Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
Member News



Celebration & Dedication

Families gather for Powwow and Back to School Events

September 2025

2025-2026 Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Princesses selected at Annual Powwow



Little Miss Ponca Princess: Rhemi Johnson, daughter of Brady Potts and Rhylee Johnson.

Junior Miss Ponca Princess: Reylynn Lemus, daughter of Jamie and Nestor Lemus

Senior Ponca Princess: Emily Oestreich, Daughter of Ladonna Oestreich

SAVE THE DATE



Restoration
POWWOW
October 25, 2025
Grand Entries:
1 pm & 7 pm
Lunch provided at 12 pm
Ponca Tribe Gym
1800 Syracuse | Norfolk, NE

Join us as we celebrate our restoration with powwow, cornhole, a chili cookoff, and more!

For the most up-to-date information, call: 402.315.2760 or email: pteboe@poncatribe-ne.gov.

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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!

September 19 | 12 – 1 pm
Ralston Transit Building
5701 South 85th Circle

October 17 | 12 – 1 pm
Lincoln Community Room
1600 Windhoek Drive

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

December 19 | 12 – 1 pm
Virtual Meeting
Link sent out before meeting

To RSVP, please scan our QR code or visit our link: **https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/meet_and_greet**. For more information, questions, or to request a link to join virtually, please contact LaTia Young at lyoung@poncatribe-ne.gov.



On the cover: Head Boy Braxton Bear dances at the Annual Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Powwow August 7-10, 2025. More Powwow pictures can be found on pages 10-11. Look for more Powwow photos in the October edition, and on our Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Flickr account!

District 3 hosts Native Craft Fair

There were plenty of treasures to be found at the District 3 Native Craft Fair, held July 20, 2025. Vendors with crafts ranging from earrings to ribbon shirts and skirts, to pottery and even some homemade jellies, jams, and baked goods provided a wide selection of shopping for attendees.











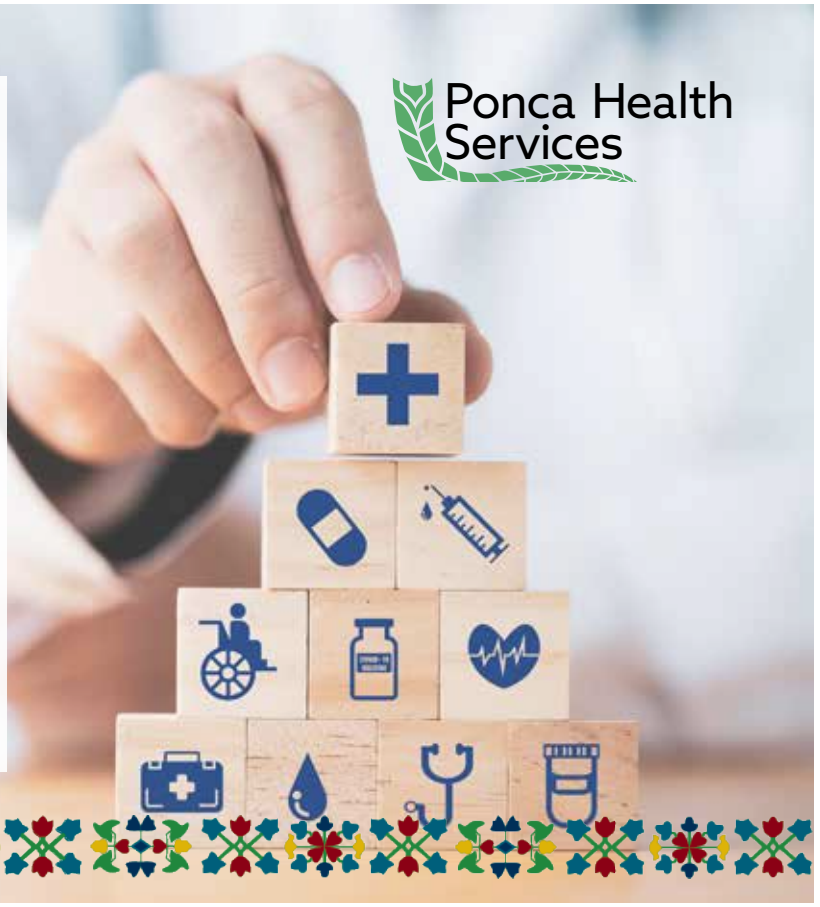
PHS Annual Health Fair

October 4, 2025 | 10 am – 2 pm

Ralston Cabinet Building
5811 South 86th Circle | Omaha, NE

Ponca Health Services is holding its Annual Health Fair! Learn more about achieving and maintaining a healthy lifestyle with the Ponca Tribe's programs and services, along with booths from many community agencies we partner with. This event will feature freebies, food, raffle drawings and more!

For more information, please contact Candy Schott at 402.315.2768 or at candys@poncatribe-ne.gov.



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by Steve Laravie, Sr., Language Program Coordinator

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The next few months will be words describing parts of the body. This month describes the head and face.

Náški - Head

Wéđixđì - Brain

Nážíha - Hair

T'axp'i - Top of the Head

T'aí - Back of the head

Įde - Eyes

P'e - Forehead

P'á' - Nose

Đéxądè - Cheek

Đébahì - Jaw

P'áhì - Neck

Íkį - Chin

Íha - Lips

Nit'á' - Outer ear

Nąxídehidè - Earlobe

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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.



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 Patience Teboe at pteboe@poncatribe-ne.gov or 531.301.4655.



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

"We Are One": Dhegiha Language Conference 2025 unites communities for language preservation

The 14th Annual Dhegiha Language Conference was held at Downstream Casino in Quapaw, OK, hosted by the Dhegiha Preservation Society. With the powerful theme, "We Are One," this year's gathering brought together speakers, learners, and leaders from the Osage, Omaha, Quapaw, Kaw, Ponca, and Northern Ponca tribes—nations connected by a shared language, culture, and history.



The word Dhegiha means "the people on this side," referring to those who settled on one side of a body of water. More than just a name, it reflects the deep ancestral ties and linguistic connection between the Dhegiha-speaking tribes. Today, these languages face the threat of extinction—but efforts like this conference bring hope, unity, and action to the movement to keep it alive.

Each tribe offered keynote speakers who shared insights, strategies, and stories about how their communities are revitalizing the language. From classroom programs and immersion initiatives to creative approaches in everyday use, the sessions provided valuable knowledge and inspiration. Speakers also welcomed questions, opening the floor to dialogue and collaboration.

A special highlight of the event was the Children's Learning Room, where young participants had hands-on opportunities to engage with the language through play, activities, and storytelling—planting the seeds for future generations of speakers.

The Dhegiha Language Conference continues to be a vital space for sharing, teaching, and connecting. As one attendee shared, "Even though we come from different tribes, this language reminds us that we are family. We are one."





District 1 holds Back to School events throughout the area











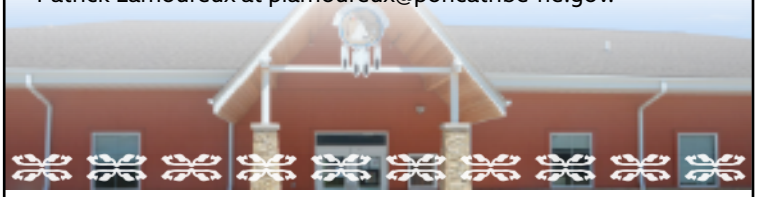

District 1 Membership Meeting

September 21, 2025 | 2 pm

2523 Woodbine Street | Niobrara, NE
119 6th Street | Sioux City, IA
Lifesize available for those wishing to attend virtually

District 1 Ponca Tribe members are invited to join District 1 Tribal Council Representatives Patrick Lamoureux and Angie Starkel for a District 1 Membership Meeting at the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Headquarter in Niobrara. This meeting will be a time to share your ideas, comments, and concerns with your District 1 Tribal Council Representatives, and collaborate with other District 1 members. Members from both within and outside the Service Delivery area are invited. Feel free to send in questions ahead of time or bring questions to the meeting! Tribal Council will provide the main dish and drinks! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Tribal members wishing to participate virtually must contact Patrick Lamoureux at plamoureux@poncatribe-ne.gov.



District 4

Pumpkin Patch Fun!

District 4 Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Heads of Household may request tickets to their choice of **EITHER** Poppy's Pumpkin Patch (55275 837th Rd, Norfolk, NE) OR Vala's Pumpkin Patch (12102 S 180th St, Gretna, NE). **Tickets are available only for Ponca members in the household, plus one non-Ponca guest if desired.**

Please note: Tickets are limited this year and will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Requests can be submitted **beginning Monday, October 6th at 8:00 am** and must be received **no later than Wednesday, October 8th at 11:59 pm. *This will be the only opportunity to request tickets.***

Tickets will be available for pickup at the Norfolk office on the morning of **Friday, October 10th ONLY.** Please note that Vala's does not accept cash for admission.

Order tickets by scanning the QR code, or visit:
https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/d4_pumpkin_patch_2025

For more information, please call:
Kyle Taylor at 402.750.4299
Alex Taylor at 402.750.2045

District 3 gets students ready for a new school year








District 4 makes a splash for Back to School








District 2 members enjoy frozen treats for back to school








District 2 SDA

Pumpkin Patch Tickets

This year, District 2 Tribal Council Representatives are excited to announce we are offering three different Pumpkin Patch** options!

- Bellevue Berry Farm – Day/Night Passes Available
- Skinny Bones Pumpkin Patch
- Vala's Pumpkin Patch

Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. One ticket per member. Must be on the enrollment list to be eligible. You can only pick up tickets for members of your household.

Please stop by the front desk of the Fred LeRoy Health and Wellness Center and see Shannon Malone starting **September 15, 2025**. For more information, please contact Falon McAlpin at 402.208.0297 or Samantha Gallagher at 402.213.2058.

***Skinny Bones and Vala's are not accepting cash payment for anything on site. Only debit and credit cards may be used for purchases at the pumpkin patch, so plan accordingly. Bellevue Berry Farm is accepting cash payments.*

District 2

Gift Cards for Young Adults

This year, District 2 Tribal Council Representatives are excited to recognize our young adult members ages 18 to 25 years old. They will be gifting $25 gift cards to both in and out of Service Delivery Area members.

Young adults must be actively enrolled when the enrollment lists are pulled. For more information, please contact Falon McAlpin at 402.208.0297 or Samantha Gallagher at 402.213.2058.



Youth learn resilience and fundamentals at ND42 Camp

In July, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Behavioral Health hosted an ND42 basketball camps for Native youth in Norfolk and Lincoln. Led by retired basketball star Noah Dahlman, the camp focused on a combination of basketball fundamentals and mental resilience skills to help youth achieve success both on and off the court.















Recognizing the legacy of boarding schools



In recent years, September 30th has begun to carry significance for a many Native Americans. September 30th is known as Orange Shirt Day here in the US, but the roots of this special day started in Canada as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It is a day where we raise awareness about the trauma caused to children by the US Government through the legacy of Christian residential schools. This movement is more commonly known by its tagline: Every Child Matters, highlighting the importance of acknowledging the past and committing to reconciliation.

Phyllis Webstad attended St. Joseph Mission Residential School in Canada. As Phyllis tells it, on her first day of school, Phyllis was stripped of all her belongings, including the brand-new orange shirt her grandmother had given her. Her belongings were never returned.

Phyllis went on to survive her time in residential school, and later in life became the moving force behind Orange Shirt Day. Reclaiming orange as a symbol for the true history of boarding schools and honoring the children who attended, survived and/or died because of boarding schools. That orange shirt is now a symbol of the stripping of Indigenous culture and the ongoing impacts of these institutions.

In the 1800s, both the US and Canadian Governments enacted policies that created and funded boarding/residential schools for indigenous children with the collaboration of several denomination of the Christian church. In the beginning, indigenous children were forcibly removed from their homes and their

SAVE THE DATE! Diaper Distribution

September 18, 2025 | 10 am – 6 pm

Norfolk Gym
1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE

Lincoln Community Room – North Entrance
1600 Windhoek Dr | Lincoln, NE

Niobrara Headquarters
2523 Woodbine St | Niobrara, NE

Cabinet Building Garage
5813 S 86th Cir | Omaha, NE

September 25, 2025 | 10 am – 6 pm

Sioux City Office
125 6th St | Sioux City, IA

Please bring Tribal ID or proof of enrollment for you or the child in need to participate.

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.

Protection Orders
September 11, 2025 | 11 am – 1 pm
Sioux City Offices
125 6th St | 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

Orange Shirt Day: Honoring the trials of boarding school survivors

families so they could be sent to boarding schools across the country. For decades, under the motto "Kill the Indian, Save the Man", indigenous children were abused and humiliated in many fashions to become more "civilized".

Some children lost their lives at these boarding schools. Some lost their lives trying to escape and return home. These acts of extreme abuse, and sometimes torture, had lasting effects on indigenous people and have been woven into indigenous identity through intergenerational trauma.

The dream sold to graduates from boarding schools was not true for some indigenous men and women. The promise of good paying jobs and stable living was broken by racism and prejudice in the community. It was hard for indigenous men and women to find jobs utilizing the skills and trades learned from boarding schools, and often when someone was lucky to find a job, they were underpaid.

On September 30th, we as indigenous people, wear orange shirts to collectively say "Every Child Matters!" Watch for Every Child Matters events near you to help honor the children who attended these boarding schools.

MEMBERS NEEDED

LANGUAGE & CULTURE COMMITTEE

The Tribal Council is accepting applications for District 1 – SDA for the Language and Culture Committee due to a vacant position. Applications are now being accepted. This Committee focuses on the preservation and revitalization of the Ponca language.

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

Some of the responsibilities of this committee are:

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

Please forward your letter of interest including your qualifications/resume and application form for this Committee to Ponca Tribal Council, Attn: Candace Repenning, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or via e-mail to crepenning@poncatribe-ne.gov. Deadline for Applications is October 31, 2025.

Families gather for 31st Annual Ponca Tribe of NE Powwow






























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Burial assistance available for all members

Laying a loved one to rest is one of the hardest things any of us will have to do. Figuring out how to afford burials costs adds additional stress to an already difficult time. The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska has funding available to assist Ponca families with these final expenses.



The Ponca tribe can offer up to $3500 in burial assistance to members living both within and outside of the Service Delivery Areas.

To apply for burial assistance, you must provide basic demographic information for the deceased, income, date of death, and who is providing funeral services. All burial assistance will be made to the funeral home that is managing the member's final arrangements.

The burial assistance funding can be utilized for a number of things, to include funeral costs and caskets or urns

Please contact your local Case Manager for assistance or more information regarding the program.

Niobrara: Jamie Novacek
Norfolk & Sioux City: Robin Wright
Lincoln: Bonnie Marchese
Ralston: Ebony Weaver

District 2 at PHS Health Fair

October 4, 2025 | 10 am – 2 pm

Ralston Transit Building
5811 South 86th Circle | Omaha, NE

Your D2 Tribal Council Representative will have a booth at this year's 2025 Ponca Health Fair! Come with the family and enjoy this great opportunity to meet both Tribal Affairs and Health Staff and learn more about the services we offer.

Each member attending the booth will receive a survey and when completed, will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a $100 gift card! For more information, please contact Falon McAlpin at 402.208.0297 or Samantha Gallagher at 402.213.2058.

Elder's Lunch Gift Card Drawing

The Ponca Elders Committee is excited to offer a new way to make our weekly Elders meals even more rewarding. Ponca Elders who attend the weekly meals at each Ponca office will be entered into a drawing for a Visa gift card.

Each office will give away one gift card twice a month during the meal. Elders can only win once per month.

Join us for good food, great company, and your chance to win. We are excited to see you there!



Congratulations to the winners of the Youth Council Scholarship!



Megan Kennedy
$1000 Scholarship Recipient
University of California
Santa Barbara



Sophie Humphrey
$500 Scholarship Recipient
University of South Dakota



Calissa Linn
$500 Scholarship Recipient
Northwestern College

Youth Council cooks up some fun!



On July 26, the Youth Tribal Council brought some sweet creativity to Sioux City! Sofia, our awesome District 1 Representative, led the way—sharing instructions and all the tasty ingredients needed to make fruit pizza!

Participants got hands-on and crafted their own colorful, delicious masterpieces. It was a fun-filled day of laughs, learning, and very tasty teamwork!

Youth Mentoring Progam

Behavioral Health is happy to announce that we will be offering a mentoring program for all Native youth ages 13 to 24 in our service delivery areas. Our focus is to help young relatives gain knowledge as they navigate life.

Our mentors are here to provide guidance, support, and encouragement as you work toward your personal, academic, or professional goals. Your well-being matters to us, and we're here to support you in the ways we can.

For more information, contact our team.

Norfolk & Niobrara:	Leah Franklin	531.269.0279
Lincoln:	Joe Bad Moccasin	531.739.2107
Omaha & Sioux City:	Zach James	402.689.6142

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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

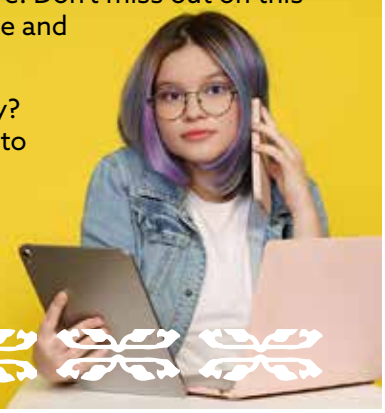


Stay Connected, Get Rewarded!

Are you between 13-15 years old and looking for a cool way to connect with your Native American heritage? The Native American Youth Enhancement Program (NAYEP) is here for you!

- Explore and celebrate your culture through fun study units and videos.
- Learn more about traditions, history, and the amazing strength of your community.
- Earn incentives just for participating & completing units!

It's a great opportunity to make new friends, learn and feel more connected to who you are. Don't miss out on this chance to embrace your culture and be rewarded for it!



Ready to join the NAYEP family? Ask your parents or guardians to help you sign up today!

Contact, Amber Appling at, aappling@poncatribe-ne.gov, or 402.371.8834 ext. 2037.

Culture, College & Cash!

Calling all 16–18-year-olds! Are you thinking about college? Want a way to stay connected to your Native American culture? Want to get a head start financially? The Native American Youth Enhancement Program (NAYEP) is your answer!

Immerse yourself in your heritage and develop leadership and cultural knowledge that will look great on college applications.

College life can be expensive, and that's why NAYEP provides incentives for your participation – giving you a little extra cash to help with those upcoming college supply and snack expenses for those late-night study sessions.



This is more than just a program; it's a chance to strengthen your cultural identity, build a supportive community, and get a financial boost for your future.

Learn more and sign up for NAYEP today!

Contact, Amber Appling at, aappling@poncatribe-ne.gov, or 402.371.8834 ext. 2037.

Education Deadlines:

HIED- Winter: November 15th, 2025

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 2025 deadline: November 15, 2025
Spring 2026 deadline: December 15, 2025
Summer 2026 deadline: May 15, 2026

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 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 school year is July 31, 2026.

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**

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!

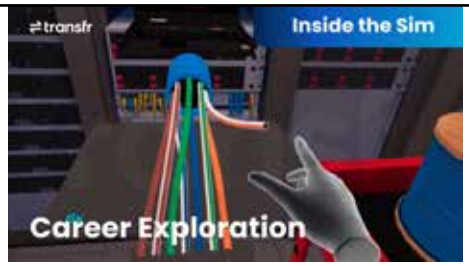
Scan attached QR code and take the survey for your chance to win a $50 Visa gift card. Contact: Greg Moser, PEDCO Director at 402-434-2127 Ext. 7.

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



AVAILABLE NOW!

PEDCO Career Quest XR

No matter how old you are, choosing a career can be tough. It's even harder when you're not sure what you want to do or don't know what kind of jobs exist out there. Wouldn't it be great if you could try on several different careers at once to see how they fit?

You can, and PEDCO can help. Thanks to our new extended reality (XR) work exploration program, Career Quest XR, you can sample a wide variety of careers through virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR). Fun, immersive simulations of realistic job scenarios let you try out the kind of tasks real-world professionals perform regularly. We'll even provide a free career assessment to help you discover jobs aligned with your unique blend of skills and interests.

Whether you're in school, looking for work, underemployed, or deep into a career, PEDCO's Career Quest XR can help you plan your next move. To schedule your free appointment at one of our locations in Lincoln, Omaha, or Norfolk, please contact info@pedco-ne.org today!

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Ever feel overwhelmed trying to make ends meet? You are not alone. Millions of Americans report feeling stressed by money. In fact, MarketWatch estimates 57% of households live paycheck-to-paycheck. Millennials and Gen Zers in particular face greater financial barriers than previous generations. Fortunately, help is available. Starting in September 2025, the Ponca Economic Development Corporation (PEDCO) will offer **Building Native Communities: Financial Skills for Families**, a culturally relevant financial literacy curriculum developed by Oweesta Corporation specifically for Natives.

Delivered in partnership with the Ponca Education Department and Northern Ponca Housing Authority, **Building Native Communities** empowers tribe members to adapt traditional skills to financial management. Learn about budgeting, developing a spending plan, managing checking and savings accounts, accessing credit, and being a smart consumer. Reach out to PEDCO today to reserve your free spot!

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

PEDCO participates in Ponca Youth Camp





On Tuesday, July 15, PEDCO showcased its virtual reality (VR) career exploration program at the 2025 Ponca Youth Camp. Eighteen youth participated in the learning session, according to PEDCO Director Greg Moser and Grants Manager Tom McCauley, who both attended. The PEDCO session included VR simulations of real-life on-the-job scenarios to help participants explore various careers, such as installing a solar panel, responding to the scene of an accident, and repairing a broadband tower.

Another engaging activity included PEDCO's zSpace augmented reality (AR) laptops, which allowed participants to broaden their knowledge and build excitement around science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). In addition to the VR technology activities, participants were each asked to create a dream board using images that were cut-out of magazines and glued to a posterboard. These images represented the youths' future goals, plans, and aspirations.



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NOW AVAILABLE!
FREE SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM

Have you ever wanted to start your own business? Anyone can do it—but there are certain things you need to know first. Fortunately, you can now access a free entrepreneurship program geared specifically for Native Americans, thanks to our partnership with the Nebraska Indian Community College (NICC). NICC's Indianpreneurship curriculum provides comprehensive information on the most important aspects of starting a business, including planning, accessing capital, bookkeeping, human resources, problem-solving, and marketing. Equip yourself with the skills you need to take your business idea from daydream to launch. To learn more and enroll, please visit https://www.thenicc.edu/career-services/TCSBA-Indianpreneurship.php.

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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 9/1/2025

Adams, Zachary Thomas
Anthony, Jr., Steven Scott
Bachmeier, Tristan Chad
Bagent, Wayne Orval
Bair, Wesley David
Baker, Skylar Dominick
Baker-Ferguson, Jared Riley
Bear, Joshua Gilbert
Bear, Max Starr
Beaver, Jason Chaska
Beaver, Jason Eugene
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
Boyd, Myron Ralph
Boyer, Berlin N.
Brooks, Angela Ellen
Brown, J. Wesley
Brownrigg, Steven Francis
Buffalo Chief, Uriah Jordan
Burston, Sandra Lee
Carter, Amber Lynn
Chwalowski, Kaitlin Martika
Courtright, Michael Todd
Crouse, David Lee
Cutshall, Katline James
Da Moude, Deborah Kay
Danielson, Daniel James
Davis, Mary Frances
Drapeaux, Juston Lee
Droescher, Samantha Roma Rae
Droescher, Savannah Jo Anne
Ebeltoft, Jacob Joel
Eckley, Lane Emory
Eckley, Leigha Irene
Evans, Kareem Antwon
Fegan, Maria Christina
Feldhaus, Christopher Joseph
Fierro, Brandon Michael
Flagg, III., George Albert
Flowers, Joseph
Flyinghawk, Landon Alan
Foley, Michael Joseph
Freeman, Xavier Lee
Glenn, John Allen
Glisan, Cynthia Lynn
Goss, Mamie L.
Govia, Isaiah Lee
Govia, Mc Kenzie Jo
Grant, III., Jesse Clarence
Green, Brooklyn Marie
Grist, Robert Carlyle
Haahr, Anneliese Teresa
Hagler, Joshua James
Hart-La Londe, Kaedyn Mikael
Hendren, Adavia Gabrielle
Hennek, Gail Howe
Hocking-Gosnell, Zalla C.
Hope, Dorothea Jo Ann
Horine, Ashley Danielle
Howard, Truman Ardell
Howe, Richard H.
Huber, Christopher Lee
Humphreys, Belinda Kay
Jeppesen, Zachary Lee
Johnson, Lukus Tyler
Keeling, Lamont Terrill
Kellogg, Mardale Eddie Wayne
Kelso, James Alan
King, Gavin Michael
Knudsen, Crystal Mae
Krueger, Annette Marie
Kyles, Jarred Joseph
LaPointe, Alejandro Jauquine
LaPointe, Robert James
Laravie, Jr., Steve Alan
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
Mann II, Steven Michael
Mann, Desiree` Leann
Mann, Sydney Desiree`
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
Mullen, Deven Miles
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
Phongsavat, Tia Arianna
Picotte - Felde, Diamond Rose
Picotte, Taralyn Joy
Pierce, Raychel Marie
Poafpybitty, Misty Brook
Polly, Rachael Anne
Prichard, Joseph John
Prunty, Austin Joe
Quintana Jr, Arthur Jose
Raymond, Joseph Allen
Rich, Mitch Andrew
Roberts, Marquitta Ruby
Rodas, Christian Jayce
Rulo, Byron
Russell, Kristina Anne
Sainz, Tritia Jeanene
Sarton, Gwendolyn Lee
Schmidt, Dylan Andrew- Philip
Schmidt, John Thomas Carl
Schmitz, Jennifer Joy
Scuderi, Jana Marie
Scurlocke, Athena Larissa Lucille
Sherman, Cody Lee
Sherman, David Alan
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, Analicia Shanon
Smith, Stephanie Rae
Smith, Vi, William Thomas
Snoozy, Ben Michael
Spencer, Peyton Thunder
Standsblack, Marko Tulio
Stastny, Rachel Colleen
Stegman, Mi'a Miwasa Nevaeh
Stuczynski, Drake Keegan
Suverkrubbe, Colt Everett
Suverkrubbe, Nathan Fernando
Swinarski, Alicia Estrada
Taylor, Ka`ili Brianna
Teboe, Temperance Tayen
Thomas, II, Scott Richard Herbert
Thomas, Jenny Anne
Thomas, Natana Lynn
Thomas, Robin Diane
Torrez, Jr., Lawrence DeWayne
Treichler, Jasmine Dawn
Vaughan, Linda Lou
Veals, Clifford James
Velder Jr., Jason Lee
Voss, Joshua Le Roy
Voss, Michael Roy
Waters, Deon Koleen
White, Abrianna Aliya
White, Shirley Mae
Williams, Andrea Michelle
Wilson, Samantha Tyre
Wright, Alina Lee
Wright, Asheena Lee
Wright, Cherita Alberta
Wright, Cruz Montgomery
Wright, Howard Floyd
Wright, Jacob Martin
York, Gregory Allen

(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.

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SIGNATURE REQUIRED DATE

Tee-Time For Members!

Tatanka Golf Club

53138 NE-12 | Niobrara, NE

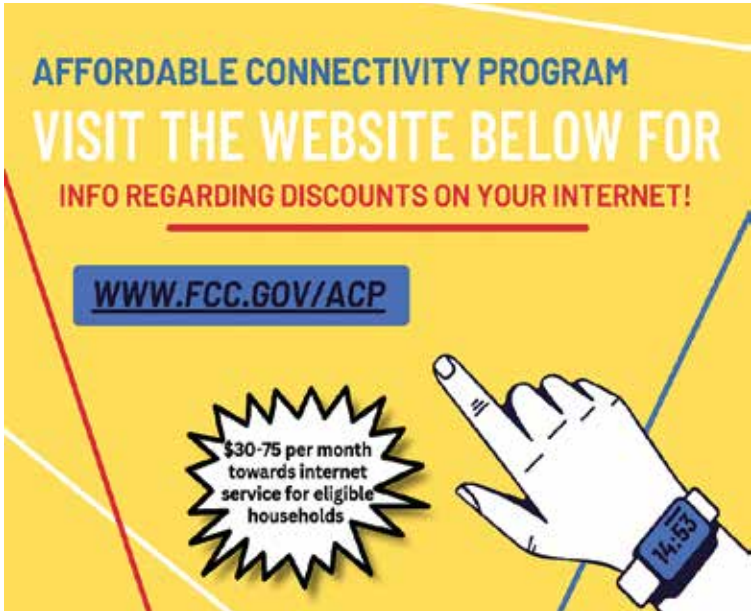
Ponca Members can now request one tee-time per day for one foursome of golfers at the Tatanka Golf Club. **Some exclusions apply.

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

Elder's Committee Meetings

September 8 | 10 am
1600 Windhoek| Lincoln, NE

October 6 | 10 am
5805 S. 86th Cir. | Omaha, NE



Thank you!

Thank you to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska for their generous support of the Ironhawk Jr program! Nadia Chavez, Riley Somchana, and Addie Rodgers participated in the 2025 Ironhawk Jr. triathlon. This program empowers young girls through athletics. The girls attend 8 weeks of training over the summer where they swim, bike, run, make friends, grow and compete!





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LINCOLN 68512

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Fax: (402) 438-9226

Ponca Health Services-Lincoln
1600 Windhoek Dr
Ph: (531) 248-3030

Osni Ponca
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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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