



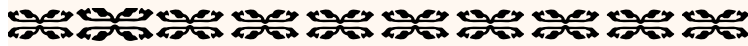
PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News

Severe Weather Awareness Month

Tips for being severe weather
aware and prepared



March 2026



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!

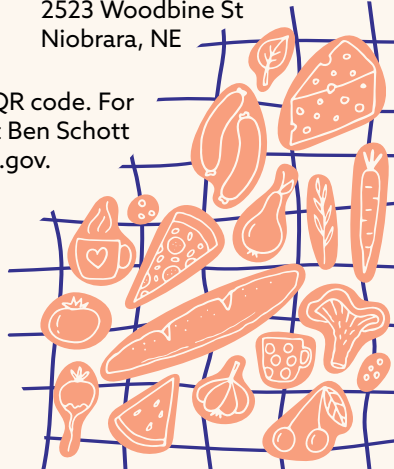
March 20, 2026
12 - 1 pm

Sioux City Conference Room
125 6th St
Sioux City, IA

April 17, 2026
12 - 1 pm

Niobrara Headquarters
2523 Woodbine St
Niobrara, NE

To RSVP, please scan our QR code. For more information, contact Ben Schott at bschott@poncatrIBE-ne.gov.




20th Annual Healthy Living Walk/Run & Powwow

April 18, 2026

10:00 am: 2 Mile Prayer Walk and Run
Skyview Lake | Parking off N 25th St. | Norfolk, NE
Registration starts at 9:30 am. *Prizes in all age categories!*

11:30 am-12:30 pm: Lunch
Ponca Tribe Gym | 1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE
Lunch will be provided to all walk/run participants and powwow attendees.

1:00 pm-5:00 pm: Powwow
Ponca Tribe Gym | 1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE



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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!

PEDCO
2756 O Street
Lincoln, NE 68510
402.434.2127
PEDCO-NE.org



SAVE THE DATE!

Diaper Distribution

March 11, 2026 | 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

March 18, 2026 | 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.



On the cover: Thunderstorm looms over the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Powwow Grounds

Ponca member Cliff Taylor wins Independent Press Award for latest book

Ponca member and author Cliff Taylor has received the "Distinguished Favorite" Independent Press Award in the Cultural Heritage category for his latest novel *The Shining Hands of My Ponca Ancestors*.

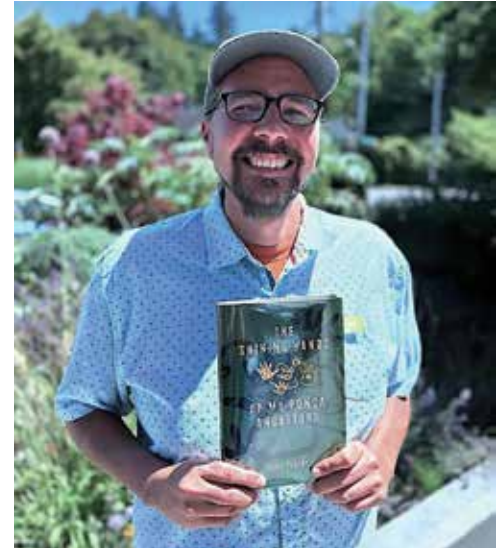
This latest novel depicts Cliff's childhood, during which time – with the help of friends, relatives, spirits, and ancestors – he learns what is truly possible for him and his tribe, and how dramatically different that is from the dominant cultural messaging of his youth.

In the ¹article *Indigenous Astoria author wins Independent Book Award*, written by Heather Douglas for Discover Our Coast Newsletter, Cliff Taylor's response to the award was one of honoring his Ponca Ancestors:

“It is such an honor to have my essay collection *The Shining*

Hands of My Ponca Ancestors named as a Distinguished Favorite at this year's Independent Press Awards. I really believe in the healing and transformative power of Indigenous stories and literature. And these essays – about the Sundance, our Ponca Powwow, our sacred homelands, our ancestral corn – are all about these things that keep us Indigenous people strong, brilliant, beautiful, resilient, and thoroughly ourselves, healing up and transforming our worlds through it all. I am overjoyed to receive this news and hope this award helps other readers who could benefit from my book to find it and have a good, memorable time reading it.”

To order a copy of *The Shining Hands of My Ponca Ancestors* or to congratulate Cliff, visit his website cliffponca.com or email him at cliffponca@gmail.com.



Cliff Taylor with a copy of "The Shining Hands of My Ponca Ancestors"
Photo by Emily Hoard photo

¹Article courtesy of Heather Douglas. “Indigenous Astoria Author Wins Independent Book Award - Discover Our Coast.” Discover Our Coast, discoverourcoast.com/2026/02/05/indigenous-astoria-author-wins-independent-book-award-for-his-novel/.

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Elder's Committee Meetings

March 2 | 10 am
2523 Woodbine Street | Niobrara, NE

April 6 | 10 am
125 6th Street | Sioux City, IA

May 3 | 10 am
5805 South 86th Circle | Omaha, NE

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SHOUT OUT A PONCA EMPLOYEE!

Celebrate those who are making a difference working for the Tribe! Scan the QR code to submit your shout outs and Mi' Úwađit'ą ákà (Employee of the Month) nominations for March.



District 1 SDA

Easter Egg Hunts

March 29, 2026 | 1 pm

Niobrara Headquarters
2523 Woodbine Street | Niobrara, NE

March 29, 2026 | 5 pm

Sioux City Offices
125 6th Street | Sioux City, IA

Join the District 1 Tribal Council for an Easter egg hunt! Light refreshments will be provided. For any questions, please contact D1 Council Representatives Angie Starkel at astarkel@PoncaTribe-ne.gov or Patrick Lamoureux at plamoureux@PoncaTribe-ne.gov.



District 1

Easter Youth Gift Cards

Happy Easter from D1 Tribal Council! All youth will receive a gift card in lieu of an Easter basket. Members should look for the return address from Corporate Traditions on their gift card envelope.

Corporate Traditions
1186 North 300 East
Pleasant Grove, UT



For any questions, contact D1 Council Representatives Angie Starkel at astarkel@PoncaTribe-ne.gov or Patrick Lamoureux at plamoureux@PoncaTribe-ne.gov.



District 1

Easter HOH Gift Cards

Happy Easter from D1 Tribal Council! All head of household will receive a gift card to help with Easter. Members should look for the return address from Corporate Traditions on their gift card envelope.

Corporate Traditions
1186 North 300 East
Pleasant Grove, UT



For any questions, contact D1 Council Representatives Angie Starkel at astarkel@PoncaTribe-ne.gov or Patrick Lamoureux at plamoureux@PoncaTribe-ne.gov.



District 3 SDA

Easter Brunch

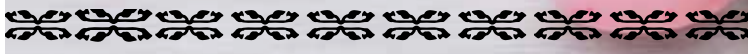
March 28, 2026 | 11 am

Lincoln Community Room
1600 Windhoek Drive | Lincoln, NE

District 3 Ponca Tribal members and their families are invited to come and celebrate together for Easter. Join us for food, an egg hunt, Easter baskets, and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

For details, please contact Tribal Council Representatives Shanna Carpenter at shannac@poncatribene.gov or Susie Baker at sbaker@poncatribene.gov.

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District 3 OSDA

Easter Gift Cards

In lieu of an Easter Basket, District 3 Tribal Council will be sending \$15 gift cards to all youth ages 0-15 outside of the Service Delivery Area. All gift cards will be mailed by **March 14th**.

For more information, please contact Tribal Council Representatives Shanna Carpenter at shannac@poncatribene.gov or Susie Baker at sbaker@poncatribene.gov.

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District 2

Easter and Hand Game

March 22, 2026 | 2 – 5 pm

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

All District 2 Ponca Tribal members and their families are invited to come and celebrate our Easter Hand Game Event! Every child age 0 to 14 years old will receive an Easter basket to fill. Join the D2 Tribal Council and Ponca Youth Council for filling Easter baskets, a few rounds of Hand Game, Cake Walks, light refreshments, and family pictures with the Easter Bunny!

For more information, please contact D2 Tribal Council Representatives Falon McAlpin at 402.208.0297 or at falonm@poncatribе-ne.gov or Samantha Gallagher at 402.213.2058 or at sgallagher@poncatribе-ne.gov.



District 2 OSDA

Easter Gift Cards

Happy Easter from D2 Tribal Council! All OSDA kids 0 – 14 years old will receive a gift card in lieu of an Easter basket. All gift cards will be mailed out by **March 1st**. All members must be actively enrolled when pulling the lists.

For more information, please contact D2 Tribal Council Representatives Falon McAlpin at 402.208.0297 or at falonm@poncatribе-ne.gov or Samantha Gallagher at 402.213.2058 or at sgallagher@poncatribе-ne.gov.

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District 4

Youth Easter Baskets

March 27, 2026 | 3 – 6 pm

Norfolk Gymnasium
1800 Syracuse Avenue | Norfolk, NE

District 4 Tribal Council will be handing out Easter baskets and candy for all Ponca youth! For any questions or to arrange alternate arrangement for pick up, please contact D4 Council Representatives Alex Taylor at 402.750.2045 or Kyle Taylor at ktaylor@poncatribе-ne.gov.

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District 4

Easter Gift Cards

District 4 Tribal Council will be sending out \$25 gift cards to all head of household to help assist with their Easter! For any questions, please contact D4 Council Representatives Kyle Taylor at ktaylor@poncatribе-ne.gov or Alex Taylor at 402.750.2045.

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A Word Search to shamROCK Your Socks Off

by **Patience Teboe**, Culture Director

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- Áska áma č'ú'** - green things
- Xáde** - grass
- Sihí' duba** - alligator
- Č'ú'** - green
- Maščíge wadatè** - lettuce
- K'uk'umi** - pickles
- T'ébià** - frog
- G'é'** - turtle
- Xdábé** - forest
- Ábe** - leaf
- Maže' skà** - money
- T'eát'at'á** - praying mantis
- Hibdĭgèbút'à** - peas



Member Mailing Questions



Have questions about tribal mailings? Reach out to your District Representatives!

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
Angie Starkel 402.922.0436	Falon McAlpin 402.208.0297	Shanna Carpenter 402.805.0883	Alex Taylor 402.750.2045
Patrick Lamoureux 712.899.8563	Samantha Gallagher 402.213.2058	Susan (Susie) Baker 925.788.0649	Kyle Taylor 402.750.4299





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Contact Jessica Hitchcock at jhitchcock@poncatribes-ne.gov to sign up today!

Coming soon: Text message alerts for important updates



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Emerging Contaminants: Safely using Pesticides

Olivia Pospisil
Environmental Hazards Specialist

Pesticides are defined as any substance or biological agent intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or migrating any pest. Pesticides are commonly used at the start of the growing season to keep unwanted animals away from crops or flowers.

Pesticides are a broad term for these substances. There are also insecticides to control insects, herbicides to control the growth of unwanted plants and weeds, fungicides to kill molds and fungal problems, and rodenticides to kill rodents like mice or rats.

When using any type of pesticide, make sure to apply it safely. Things to remember are:

- If you decide to use pesticides, always read the label first and follow the directions to the letter, including all precautions and restrictions
- Make sure children and pets are out of the area when applying, both indoors and outdoors
- Remove toys and personal items from the areas you're spraying, both indoors and outdoors
- Remove or cover food during indoor applications
- Wear clothing that protects the skin, such as long sleeves and pants, closed-toe shoes, and any other protective gear the label suggests
- Mix pesticides outdoors or in well-ventilated areas
- Do not spray in windy or rainy conditions
- Wash your hands and change your clothes immediately after spraying
- If you are exposed to the chemicals when spraying, there are first aid measures on the label and phone numbers to call

Join us for future editions for more on these emerging contaminants and ways to reduce their impact on you, your family, and the environment around us.

For more information, contact the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Environmental Department or visit the EPA's website on pesticides: www.epa.gov/pesticides.

Register Today!

(Into the Wild)

Maṭ'ánaḡà Déwadè : Ponca Youth Camp

June 7 - 11, 2026 | Niobrara Grounds | 88915 521 Avenue

Registration for the Into the Wild: Ponca Youth Camp is now open! To register for the camp, scan our QR code or visit https://ponca-tribeofne.formstack.com/forms/ponca_youth_camp_2026. Spots are limited! For more information, please contact Misha Mazurkewycz at misham@poncatribene.gov.



Tribal Council Meetings

March 2 | 4:30 pm

Local Offices & Lifesize

March 9 | 4:30 pm

Local Offices & Lifesize

March 16 | 4:30 pm

Local Offices & Lifesize

March 23 | 4:30 pm

Local Offices & Lifesize





Did you know?

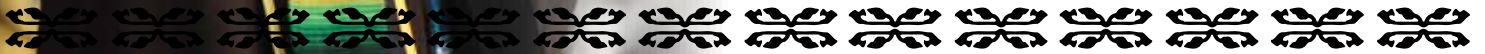
Our PTN Education programs are open to members nationwide!

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

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

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

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Attention All AVT/HIED Students Nationwide:

Please remember to submit your official transcripts after **EACH** term funded in order to be eligible to receive future funding. Students must apply each school year.

Summer 2026 deadline: May 15, 2026
Fall 2026 deadline: August 15, 2026
Winter 2026 deadline: November 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 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 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**



March into your heritage

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's **Native American Youth Enhancement Program**

For Native youths between the ages of 13-18 who wish to connect with their heritage this winter, the Native American Youth Enhancement Program (NAYEP), is here to help you discover your roots with five engaging units, you will delve into:

- ★ **Self-Esteem**
- ★ **Native American History**
- ★ **Native American Contributions**
- ★ **Cultural Traditions**
- ★ **Native American Role Models: Past and Present**

For every unit you complete, you will receive a \$20.00 incentive, that's a total of \$80.00 for spending time learning about your culture. As a bonus, for completing the program, you will receive an additional \$20.00 and a certificate of completion.

Ready to take your first step? Sign up today!

Contact Amber Appling at aappling@poncatrIBE-ne.gov or at 402.371.8834 Ext. 2037, or visit www.poncatrIBE-ne.gov/services/education/

(Make sure to include your email and phone number with your application as well as proof of lineal descendency, or proof of enrollment in another type of Indian program).



Class of 2026



Honoring our Graduating Seniors

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska would like to honor our 2026 Ponca graduates in a special section in our June 2026 Newsletter.

Please complete the online form **NO LATER THAN May 8th, 2026** to have your graduate included in this section. Submissions may be subject to minor edits for space and consistency.

To submit your graduate, scan our QR code, or visit https://poncatrIBEofne.formstack.com/forms/2026_graduates.

Questions? Please email info@poncatrIBE-ne.gov.

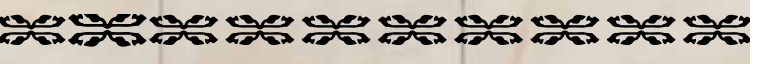



Youth Mentoring Program

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:	Tara Stahly	402.958.0746
Lincoln:	Joe Bad Moccasins	531.739.2107
Omaha & Sioux City:	Zach James	402.689.6142



Be severe weather aware and prepared year-round

Are you and your relatives prepared for severe weather? Severe weather refers to any kind of weather that can create dangerous conditions that threaten life and property. This time of year, we're often discussing thunderstorms and tornadoes, but severe weather includes winter weather and extreme fire conditions as well.

It's important to know the risks specific to your area, and how to prepare for those risks. Many of the ways to prepare for typical spring weather events can be applied to other dangerous weather as well.

Watches, Warnings, and Advisories and the differences between them

Knowing what different types of alerts mean is important to understanding the dangers with each type of alert and what actions to take.

An **OUTLOOK** says that there may be severe weather in the next 7 days that could pose a threat to life and property. (ex. Fire weather outlook -no outdoor fires).

What to do –
HAVE A PLAN

An **ADVISORY** is issued when a weather hazard

is happening, or likely to happen. Advisories are for less serious conditions than those for a warning. An advisory says to be aware of the threat, and how it might affect you (ex. Winter weather advisory – check road conditions).

What to do –
USE CAUTION

A **WATCH** is issued when weather conditions are prime for severe weather to happen that could pose a threat to life and property in the very near future.

In a watch, listen to weather information for **WARNINGS**, and be ready to take action to stay safe, especially when traveling or during outdoor activities (ex. Thunderstorm watch – know where storm shelters are).

What to do –
GET READY / BE PREPARED

A **WARNING** is issued when a severe weather event is happening **RIGHT NOW** that poses a threat to life or property. **NOW** is the time to act (ex. Tornado warning – **SEEK SHELTER!**)

What to do –
TAKE ACTION!

Spring Severe Weather

Although winter weath-

er and fire risks can still happen this time of year, spring is traditionally associated with the return of the thunder, or *įgdą'hút'ą*. Some of the most likely threats this time of year in the Service Delivery Area and the Midwest are thunderstorms (*įgdą'hút'ą*) and tornadoes (*t'adé'sagì't'agà*).

A severe thunderstorm is considered one producing penny or dime-size hail, with winds greater than 58 miles per hour. All thunderstorms can be dangerous. Hail, wind, lightning, and heavy rain can all pose significant risks.

For hail and wind, seek shelter in a sturdy building and move to an interior room on the lowest floor, away from windows. Secure items, park cars under shelter, and avoid driving, if possible. If you are caught away from shelter, use what you can to protect your head and face from hail or flying debris.

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

Lightning can be dangerous, damaging, and deadly. Use the 30/30 rule. If you see lightning and can't count to 30 before hearing thunder, seek shelter in a build-

ing or a car with a roof, and stay inside until 30 minutes after the last thunder you hear. If you cannot reach shelter, move to the lowest spot possible and stay away from trees.

Turn Around, Don't Drown!

Thunderstorms may also carry heavy rain, which can cause flash flooding and visibility issues while driving.

If you live or work in a flood plain, stay aware of weather conditions, and have a plan to evacuate quickly if a flash flood warning is issued.

If you are driving, try to pull over safely until the storm has passed, and **NEVER** try to walk or drive through water over the road! It only takes 6 inches of fast-moving water to knock over an average-sized person and twelve inches of fast-moving water to move a car.

Thunderstorms can also spawn tornados. Tornadoes can destroy buildings, uproot trees, and hurl debris through the air. Seek shelter in a basement, storm shelter, or an interior room away from windows.

If you're in a car, seek shelter in the nearest safe

building. If that is not possible, leave your car to seek shelter in a low-lying area. An interstate overpass is NOT a safe shelter!

Tornadoes can strike any time of the day or night. Nighttime tornadoes can be especially dangerous. Have a way to receive alerts at night and keep shoes and a flashlight by the bed to reach your safe place quickly if a tornado occurs at night.

Being Prepared

For all types of severe weather, there are several things you can do ahead of time to stay safe:

- 1. **Be weather ready.** Stay tuned to your local weather forecast and have a NOAA weather radio programmed for your local area. While a battery-operated weather radio is your best

option, the NOAA Weather Radio app allows you to access the same information on your phone.

- 2. **Sign up for notifications.** Know how your community sends warnings (sirens, media, smart phone alerts.) Members in the Service Delivery Area can sign up for alerts by going to <https://poncatribene.gov/tribal-emergency-services/emergency-alerts/>.
- 3. **Know your safe place and have a plan.** Make sure that you and your family know where to go when severe weather strikes, and how you can communicate. Have a kit prepared with batteries or charging devices, clean water, some food, and necessary medications for people and pets.

- 4. **Help your relatives!** Help your loved ones and neighbors develop a plan for severe weather and be ready to help where necessary.

Severe weather events can be scary but knowing more about these threats and how to be prepared can help protect life and property, even when the worst happens.

For more information on types of severe weather and how to prepare, visit ready.gov/severe-weather, and watch for more severe weather awareness information throughout the month of March and year-round on the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PoncaTribeOfNebraska>.

SAVE THE DATE!

4-Day
POWWOW!

32nd ANNUAL PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA POWWOW August 6-9, 2026

All Dancers, Vendors and Spectators Welcome.

For the most up-to-date information, follow us on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/PTNCultureDepartment/
 or contact Culture Director Patience Teboe, pteboe@poncatribene.gov

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Meet the newest additions to the team: Julia and Rob

Please join us in welcoming Julia as the new Store Manager at Niobrara Market and Rob as the Retail Manager for our Ponca Smoke Signals locations!



Julia has lived in Niobrara for the last 8 years. You've probably seen her around the store and the community. She's been our baker for the past 4 years and worked in the school's cafeteria. She also owns the Niobrara Trading Post Lodge and enjoys making it a home away from home for her guests.

She's looking forward to serving the Niobrara community by making the store the best it can be. Her favorite hobby is watching her kids rope, rodeo and do what they love. She also enjoys baking for both humans and dogs. She won't shy away from a good cup of coffee and loves to garden!

A message from her to our customers: "Thank you for the support I have received since accepting the position as manager at the Market! This community is truly special. Thank you for all the confidence and hellos you have given me. Please never hesitate to stop by the market and say hi!"



Rob joined Ponca Smoke Signals and currently serves as the Retail Manager, overseeing retail operations at two store locations.

Since stepping into his role, Rob has focused on strengthening operations, expanding product offerings, and driving growth. Rob is deeply appreciative of

the hardworking and dependable employees he works with each day and credits their teamwork and dedication as a key part of the stores' success. Rob looks forward to continuing to help grow the business and takes pride in knowing that its success helps support and strengthen the Ponca community.

Outside of work, Rob has been married to his wife, Jennifer, since 2021 and is the proud father of two daughters. He enjoys spending time outdoors, foraging, collecting and studying mushrooms, growing gourmet varieties, and cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes.

PONCA MEMBERS



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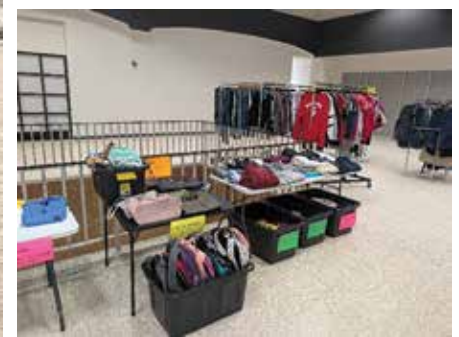


Ponca Pathways Thrift hosts first Thrifty Thursday

Last month, the team at PEDCO hosted its first ever in-person shopping experience. Thrifty Thursday is the latest addition to the Ponca Pathways Thrift Store, creating a monthly opportunity for both Tribal members and the public to experience in-person shopping at the Donation Center located in the former Southroads Mall in Bellevue, NE.

Eager guests were able to shop bargain deals, vintage and rare finds, and seasonal items at this pop-up style event. In all, over 15 guests took advantage of this unique, in-person shopping experience. The PEDCO team received positive feedback on the event, and shoppers expressed interest in the next Thrifty Thursday offering.

The next opportunity to shop these Thrifty Thursday deals occurs on Thursday, March 19th, from 10 am to 5 pm at 1001 Fort Crook Rd inside the former Southroads Mall.



COMING THIS APRIL! FREE FINANCIAL EDUCATION CLASS

Ever feel overwhelmed trying to make ends meet? You are not alone. Millions of Americans feel stressed by money. In fact, MarketWatch estimates 57% of households live paycheck-to-paycheck. Fortunately, help is here. Coming this April, 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.

When: Session 1: Developing a Spending Plan, Working with Checking & Savings Accounts Wednesday, April. 8, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Session 2: Understanding Credit & Credit Reporting, Using Credit, and more Thursday, April. 9, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Where: Ralston Transit Conference Room, 5701 South 85th Circle, Omaha, NE 68127

FREE supper both nights! Participants completing all sessions will receive a certificate of completion.

Building Native Communities empowers tribal members to adapt traditional skills to their financial lives, including wise budgeting, credit use, economic citizenship, and smart consumer behavior. Due to high demand, space is limited—please contact PEDCO today to reserve your free spot!

Can't make it this time? Additional trainings will be offered at other Tribal offices throughout the year.



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HONORING WOMEN

During the month of March, Tribal Council would like to honor all the women who work for our Tribal government and entities.

While not all the women who work so hard on the behalf of the Tribe are pictured here, know that we honor and celebrate you all!



Tribal Council



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Former Trailblazers

We recognize and honor all previous trailblazers who have empowered and uplifted us all. To view everyone who contributed to the Tribe, scan our QR code or visit www.poncatribene.gov/councils/past-councils.





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It's Not a 'Domestic Dispute': what the difference is and how to approach in a culturally based response

Kelly DuBray

Domestic Violence Court Advocate

Domestic disturbance.
Domestic dispute.
Domestic incident.
Domestic violence.

All these terms seem to be interchangeably used, both by law enforcement and in the media, when describing some kind of altercation between a survivor by a family member. The question is: do they all mean the same thing? Is one more serious than the other? Will one result in more serious charges to a perpetrator?

Domestic violence is considered abusive behavior used by a perpetrator to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner, or a family or household member. It indicates a pattern of abuse as opposed to a single incident that may often escalate in severity over time.

A domestic disturbance may not necessarily fall under the umbrella of domestic violence. These terms may be used to describe an argument between two people who live under the same roof that has gotten out of control and has triggered someone to call the police. Physical violence

may or may not occur during a domestic dispute. A domestic dispute or disturbance doesn't always indicate that a pattern of power and control has been used by an abuser over a period.

Law enforcement may get called to a home by a third party due to hearing a loud argument between a couple. However, if there is no evidence or allegations of criminal conduct, this would be called a domestic dispute because couples can have disputes, and this is not illegal. Police will use these calls to track domestic disputes to identify a pattern.

In the Indigenous communities, where there is a history of not trusting the judicial system or any outside agencies, these disputes often go unreported.

According to the Lincoln Police Department Crime Analysis and Intelligence Unit, in 2024, the Native American population had the lowest count of reported Victim Crimes. This may be due in part to the unused resources available to our Indigenous community or due to systemic training our families went through to survive while living in

constant danger. Science calls this epigenetics.

Epigenetics is the study of how behaviors and environmental factors cause inheritable changes that affect the way genes are expressed without altering DNA. It has been shown that long-term stress and trauma have an influence on our genes and how they behave, how our bodies handle stress, and even mental health risks across generations.

However, epigenetic trauma isn't written in stone, and cycle-breaking is what happens when someone interrupts that script. A cycle breaker is someone who intentionally stops negative patterns – such as abuse and addiction – within their relationships. Cycle-breaking involves recognizing inherited behaviors, doing the emotional work to heal, and creating new, healthier relational dynamics for future generations.

This is why it is so important for the Indigenous community to have access to appropriate physical, emotional, and mental health care, advocacy, and to have the opportunity to build healthy relationships with

the judicial systems, as well as community involvement that engages and empowers people to achieve a trusting relationship with all.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, help is available through these services:

National Domestic Violence Hotline:
800-799-SAFE (7233)
Available 24/7

StrongHearts Native Helpline:
844-7NATIVE
(762-8483)
Available 24/7

Omaha Tribe of Nebraska DV Program
402-922-3190

Dakota Tiwahe Service Unit (Santee Tribe of NE)
402-857-2342

Winnebago Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault Program
402-922-3850
Available 24/7

You can also reach out to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Domestic Violence Program to access the support or resources needed.

New year, new vision boards with Circle of Health



CREATOR'S GAME TSHIRT Design CONTEST

Community members are invited to submit their designs for the 4th Annual Creator's Game t-shirt competition. The artist whose design is selected will win an Eighth Generation blanket provided by THV and have their art credited on the t-shirt.

Designs **MUST** be submitted **NO LATER THAN 11:59 pm, March 27th, 2026**. You can submit your designs by scanning our QR code or visiting https://poncatrifeofne.formstack.com/forms/creatorsgame_tshirt.

For more information, please email Sarah Lehl at slehl@poncatrife-ne.gov.

All artwork must be high resolution and scalable to t-shirt size. Any submission that includes AI art or Generative AI will not be counted.




Save the Date!

4th Annual
Camp Creator's Game
June 25 - 26, 2025
LNK Community Room | 1600 Windhoek Dr | Lincoln, NE
TBD | Lincoln, NE

Please save the date for the Fourth Annual Camp Creator's Game! We will have a team bonding dinner at the Lincoln Community Room on June 25th. On June 26th, Edison Rednest will host a presentation 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@poncatrife-ne.gov.




Heart Health Awareness Month: Protecting the heart of our native communities

February is Heart Health Awareness Month and it is an important time to focus on the strength, resilience, and well-being of our Native American communities. Heart disease remains one of the leading causes of illness and death among Native Americans, but the good news is that many heart conditions are preventable through early care, education, and healthy lifestyle choices.

Our outpatient clinic is committed to supporting heart health at every stage of life—from childhood through our elders—by providing preventative care, screenings, and culturally respectful education.

Why Heart Disease Impacts Native Communities More

Native Americans experience higher rates of heart disease and stroke compared to the general population. This increased risk is influenced by a combination of factors, including:

- Higher rates of diabetes
- Increased prevalence of high blood pressure
- Higher rates of high cholesterol
- Greater likelihood of smoking or tobacco exposure
- Limited access to healthcare in some communities
- Chronic stress and historical trauma impacting overall health

Understanding these risks empowers individuals and families to take steps toward prevention and early treatment.

Who Is at Higher Risk for Heart Disease?

You may be at higher risk for heart disease if you:

- Have diabetes or prediabetes
- Have high blood pressure or high cholesterol
- Use commercial tobacco products (Traditional ceremonial tobacco use is different and should be respected)
- Are physically inactive
- Have a family history of heart disease
- Experience obesity or metabolic syndrome
- Are over the age of 40 (risk increases with age, but heart disease can start earlier)

Even if you feel well, heart disease can develop silently—regular checkups are key.

Heart-Healthy Lifestyles: Small Steps, Strong Hearts

Protecting your heart doesn't require perfection. Here are small, consistent changes make a powerful difference for your heart:

- Choose lean proteins (fish, turkey, beans)
- Increase fruits, vegetables, and whole grains
- Limit fried foods, sugary drinks, and excess salt
- Aim for 30 minutes of movement most days

- Walking, dancing, stretching, and playing with children all count
- Move together as families and communities
- Avoid commercial tobacco and vaping
- Ask your healthcare team for support with quitting if needed
- Manage stress through prayer, mindfulness, cultural practices, or time with loved ones
- Good heart health includes mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being

A Message to Our Community

Julie Flynn, a Ponca member, shares her story of health and the importance of preventative screenings:

“I had been noticing for a couple of weeks that while I was doing my eye makeup, I was not seeing as clearly as I once did. So, on December 5, 2025, I checked in with the clinic, and I was able to get right in.

They performed a vision test and talked to me about symptoms and previous health history. My A1c and my blood pressure were under control. Dr. Rebecca wanted me to go to my eye doctor; they got me an appointment that same afternoon at Pearl Vision.

After their evaluation, I was then sent for further testing to Eye Surgical Associates. I was diagnosed with a Branch Retinal Vein Occlusion (a blockage of the small veins

in the retina, preventing blood from draining properly from the retina) and Macular Edema (swelling in the center of the retina caused by buildup of fluid).

I was told that if I had not gone to see my primary care doctor for evaluation, I could have lost total vision in my left eye. Due to my health history in my family, I am now seeing doctors at Bryan Heart who think that my eye care diagnosis may have stemmed from problems with my heart.

Now, Dr. Rebecca and I are working on my cardiovascular health and preventative health care. If it weren't for my access to health care and preventative screenings, these underlying issues may not have been recognized or caught before it was too late."

Strong hearts support strong families, strong culture, and strong future generations. By taking steps today – no matter how small – you are honoring your health and the generations before and after you.

How Our Clinic Supports Your Heart Health

Our Health Services clinics offer:

- Blood pressure and cholesterol screening
- Diabetes prevention and management
- Heart disease risk assessments
- Nutrition and lifestyle counseling
- Medication management
- Preventative wellness visits for all ages

We believe heart health is a life-long journey – and we are honored to walk alongside you and your family.

Schedule your heart health check-up, ask questions, and partner with your healthcare team. Your heart matters.

Fred LeRoy Health and Wellness Center

402.733.3612
2602 J St | Omaha, NE
Mon-Fri: 8 am – 4:30 pm

Ponca Hills Health and Wellness Center

402.371.8780
1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE
Mon-Fri: 8 am – 4:30 pm

Ponca Health Services – Lincoln

531.248.3030
1600 Windhoek Dr | Lincoln, NE
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Tribal Home Visiting: growing into new places to serve new faces

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska’s Tribal Home Visiting program has been working diligently working diligently since we started the program in 2024.

This past year we were able to expand Tribal Home Visiting into the Omaha area in November. We hosted our 2nd Annual Baby Shower in December, an event that connects new and expecting moms with resources, such as the Malone Center that specializes in maternal health care and Milkworks that helps moms with lactation and finding breast milk.

This coming year will also bring exciting new opportunities for the Tribal Home Visiting program! We are excited to have the opportunity to present at the NICWA Annual Conference in March. We are participating in the Native Communities Home Visiting planning committee, which is the planning committee for the annual Tribal Home Visiting meeting.

As part of the committee, we will help plan breakout sessions, speakers, and other details for the annual meeting. Director Abbi Miranda and Lead Home Visitor Candace

Walchoski were invited to be panelists to review presentation submissions for the Native Communities Home Visiting Annual Meeting held in September 2026.

In addition, our program was invited by the Administration of Children and Family Services to participate in a photoshoot that will be published in their quarterly bulletins sent to all Tribal Home Visiting programs. THV is also in the process of mentoring the Winnebago Tribe’s own Tribal Home Visiting program.

THV Group Connection: ABC's of safe sleep



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VOTER REGISTRATION FORM**

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Completion of this form is voluntary.

Contact person for questions regarding the Tribal Election, etc:

Election Registrar, 402-857-3391

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Please note: *If you are in the military and stationed outside of the United States, you need to register in your "home" state. **Example:** If you are from Texas, but stationed in Iraq, you need to register in District 2, not District 1.*

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December 2025 - Robin Rich, Enrollment
Manager

VOTING DISTRICTS – PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

DISTRICT (1) consists of the following NEBRASKA counties: Antelope, Box Butte, Boyd, Brown, Cedar, Cherry, Dakota, Dawes, Dixon, Holt, Keya Paha, Knox, Rock, Sheridan and Sioux.

Also included in **District 1** are the following counties in Iowa: Allamakee, Bremer, Buena Vista, Butler, Calhoun, Cerro Gordo, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Clay, Clayton, Dickinson, Emmet, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Hancock, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Kossuth, Lyon, Mitchell, Obrien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux, Webster, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Woodbury, Worth and Wright.

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Change of Address Form

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Fax: 402-857-3771 or enrollment@poncatrIBE-ne.gov

ENROLLED PONCA TRIBE MEMBER REQUESTING ADDRESS CHANGE:

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

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

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ALTERNATE/CELL NUMBER: _____

E-mail: _____

DATE NEW ADDRESS IN EFFECT: _____

To provide better services to Ponca tribal members, this information will be shared with all PTON Departments as needed. Any service may be suspended until this information is corrected and/or updated.

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DATE

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Please completely fill in the information on the bottom of the signature page. With a **black** felt tip marker please sign your name in the middle of the top of the signature page. **(Please note that children do not require a signature for theirs.)**

2. Clear readable copies of the following must be submitted:

a: State Driver's License, State ID Card or other valid Picture ID card
(It **must** have your picture and signature on it)

b: If you are **not** an enrolled member of the Ponca Tribe, but your child is, you must still submit a copy of your State Driver's License, State ID Card or other valid Picture ID and a copy of your child(s) Social Security Card and Tribal Enrollment Card for proof of enrollment.

3. Photo Options:

You must submit a current photo without filters and a solid colored background. You can email it to enrollment@poncatribene.gov or you may mail documentation and current photo to:
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Enrollment Department, PO Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760-0288

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

4. Military Seals:

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

HELP US UPDATE OUR MEMBER INFORMATION!

Hello Members,

The Enrollment Department is doing their best to keep our members information current and up to date but we can't do it without your help. If you've moved or need to report a death please contact us to let us know.

Below is a list of members that are inactive. **This means that we do not have a current address for them on file or maybe a death was never reported or documents were never received.** If you see the name of someone you know who has moved please contact them and tell them to update their information with us. If there is the name of someone you know who has passed please contact us. We need a death certificate or document on file in order to change their status.

You may contact the Enrollment Department at enrollment@poncatribene.gov, or contact the Niobrara office. We appreciate your help!

INACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF 3/1/2026

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| Adams, Elijah James | Cournoyer, Ellis Emery | King, Gavin Michael | Phillips, Julianne Esauna | Steadman, |
| Adams, Zachary Thomas | Courtright, Michael Todd | Knudsen, Crystal Mae | Phongsavat, Tia Arianna | Jennifer Renae |
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| Arellano, Carlos Montana | Da Moude, Deborah Kay | Kyles, Jarred Joseph | Pierce, Raychel Marie | Stuczynski, |
| Ashrun, Oriana Mae | Danielson, Daniel James | LaPointe, Alejandro | Polly, Rachael Anne | Drake Keegan |
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| Bagent, Wayne Orval | Savannah Jo Anne | Laravie, Justin Matthew | Raymond, Joseph Allen | Swinarski, Alicia Estrada |
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| Bligh, Timothy Lee | Green, Brooklyn Marie | Mategko, Michael Steven | Sherman, David Alan | Waters, Deon Koleen |
| Blowe, Dominick Adams | Grist, Carri Kaye | Matthews, Jett Haden | Sherman, | Williams, |
| Blowe, Isaiah Fredrick | Gutierrez, Kassandra Rae | McGrath, Bryan Thomas | Harold Dewayne | Andrea Michelle |
| Blowe, Tyrone Richard | Haahr, Anneliese Teresa | McGrath, Daniel Patrick | Sherman, John Glenn | Wolff, Toby Timber |
| Boettger, | Hendren, | McGraw, Jr., | Sherman, Michael Ray | Wood, Sara Ethel |
| Dakota Birdhead | Adavia Gabrielle | Jonathan William | Sherman, Mitchell | Wright Jr, |
| Bonge, Stevie Lorene | Hennek, Gail Howe | McKeen, Juanita Rose | Everett | Eugene Theodore |
| Bonge, Todd Joseph | Hocking-Gosnell, Zalla C. | Medeiros, Jenna Cyann | Sherman, Robert Le Roy | Wright, Alina Lee |
| Boyd, Myron Ralph | Honeycutt, | Mercier, Jade Sharice | Sherman, Savannah | Wright, Asheena Lee |
| Boyer, Berlin N. | Andrew James | Meyer, Earl Levine | Sherman, Tristan Ray | Wright, Cherita Alberta |
| Brooks, Angela Ellen | Hope, Dorothea Jo Ann | Moniz, Cherish Toshia | Smith VII, | Wright, |
| Brown, J. Wesley | Horine, Ashley Danielle | Mullen, Deven Miles | William Thomas | Cruz Montgomery |
| Brownrigg, | Horse, Alexander Bruce | Mullins, John Frederick | Smith, Donald Eugene | Wright, Howard Floyd |
| Steven Francis | Howe, Richard H. | Muscutt, Elias Gordon | Smith, Stephanie Rae | |
| Buffalo Chief, | Humphreys, Belinda Kay | Myers, Doron Helmut | Smith, VI, | |
| Uriah Jordan | Jeppesen, Zachary Lee | Olmer, Dakota Michael | William Thomas | |
| Burston, Sandra Lee | Johnson, Lukus Tyler | O'Meara, David Joseph | Snoozy, Ben Michael | |
| Carlson, Emma Rose | Kellogg, | O'Rear, Makenna Shay | Spencer, Peyton Thunder | |
| Carter, Amber Lynn | Mardale Eddie Wayne | Peck, Brandalynn | Standsblack, Marko Tulio | |
| Chwalowski, | Kellogg, Pearl Marie | Peck, Tyler Duane | Stastny, Evan Matthew | |
| Kaitlin Martika | Kelso, James Alan | Pedroza, Jacob Roberto | Stastny, Rachel Colleen | |

MEMBERS NEEDED

PONCA GAMING ENTERPRISE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tribal Council is accepting letter of interest and resumes for a term that will be expiring on April 2, 2026. All Directors of the Enterprise must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least twenty-five (25) years of age
- Either (1) possess a Bachelor's Degree in business or a related field or possess a high school diploma (or a General Equivalency Diploma) and have at least 5 years of business, financial, legal, government contracting, tribal government or industry experience
- Not have been convicted of, or plead guilty or no contest to, any felony in any jurisdiction
- Not have been convicted of, or plead guilty or no contest to, or otherwise found or admitted to committing any crime or civil violation in any jurisdiction involving tax evasion, tax fraud, theft, or embezzlement, of moral turpitude, or against the Tribe
- Be willing and able to perform the Director's duties in compliance with the Business Entities Code and all other laws of the Tribe
- Not be an employee of the Enterprise, provided that an employee may be selected as a Director on the condition the employee shall resign as an employee of the Enterprise upon commencement of service as a Director
- Obtain or be able to obtain any and all required licenses and authorizations from all gaming regulatory bodies with jurisdiction over the activities of the Enterprise
- Any other qualifications of Directors set forth in the Business Entities Code.

If you are interested in serving, please forward your letter of interest and resume to the Ponca Tribal Council, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, Nebraska 68760 or via e-mail to crepenning@poncatribene.gov. You may request a copy of the Charter of the Ponca Gaming Enterprise from your local Tribal Office. It is also accessible via the web at www.poncatribene.org. **Deadline to apply is March 16, 2026.**

PONCA TAX COMMISSION

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

Tribal Council is accepting letters of interest and resumes to fill a term that will be expiring on April 24, 2025.

To be qualified to be appointed a Tax Commissioner a person shall:

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

Commissioners are paid \$250 stipend per meeting plus mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles roundtrip. A letter of interest and resume to apply for the position of Ponca Tax Commission must be forwarded to the Ponca Tribal Council, Attn: Candace Repenning, P. O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE or crepenning@poncatribene.gov
Deadline for applications is April 2, 2025.



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Enrollment

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

Cultural

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

LINCOLN 68512

Administration

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

Ponca Health Services-Lincoln

1600 Windhoek Dr
Ph: (531) 248-3030

Osni Ponca

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

NORFOLK 68701

Administration Building

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

Gym Building

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

Ponca Hills Clinic

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

Ponca Express

Ph: 877-769-3111

Northern Ponca Housing Authority

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

Purchased/Referred Care

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

OMAHA 68107

Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Clinic

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

Administration

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

Dental

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

Northern Ponca Housing Authority

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

SIOUX CITY 51103

Administration

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

OTHER RESOURCES

Child Abuse Hotline

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

National Child Abuse Hotline

800-422-4453

National Suicide Hotline

800-273-8255

Domestic Violence Hotline

800-799-7233

National Human Trafficking Hotline

888-373-7888

National Problem Gambling Helpline

800-522-4700

Elder Abuse Hotline

800-252-8966

Boys Town Crisis Line

800-448-3000

Drug Treatment & Referral Hotline

877-726-4727

Nebraska Family Helpline

888-866-8660

Veterans Crisis Line

800-273-8255

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