sá Mađí -
White Clouds About |
| Há Wátè -
Buckskin Dress | Žáj Wađe -
Carry Wood |

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Dat'á'
to drink

1. Bdat'á' - I drink
2. Nat'á' - you drink
3. Dat'á'i - he, she, it drinks
4. Ađat'ái - we drink
5. Nat'á'i - you all drink
6. Dat'áima - they all drink



Ponca Tribe of Nebraska joins LPS to dedicate Standing Bear High School

Members of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska and descendants of Chief Standing Bear joined Lincoln Public Schools for the dedication of Standing Bear High

School in Lincoln, NE, September 29, 2024. The school, open to students for only its second year this year, honors the legacy of Chief Standing Bear.



Important Notice:
Families with Loved Ones in the Ponca Cemetery


In an effort to honor and memorialize our ancestors and loved ones who rest in unmarked graves in our Ponca Cemetery, the Culture Department is requesting your assistance.

Our goal is to create a comprehensive record that pays tribute to the legacy of our relatives. Your participation will contribute to the preservation of our shared heritage, ensuring that each individual is remembered with the respect they deserve.

Your assistance will help us compile vital information, including location of the grave, and name, date of birth, and date of death of the relative buried there.

If you have family members laid to rest in unmarked graves, please reach out to **Theresa Foley** at tfoley@poncatribene.gov.

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PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

SAVE THE DATE!
Diaper Distribution

November 15, 2024 | 10 am - 6 pm

Participating Locations:

- Norfolk Gym
800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE
- Lincoln Community Room - North Entrance
1600 Windhoek Dr | Lincoln, NE
- Sioux City Office
125 6th St | Sioux City, IA
- Niobrara Headquarters
2523 Woodbine St | Niobrara, NE
- Cabinet Building Garage
5813 S 86th Cir | Omaha, NE



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.gov.



Call Now to Secure Your Place in the Circle!

Mondays | 10 am - 2 pm
Fred LeRoy Health and Wellness Center
2602 J St. | Omaha, NE

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Behavioral Health Department is offering group sessions for Relapse Prevention Therapy. The program will last 14 to 16 weeks.

For more information, please contact JoAnn O'Connell at 402.738.3170.



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Tribal Home Visiting Now Enrolling!

The Tribal Home Visiting Program (THV) will begin assisting families prenatal to kindergarten who are enrolled in any federally recognized Tribe and living in the Lincoln and Lancaster County areas. This resource is completely free of charge.

Our certified THV Visitors conduct the visits where they will implement high quality, culturally relevant, evidence-based visits in our community that will ensure our families have access to knowledge and resources. Number of visits and length of service will vary by family, but each visit will be 90 minutes minimum.

For more information on this program, please contact our team:

Abbi Miranda-Carreto, 402.670.7976
amiranda-carreto@poncatribene.gov

Jessica Upton, 402.315.2760
jupton@poncatribene.gov



Tribal programs promote healthy living at Annual Health Fair



Child Care Development Fund

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska uses the Federal government's Child Care and Development Fund to provide assistance to families who need child care due to work, work-related training and/or attending school.

In order to qualify for this benefit program:

- You must be a parent or primary caregiver responsible for children under the age of 13 years of age, or under 19 if incapable of self-care or under court supervision who needs assistance paying for daycare
- The children must be enrolled Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members or have their enrollment pending
- In order to qualify you must be either employed or enrolled in a training or education program
- You must reside in one of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Service Delivery Areas
- Your daycare provider must have their business in one of the tribe's Service Delivery Areas
- Once you have confirmation from the State of Nebraska showing denial for their Child Care Subsidy Program, you are eligible to be considered for our Child Care and Development Fund program.

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

Stephanie Pospisil, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
 1600 Windhoek Dr | Lincoln, NE 68512
 531-248-3030 x 1108 | spospisil@poncatribes-ne.gov



The thin line of scrimmage between football and domestic violence

Brook McCurdy

Domestic Violence Outreach
Coordinator

Football season is in full swing and for many of us, this means our weekends have been overtaken by the oval-shaped ball of pigskin, whether you are a die-hard or a casual fan, it's hard to deny the influence of football in our lives, especially here in Nebraska. This time of the year brings a chance to spend time with our family and friends. New and old traditions come together as we create our gameday rituals, wearing red on gameday or making certain food to enjoy. However, football's emotional highs and lows have effects well after the final flag hits the field. Studies show reports of domestic violence spike as much as 10% on days that NFL games are played, especially after game upsets, and high-stakes matchups. This link between domestic violence and football games is a disturbing reality for many in our community.

Football season also coincides with the holiday season, during which reports of intimate partner violence typically jump more than 20%.

This is due to increased stress, expectations, and financial problems. While football itself does not cause domestic violence, certain features of the gameday experience like; alcohol consumption, heightened emotions, and sports betting increase the frequency of domestic violence. While these factors alone do not make someone violent, they can help create a pattern of red flag behaviors. These include but are not limited to name calling or insulting, control over finances and activities, physical or sexual abuse, victim blaming, jealousy, unfounded accusations, and anger or agitation with drug or alcohol use. Domestic violence often starts with one or two patterns and the abuser's desire for power and control over their partner and increases in intensity over time. Being aware of warning signs can be a valuable tool in ending Domestic Violence and keeping our loved ones and communities safe. Some warning signs include:

- Being worried or anxious about making their partner angry.

- Making excuses for their partner's behavior.
- Unexplained marks or injuries.
- Their partner yells or degrades them in front of others.
- Isolation from friends and family.
- Changes in personality and increased depression or anxiety.

Knowing or thinking that someone you care about is experiencing domestic violence can be very hard. The person experiencing the abuse may not be able or ready to leave, and the best way to help is by being supportive by listening to them, asking questions about how they're doing, expressing concern about their safety, and encouraging them to talk to someone who can help.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, help is available through the National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-SAFE (7233); StrongHearts Native Helpline: 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483), the National Sexual Assault Hotline: 800-656-HOPE (4673); and the National Teen Dating Abuse

Helpline: 866-331-9474. These resources are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or contact the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Domestic Violence Program to access the support or resources needed.

If you see or hear domestic violence or child abuse in your neighborhood or a public place, call 911. In doing so you could potentially save someone's life; you can also choose to remain anonymous when calling. If there is no immediate danger and you would like to report abuse you can call the police and request a welfare check. This surprise check-in by local authorities may help the person being abused.

Unlike football domestic violence is not a season and occurs year-round, however, awareness of seasonal increases can be lifesaving for yourself and those you care about. Football season should be a time of celebration, sportsmanship, community, and passion. By acting and staying informed we can make sure that this "passion" does not turn deadly off the field.

Our website has moved!

You can now find the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska website at www.poncatrIBE-ne.gov.



Every Child Matters Walk held in Lincoln

On September 30, 2024, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Domestic Violence program hosted the 2nd Annual Every Child Matters Walk in Lincoln, Nebraska at the Capitol Building. Participants were encouraged to wear orange to raise awareness. After the walk, a lunch and learn was hosted at the Indian Center.



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Reel Voices: Native American Heritage Month Film Series

Tuesdays | 5 pm
Starting November 4, 2024

Norfolk Gym
1800 Syracuse Avenue | Norfolk, NE

In honor of November as Native American Heritage Month, the Domestic Violence Program is hosting movie nights. Every Tuesday in November, we will be showing episodes of the SundanceTV series *Red Road*. Starring Jason Momoa, *Red Road* tells the story of Native Americans in New York State fighting to gain federal recognition while highlighting the experiences felt by community members living in a racially divided community.

Doors open at 5:00 pm and show starts at 5:30 pm. A meal and snacks will be provided.





PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Review Period



The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Hazard Mitigation Plan is available for public review online. The public review period is from Friday, November 1st, 2024 to Friday, November 30th, 2024.

At the end of this period, the plan will be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for final approval.

Thank you for helping us provide your community with an accurate and comprehensive hazard mitigation plan. If you would like more information about this planning effort, please contact:

Brooke Seachord
JEO Project Manager

📞 402-474-8741

✉️ bseachord@jeo.com

This is our last opportunity to revise the plan prior to its submission to FEMA.

Please carefully review this draft and verify all information is accurate. Please send any revisions to Brooke Seachord as soon as possible. To submit revisions or request other changes, please mark up a section, scan it, and email it to bseachord@jeo.com; or use the comment box on the project website.



For more information, scan the QR code, or visit:

jeo.com/ponca-tribe-hmp

Executive Team Meet & Greet

December 13, 2024 | 2:30 - 4:00 pm
Northern Ponca Housing Conference Room
1501 W Michigan Ave | Norfolk, NE

Meet the Execetive Team!

NPHA

Joey Nathan
Justine Knapp

Finance

Greg Gunderson

HR

Jonathan Robinson

OSNI Ponca

Rebecca Sullivan

**Ponca Gaming
Commission**

Mai Le

Ponca Health Services

Don Lee
Rhiannon Pitzl

Tribal Affairs

Courtney Chavez
Penny Lingle
Alexcia Boggs

Prairie Flower Casino

Ernie Dellaverson

Information Technology

David Threm

Calling all Ponca Artists

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members are invited to sign up to sell their handmade items at the Niobrara Market.

Please scan our QR code or visit https://poncatrifeofne.formstack.com/forms/ponca_artists_niobrara_market to sign up. For more information, contact Rebecca Sullivan at bsullivan@osniponca.com.



Brownrigg family has a legacy of military service

The following recollections were shared by Patrick Brownrigg, about his family's service in various branches of the Armed Forces. The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska salutes ALL of our Ponca veterans, and we thank you for your service.

Donald "Sonny" La Mere

Brownrigg (son of Lena Bear)
1929-2006

Branch: U.S. Navy ~1950-1952
Korean War



Don Brownrigg Sr., Sonny: 1955

Donald "Sonny" Brownrigg, Sr. served on the USS Missouri with his brother Gene Brownrigg. He relayed that his time as a clerk in the stores hold was down in the ship. He often told me he always remembers hunting barefoot with his .22 rifle on the reservation, mid-1940's, walking for miles and stopping in at his aunt's house for a meal of stewed rabbit he brought to his cousins, while being down there in the hold.

When he got out he stayed in Southern California to attend broadcasting school. He attained his license to operate communications hardware. Afterward he worked as a radio announcer for KOGO in San Diego under the name "Don Riggs".

Steven Francis Brownrigg
(son of Don) 1960- 2012?

Branch: U.S. Army

Steven Brownrigg (Don's son) was stationed at Ft. Knox in Kentucky, and supported the Army's training organization, TRADOC. He was constantly in the field vetting and testing TRADOC's methods for tactics techniques and procedures (TTP's)



A picture from 1972, me (Patrick Brownrigg) in the brown jacket. Steve just threw the football and Don Jr. is leaping to catch the throw.

Patrick Charles Brownrigg
1954-present

Branch: U.S. Air Force , A1C
Dates: April 1974-August 1977
"Vietnam Era"

I served regular duty after graduating from the enlisted weather



Scott Brownrigg & Patrick today

school in a U.S. Air Force detachment to Ft. Lewis, Wa. We deployed on exercises with the Army. I recall sitting on a snow bank watching an F-15 take off on my 21st birthday in the middle of Alaska. I conducted weather operations, reporting and observing, in support of Army air flight safety. I used the BIA & GI bill grants to complete college. Furthering one's education is highly recommended for all capable Ponca Tribe members.

I'm retired now, but it was in Aerospace that my career continued, earning degrees in physics from the University of Washington and Cal State Long Beach. There was so much, the projects I worked on were modeling and simulation in support of autonomous aerial and space systems like Global Hawk and the James Web Space Telescope.



Introducing Troy Laravie-Spencer



Hello,
I'm Troy Laravie-Spencer. I'm currently the Office Manager for Osni Ponca, having transitioned from the enrollment department where I worked from 2020 to September 2024. Prior to that, I gained leadership experi-

ence as a general manager for a restaurant franchise. In my free time I express my creativity through my work as an artist. I'm proud to be a member of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, excited to continue to grow in my position and serve our people.

Niobrara Market at Homecoming!



On Friday, September 20, 2024, the Niobrara Market staff participated in the Niobrara Homecoming parade. Our parade crew consisted of Karla Klug, the driver and Tiffany Thieman and Racyn Gonzalez were the candy throwers. The kids enjoyed the parade floats and candy which was followed by the high school



football game and the evening dance. We love that our staff is involved with the community!

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 bsullivan@osniponca.com for more information!

Smoke Signals customers win big with 100 Days of Summer

One lucky customer of Ponca Smoke Signals Carter Lake location won the Signal's 100 Days of Summer event and walked away with a \$25,000 check on September 24th. Customers throughout the nation that buy the Signals cigarettes were eligible to enter the contest and our customer, John Lehman, was the lucky contest winner! He was handed the check by Signals rep, Edgar Yazzie. Others who participated in the event for Ponca Smoke Signals were Sherri Wilkinson, Store Manager, Chris Armitage, OSNI Controller, and Becci Sullivan, OSNI CEO, and other smoke shop crew members.



Ponca Smoke Shop customer, Patricia Robinson, won the grill bundle sponsored by Signals. Congrats Patricia!

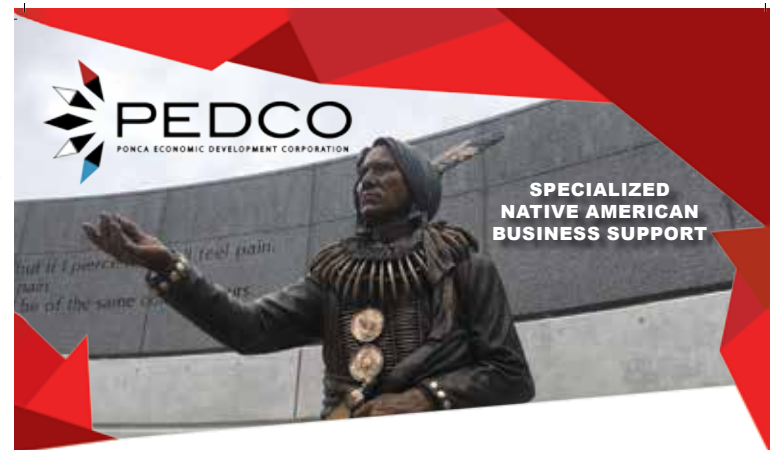
Virtual career training with PEDCO

PEDCO is in the process of creating and rolling out a workforce training and development platform that will be free of charge to Ponca Tribal members. The training will also include virtual reality training in select offices throughout the service area. Virtual reality training will include over thirty career paths in a virtual universe that will allow the trainee a virtual "hands-on" experience.

Our on-line catalogue will offer courses from GED practice tests to upskilling for professionals. PEDCO expects to roll out this training by early 2025. Our focus will be on all tribal members just

entering the workforce, reentry for formerly incarcerated individuals and those who are seeking to reenter the workforce. Our focus will be to identify not only skills, but your personality assessment as well. We will offer learning/career paths, based on your interests and skills.

PEDCO also attended the Ponca Health Services Annual Health Fair on October 5, 2024, in Omaha. We had a great turnout, not only in general, but PEDCO programs as well. We wanted to thank everyone who turned out and showed an interest in the programs we have to offer.



PEDCO Native APEX Accelerator:
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The APEX Accelerator is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the Department of Defense.



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@poncatrbe-ne.gov or aknudsen@poncatrbe-ne.gov, 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.

Winter 2024 deadline: November 15, 2024

Spring 2025 deadline: December 15, 2024

Summer 2025 deadline: May 15, 2025

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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 school year is July 31, 2025.

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@poncatrbe-ne.gov. **Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs**

(Please sign your name in the area below with a BLACK felt tip marker)

I _____ I

TRIBAL MEMBERS
(please print)

NAME: _____ DOB: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING):

EMAIL: _____

VETERANS ONLY: MILITARY BRANCH: _____

*****Service papers must be submitted to the enrollment department if you are requesting a military seal.**

**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 must submit a current photo without filters and a solid colored background. You can email it to enrollment@poncatribene.gov or you may mail documentation and current photo to:

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Enrollment Department, PO Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760-0288

*****Please note that we can/will NOT use a photo from your state ID or driver's license.**

4. Military Seals:

Military branch seals are available for veterans. Military service papers must be submitted to the enrollment department to show proof of veteran status.

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

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.gov, or contact the Niobrara or Lincoln offices.

We appreciate your help!

INACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF 11/1/2024

Anthony, Jr., Steven Scott	Glenn, John Allen	Maben, Jessica Paige	Sherman, Michael Ray
Arellano, Carlos Montana	Glisan, Cynthia Lynn	Mann II, Steven Michael	Sherman, Mitchell Everett
Bagent, Wayne Orval	Gortarez, Rudy John	Mann, Sydney Desiree`	Sherman, Robert Le Roy
Baker, Skylar Dominick	Goss, Mamie L.	Mategko, Janet Louise	Sherman, Savannah
Baker-Ferguson, Jared Riley	Govia, Isaiah Lee	Mategko, Lisa Louise	Sherman, Tristan Ray
Banuelos, Christa Rose	Govia, Mc Kenzie Jo	Mategko, Michael Steven	Shiltz, Shirley Ann
Bear, Joshua Gilbert	Grant, III., Jesse Clarence	Matthews, Jett Haden	Simpkins, Sebastian Ray
Beaver, Jason Chaska	Green, Brooklyn Marie	McGrath, Bryan Thomas	Skinner, Phillip David
Becker, Jr., Anthony Arnold	Greenwood IV,	McGrath, Daniel Patrick	Smith, Ashley Nicole
Becker, Sr., Anthony Arnold	Ernest Sydney Leshawn	Mercier, Jade Sharice	Smith, Danial Ray
Becker, Tyller Randell	Gutierrez, Vincent Clarence	Morehouse, Lisa Lynne	Smith, Stephanie Rae
Bell, Darian Patrick	Haahr, Anneliese Teresa	Mullen, Michael Thomas	Standblack, Marko Tulio
Bell, Shaune` Kay	Hallowell Jr., Timothy Eugene	Mullen, Owen Dean	Stark, Brandy Nickole
Birdhead, William Randolph	Hamilton, Bobbi-Jo Danielle	Muscutt, Elias Gordon	Stastny, Rachel Colleen
Blair, Hunter Wo Day Leon	Hampshire, Austin Taylor	O'Flynn, Shania Marie	Stegman, Mi'a Miwasa Nevaeh
Blowe, Dominick Adams	Harlan, Kyzur James	O'Meara, Joseph Christopher	Stuczynski, Drake Keegan
Blowe, Isaiah Fredrick	Harlan, Lavara Mina	O'Meara, Sheila Faye	Swinarski, Alicia Estrada
Blowe, Tyrone Richard	Harris, Paul Joseph	Peck, Brandalynn	Taylor, Ka`ili Brianna
Boettger, Dakota Birdhead	Hart-La Londe, Kaedyn Mikael	Peck, Tyler Duane	Thomas, II,
Bonge, Todd Joseph	Hatfield, Kyleigh Rae Marie	Petersen, Kevin Lee	Scott Richard Herbert
Boyd, Myron Ralph	Hendren, Adavia Gabrielle	Picotte - Felde, Diamond Rose	Thomas, Jenny Anne
Boyer, Berlin N.	Hennek, Gail Howe	Pierce, Raychel Marie	Thomas, Natana Lynn
Brooks, Angela Ellen	Henritze, Joseph Dale	Pilcher Jones, Josi Marie	Thomas, Robin Diane
Brown, J. Wesley	Henritze, Karen June	Poafpybitty, Misty Brook	Treichler, Jasmine Dawn
Brown, La`Trel Lucious	Hocking-Gosnell, Zalla C.	Polly, Rachael Anne	Vaughan, Linda Lou
Brownrigg, Steven Francis	Hope, Dorothea Jo Ann	Prichard, Joseph John	Veals, Clifford James
Buckley II, Sentwali Onyemachi	Horine, Ashley Danielle	Prunty, Austin Joe	Veals, Sherry Ann
Burston, Sandra Lee	Howe, Richard H.	Quintana Jr, Arthur Jose	Velder Jr., Jason Lee
Carter, Amber Lynn	Humphreys, Belinda Kay	Raymond, Joseph Allen	Voss, Joshua Le Roy
Chwalowski, Kaitlin Martika	Jeppesen, Zachary Lee	Remmenga, Daniel James	Voss, Michael Roy
Courtright, Michael Todd	Johnson, Lukus Tyler	Roberts, Marquitta Ruby	Waters, Deon Koleen
Cutshall, Katline James	Kelso, James Alan	Rowe, Crystle Anette	Wayte, April May
Da Moude, Deborah Kay	Kerrigan, Kathleen Ann	Rulo, Byron	Wells, Eric Damien
Danielson, Daniel James	King, Gavin Michael	Russell, Kristina Anne	White, Abrianna Aliya
Davis, Mary Frances	Krueger, Annette Marie	Sainz, Tritia Jeanene	Williams, Andrea Michelle
Drapeaux, Juston Lee	Kyles, Jarred Joseph	Sarton, Gwendolyn Lee	Wintermantel,
Eckley, Lane Emory	LaPointe, Alejandro Jauquine	Schmidt, Jaye Anthony	Samuel Max Kawakami
Eckley, Leigha Irene	LaPointe, Robert James	Schmidt, Jr., Karl Michael	Wright, Alina Lee
Evans, Kaci Antonette	Latimer, LaRohn Lewis	Schmitz, Jennifer Joy	Wright, Cherita Alberta
Evans, Kareem Antwon	Leach, Isaiah Marcus	Scuderi, Jana Marie	Wright, Cruz Montgomery
Fasthorse, Beverlee Ann	Lerew Jr, Zachariah Ray	Scurlocke, Athena Larissa Lucille	Wright, Lane Andrew
Flagg, III., George Albert	Lieb, Donovan Joseph	Scurlocke, Jolene Ann	Wright, Yesenia Carmen
Flowers, Joseph	Lieb, Sylas Vittorio	Sherman, Britney Leslie May	York, Gregory Allen
Foley, Michael Joseph	Little, Jeromy Todd	Sherman, Cody Lee	Young, MaKenna Kay
Freeman, Xavier Lee	Livermore, Lakin Mardell	Sherman, Harold Dewayne	
Givens, V'Unna Anna Mae	Lopez, Jr., Juan Francisco	Sherman, John Glenn	

MEMBERS NEEDED

PONCA TAX COMMISSION VACANCY

Under the Authority of the Constitution of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska a body to be known as the "Ponca Tax Commission" was created. This public agency of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is subordinate to the Tribal Council, and will possess all the powers, duties, rights and functions as defined in the Law & Order Code to carry out the administration and enforcement of all Tribal tax laws. The code can be found on our website.

Tribal Council is accepting letters of interest and resumes to add two members.

To be qualified to be appointed a Tax Commissioner a person shall: 1) Be an enrolled member of the Tribe; 2) Be at least the age of majority; 3) Have no conflicts of interest, as defined in this Chapter; 4) Not be serving on a board or commission of the Tribe upon which any other Commissioner, serving or to be appointed also serves; 5) Be willing and able to comply with the ethical duties of Commissioners, as defined in this Chapter; 6) Be willing to perform the Commission's duties in compliance with the laws of the Tribe; 7) Have or acquire knowledge of the Title, unless the Tribal Council waives such qualification for the appointee; 8) Have the time available to actively fulfill the duties of a Commissioner; 9) Be willing to receive orientation and training regarding the duties of the Commission.

Commissioners are paid \$250 stipend per meeting plus mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles round trip. A letter of interest and resume to apply for the position of Ponca Tax Commission must be forwarded to the Ponca Tribal Council, P. O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE or crepenning@poncatrIBE-ne.gov Deadline for applications is December 17, 2024.

NORTHERN PONCA ELDERS COMMITTEE

The mission of this Committee is to advocate for improved comprehensive services and provide the leadership needed to meet the needs of our elders (55 and older) by planning and advocating for an aging population in a manner designated to protect and improve their quality of life while maintaining individual dignity.

Tribal Council will be appointing members to all eleven positions by January 13, 2025. All positions will be appointed to four-year terms. The Elders Committee shall consist of two members from each of the four Council Districts established in the Constitution or as modified by redistricting. Each of the two members must reside in the Service Area or 100 miles of the counties constituting the Service Delivery Areas of the Tribe as designated in the PTN Constitution for Council Members (Article IV Section 8). Two members shall be appointed from outside the Service Delivery Areas of the Tribe and shall reside outside the Service Delivery Area (including outside the area described in Article IV Section 8 of the Tribal Constitution). One member shall be appointed as an At-Large Member. The Tribal Council shall strongly consider appointment of the two members from District 1 to represent an elder from the Niobrara Service Delivery Area and elder from the Sioux City Service Delivery Area when possible.


Currently a stipend in the amount of \$250 is paid per meeting plus mileage reimbursement (not to exceed 410 miles at the govt. rate). The Elders Committee Charter is posted on the website (poncatrIBE-ne.gov) and in the office sites or you can request a copy be mailed to you. Please forward 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.gov. Background checks will be conducted. Deadline for applications is December 15, 2024.

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

WWW.FCC.GOV/ACP

THANK YOU!!

A big shout out to B's Nutrition, owned and operated by Ponca Tribe of Nebraska member Lexy Bledsoe, to thank them for their generous donation of drink mixes. Thank you B's Nutrition!



Join our District Facebook Groups!

All Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members are invited to join our official District Facebook groups! These groups have the most up-to-date information on services and events in the district and are open to all SDA and OSDA members.

Scan the QR code below with your smartphone, or visit our Linktree at <https://linktr.ee/poncatribeofne> for group links.

These groups are for PTN District members and parents/guardians of PTN youth only. Members will not be added to a district page for a district they do not live in.

Elder's Committee Meetings

November 4 | 10 am
 Norfolk Transit | Norfolk, NE

December 2 | 10 am
 PTN Offices | Lincoln, NE

Scan me!





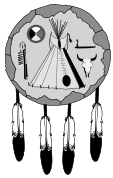
Adopt a buffalo today!

You can help our buffalo to prosper by adopting one or more members of our herd. Our Adopt-A-Buffalo 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



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Office Locations

NIORRARA 68760

Headquarters

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Ph: (402) 857-3391
Fax: (402) 857-3736

Enrollment

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Ph: (402) 857-3391
Fax: (402) 857-3771

Cultural

P.O. Box 288
Ph: (402) 857-3519
Fax: (402) 857-3652

LINCOLN 68512

Administration

1600 Windhoek Dr.
Ph: (402) 438-9222
Fax: (402) 438-9226

Ponca Health Services-Lincoln

1600 Windhoek Dr
Ph: (531) 248-3030

Osni Ponca

2756 O Street
Ph: (402) 434-2127
Fax: (402) 434-2128

NORFOLK 68701

Administration Building

1800 Syracuse Ave.
Ph: (402) 371-8834
Fax: (402) 371-7564

Gym Building

1800 Syracuse Ave.
Ph: (402) 371-8834
Fax: (402) 379-0988

Ponca Hills Clinic

Ph: (402) 371-8780
(402) 371-5726
Fax: (402) 379-4291 - Pharmacy
(402) 379-4293 - Registration
(402) 371-4094 - Medical Lab

Ponca Express

Ph: 877-769-3111

Northern Ponca Housing Authority

1501 Michigan Ave.
Ph: (402) 379-8224
(800) 367-2320
Fax: (402) 379-8557

Purchased/Referred Care

Ph: (800) 405-0365
Fax: (402) 371-0176

OMAHA 68107

Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Clinic

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

Administration

5805 South 86th Circle, 68127
Ph: (402) 315-2760

Dental

2602 "J" Street
Ph: (402) 733-1325
Fax: (402) 733-3487

Northern Ponca Housing Authority

10635 Birch., 68134
Ph: (402) 505-3055
Fax: (402) 505-3066

SIoux CITY 51103

Administration

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

Drug Treatment & Referral Hotline

877-726-4727

Nebraska Family Helpline

888-866-8660

Veterans Crisis Line

800-273-8255

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