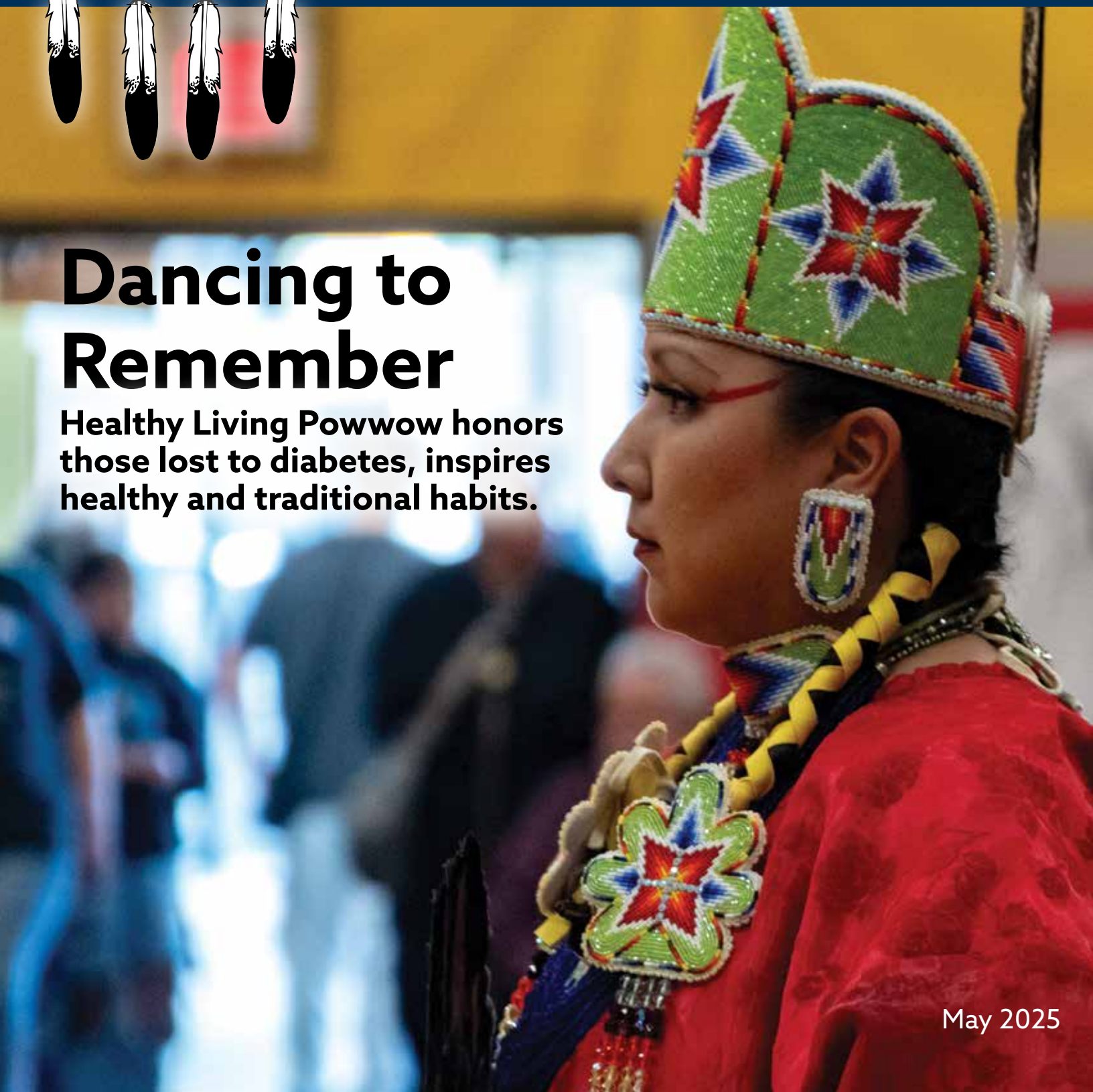
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
Member News



Dancing to Remember

Healthy Living Powwow honors those lost to diabetes, inspires healthy and traditional habits.

May 2025

Pre-construction demolition begins on Joint Venture Building

A mighty crash and a shower of glass marked the beginning of the old making way for the new! On Friday, April 11, Tribal Council and the Ponca Health Services Executive Team looked on as Chairwoman Candace Schmidt made the first swing with the backhoe, beginning the demolition of the old Infogroup call center property, purchased by the Tribe in 2017.







The building is being demolished to make way for the construction of the new Joint Venture IHS facility. This facility will offer new and expanded options in patient care for Ponca members and the Native Community. The rest of the buildings on campus will remain open throughout construction.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 31, 2025 | 10 am

5701 S. 85th Circle | Omaha, NE
or online via Lifesize

Tribal members are invited to attend the first General Membership meeting of 2025 in person, or online via Lifesize. Light refreshments will be provided for the in-person meeting.

Please RSVP by May 26, 2025 if you plan to attend in person. Questions submitted by **May 26, 2025** 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@poncatribe-ne.gov.

On the cover: Head Woman Kari Hinman dances at the Annual Healthy Living Powwow in Norfolk, April 12, 2025. More pictures of the event can be found on pages 4-5.

New DEA poster emphasizes culture and tradition over substance use

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Youth are featured on a new poster developed by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Omaha Division. The poster's header, "Drumming and Dance: The Heartbeat of Our Culture, NOT DRUGS," emphasizes the importance of culture in the Native community.

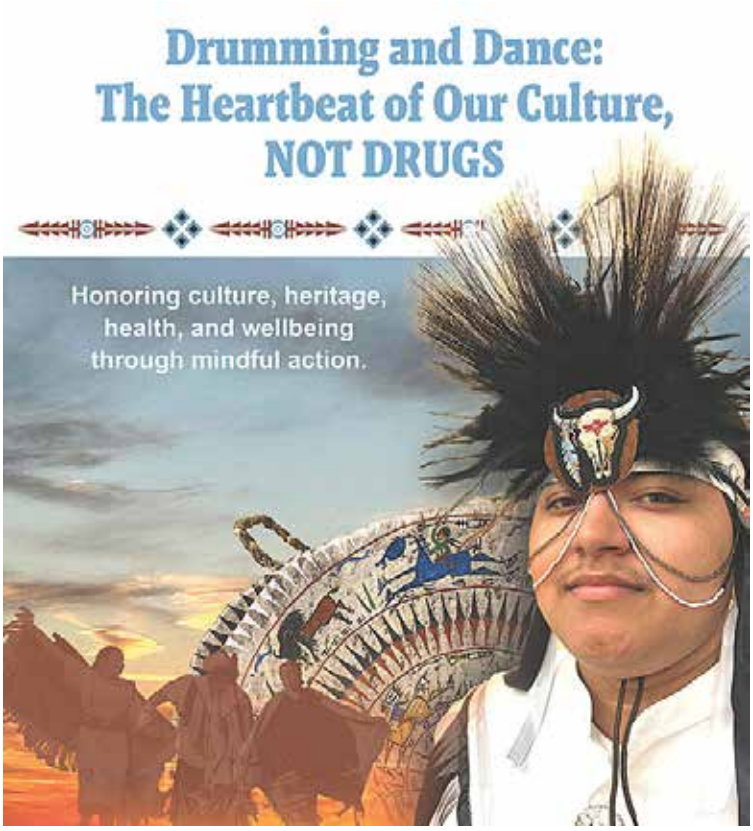
The poster is part of a larger initiative to connect on a meaningful level with tribal communities to create awareness and offer resources around substance use.

"No community wants law enforcement coming in and taking over the community," remarked Special Agent in Charge Steve Bell, "We want the same thing - drugs off the streets."

This poster fills a gap that had been noted during ongoing visits with tribal communities. Where posters addressing issues like human trafficking and domestic violence placed an emphasis on culture, there was nothing similar for drug use. Agent Bell noted that, in order for any prevention efforts to be effective, "There has to be a message the community is behind, and a part of."

To create that message, the DEA worked with elders to develop an idea for a poster that reflects youth, culture, and the mission of the DEA. With permission from the Tribe, photos of Ponca Tribe youth were taken in Norfolk. These photos highlight the significant role dance plays in Native culture. A photo of a drum from Mandaree High School was also included to represent the importance of the sacred drum in ceremony and tradition.

Education is a crucial piece of these prevention efforts. “Our hope is that this poster resonates with tribal communities and sparks conversation about life choices,"said Bell.



Register Today!

(Into the Wild)

Mąt'ánąhà Đéwadè : Ponca Youth Camp

July 13 – 17, 2025

Niobrara Grounds | 88915 521 Avenue | Niobrara, NE

Registration for the Into the Wild: Ponca Youth Camp is now open! Learn about natural resources and connect to your culture through education. To register for the camp, scan our QR code or visit **https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/ponca_youth_camp**. Spots are limited! For more information, please contact Misha Mazurkewycz at misham@poncatribe-ne.gov.



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA OSNI PONCA PRAIRIE FLOWER TRIBE

Tee-Time For Members!

Tatanka Golf Club

53138 NE-12 | Niobrara, NE

Ponca Members can now request one tee-time per day for one foursome of golfers at the Tatanka Golf Club. **Some exclusions apply.

To book a tee-time, please book with the QR code For more information, please contact Kyle Taylor at ktaylor@poncatribe-ne.gov

Đíxìdą Clan

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.

Mí Ábađi -
Day Moon

Mąčú Dúbà -
Four Bear

Káxe Nąbá -
Two Crows

Waží Ska -
Clear Mind

Šúde Gaxè -
Smoke Maker

Waú Wiáxčì -
One Woman

Šéki -
Rattle Snake

Mí T'ąì-
Full Moon

Škątigđe -
Move Quickly

Šímąšade -
Kneels on the Knee

Šąnugahì -
Wolf Chief

Enąbabì -
The Only One

Gakúwįxè -
Turning Around

Mąčú Wanąxe -
Bear Spirit

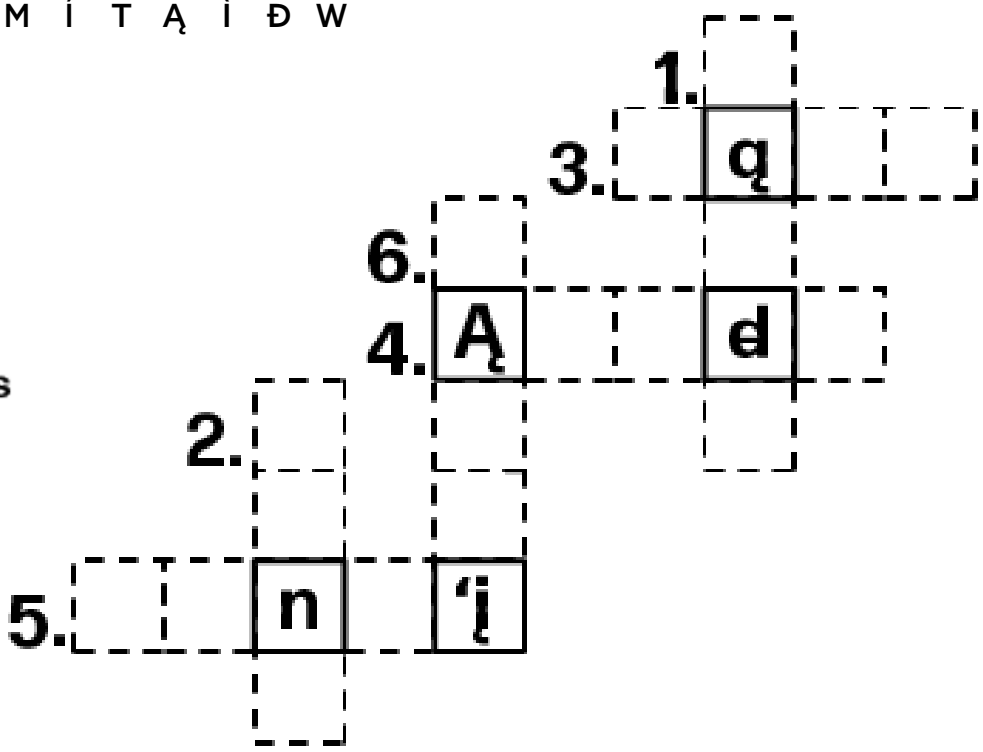
Bđékažíga -
Nickel

answers on page 28

Mądí

to walk

1. Mąbdí - I walk
2. Mąnį' - You walk
3. Mądí - He/She/It walks
4. Ąmądí - We walk
5. Mąnį'į - You all walk
6. Mądį'į - They all walk



Weekly Ponca Language Classes!

5:30-7:00 pm each week!

Norfolk | Mondays
Omaha | Tuesdays
Lincoln | Wednesdays
Sioux City | Wednesdays
Niobrara | Thursdays

Or join us online in real time via Lifesize!

This is a great opportunity to connect with our Ponca language and culture. For more information, or the virtual class link, contact your area instructor.

Sioux City: Deion Miller
402.929.1908
deionm@poncatribe-ne.gov

Omaha: Ruby Wright
402.860.6604
rubyw@poncatribe-ne.gov

Niobrara: Britnie O'Keefe
402.860.3787
bokeefe@poncatribe-ne.gov

Lincoln: Steve Laravie, Sr.
402.405.3875
slaraviesr@poncatribe-ne.gov

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA



Language & Culture Ponca Fashion Show

June 21, 2025 | 12 – 4 pm

Norfolk Gym
1800 Syracuse Avenue | Norfolk, NE

Join us for a fashion show hosted by the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Language and Culture Committee, highlighting Ponca designers and models!

For more information, please contact Stacey Zephier at szephier@poncatribe-ne.gov.

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
Language and Culture Committee

4TH CONVENING OF THE FOUR WINDS

May 17-18, 2025

PTN Agency Grounds | Niobrara, NE

Gather with us in ceremony, strategy and action at the 4th Convening of the Four winds, sponsored by Movement Rights. Join us for a two-day gathering of relatives, allies, activists, wisdom keepers, and change makers as we organize around Rights of Nature, Rights of Rivers, Tribal Sovereignty, and Environmental Justice.

To register, visit https://movementrights.org/4winds/

Community gathers for Healthy Living Powwow

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Diabetes Program hosted its Annual Healthy Living Powwow at the Norfolk Gym April 12, 2025.

This annual event honors tribal members and relatives who have lost their battle with diabetes, and promotes healthy lifestyles that can prevent or help treat diabetes. This year's event also included a Two-Step Contest, sponsored by the Head Man and Head Woman.

































SAVE THE DATE!

31st ANNUAL PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA POWWOW

August 7-10, 2025

4-Day Powwow! All Dancers, Vendors and Spectators Welcome.

For the most up-to-date information, follow us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/PTNCultureDepartment/ or contact Galicia Drapeau at gdrapeau@poncatribe-ne.gov.

Help Needed for 31st Annual Powwow!

Members are invited to apply for the following paid positions:

Color Guard

Veterans and members of the active military are invited to apply to be a part of our Color Guard. All natives welcome!

Applications Due:
May 31, 2025 by 11:59 pm

Water Bearers

All applicants must be between 10 to 17 years old and must have Parent or Guardian permission.

Applications Due:
May 31, 2025 by 11:59 pm

For more information, please contact Galicia Drapeau at gdrapeau@poncatribe-ne.gov.

Farmer's Market Distributions!

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.

Mon. May 19, 2025 | 4 – 6 pm
Sioux City | 125 6th Street
Tues. May 20, 2025 | 4 – 6 pm
Niobrara | 2523 Woodbine Street
Wed. May 21, 2025 | 4 – 6 pm
Norfolk | 1800 Syracuse Avenue | North Gym Lot
Thurs. May 22, 2025 | 4 – 6 pm
Omaha | 5815 South 86th Circle
Fri. May 23, 2025 | 4 – 6 pm
Lincoln |1600 Windhoek Drive | North Lot

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

Reel Mentors: Youth Fishing Event

June 1, 2025 | 10 am – 2 pm
Platte River State Park | 14421 346th Street | Louisville, NE

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska youth aged 8 to 16 are invited to join the Youth Council and Ponca Member Ron Suverkrubbe's Reel Mentors organization for a day of fishing and fun!

Spaces are limited! Sign up now by scanning the QR code, going to **https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/reel_mentors_reg2025**. For more information, contact Shanna Carpenter at 402.805.0883.

Scan Me!



HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO DECOMPOSE?



Warmer weather draws many for Walk/Run

Despite being a bit earlier than in years past, the Annual Diabetes Health Living Walk/Run on April 12 enjoyed a perfect spring day. Walkers and runners had sunshine and warmer temps to complete the circuit of Skyview Lake this year. Past years have seen rain, high winds, and even ice and cold bad enough to move the event to the gym. The Diabetes Program hosts the Walk/Run and Powwow each year to emphasize the value of healthy living and exercise in the fight against diabetes.









































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LANGUAGE

March events celebrate women's empowerment

Throughout the month of March, Women's History Month, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Domestic Violence Program held events acknowledging women throughout the Service Delivery Area.

This year, the theme of these events centered on empowerment. Members and the community were asked to nominate women who they felt embodied empowerment, or who empower others and their communities. Each event featured a meal for participants, a presentation on the honorees, and flowers for all the women in attendance.

Honored this year were:
Nicole Benegas
Robin Wright
Calista Foster
Courtney Chavez
Kay Appling
Brenda Sherman Galitz
Ruby Wright
Sue Bad Moccasin
Liz Clifford
Katerina Robinette
Theresa Foley
Katherine Albritton
Valery Kills Crow Copeland
Josie Shea
Wathina Porter
Syrianna Maughan
Laurel Bear
Rachel Schade
Rita Pitzer
Amelia IronThunder
Faythe Hurd
Marilyn Wright
Debra Jennings
Nicole R
Loyalee Wright
Tara Stahly
Jolena Wright












District 2 hops to it with Easter event for members














District 3 members share Easter food and fun!

















INDIGENOUS SEED SOVEREIGNTY PROJECT

Interested in engaging with community members about seed saving, seed production, and/or seed sovereignty? **Scan the QR code to take the survey today!**

Christina Gish Hill (Iowa State University, American Indian Studies) and Krista Isaacs (Michigan State University, Plant, Soil, and Microbial Sciences) are working with Native nations throughout Nebraska to support Indigenous efforts towards food and seed sovereignty. The purpose of the work is to support Indigenous communities in defining food and seed sovereignty. This is a first step towards working collaboratively with the community in their efforts to grow, save, distribute, and conserve indigenous seed. In this survey we ask a few questions about what you grow, how you get your seed, what plants you would like more access to, and if you would like to engage with our project designed to support your community's seed system.

District 2 SDA

Summertime at FunPlex for Members

Free FunPlex Tickets for all **District 2 SDA Ponca members**! Good for one admission for the 2025 season and available for pickup at Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Center starting on June 2nd.

For more information, please contact Tribal Council Representatives Samantha Gallagher at sgallagher@poncatribe-ne.gov or Falon McAlpin at falonm@poncatribe-ne.gov.

Tickets are for actively enrolled District 2 Service Delivery Area PTN members at the time the list was pulled from Enrollment, with no exceptions. One ticket per member. Lost tickets will not be replaced. Tickets are issued on a first-come, first-served basis. No tickets will be mailed or saved. You may only pick up tickets for members of your household unless prior authorization has been given.

Fun-Plex WATERPARK & RIDES

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

Ponca Tribal Code Series

The Ponca Tribal Court and the Domestic Violence Program are working together to host the Ponca Code Series. This series is a training being held to assist tribal members, staff, legal professionals, human service professionals, and members of the indigenous community to better understand the Ponca Tribal Code.

Divorce

May 8, 2025 | 11 am – 2 pm
Sioux City Offices | 125 6th Street | Sioux City, IA

The series will go over one section of the code per event and is taught by the Honorable Patrick Runge. Lunch will be provided.

This flyer was produced by the Ponca Tribe of NE under two grants: Grant # 90C52045 TCIP, and grant #15POVC-21-GG-00928-TVAG, awarded by the Office of Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Program, and U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this flyer are those of the contributors and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice.

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
TRIBAL COURT

INVITATION TO OUR ELDERS

Share Your Stories – Keep Our Traditions Alive

The Ponca Culture Department invites you to share your stories, wisdom, and history through Oral Storytelling.

Interested?

Schedule a time and place that works for you!

Contact Alexcia Boggs at aboggs@poncatribe-ne.gov or 712.258.0500 ext. 1005.



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

Ponca Hills Health and Wellness Dental Clinic welcomes new Dental Hygienist



The Ponca Dental Clinic would like to welcome our new Registered Dental Hygienist, Vickie Troyer RDH. Vickie will be located in the Ponca Hill Health & Wellness Center's Dental Clinic in Norfolk. Vickie is taking over the existing patients dental hygiene needs and is also accepting new patients. You can schedule an appointment with Vickie during normal Dental Clinic Hours by calling the Ponca Hills Health & Wellness Center at (402) 371-8780.

Here is a little bit about Vickie: "I am very excited about practicing dental hygiene for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska in the Norfolk clinic. I have been a hygienist for 31 years and am still passionate about the profession. I look forward to meeting my new patients and helping them anyway I can. My hobbies include gardening, reading and spending time with family and friends. My husband and I live on an acreage in the area so I enjoy being outside in my garden or just relaxing in the backyard. I hope to see and meet all of you soon

Narlock receives Public Health Award



On April 4th Kathi Narlock RDH, dental hygienist in the Fred LeRoy Dental Clinic, received the 2024-2025 Nebraska Dental Hygienist Association Public Health Award. Kathi has been with the Ponca Dental Clinic for 16 of years, and when not in the clinic she can be found volunteering her time with numerous other Public Health Dental Clinic Initiatives.

WIOA Resume & Job Search Workshops

June 10 & 11 | 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Niobrara Headquarters
2523 Woodbine Street | Niobrara, NE

The WIOA Program will be hosting workshops on resume building and searching for jobs. Attend both workshops and receive a FREE interview outfit!

***Participants must be WIOA eligible to receive interview outfit.*

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA WIOA



District 2 SDA

Kick Off to Summer Family Movie Day!

June 1, 2025 | 12:30 pm
Village Pointe Cinema
304 North 174th Street | Omaha, NE

District 2 SDA Ponca tribal members and their immediate family members are invited to a showing of ***Lilo & Stitch***. Doors open at 12:30 pm and movie starts at 1:00 pm. Small combos of popcorn and a drink will be provided for each attendee. First come, first served. Everyone must check in at the PTN table upon arrival.

For more information, please contact Falon McAlpin at falonm@poncatribe-ne.gov or Samantha Gallagher at sgallagher@poncatribe-ne.gov.



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

Shedding light on the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives

Heather Oberg
Domestic Violence Case Manager

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Domestic Violence Program is on a mission to inform the community about the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) and shedding a much needed light on the crisis.

From January to May 2024, the Domestic Violence Training and Outreach Specialists presented on 10 MMIR cases from the community. Additionally, the Domestic Violence Program has been sharing Missing Relatives Information on social media, in Tribal offices, at local community centers, with program partners, and with local news stations. The DV Program also met with law enforcement and community organizations to educate and spread more information about MMIR.

The issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) is a significant and ongoing crisis, particularly in the United States and Canada. MMIW refers to the disproportionately high rates at which Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit persons go missing or are murdered, often under circumstances of violence, exploitation, and systemic neglect.

Historically, systemic racism in law enforcement, healthcare, and the judicial system has made it difficult to ensure justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Systemic challenges, like under reporting and misclassification of cases, exacerbate the issue.

Cases of missing Indigenous women are often underreported, and law enforcement agencies may not prioritize them. The lack of attention from law enforcement agencies combined with jurisdictional issues between local, state, and federal authorities leads to a lack of resolution for far too many cases.

In 2016, the National Crime Information Center recorded 5,712

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
- 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@poncatribe-ne.gov



MMIR: Systemic change necessary to protect Indigenous relatives

reports of missing American Indian/Alaska Native women and girls. However, only 116 of these cases were entered into the U.S. Department of Justice's federal missing persons database.

In 2020, reported cases of missing Indigenous people in Nebraska was 23 and almost doubled in 2024 with 43 reported cases. This increase has prompted Nebraska state authorities to study and implement recommendations aimed at curbing the disproportionately high rates at which Indigenous children and women go missing.

Nationally, in an attempt to curtail these known issues, there have been some significant moments to note. In 2022, President Biden reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act. In doing so, the Act expanded the jurisdiction tribal courts have over non-native perpetrators when they commit crimes against Native people on reservation land.

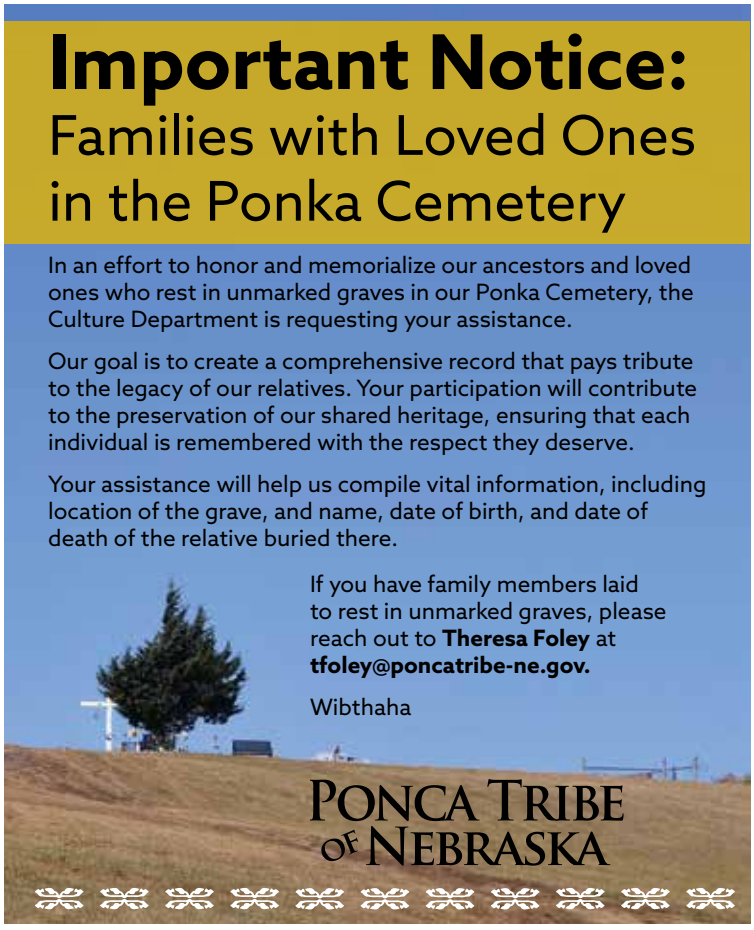
In 2023, President Biden declared May 5 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness Day. This declaration brought national attention to the crisis, which has allowed more accurate and complete statistical data to be collected. The National Institute of Justice found 84.3% of Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime. In addition, over 5,800 American Indian/Alaskan Native women were reported missing with 4,492 of those cases involving children.

Furthermore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found the murder rate is ten times higher than the national average for women living on reservations, and murder is the third leading cause of death for Native women.

All these statistics underscore the urgent need for improved data collection, interagency collaboration, and resources dedicated to addressing the MMIW crisis.

Despite the efforts in recent years to raise awareness, the crisis remains urgent with no clear or complete solution. Continued attention, support, and systemic changes are necessary to address the violence against Indigenous women and ensure they are given the justice and respect they deserve.





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@poncatribe-ne.gov or pate@poncatribe-ne.gov.



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.
Visit our Linktree at **https://linktr.ee/poncatribeofne** for group links or email info@poncatribe-ne.gov.

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.

Scan me!



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

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
WIOA

Ponca Tribe installs harm reduction vending machines

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska has installed vending machines with FREE harm reduction supplies at each of our locations.

Harm reduction is a public health approach rooted in values that are shared throughout Tribal communities. Healing doesn't begin with judgement, it begins with compassion, connection, and understanding. It focuses on minimizing the harmful effects of substance use and other risky behaviors, while connecting members of our community with help and support. This approach honors individual



autonomy, meets people where they are, and recognizes that everyone's healing journey is different. It's not about telling someone to "just stop," it's about helping them stay safe, stay alive, and stay connected to their community and culture. Harm reduction is a step toward healing, grounded in dignity, care, and the belief that everyone deserves support, regardless of where they're at.

Our harm reduction supplies are offered free of charge, with love and respect to anyone in need. These items are not just supplies they are acts of care and protection, and include:

- Narcan
- Fentanyl Testing Strips (where allowable)
- Sharps Container
- Wound Care Kit
- First Aid Kit
- HIV Testing Kits
- Pregnancy Test
- Advil / Benadryl
- Foam Cleaner
- Sun Safety Kit
- Insect Repellant
- Winter Wear Kit
- Oral Hygiene Kit
- Feminine Hygiene Kit
- Traditional Healing Kit (includes Sage and/or other traditional medicines)
- Med Lock Bag
- Gloves
- Trojan & Skyn Condoms
- Dental Dams
- CPR Shield

Culture Teachers Wanted!

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

To be considered, please send a sample of your work (video, picture, etc.) to Deputy Director of Tribal Affairs, Alexcia Boggs at aboggs@poncatribe-ne.gov or 712.258.0500 ext. 1005





Save the Date!

3rd Annual

Camp Creator's Game

June 19 – 20, 2025

Indian Center | 1100 Military Road | Lincoln, NE
Lincoln Parks & Recreation | TBD | Lincoln, NE

Please save the date for the Third Annual Camp Creator's Game! We will have a team bonding dinner at the Indian Center on June 19. On June 20, Edison Rednest will host an educational conversation on the importance of the Creator's game. Youth will get a chance to participate in the game afterwards. For more information, please contact Sarah Lehl at slehl@poncatribe-ne.gov.

Building for the Future

Ponca students nationwide are invited to apply by August 15, 2025 for this need-based scholarship focusing on career development.

Eligibility:

- The student must be enrolled in some type of Adult Vocational Training Program or working toward a bachelor's degree.
- The student must provide proof of enrollment in the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
- The student must provide proof of graduation from high school or completion of their GED.
- The student must complete and submit the following forms: Application, Contract, and Financial Need Form by the August 15 deadline.

Requirements:

- The student must maintain satisfactory academic progress with an accumulative GPA of 2.5 or better for the term funded.
- If the student does not maintain the required 2.5 GPA, they must refund the scholarship.
- The student must also submit an official transcript to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Department of Education for the term funded.

Scholarship amount is $1,000.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

For more information, please contact the Education Department at 402.371.8834, or via email at pate@poncatribe-ne.gov or aknudsen@poncatribe-ne.gov.

Education Deadlines:

HIED- Summer: May 15th, 2025
Adam Way Scholarship: June 15, 2025
Building for the Future Scholarship: August 15

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 2025 deadline: May 15, 2025
Fall 2025 deadline: August 15, 2025
Winter 2025 deadline: November 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@poncatribe-ne.gov. **Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs**

2024-2025 Johnson O'Malley End of Year Banquet

Thursday, June 5 | 6:00-7:30 pm

Ponca Tribe Transit Facility
1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE

The Johnson O'Malley Program and Title VI would like to invite all JOM enrolled students to the annual end of the school year banquet.

The 2025 High School Graduates will be honored with a star quilt. All JOM enrolled students will receive a certificate and gift card. Refreshments, snacks, and cake will be served.

For more information, please contact Aubrey Knudsen, 402.371.8834 or aknudsen@poncatribe-ne.gov.



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

This event is for enrolled JOM students only who attend a public school in Madison County, NE. Students must have a complete file in order to participate in the banquet.

Education Department offers new program for Native youth!

The Education Department is now offering a new program nationwide! The name of this program is the Native American Youth Enhancement Program, and the purpose of the program is to promote self-esteem and improve self-awareness in our youth. We feel it is our mission to show our youth that they not only have self-worth but also should be proud of who they are as a people; and to do both, they need to have a better understanding of their roots and history. This program will be available online to Native American students, ages 13 through 18. Incentives are provided to those who participate. To learn more about the program, please contact Amber Appling at (402) 371-8834, ext. 2037. She can also be reached by email at: aappling@poncatribe-ne.gov. Her physical address is: 1800 Syracuse Avenue, Norfolk, NE 68701.

Adam Way Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: $1000

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Must currently reside in Nebraska
- Enrolled Ponca members aged 18 – 45 years old
- Preparing to enroll or currently enrolled in a college (2 or 4-year accredited institution), graduate, trade, or professional school whose eligibility is determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- An essay explaining how the educational opportunity will be used to help the Tribe
- Three written character references (Respondents need to be ***non-family members***)
- A completed financial need form

Scan Me!

To start the application process, scan our QR code or visit our link: **https://www.poncatribe-ne.gov/services/education/adam-way-memorial-scholarship/**. Applications are due **June 15, 2025**. Applicants will be notified by **August 1, 2025**.

This scholarship opportunity is available through the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Education Department.

Introducing Our New Business Development Specialist & Project Manager: Rheadina Foster

Osni Ponca, LLC is proud to welcome Rheadina Foster as our new Business Development Specialist & Project Manager. Rheadina, a Ponca member, joined the team in March and has already jumped in with both feet to see where she can make an impact. With over 20 years in leadership, a focus on process improvement, project management, procurement and vendor management, budgeting, as well as a strong background in strategic planning and relationship building, she brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our team as we continue to expand opportunities for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska.



In this role, Rheadina will focus on exploring innovative business ventures and help to strengthen Osni Ponca's position as a driver of sustainable economic growth. With a passion for making a difference, her motivation is knowing that her efforts will help her people. Rheadina is ready to support the company's mission of promoting tribal sovereignty through economic success.

"I'm excited to join Osni Ponca, LLC and be part of something that truly makes an impact," said Rheadina Foster. "This is more than a job—it's an opportunity to help build lasting change through economic development rooted in culture, resilience, and strategic vision."

Outside of work, Rheadina is a mother to 3 amazing kiddos and spends most evenings and weekends living their best lives as their Uber driver between each of their activities! Besides that, she enjoys naps (if she could ever get them) and traveling to warm places with sand and crystal blue water. She also shares her love of scent with her friends and family as an Independent Scentsy Consultant and her love of different cultures by working with international exchange students and their host families ensuring that they have a positive and memorable experience while in the USA. She wears many hats and is very excited to wear this new hat.

Please join us in welcoming Rheadina to the Osni Ponca, LLC team! We look forward to her leadership, insight, and dedication she brings to our shared mission.



PEDCO participates in Diabetes Powwow

On Saturday, April 12, PEDCO unveiled its new virtual reality (VR) career exploration program at the 2025 annual Diabetes Powwow in Norfolk. Approximately 20 participants visited the program table during the event, according to PEDCO Director Greg Moser and Program Manager Erica Buescher, who both attended.

At the powwow, PEDCO showcased its workforce development technology. This technology included VR simulations of real-life on-the-job scenarios to help participants explore various careers, such as responding to the scene of an accident and repairing a broadband tower. Another engaging activity included PEDCO's zSpace augmented reality (AR) laptop, which allowed participants to broaden their knowledge and build excitement around science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

For more information on PEDCO's workforce development technology, contact Greg Moser at gmoser@pedco-ne.org.



Join Us for Lunch!

Members are invited to come and share lunch with the Executive Team at our monthly meet and greet! We look forward to sharing a meal, and hearing member input on projects and prospects facing our Tribal nation. Please be sure to RSVP, so we can save you a spot at the table!

June 20 | 12 – 1 pm
Norfolk Housing Authority
1501 W Michigan Ave

July 18 | 12 – 1 pm
Ralston Transit Building
5701 South 85th Circle

August 15 | 12 – 1 pm
Sioux City Offices
125 6th Street

September 19 | 12 – 1 pm
Lincoln Community Room
1600 Windhoek Drive

October 17 | 12 – 1 pm
Ralston Transit Building
5701 South 85th Circle

November 21 | 12 – 1 pm
Norfolk Housing Authority
1501 W Michigan Ave

December 19 | 12 – 1 pm
Niobrara Headquarters
2523 Woodbine Street



To RSVP, please scan our QR code or visit our link: **https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/meet_and_ greet**, or by contacting LaTia Young, 402.315.2760, ext. 4119 or lyoung@poncatribe-ne.gov



COMING SOON! ROBOTIC ARM AND DRONE TRAINING!

PEDCO is partnering with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Nebraska Innovation Studio to offer free Robotic Arm and Drone training for Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members. These training sessions rapidly equip members with a skill set that translates into in-demand jobs.

July 21, 2025 to July 22, 2025 - Drone Training

July 28, 2025 to July 31, 2025 - Robotic Arm Training

PEDCO
PONCA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

ROBOTIC ARM AND DRONE TRAINING

PRESENTED BY PEDCO & UNL INNOVATION STUDIO

IN-PERSON

ACCELERATED TRAINING

OPEN TO ALL PONCA TRIBE MEMBERS

INTERESTED? CONTACT
PEDCO
Info@pedco-ne.org
402-434-2127

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://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/ponca_artists_niobrara_market** to sign up. For more information, contact Rebecca Sullivan at bsullivan@osniponca.com.

NIOBRARA MARKET

PONCA YOUTH AGES 14-24:

Complete PEDCO's needs assessment survey for a chance to win a $50 Visa gift card!



Share your needs in the areas of education, job training, and career exploration and help us develop our Workforce program to better serve Ponca youth!

Scan attached QR code and take the survey for your chance to win a $50 Visa gift card. Contact: Greg Moser, PEDCO Director at 402-434-2127 Ext. 7.



AVAILABE NOW! PEDCO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The PEDCO Workforce Development program provides our members access to services designed to help nurture self-sufficiency, assist in eliminating barriers to employment, and provide members a means to achieve professional success. This program is available to all members 14+ wanting pre-employment assistance, to further their career, or to advance professional skills. Please contact info@pedco-ne.org to sign up for our e-Newsletter!

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CAREER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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PEDCO
2756 O Street
Lincoln, NE 68510
402-434-2127

Pedco-ne.org

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

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TRIBAL MEMBERS
(please print)

NAME:_____ DOB:_____

MAILING ADDRESS:_____

_____ PHONE: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING):

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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@poncatribe-ne.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 or enrollment@poncatribe-ne.gov

ENROLLED PONCA TRIBE MEMBER REQUESTING ADDRESS CHANGE:

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OTHER ENROLLED PONCA TRIBE MEMBERS IN HOUSEHOLD:

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PREVIOUS ADDRESS: (Street/P.O. Box, Apt #, City, State, Zip, County)

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NEW ADDRESS: (Street/P.O. Box, Apt #, City, State, Zip, County)

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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@poncatribe-ne.gov, or contact the Niobrara office. We appreciate your help!

INACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF 5/1/2025

Anthony, Jr., Steven Scott
Bagent, Wayne Orval
Bair, Wesley David
Baker, Skylar Dominick
Baker-Ferguson, Jared Riley
Banuelos, Christa Rose
Barrett, Dannielle Samantha
Bear, Joshua Gilbert
Bear, Max Starr
Beaver, Jason Chaska
Becker, Jr., Anthony Arnold
Becker, Sr., Anthony Arnold
Becker, Tyller Randell
Bell, Darian Patrick
Bell, Shaune` Kay
Birdhead, William Randolph
Blair, Hunter Wo Day Leon
Blowe, Dominick Adams
Blowe, Isaiah Fredrick
Blowe, Tyrone Richard
Boettger, Dakota Birdhead
Bonge, Stevie Lorene
Bonge, Todd Joseph
Boone, Lola Belle
Boyd, Myron Ralph
Boyer, Berlin N.
Brooks, Angela Ellen
Brown, J. Wesley
Brownrigg, Steven Francis
Buckley II, Sentwali Onyemachi
Buffalo Chief, Uriah Jordan
Burgon, Jeremy Edward
Burston, Sandra Lee
Carlson, Emma Rose
Carlson, Stephanie Lea
Carter, Amber Lynn
Castulo,
Cheryl Francisca Katherine
Chwalowski, Kaitlin Martika
Courtright, Michael Todd
Cutshall, Katline James
Da Moude, Deborah Kay
Danielson, Daniel James
Drapeaux, Juston Lee
Droescher, Samantha Roma Rae
Droescher, Savannah Jo Anne
Eckley, Lane Emory
Eckley, Leigha Irene
Engles, Donna Antonette
Evans, Kareem Antwon
Fegan, Maria Christina
Fierro, Brandon Michael
Flagg, III., George Albert
Flowers, Joseph
Flyinghawk, Landon Alan
Foley, Michael Joseph
Freeman, Xavier Lee
Fua, Tyler Anthony
Glenn, John Allen
Glisan, Cynthia Lynn
Goss, Mamie L.
Govia, Isaiah Lee
Govia, Mc Kenzie Jo
Grant Jr., Donald Allen
Grant, III., Jesse Clarence
Green, Brooklyn Marie
Gutierrez, Vincent Clarence
Haahr, Anneliese Teresa
Hagler, Joshua James
Harlan, Lavara Mina
Harris, Paul Joseph
Hart-La Londe, Kaedyn Mikael
Hendren, Adavia Gabrielle
Hennek, Gail Howe
Henritze, Joseph Dale
Henritze, Karen June
Hocking-Gosnell, Zalla C.
Hogie, Jamie Lyn
Hope, Dorothea Jo Ann
Horine, Ashley Danielle
Howe, Richard H.
Humphreys, Belinda Kay
Jeppesen, Zachary Lee
Johnson, Lukus Tyler
Keeling, Lamont Terrill
Kelso, James Alan
Kerrigan, Kathleen Ann
Kettula, Ruby Jean
King, Gavin Michael
Knight, Cameron Patrick
Knudsen, Crystal Mae
Krueger, Annette Marie
Kyles, Jarred Joseph
LaPointe, Alejandro Jauquine
LaPointe, Robert James
Laravie, Jr., Steve Alan
Larson, Scott Andrew
Lasley, Brittany Joy
Latimer, LaRohn Lewis
Leach, Isaiah Marcus
Lerew Jr, Zachariah Ray
LeRoy, Gisele Marie
LeRoy, Sophia Storm
Lieb, Donovan Joseph
Lieb, Sylas Vittorio
Lindenberg, David Charles
Little, Jeromy Todd
Loftis, Timothy Duane
Loftis, Timothy James
Lopez, Jr., Juan Francisco
Maben, Jessica Paige
Madrigal, Steven Matthew
Mann II, Steven Michael
Mann, Sydney Desiree`
Marlow Anderson, Saidra Lea
Mategko, Janet Louise
Mategko, Lisa Louise
Mategko, Michael Steven
Matthews, Jett Haden
McGrath, Bryan Thomas
McGrath, Daniel Patrick
McGraw, Rowan Bay Leigh
McKeen, Juanita Rose
Mercier, Jade Sharice
Miodowski, Jesse Thomas
Mullen, Michael Thomas
Mullen, Owen Dean
Mullins, John Frederick
Muscutt, Elias Gordon
Muscutt, Jr., Gordon Dean
Olmer, Dakota Michael
O'Meara, David Joseph
O'Rear, Makenna Shay
Peck, Brandalynn
Peck, Tyler Duane
Petersen, Kevin Lee
Pfundstein, Nathan Alexander
Picotte - Felde, Diamond Rose
Pierce, Raychel Marie
Poafpybitty, Misty Brook
Polly, Rachael Anne
Prichard, Joseph John
Prunty, Austin Joe
Queen, Anthony Scott
Quintana Jr, Arthur Jose
Raymond, Joseph Allen
Remmenga, Daniel James
Rich, Mitch Andrew
Roberts, Marquitta Ruby
Rowe, Crystle Anette
Rulo, Byron
Russell, Kristina Anne
Sainz, Tritia Jeanene
Sarton, Gwendolyn Lee
Schmidt, Dylan Andrew- Philip
Schmidt, Jaye Anthony
Schmidt, John Thomas Carl
Schmidt, Jr., Karl Michael
Schmitz, Jennifer Joy
Scuderi, Jana Marie
Scurlocke, Athena Larissa Lucille
Sherman, Cody Lee
Sherman, Harold Dewayne
Sherman, John Glenn
Sherman, Michael Ray
Sherman, Mitchell Everett
Sherman, Robert Le Roy
Sherman, Sage Mae
Sherman, Savannah
Sherman, Tristan Ray
Smith, Ashley Nicole
Smith, Danial Ray
Smith, Stephanie Rae
Solano, Anthony Earl
Spencer, Peyton Thunder
Standsblack, Daniel Skye
Standsblack, Marko Tulio
Stastny, Rachel Colleen
Stegman, Mi'a Miwasa Nevaeh
Stuczynski, Drake Keegan
Suverkrubbe, Nathan Fernando
Swinarski, Alicia Estrada
Taylor, Ka`ili Brianna
Taylor, Samantha Rose
Teboe, Temperance Tayen
Thomas, II,
Scott Richard Herbert
Thomas, Jenny Anne
Thomas, Natana Lynn
Thomas, Robin Diane
Torrez, Jr., Lawrence DeWayne
Treichler, Jasmine Dawn
Vanderlinden, Emmi Clarine
Vaughan, Linda Lou
Veals, Clifford James
Velder Jr., Jason Lee
Velder, Tristen Leo Spencer
Voigt, Mitchell Henry
Voss, Joshua Le Roy
Voss, Michael Roy
Waters, Deon Koleen
Wayte, April May
White, Abrianna Aliya
Williams, Andrea Michelle
Wilson, Samantha Tyre
Wolfe Sr, Michael
Wright, Alina Lee
Wright, Asheena Lee
Wright, Cherita Alberta
Wright, Cruz Montgomery
Wright, Eric David
Wright, Howard Floyd
Wright, Jacob Martin
York, Gregory Allen
Zephier, Cameron Dawn

MEMBERS NEEDED

YOUTH COUNCIL

The objectives of this group shall be to provide a collective voice and represent the tribal youth in all matters that concern them; to serve as a means of mobilizing and coordinating the actions of youth, other community members and organizations toward positive goals; to promote the development of future tribal leaders; to help solve problems facing tribal youth; to coordinate school and community service projects and provide opportunities for the youth to interact for fun and fellowship. In addition, the youth shall focus on cultural revitalization and sustainability to include being an active generational voice in regards to tribal governing and tribal affairs.

The youth members shall consist of one (1) participant from each District (D1, Niobrara and Sioux City areas; D2, Omaha area; D3, Lincoln area; and D4, Norfolk area) and five (5) at large positions for a total of up to nine (9) council members to reflect Tribal Council. One of the five at large members may reside outside the Service Delivery Area, while four must reside within 100 miles of the Service Delivery Area.

To be qualified the group shall consist of Ponca Tribe of NE youth between the ages of 14 and 24 years of age. If a member is appointed before 24 years of age, but turns 25 during his/her term, she/he may serve until they turn 25.

Tribal Council is accepting letters of interest and resumes. Youth Council are paid a $200.00 stipend per meeting plus mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles roundtrip. A letter of interest and resume to apply for the position of Ponca Youth Committee must be forwarded to Ponca Tribal Council, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, Nebraska or crepenning@poncatribe-ne.gov. Deadline for applications is May 21, 2025.

ELECTION BOARD

The Tribal Council is accepting applications for the Election Board. Members are paid $250 per meeting and mileage will be paid for a maximum of 410 miles round trip at the federal government approved rate. Most meetings are held in Niobrara, Nebraska.

To be qualified to be appointed to the Election Board, a person shall:
1. Be an enrolled member of the Tribe.
2. Be a resident of the voting district from which they are appointed.
3. Be eligible to vote in the election for which they will serve as Election Board Member; and
4. If convicted of a felony, have completed his sentence requirements, including any parole, at least two (2) years prior to appointment.

No individual shall be permitted to sit as an Election Board member who:
1. Has been convicted of a crime involving the theft of funds or property of the Tribe in any court of any jurisdiction regardless of any pardon or restoration of civil rights for said offense.
2. Currently holds elective office in the Tribe.
3. Is or plans to be a candidate in any election during his or her term.
4. Has an immediate family member who is currently a member of the Tribal Council, or who is or plans to be a candidate in any election during his or her term.
5. No Ponca Tribe of Nebraska employees may serve on the Election Board per the PTN Employee Handbook.

A criminal background check will be conducted.

Please submit a letter of interest and application form to Ponca Tribal Council, Attn: Candace Repenning, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or via e-mail to crepenning@poncatribe-ne.gov. Deadline is May 21, 2025.

COMMITTEE/BOARD
APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ DOB (date of birth) _____

Are you a Ponca Tribal Member _____ District # where you reside _____

Email Address _____

Committee/Board applying for _____

Current Committee/Board(s) serving on _____

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Committee/Board(s) you have served on in the past _____

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Have you ever been removed from a Committee or Board(s)? Yes or No. If yes, please explain

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Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor (other than minor traffic violations)? Yes or No. If yes, please explain _____

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Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes or No. If yes, please explain _____

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Please fill out, sign, and date the required form. Please submit with your letter of interest or resume. Email to Candace Repenning Administrative Assistant crepenning@poncatribe-ne.gov or mail to PO BOX 288, Niobrara, NE 68760.

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Signature Date

Class of 2025

Honoring our Graduating Seniors

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska would like to honor our 2025 Ponca graduates in a special section in our June 2025 newsletter.

Please complete the online form ***no later than May 9th, 2025*** to have your graduate included in this section. Submissions may be subject to minor edits for space and consistency.

To submit your graduate, scan the QR code, or visit **https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/2025_graduates**

Questions? Please email **info@poncatribe-ne.gov.**



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word search answers from page 2

The following is the fifth in a series of poems by Ponca Member Savannah Sherman/Lake.

Restitution

The Bear in you is ready for war, this time
Crossing the land - In the age of Aquarius,
This your birth sign, alignment
The women have cried for the Bear out loud, for protection over mankind, for protection of our land. We have yelled from every country
"We choose the Bear!"
It's time to shake the ground, making earth rumble and seas crash,
Please offer us your library
Its time we set our world free

Oh come back Standing Bear,
With a match stick and paper
Reclaim the title they took from you
The land of the free
Has been smothered in greed
Women are hiding
The planet is dying

Oh Standing Bear
Please stand among your people
Grant the wisdom (wise-dome) of the heart and stomach
Gather the community of warriors
Ready to descend like lightening that strikes - illuminating the sky in a powerful blaze.
The world needs you,
The world needs our ancestors to wake up in our hearts today
The rest is over!
Hear our cries
Hear the lies being fed our food - mind, body and soul
The age is now
Hear my cry
Accept my roar

-Savannah Sherman/Lake

Traveling Alice painting in Sioux City in May!



Ponca members and descendents of Grandma Alice will be able to view the painting at each office location at the following dates, and have an opportunity to write a story or memory they have of Grandma Alice. A memory notebook will be set up next to the artwork.

Traveling Alice Tour Dates:
May - Niobrara Office
June - Sioux City Office
July - Lincoln Office
August - Ralston Admin

Elder's Committee Meetings

May 5 | 10 am
Ralston Office | Omaha, NE

June 2 | 10 am
PTN Office | Lincoln, NE

Keeping up on Tribal news!

This young Ponca member in California takes some time to read the April 2025 newsletter.



Congratulations Mitchell Cooper!



I will be graduating May 10th from Northeastern State University with a masters in social work.

I am deeply honored to be recognized by my Tribe as I celebrate this milestone of earning my Master of Social Work. My journey has been shaped by the strength and resilience of our community, and I am committed to giving back in any way I can. It is my hope to use my education and passion to serve our people, uplift our families, and contribute to the well-being of future generations. Thank you for your support—I look forward to the opportunity of hopefully working alongside you all!"

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
P.O. Box 288
Niobrara, NE 68760

www.poncatribe-ne.gov

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Office Locations

NIOBRARA 68760

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2523 Woodbine St., P.O. Box 288
Ph: (402) 857-3391
Fax: (402) 857-3736

Enrollment
2523 Woodbine St., P.O. Box 288
Ph: (402) 857-3391
Fax: (402) 857-3771

Cultural
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(402) 371-5726
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(402) 379-4293 - Registration
(402) 371-4094 - Medical Lab

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SIOUX CITY 51103

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OTHER RESOURCES

Child Abuse Hotline
800-652-1999 (Nebraska)
800-362-2178 (Iowa)
877-244-0864 (South Dakota)

National Child Abuse Hotline
800-422-4453

National Suicide Hotline
800-273-8255

Domestic Violence Hotline
800-799-7233

National Human Trafficking Hotline
888-373-7888

National Problem Gambling Helpline
800-522-4700

Elder Abuse Hotline
800-252-8966

Boys Town Crisis Line
800-448-3000

Drug Treatment & Referral Hotline
877-726-4727

Nebraska Family Helpline
888-866-8660

Veterans Crisis Line
800-273-8255

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