Easter Adventures
Ponca Tribe hosts Easter events for members
On April 3, District 1 Tribal Council Representative JoAn Schlotman was honored at the annual meeting of the United Native American Housing Association (UNAHA) with the Legends in Indian Housing Award. This award honors those individuals who have worked tirelessly to help provide adequate and safe housing for Native American families.

Councilwoman Schlotman was selected for the Legends award for her service on the Northern Ponca Housing Authority Board of Commissioners from 2011-2021 and her continued work since being elected to serve on Tribal Council.

While serving as the NPHA BOC Secretary, JoAn was present for every meeting of the Board of Commissioners, and traveled to UNAHA meetings to remain up to date on important information regarding housing. As a member of Tribal Council, JoAn has remained a strong advocate for NPHA and supports their mission on all levels of the Ponca Tribe.

Congratulations to JoAn Schlotman on receiving the 2023 Legends in Indian Housing Award.
In March, staff and Tribal Council members from the Ponca Tribe attended the 2023 Tribal Transportation conference in South Sioux City.

This yearly meeting, hosted by the Nebraska Department of Transportation and Nebraska Local Technical Assistance Program serves as a way for the state to touch base with the four Nebraska Tribes to discuss Transit and transportation issues and ongoing projects, ensuring that the voices and perspectives of tribal partners within the state are recognized. They do a quick overview of any upcoming grants that may be beneficial as well as the state construction that will be happening and when we can expect those projects to be completed.

Each Tribe had the opportunity to do a quick presentation on current projects and how projects are funded. There were also several roundtable talks and breakout sessions addressing many different subjects.

Ponca Tribe attendees were able to get a look at transportation projects being undertaken by other Tribes in the state, and network with staff and Tribal Council representative from other Tribes, while building strong government to government relationships with state agencies. These continued collaborations and relationships help ensure that the infrastructure of our roads remains a safe and reliable part of the quality of life for all Nebraskans.

-Photos courtesy of the Nebraska Department of Transportation

Left to Right: Penny Lingle, Deputy Director of Tribal Affairs; Kyle Taylor, District 4 Tribal Council Representative; Dani Wright, Transit Director; Susie Baker, District 3 Tribal Council Representative; Candace Schmidt, Tribal Council Chairwoman; Bill Yunker, Tribal Transportation Director; Courtney Chavez, Deputy Director of Tribal Affairs; Talia Jennings, Transit Lead/Scheduler; JoAn Schlotman, District 1 Tribal Council Representative; Falon McAlpin, District 2 Tribal Council Representative; Richard Wright, Jr., Culture Director; Stacy Laravie, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer; and Brandon Villalpando, Transit Lead/Scheduler.
Easter fun for District 2 with egg hunt and Easter baskets!

On Saturday, March 25, District 2 held their Easter Event. The Youth Council provided an Easter Egg Hunt starting at 9 am outside of the Ponca Transit Facility. D2 children ages 0-12 enjoyed hunting for candy filled eggs, balls, and cookies! The Easter Bunny was helped by Candy Schott, Maci Schott, Claudia Villegas, Courtney Chavez, Falon McAlpin, and Becci Sullivan.

After the egg hunt, children and their families went to the Ralston Administration office to pick out Easter baskets, provided by the District Tribal Council Representatives, Falon McAlpin and Becci Sullivan.

We look forward to providing more events and activities for our D2 members!

-Falon and Becci

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Drive-In Fun for District 2!

District 2 is offering $20 gift certificates to Quasar Drive-In for District 2 Service Delivery Area members, good for any time during the 2023 season. Certificates can be used for entrance fee or concessions. Certificates are available for pickup from Candy Schott at the Ralston Administration Office from 9am - 2pm, Monday - Friday on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, please contact Becci at 531.222.4471 or Falon at 402.208.0297.

Must be an actively enrolled member of the Ponca Tribe of NE for D2 SDA at the time the list was pulled, no exceptions! You may only pick up for members in your household unless prior authorization has been given. Not responsible for lost or stolen gift certificates.

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Friday, May 19
6:00-9:00 pm

Outside the Ralston Transit Building
5701 S 85th Circle | Omaha, NE

District 2 SDA Ponca tribal members, their families, and our District 2 staff members and families are invited to a night of fun for all ages! There will be food, snacks, games, activities, prizes, and an outdoor movie to end the night!

Sponsored by D2 Tribal Council Representatives Becci Sullivan and Falon McAlpin. For more information, please contact Becci at 531.222.4471 or Falon at 402.208.0297.
District 3 hosts Easter brunch and Easter egg hunt for members

School’s Out! Ice Cream Social

Saturday, May 27 | 2 pm
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Community Space
1600 Windhoek | Lincoln, NE

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska school age youth (K-12) and their families, living in the District 3 Service Delivery Area, are invited to an ice cream social to celebrate the end of the school year and kick start summer!

For more information, please contact District 3 Tribal Council Representatives Susie Baker, 925.788.0649 and Shanna Carpenter, 402.805.0883

District 3
Saturday, May 27 | 2 pm
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Community Space
1600 Windhoek | Lincoln, NE

Virtual Youth Art Camp

Thursday, July 13, 2023 | 9-11 am (CST)

The Osni Ponka Youth Council is sponsoring a virtual art camp for Ponca youth ages 5-12 nationwide. Participants will learn basic painting techniques, and have a painting project. Art supplies will be mailed to participants, and classes will be held online. Class is open to the first 20 Ponca youth with a complete application, and all information verified. Participants will be notified that they have secured a spot via email. For more information, email youthcouncil@poncatribe-ne.org.

Registration is open May 1-June 15 to allow time for art boxes to be mailed to participants! Space is limited, so register NOW by going to https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/ponca_art_camp_registration
Tuition Assistance Opportunity from Behavioral Health

Students seeking to achieve their Psychiatric APRN are encouraged to apply by June 1, 2023 for the opportunity to receive tuition assistance from Ponca Health Services Behavioral Health.

Eligible candidates must be:
• Currently enrolled in a credentialed Psychiatric APRN program or ready to enroll for the Fall 2023 semester
• Able to commit 2 years to Ponca Health Services at our Norfolk site

If interested, please submit a letter of interest and your CV to Dr. LuAnne M. Even at leven@poncatribe-ne.org.

For more information, please call Dr. Even at 402.738.3148.

Beading Class

Thursdays | 5:30-7:30 pm
Every 3rd Saturday | 12-4 pm

Please note there will be no Thursday class on the weeks with a Saturday class.

Norfolk Gym Cafeteria
1800 Syracuse | Norfolk, NE

Please join us for materials and instruction on beading.

For more information, please contact Ricky Wright, Jr. at 402.371.8834

District 4 Easter event jumps into spring with bounce houses, a meal, and an Easter egg hunt!
District 2 families enjoy new Super Mario movie

Becki Sullivan  
District 2 Tribal Council Representative

On Sunday, April 16, District 2 rented an entire theater at the Majestic Theater at 144th and Maple to show the new Super Mario Movie to Omaha area Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members and their families. The theater was entirely packed, with over 130 members and their families attending the movie event.

Each attendee was provided popcorn and a drink. The event was organized by District 2 Tribal Council members, Becki Sullivan and Falon McAlpin.

Special thanks to Candy Schott, Maci Schott, Ben Schott and Abbey Jenkins for their assistance, making sure the event ran smoothly.

We are back to pre-COVID numbers and looking at renting a bigger theater for our next movie event! It was so good to see everyone. We love providing family activities for our membership!

Reel Mentors Youth Fishing Event

June 4 | 10 am-2 pm  
Schramm Park | 20874-21146, NE-31 | Gretna, NE

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska District 2 & 3 youth ages 8-16 are invited to join the Youth Council, and Ponca Member Ron Suverkrubbe's Reel Mentors organization for a day of fishing and fun. Lunch will be provided. Fishing poles will be provided to participants, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Space is limited, so register online today!

To register for the event, go to https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/reel_mentors_registration

Participants MUST register online!

Class of 2023

Honoring our Graduating Seniors

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska would like to honor our 2023 Ponca graduates in a special section in our June 2023 newsletter.

Please complete the following form online no later than May 5th, 2023 to have your graduate included in this section. Submissions may be subject to minor edits for space and consistency.

https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/2023_graduates

Questions? Please email info@poncatribe-ne.org.
Ponca Tribe and Healing Ribbons provide learning and community

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska has partnered with Healing Ribbons to provide cultural engagement, fellowship, and community support in the form of beading and regalia classes. Participants have the opportunity to come together and learn new skills, both from instructors and from each other. As the classes grow, so does the sense of community between participants. Please follow the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Facebook page for more information on classes.

Weekly Regalia Classes

Every Saturday | 1-4 pm
Fashion Arts Collective | 1141 N 11th Street, 2nd Floor | Omaha, NE 68102
(Door is locked. Press #4 on the keypad and ask for Paula)
Women, teens, children (5 and above), and two-spirited are invited to learn how to sew regalia

May 6 & 13: Ribbon Skirts. Learn to make a ribbon skirt from scratch

For more information, contact: Tami Buffalohead-McGill at tamibuffalohead@gmail.com.

Beading Class
1st & 3rd Friday of each month | 6-9 pm
(unless otherwise specified)
Ralston Transit Building
5701 S 85th Circle | Omaha, NE
Please visit the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Facebook page for updated information on dates and class topics.

For more information, please contact: Valery Kills Crow Copeland at 402.612.3348.
Help shape the agricultural future of tribal lands!

Greetings Relatives,

The Tribal Affairs Department is currently working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), to develop an Agriculture Resource Management Plan (ARMP). Many of our members may not be aware that the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is the largest land owner within Knox County. Over the years, your leadership has been committed to gaining our homelands back. As a result of recent purchases, our Tribe currently has 3,254 acres of land within Knox County that can be utilized for farming, foraging, grazing, hunting, or similar agriculture or conservation efforts.

Developing an ARMP will assist the Tribal Affairs department with planning and implementing strategies that will enhance and protect our lands and provide additional food resources to our communities. This plan can assist our programs in identifying culturally significant foods, traditional farming, harvesting, and food preservation practices, and can reintroduce our youth and elders to foraging for foods and medicines, or hunting and fishing. The plan could identify the need to improve current farm/pasture lease areas or prioritize the use of agricultural lands for tribal members. Completion of the ARMP could also provide potential future funding opportunities for our agricultural resources.

We have options to focus on land conservation and revenue generation. We are solely in charge of what type of agricultural practices will be conducted on our lands and near our water resources. This plan empowers us, as a Nation, and strengthens our authority to determine how our lands are used.

An ARMP is a ten (10) year strategic plan that serves to strengthen Tribal Sovereignty over Food & Agriculture practices. For us to create a valuable plan that serves our Tribe and our People, we need your input.

Please complete this brief survey by May 12th to help us identify the critical values and goals of our Tribal Citizens. Scan QR Code with your phone camera to access the survey or visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PoncaARMP

If you would like to complete a paper copy of the survey, please visit any Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Office and a survey will be available at the Office Coordinator.

Surveys will be made available at all Circle of Elder’s Meals, at each in person Tribal Council meeting, and online on our website.

All respondents will be entered in a raffle to win a star quilt!
Recognizing the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People

Thomas Wright, II  
Domestic Violence  
Program Coordinator

May 5th has been identified as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Person Awareness Day. This means that we, as human beings, take time to share information regarding our missing and/or murdered Indigenous relatives.

Here in the US, studies show that Native Americans people face some of the highest rates of violence in the country, experiencing violent crime at higher rates than the national average. Unfortunately, our Native women and girls are experiencing disproportionately high rates of sexual and gender-based violence, including intimate partner violence (IPV). Our Native men also experience higher rates of violence than other demographic groups. LGBTQ and Two-Spirit people in Tribal communities are also often targets of violence.

Generations of American Indians and Alaska Natives have mourned missing and murdered loved ones. Their calls for justice and healing through grass roots activism and advocacy have created nationwide attention and increased support for this Missing or Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) crisis.

Native people have fought back and taken the crisis of MMIP into our own hands to bring justice to our stolen women, two spirit peoples, and men. By creating movements, Native advocates and allies have raised awareness of injustice and helped bring about positive changes for all of our peoples; however, there is still a need to carry on this work.

In last year’s MMIP proclaim, President Biden stated “Our Nation’s failure to address this ongoing tragedy not only deprives the dignity of each Indigenous person who goes missing or is murdered — it undermines the humanity of us all. Today and every day, we must continue to stand up for Indigenous people, and we must never forget the thousands of unsolved cases that continue to cry out for justice and healing. As a Nation, we must answer that call and work together to achieve the promise of America for all Americans.”

For more information on MMIW and MMIP movements, please see:

2022’s Proclamation Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day at: https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/05/04/a-proclamation-on-missing-or-murdered-indigenous-persons-awareness-day-2022/


We R Native website at: https://www.wernative.org/articles/national-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-persons-awareness-day

Interested in Ponca Language classes?  
Classes stream live at https://call.lifesizecloud.com/13507809. Additionally, a playlist of previous language classes can be found on the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska YouTube channel. For more information, please contact Ricky Wright, Culture Director, at rwrightjr@poncatribe-ne.org, or 402.371.8834, ext. 120.
Free assistance to Ponca member owned businesses to help you compete for government contracts!

Do you own a business?

Would you be interested in developing your business through government contracting?

PEDCO PTAC can help—by offering completely free of charge procurement counseling that will help your business to succeed in the government marketplace!

Our services include (and are not limited to):

• Assisting your business with all necessary registrations for government contracting
• Identifying and applying for special government contracting certification programs that leverage your business’s minority owned status
• Marketing your business to government agencies and prime contractors
• Locating contract opportunities that are suited for your business
• Assisting you to write bid proposals
• And much, much more!

To learn more, visit our website at www.pedcoptac.org.

Sign up at the website for client services, or contact Darren Osborne (Program Manager) for more information. Darren can be reached by phone at 712.308.1366 or by email at dosborne@pedcoptac.org.

SAVE THE DATE!
PTN Youth Council Summit
Saturday, June 24, 2023
Metro Community College
Fort Omaha Campus | Omaha, NE

Make plans now to attend the first ever Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Youth Council Summit, featuring guest speaker Dean Jacobs!

Dean Jacobs, a native of Nebraska, left a secure job with corporate America to pursue a dream: a dream to travel around the world and to understand the world we share. The experience of exploring in over 50 countries has exposed Dean to the goodness of humanity and the magnificence of the natural beauty throughout the world. Dean brings his experiences to children and adults everywhere through school presentations and keynotes that focus on the goodness of humanity and the awe of nature. By offering his audiences the opportunity to see these qualities in others and themselves, Dean leaves them inspired and empowered to make their world a better place in which to live.
PTN Emergency Management hosts Storm Spotter training

On Tuesday, April 4th, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Emergency Management, in conjunction with the National Weather Service, hosted Storm Spotter Training, at the Transit building in Norfolk. Staff and tribal members had the opportunity to train to become a certified NWS Skywarn storm spotter.

Severe Weather
Watch or warning?

**WATCH**

**Severe Thunderstorm**
Atmospheric conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms, with 1” diameter hail, and/or 58 mph winds or greater.

- Check for forecast updates
- Plan where to take shelter if needed

**Tornado**
Atmospheric conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms, capable of producing tornadoes.

- Check for forecast updates
- Plan where to take shelter if needed

**WARNING**

**Severe Thunderstorm**
A severe thunderstorm has developed, capable of producing 1” diameter hail or greater, and or 58 mph winds or greater.

- Take shelter indoors immediately
- Use extra caution while driving
- Check forecast updates

**Tornado**
A severe thunderstorm has developed, and has either produced a tornado, or has a radar signature that is conducive for one to develop

- Take shelter indoors immediately
- If driving, find the nearest shelter
- Check forecast updates

Even thunderstorms that are not severe can produce heavy rain and dangerous lightning.

*Remember: When thunder roars, go indoors!*

*If there is water across the road, turn around, don’t drown!*
The 2nd Annual
MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES POW WOW
JULY 14-16, 2023 - RIVERSIDE PARK IN SIOUX CITY, IOWA

Blessing of the Ground
William St. Cyr Omaha/HoChunk (Winnebago, NE)

Gourd Dance Staff
Head Man
Mark White Eyes Omaha (Walthill, NE)
Head Lady
Angel Peer Ioway (Kansas City, MO)
Head Boy
Bernard Verde-Vance Omaha (Lincoln, NE)
Head Girl
Tatla Tatsinumpi Ate Paya-Guirroga Comanche-Otse (Lawton, OK)
Head Gourd Drum
Standing Eagle (Walthill, NE)
Omaha Tia-Piah Society Gourd Organization

Pow Wow Dance Staff
Head Man
Maurice Phillips Omaha (Lincoln, NE)
Head Lady
Nicole Jay Nesakhluah Apache (Wichita, KS)
Head Boy
Jaden Painter HoChunk (Winnebago, NE)
Head Girl
Kamimilic Wazi Win Moons HoChunk/Ogalala Lakota (Winnebago, NE)
Host Drum
Steven Little Cook - Yellow Hammer (Ponca City, OK)
Master of Ceremonies
Allen Hare Yankton Sioux (Marty, SD)
Announcers
Terry Medina Santee Sioux (Dakota City, NE)
Josh Taylor Omaha (Sioox City, IA)
Areana Director
Kenny Cook Yankton Sioux (Marty, SD)
VFW Post #363 (Winnebago, NE)

TENATIVE AGENDA
Note: Paint system will begin Friday evening. Registration opens Friday at 5pm and closes after Saturday's 1st Grand Entry

FRIDAY
Gourd Dance at 5pm
Grand Entry at 7pm

SATURDAY
Gourd Dance at 11am
Grand Entry at 1pm
Supper Break
Gourd Dance at 5pm
Grand Entry at 7pm

SUNDAY
Gourd Dance at 11am
Grand Entry at 1pm

DANCE CATEGORIES
TINY TOTS PAID DAILY
Cash prize for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

GIRLS (7-12)
Traditional 1st - $150 2nd - $125 3rd - $100
Fancy 1st - $150 2nd - $125 3rd - $100
Jingle 1st - $150 2nd - $125 3rd - $100

BOYS (7-12)
Traditional 1st - $150 2nd - $125 3rd - $100
Grass 1st - $150 2nd - $125 3rd - $100
Fancy 1st - $150 2nd - $125 3rd - $100

TEEN GIRLS (13-19)
Traditional 1st - $300 2nd - $250 3rd - $200
Fancy 1st - $300 2nd - $250 3rd - $200
Jingle 1st - $300 2nd - $250 3rd - $200

TEEN BOYS (13-19)
Traditional 1st - $300 2nd - $250 3rd - $200
Grass 1st - $300 2nd - $250 3rd - $200
Fancy 1st - $300 2nd - $250 3rd - $200

WOMEN’S (20-49)
Traditional 1st - $500 2nd - $350 3rd - $200
Fancy 1st - $500 2nd - $350 3rd - $200
Jingle 1st - $500 2nd - $350 3rd - $200

MEN’S (20-49)
Traditional 1st - $500 2nd - $300 3rd - $200
Grass Dance 1st - $500 2nd - $300 3rd - $200
Fancy Ist - $500 2nd - $300 3rd - $200

GOLDEN AGE WOMEN’S (50+)
Traditional 1st - $800 2nd - $500 3rd - $200
Fancy 1st - $800 2nd - $500 3rd - $200
Jingle 1st - $800 2nd - $500 3rd - $200

GOLDEN AGE MEN’S (50+)
Traditional 1st - $800 2nd - $500 3rd - $200
Grass Dance 1st - $800 2nd - $500 3rd - $200
Fancy Ist - $800 2nd - $500 3rd - $200

ALL DRUMS WELCOME

FOOD VENDOR FEE $200 ARTS/CRAFTS/NON-FOOD VENDOR FEE $100

1st ANNUAL RUFUS WHITE TRADITIONAL CONTEST (19+ years) 1st - $800 2nd - $500 3rd - $200
Breaking Mourning for Rufus White Ron and Thelma Thomas (Santee Sioux) would lead this for some of the family members of the late Rufus White (Omaha) who would like to break their mourning
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 2023 deadline: May 15, 2023
Fall 2023 deadline: August 15, 2023
Winter 2023 deadline: November 15, 2023
Spring 2024 deadline: December 15, 2023

The Ponca Educational Trust Fund is available nationwide to students who enroll at one of the University of Nebraska Campuses/Online Courses: Lincoln ~ Omaha ~ Kearney (Must be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours per semester to be eligible)

Attention All K-12 YIP Students Nationwide:

• High School Seniors for the 2022-2023 school year are eligible to receive a $500.00 Graduation Incentive!

• Our department is accepting projects for incentives in the following areas: Art, Essay/Poetry, and Student of the Month. “Winners may receive $100.00 for 1st place, $50.00 for 2nd place, and $25.00 for 3rd place. Grade divisions are as follows: Primary (K-2), Intermediate (3-5), Middle (6-8), and High School (9-12)

• Perfect Attendance $100.00 (0-.49 days of absenteeism), $50.00 (.5-3.49 days absenteeism), and $25.00 (3.5-5.49 days of absenteeism).

Deadline to apply for the 2022-2023 school year is July 31, 2023.

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)
Change of Address Form
Mail to: PTN Enrollment Dept PO Box 288 Niobrara, NE 68760 Fax: 402-857-3771

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD MUST BE AN ENROLLED PONCA TRIBE MEMBER

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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
TRIBAL MEMBERS
(please print)

NAME:_________________________________________DOB:_________________________
ADDRESS:______________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
PHONE:______________________

DO YOU WANT YOUR SS NUMBER ON YOUR ID CARD?  YES_________OR NO_________
If yes, please check one of the following: Full SS number_____ or Last 4 digits only_____.

By marking Yes you understand it is your responsibility to keep your SSN confidential and acknowledge
that the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is not responsible if the card is lost or stolen.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR BLOOD QUANTUM ON YOUR ID?  YES_____OR NO_____.

FOR A PHOTO ID PLEASE SIGN AND FILL OUT THIS PAGE.
DON’T FORGET TO SEND (EMAIL) YOUR PICTURE AS WELL.

Photo ID Instructions

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

2. Clear readable copies of the following must be submitted:
   a: State Driver’s License, State ID Card or other valid Picture ID card
      (It must have your picture and signature on it)

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

3. Photo Options:
   You can email a current photo (without filters) to - enrollment@poncatribe-ne.org
   OR
   You may mail documentation and your
   current photo to:
   Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
   Enrollment Department
   PO Box 288
   Niobrara, NE 68760-0288
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.org, or contact the Niobrara or Lincoln offices.

We appreciate your help!

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Calling all Ponca Veterans!

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) is working to create a comprehensive list of all Ponca veterans for present and future recognition of service. As such, the THPO is respectfully requesting members who are veterans, or those who have family that have served, help provide information, including:

- Branch of service
- Wars served
- Dates served
- Photographs
- Details or a story from that service

This information will be featured on a veterans honor wall in the Ponca Tribe Museum, and will be used to honor veterans at events, memorials, etc.

To submit veteran information, please contact Stacy Laravie, THPO via email (ssettje@poncatribe-ne.org) or via mail:
Stacy Laravie, THPO
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
88915 521 Avenue
Niobrara, NE 68760

MEMBERS NEEDED
ELDER’S COMMITTEE:
There are currently two vacancies on the Elder’s Committee due to resignation for District 2 & 3 service delivery area. The qualifications are that you must be age 55 or older and must reside in or live within 100 miles from the border of Burt, Douglas or Sarpy County, Nebraska for District 2, and Hall or Lancaster County, Nebraska for District 3. The Northern Ponca Elder’s Committee exists to enrich the lives and meet the needs of the Northern Ponca Tribal Elders and to provide ways that positively impacts all Northern Ponca Tribal Elders. Members of this committee receive a stipend of $250.00 per meeting, along with mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles roundtrip and they meet on a monthly basis. A background check is required. The term will expire on January 13, 2025.

Deadline to apply for this committee is May 15, 2023

Applicants must submit letter of interest and current resume to the Tribal Council, Attn: Candace Repenning, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or by e-mail crepenning@poncatribe-ne.org. A background check is required.
Congratulations!

Lola Weddell and Azara Zephier competed in JAG competition March 7, in Mitchell, SD representing Wagner Community Middle School. JAG stands for Jobs for America’s Graduates. It is a program designed to help students begin their path to either joining the workforce or preparing for higher education.

The competition that they entered was for career development, where students had to research a potential career that they might want to pursue in the future. After writing a paper over the career, they had to develop a visual representation of the career and present it to judges.

Out of the students who presented at the competition, Lola received first place for her research into the career of a movie producer, and Azara received second place for their research into the career of a Botanist.

Lola and Azara are both enrolled members of the Ponca Tribe of NE and great granddaughters of Conceta Zephier.

We are very proud of these two, there are amazing students!

Left: Lola Weddell. Right: Azara Zephier
PONCA TRIBE of NEBRASKA

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OTHER RESOURCES

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

National Child Abuse Hotline
800-422-4453

National Suicide Hotline
800-273-8255

Domestic Violence Hotline
800-799-7233

National Human Trafficking Hotline
888-373-7888

National Problem Gambling Helpline
800-522-4700

Elder Abuse Hotline
800-252-8966

Boys Town Crisis Line
800-448-3000

Drug Treatment & Referral Hotline
877-726-4727

Nebraska Family Helpline
888-866-8660

Veterans Crisis Line
800-273-8255

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All submissions of a political nature are subject to Tribal Council approval. Send to Jessica Hitchcock, jhitchcock@poncatribe-ne.org.
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