29th Annual
Northern Ponca
POWWOW
August 11, 12 & 13, 2023
Grand Entries: Fri - 7 pm | Sat - 1 pm & 7 pm | Sun - 1 pm
Meals provided 1 hour before each Grand Entry

Diabetes Fun Run
August 11 | 5 pm
Join us for a fun walk/run before Friday Grand Entry

Cornhole Tournament
August 12 | 10 am
1st Prize: $350
2nd Prize: $210
3rd Prize: $140

Horseshoe Tournament
August 13 | 10 am
1st Prize: $350
2nd Prize: $210
3rd Prize: $140

Team Dance Contest
3-5 dancers, all dancers must be in regalia
1st Prize: $400
2nd Prize: $250
3rd Prize: $150

Archery Range
Come experience language and culture through the medium of traditional archery. No experience required.

Head Man
Terry Danner

Head Woman
Gwendolyn Wright Santiago

Head Boy
Nester Lemus III

Head Girl
Zaida Teboe

Arena Director
Dennis Lewchuk

MC
Shannon LeRoy

Head Drum
Drowning Creek

Invited Drums
Omaha Whitetail
Standing Eagle
New Breed
Young Generation
Mazakute
Hilltop

Senior Princess
V’Unna Givens

Junior Princess
Lyla Boggs

Little Miss
Mila Taylor

For the most up-to-date information, follow us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/PTNPowwow, call: 402-857-3519 or email: rwrightjr@poncatribe-ne.org

PTN POWWOW GROUNDS
DIRECTIONS:
One mile West of Niobrara on Highway 12. Turn left at the Ponca Sign, located across from the Niobrara State Park. Follow the pavement to the Powwow Grounds.

T-Shirt and poster artwork created by Ponca member Troy Laravie-Spencer

Follow us on Facebook for the most up-to-date information regarding the Powwow:
facebook.com/PTNPowwow
Greetings Relatives,
Before I get into my update, I wanted to take a moment to congratulate all our 2023 Ponca Graduates. Whether you graduated from preschool, high school, or college we are extremely proud of you for completing this milestone. I’d like to share a favorite quote of mine as it relates to your accomplishment. “Go into the world and do well. But more importantly, go into the world and do good.” We look forward to seeing and hearing about what comes next for you. Enjoy the journey.

As it relates to graduation ceremonies, I am working with the Nebraska Intertribal Council on putting together a resolution for Tribal Chairs to sign that would address Native American students being allowed to incorporate tribal regalia including beading and eagle feathers within their graduation attire. Once finalized any of our students may request a copy of this should they run into any issues at graduation time.

Recently, we hosted a meeting at our Norfolk office with Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota officials to discuss broadband and digital equity. At the meeting we shared information about our tribe and potential areas of need as well as received potential resources that might be available to us in helping with some of the needs identified. (See info regarding the Affordable Connectivity program to the right.)

Additional highlights from these last couple of months:
- Tribal Council participated in a Robert’s Rules and Governance Training together along with some of our executive staff
- Diabetes Healthy Living Walk/Run and Powwow
- Hand Game with Southern Ponca relatives
- United Nations Forum on Indigenous Issues
- Sacred Corn Planting
- First General Membership Meeting
- MMIW/R Awareness Events held
- Ponca Heights Elder Community Housing Ground Breaking
- Joey Nathan, Executive Director of NPHA, received an Outstanding Lifetime Service Award
- United States Postal Service Chief Standing Bear Stamp Dedication

In closing, Tribal Council will be holding strategic planning sessions with executive staff later this month. We will be reaching out to membership to get input through a needs assessment that we will be incorporating into our strategic plan. Wi Btha Ha (Thank you) for allowing me to share with you. Take care.

Candace Schmidt, Ponca Tribal Chairwoman
Norfolk youth group growing gardens and creating art

Under the guidance of Leah Franklin, Youth Specialist, the Norfolk youth groups are off to a great start!

The 5th-8th grade group began prep work for a container garden this summer, while the 9th-12th grade group took to the sidewalks, creating chalk art to greet visitors.

Youth groups have also recently started in Lincoln and Omaha. Watch the newsletter and our Facebook page for more information!

District 3 Membership Meeting

Saturday, June 24 | 12 pm

1600 Windhoek Drive | Lincoln, NE

Lifesize available for those wishing to attend virtually

District 3 Ponca Tribe members are invited to join District 3 Tribal Council Representatives Susie Baker and Shanna Carpenter for a District 3 Membership Meeting at the new Ponca Tribe of Nebraska offices in Lincoln. This meeting will be a time to share your ideas, comments, and concerns with your District 3 Tribal Council Representatives, and collaborate with other District 3 members. Members from both within and outside the Service Delivery area are invited. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by the meeting at 1 pm.

Please RSVP by June 16 if you plan to attend in person. Tribal members wishing to participate virtually must contact Shanna Carpenter at 402.805.0883 shannac@poncatribe-ne.org.
Chief Standing Bear was honored Friday, May 12, 2023 with the unveiling of a U.S. Postal Service stamp featuring his portrait.

“For so long people didn’t know his story or the Ponca story — our own trail of tears,” Candace Schmidt, chairwoman of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska said. “We are finally able to tell his story of perseverance and how we as a tribe are resilient.”

Judi M. gaiashkibos, executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs, called the issuing of a Chief Standing Bear stamp a milestone that she hopes “provokes necessary conversations about race, sovereignty and equality in the United States.”

“It’s remarkable, that the story of Nebraska Native American civil rights leader Chief Standing Bear has progressed from a native man being considered a non-person by the U.S. Government in 1879, to today, being recognized by the Postal Service with a stamp honoring him as an American icon,” gaiashkibos said.

The Postal Service, which released the stamp at a ceremony Friday in Lincoln, Nebraska, has printed 18 million stamps. The stamp features a portrait of Chief Standing Bear by illustrator Thomas Blackshear II, based on a black and white photograph taken in 1877, the Postal Service said.

In attendance at the ceremony was Anton G. Hajjar, vice chairman, with U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors; Candace Schmidt, chairwoman of Ponca Tribe of Nebraska; Judi M. gaiashkibos, executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs; Steve Laravie Jr., a descendent of Chief Standing Bear; Joseph Starita, author of I am a man: Chief Standing Bear’s Journey for Justice; and Maggie Stuckey-Ross, parks the recreation director of the City of Lincoln. Ponca drum group, The Horse sang at the event.

The unveiling ceremony was also attended by several members of the Ponca Tribe, including a number of descendents of Chief Standing Bear.

Anton G. Hajjar said the post office has been issuing stamps that honor the legacy of great Americans since the 1800s. In issuing the stamp of Chief Standing Bear, Hajjar noted, “It took our country far too long to recognize the humanity in many of its people – including the American Indians who lived in these lands for thousands of years.”
Members gather for Diabetes Powwow April 22 in Norfolk
Beading and regalia classes continue in multiple locations with more class offerings

There are now even more opportunities to for members of all ages to learn beading and sewing techniques for regalia.

In addition to beading classes in Norfolk, and the beading and regalia classes offered in conjunction with Healing Ribbons in Omaha, there will now be three more regalia classes offered by the Tribe in Omaha, Norfolk, and Lincoln.

Please watch the newsletter and the Tribe’s social media for more information on these and future offerings!

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

Regalia Classes

Wednesdays | 6 pm

Learning Nest | North side of building
1600 Windhoek Dr | Lincoln, NE

Learn to create your own regalia, and enjoy time spent working together on regalia projects!

May 17, 24, 31: Moccasins and flat beading
No class June 7
June 14: Loom beading
June 21 & 28: Dance fans
July 5 & 12: Porky Roaches

Further classes to be determined based on turnout and class suggestions.

For more information, contact: Christy Conrad
christy.smith2@gmail.com or call 402.975.5648.
NPHA breaks ground on new Elder housing complex

Mud and cold temps didn’t stop the Northern Ponca Housing Authority from breaking ground in Ralston on April 21 for the Ponca Heights Elder Community. NPHA Executives and Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Tribal Council Representatives spoke about the project and what this will provide to the Ponca Tribe.

Ponca Heights will open in December 2024 with 20 two-bedroom homes, a community center, and a walking path.

Norfolk Sewing Classes

Join us for sewing classes and enjoy learning new skills and techniques for creating your own regalia. For more information, contact Rebecca Wright at rlwrightbex@gmail.com.

Adopt-A-Buffalo Sponsors

These friends have helped our buffalo herd prosper by adopting herd members through our Adopt-A-Buffalo program! Thank you for your support and preservation of this majestic symbol of Native America.

Yearling group supporters:
Tatum Comer
Melissa Puz
Nate Thannum
Price Eveloff

Yearling group supporters:
Terry Hassenstab
Carolyn & Brett Carlson
Ramona Henry

Herd Bull Supporters:
Kendra Haberkorn

Herd Group Supporters:
Daniel & Annabel Stour
Luna, Kaleb, Josie Kehl
Meaningful and symbolic events held throughout PTN office locations

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska DV program held several MMIR events during the month of May.

For a number of years, our Indigenous relatives, across the United States and Canada, have gone missing and/or were murdered. Often times, the families of these relatives do not receive the justice they deserve because of the lack of resources, a lack of assistance, a lack of credibility, or other circumstances.

Because of this, these cases fall between the cracks and go unsolved for long periods of time, with most never getting solved. The red sand used at our events serves as a reminder of these lost relatives.

Although our relatives are not physically with us, we still hold space for their spirit. To represent this, we place a red shawl over an empty chair. The color red on the shawl is a symbol of the loss of sacred lifeblood through violence. The empty chair symbolizes the physical space their spirits fill in our lives. It brings awareness to Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons.
June is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month. This is when time is taken to celebrate LGBTQ Americans and how they have strengthened our communities and country by utilizing their talents, creativity and passion to help create awareness and goodwill. In a lot of Native American tribes, the term Two Spirit (or 2 Spirit) is used for a person who identifies as having a masculine spirit and a feminine spirit in them.

The word pride is a central cultural concept within the LGBTQ2S community, representing solidarity, collectivity, and identity as well as resistance to discrimination and violence. The symbolism of Pride communicates to individuals that LGBTQ2S people are welcome as valuable members of the community.

The Domestic Violence numbers for the LGBTQ2S population are often inaccurate and this is due to many factors. A lot of DV situations go unreported due to the victims’ fear of what may come, such as: judgment from DV advocates, police officers, and community members; a lack of justice by the justice systems; or accidentally “outing” themselves or their partner.

More awareness needs to be provided to all communities. Even though we are all different, we are all human and still need to be compassionate to one another.

For Pride Month, the LGBTQ2S communities may host several events: parades, marches, fundraisers, drag shows, or festivals.

What can you do to celebrate Pride month?

**Rep your flag!**
Grab a rainbow, bi, lesbian, pan, ace, or any other flag of your preference and wave it with pride. Don’t have a flag? You can wear rainbow colors on a T-shirt, a hairband, or on the laces in your shoes. You could even paint your face with the colors, be as creative as you like to show your support.

**Join in a pride parade**
Run, walk, skip, or dance in a pride parade. You don’t need to identify as LGBTQ+ to attend a pride march. Everyone is welcome to show their support for gay rights and equality for all, so check out what’s happening in your community and go join in the fun!

**Take some time to learn**
Watch a movie that will give you more information about the serious message behind Pride Month. It isn’t just about festivals, rainbows, and glitter. So take some time to learn about the people who helped bring this movement together.

**Donate to a LGBTQ2S organization**
Many LGBTQ2S focused organizations are the life support to the LGBTQ2S communities they serve. Not only do they provide a sense of safety and security but many also offer programs and services that are vital to the community such as; HIV prevention, testing, and treatment, access to culturally competent and affirming healthcare, social and support groups, housing, public spaces and much more.

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Domestic Violence Program is conducting a Domestic Violence needs assessment to assess domestic violence and available services within our communities. Participation in this survey is completely voluntary and anonymous. All data collected will assist in the planning of future education events and to improve services addressing the needs of survivors of domestic violence and the community. Participation in the survey does qualify you to be entered into a prize raffle. A separate form is provided for entering the raffle, so that all survey responses remain totally anonymous.

Surveys are available at all office locations or online at https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7316578/Domestic-Violence-Needs-Assessment or by scanning the QR code below.
District 2 Ponca Members are invited to make a splash this summer with FREE tickets to Fun-Plex! Tickets are good during regular business hours, throughout the 2023 swim season, and can be picked up from Shannon Malone at the Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Center starting June 1st.

Tickets are for active enrolled District 2 Service Delivery Area Ponca Members (at the time the list was pulled from Enrollment, no exceptions). One ticket per member. Lost tickets will not be replaced. Tickets issued on a first-come, first-served basis. You may only pick up tickets for members of your household, unless prior authorization has been given.
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.org or aknudsen@poncatribe-ne.org, or via mail:

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

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.

**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.**

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.org. *Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs*
**Zachary Adams**  
Millard North High School | Millard, NE  
Zachary plans to attend Metro for general studies, then transfer to UNO for Cybersecurity Coding  
Parents/Grandparents:  
April Adams & Mike Adams, Carolyn Brewer, Amy Rochholz  
We are so proud of Zachary. He has grown to be an amazing young man and has such a bright future ahead of him.

**Lakota Atz**  
Hastings High School | Hastings, NE  
Attending the University of Nebraska Lincoln, studying Psychology in hopes to fulfill her dreams of becoming a psychologist.  
4x great grand daughter of Chief Standing Bear, 3x great grand daughter of Fanny Standing Bear, 2x great grand daughter of Benjamin Laravie, great grand daughter of Florence Snoozy, grand daughter of David Laravie daughter of Tracy Laravie. Niece of Stacy Laravie.  
We love you Kota Sue, and are so proud of you.

**Tristan Bachmeier**  
Minnesota online High School  
Tristan plans on attending college  
Mom-Alexis Phongsavat, Grandma-Dianne Carr, Grandpa-Duane Halverson (deceased),  
Sister-Tia Phongsavat, Brother-Tyler Phongsavat, Sister-Maslynn Phongsavat  
Tristan, Congratulations on your graduation! You’ve made me very happy with your success of you and all your hard work. It only makes me prouder that you’re my son. I am so excited for the adventures you will have in the rest of your life. Make a difference. Live the dream. Relish the adventure. Make your mark. Happy graduation son! I want you to know that more than anything, I want to tell you how much I love you.

**Jacory Beauvais**  
Norfolk Senior High | Norfolk, NE  
Jacory achieved the B honor roll each year of high school.  
Attending Northeast Community College in the fall, studying Criminal Justice  
Mother-Nicole Beauvais , Grandmother- Janice Beauvais, Late Great Grandmother- Velma Beauvais  
We are very proud of you!!

**Parris T Buffalochief**  
Oregon State University | BA in Music Production  
Parris is planning on a career as an Audio engineer/Producer  
Child of Parris Buffalochief and Grandchild of Carole Buffalochief  
I want to thank my parents and the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska on supporting my journey to succeed as a college student.
Sadie Campbell
Coweta High School
Sadie plans to attend college and earn her degree in Electrical or Aerospace Engineering
Great Grandparents Don and Nelda Woodlee, Grandparents (her grandfather David (Dugan) recently passed but was and would be very proud of her) David and Linda Shaw, Parents Richard and Amanda Campbell, older brother Joseph Campbell, younger brothers Charlie Kifer, Layne Campbell, Jaxon Campbell, and Benjamin Wallace, uncle Robert Forister.
Sadie is a constant source of joy to those who know her. She's an amazing student and an exceptional person. She's kind and thoughtful, clever and funny. She's had to work harder than some of her peers because of hardships she endured through no fault of her own. She has continued to excell nonetheless. We're all so very proud of her. Congratulations Sadie!

Carly Christiansen
San Jose State University | BS in Justice Studies
Grandmother- DeLores Christiansen
Congratulations! We are so proud of you!

Maile Chung
University of Washington
Masters Degree in Library and Information Sciences
With her many classes in Native Studies, her plan is to work in museums to preserve and protect indigenous community records and resources.
Daughter of Hyo and Diann Kennedy Chung, granddaughter of Herman and Donna Franklin Kennedy, great granddaughter of Gordon and Gladys Franklin and descendant of Mele Lacharie Sherman.
Congratulations! The family is very proud of your accomplishments!

Sebastian Collin
Boyd County School
Sebastian will be starting a welding apprenticeship.
Parent: Emilia Collin, Grandparent: Gloria Hamilton
So very proud of Sebastian for overcoming many obstacles in his life, and still succeeding in school. Always want the best for him in life in whatever he wishes to do, and to always know he has a place to call home.
Amanda Fitzgerald
Trinity Valley School
Attending Vanderbilt University in the fall with a major in Human and Organizational Development and a minor in Spanish
Amanda is the daughter of Michael and Allison Fitzgerald and the sister of Reagan Fitzgerald.
We're so proud of you!

Alicia Droescher
Norfolk High School
Daughter of Cesar and Lacy (Bear) Figueroa and Erich Droescher
You are so smart and beautiful and can accomplish anything you set your mind to. We love you! -Mom and Cesar

Jamin Enquist
Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University
Juris Doctorate
Attending Northeast Community College
Will be working at an Immigration Law firm in New York City.

Sofia Hegstrom
West High School
Sofia plans to work as a teacher's aid at Cubby Care Preschool during the summer break and visit family in Missouri, attending the University of South Dakota for Music Education in the fall.
Daughter of Jay and Antoinette (Toni) Hegstrom and descendent of Lizzie Jones-Laravie
We are so proud of you! Also, a big thanks to the Ponca Tribe Education Department for all of their help in making this happen!

Ian Hansen
University of South Dakota
Bachelor in Psychology, minor in Child & Adolescent Development.
Attending University of Kansas in the fall for their Counseling Psychology Program to get his Masters.
Crystal Mundorf and Scott Hansen-Parents, Rozlyn (Boettger) Barta-Grandmother, Maxine (Birdhead) Boettger-Great Grandmother
We are so proud of you!

Alizae Droescher
Norfolk High School
Daughter of Cesar and Lacy (Bear) Figueroa and Erich Droescher
You are so smart and beautiful and can accomplish anything you set your mind to. We love you! -Mom and Cesar

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
**Hunter Henrickson**  
Pierce Jr/Sr High School  
Attending Northeast Community College for Diesel Mechanics.  
Parents - Jeff & Kayla (Boettger) Henrickson, Grandparents - Troy Boettger & Kristine (Hille) Williams / step-grandparent Charles Williams & Shirley Henrickson, Great Grandparent - Connie Hille  
Congratulations on graduating High School, good luck in what the future may hold for you.

**Maximus Heppner**  
Norfolk Senior High  
College bound, undecided on Northeast community or Wayne State college, majoring in Business Administration.  
Parents Kristin Ironthunder and Waylon Heppner, grandparents Ernest Richard Ironthunder, Margaret Ironthunder, also Joann Heppner and the late Dallas Heppner.  
Don’t take anything for granted, and be thankful for everything you have. So you can live your life to the fullest, cause you have a family that loves you to the moon and back in anything you decide to accomplish in your life.  

- Love, your mom and dad

**Stevie Nicole Horse**  
Bryan Community School  
Attending Cosmetology school.  
Parents-Jerry Horse and Mary Robertson, Grandparents-the late Bruce and JoAnn Robertson, and the late Jerry Horse Sr and Hildreth Redeyes, Great granddaughter of the late Ernest and Amelia “BABE” Ironthunder.  
We love you and are very proud of you!

**Anna Lee Howe**  
California State University-Fullerton  
Bachelors of Science in Marine Biology, minor in Art, with University Honors  
Commissioning as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps  
Daughter of Vernon “Rusty” and Jennifer Howe, granddaughter of Vernon and Bonny Howe, and 3rd-great granddaughter of George Washington Howe and Lucille Leclair.  
Anna, we are so proud of the young woman you have become. You have overcome many trials and hardships to get where you are and you continue to work hard to make your way in this life. You will be an inspiration for generations to come. Congratulations! You deserve the world!
Oscar James Kyriss

Norfolk Senior High School
Parents: Jacquelyn and Mario Munoz, the late James Kyriss and Diane (Apreciado) Reyes, Grandparents: Joey (Taylor) and Brandon Nathan, Bryan Kyriss and Joanne Apreciado, Great Grandparents: the late Oscar and Inez (Wright) Taylor and the late Frank and Emma (Crowe) Kyriss.
Oscar, we are so proud of the smart, talented, and charismatic young man you have become. Dream big and keep reaching for the stars.

Devin Ideker

Tea Area High School
Shelley Johnting / Mother, Sharon Ideker/ Grandmother
Congratulations Devin! We are so proud of you and your accomplishment!!

Megan Kennedy

Marin Catholic High School
Graduated with Honors
Attending University of California - Santa Barbara, majoring in Environmental Studies
Daughter of Matthew and Teresa Kennedy, Granddaughter of Leon and Donna Kennedy, Great Granddaughter of Gordon and Gladys Franklin and a descendant of Mele Lacharite Sherman.
Congratulations! We are very proud of you.

Sara Kennedy

California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo
Bachelor of Science in Food Science
Sara plans on being a Food Technologist for Oobli Corporation
Daughter of Matthew and Teresa Kennedy, Granddaughter of Leon and Donna Kennedy, Great Granddaughter of Gordon and Gladys Franklin and a descendant of Mele Lacharite Sherman.
Congratulations! We are very proud of you.

Natalie Jessen

Heritage High School
Attending Oregon State with a Degree in Biology
Pamela and Steven Jessen-Grandparents, Brian and Audrey Jessen-Parents

Megan Kennedy

Marin Catholic High School
Graduated with Honors
Attending University of California - Santa Barbara, majoring in Environmental Studies
Daughter of Matthew and Teresa Kennedy, Granddaughter of Leon and Donna Kennedy, Great Granddaughter of Gordon and Gladys Franklin and a descendant of Mele Lacharite Sherman.
Congratulations! We are very proud of you.

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Congratulations! We are very proud of you.
James LaPointe
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Master of Arts in Educational Administration, with a specialization in Higher Education Administration
James will continue to make a positive impact at Gallup as an Education Solutions Associate
Son of Anna Lisa LaPointe and grandson of Carmen and Clarence LaPointe
James, We are all beaming with pride as you’ve achieved the incredible milestone of becoming the first to complete your Master of Arts degree! As a first-generation student, your dedication, resilience, and hard work have inspired not only us but future generations of all Natives across the world! Your passion and expertise will undoubtedly make a difference in the world, and we can’t wait to continue to see the amazing things you’ll accomplish in the future. Remember that our love and support are always with you on your journey.
Keep reaching for the stars! You are a true inspiration to us all!
-All our love, Mom, Harold, Michael, Shana, and Steven

Nathaniel Laravie
Lincoln High School
After high school, Nathaniel plans to attend trade school.
Bam we are so proud of you and the honor you bring to your people, family, and ancestors. Take courage in your endeavors of life and always remain true to who you are.
-Much love, Your brothers and sisters!

Samantha LeClaire
Roseburg High School
Pursuing a Master degree in psychology & Doctoral degree in clinical psychology
Father- Charlie LeClaire, Mother- Nita LeClaire, Grandfather- Charlie LeClaire, Grandmother- Helen LeClaire, Great grandfather- Peter LeClaire

Kicea Lopes
West Valley High School
Attending the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York to study business marketing with a baking and pastry emphasis.
Kimberly Pratt- Mom, Robbie Coulter, Braden Lopes, Van Austin- brothers, Gary Johnson- Grandpa, Carri Timmer- Aunt, Jamison Johnson, Ben Johnson, David Johnson- Uncles, Dennis Johnson- Great Uncle
Your determination, passion, work ethic, and desire to succeed has helped you achieve your life-long goal to become a chef. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments and know the CIA will bring you joy, experience, an education, and fulfill your dreams.
Caleb Moormeier
Akron High School
Caleb plans to one day work with the BNSF Railroad.
Mother: Jackie Moormeier, Grandparents: Craig & Nancy Moormeier
Caleb, we are so proud of you and everything you’ve accomplished. You’re such a sweet young man and we can’t wait to see where life takes you!

Tanner Oestreicht
Northeast Community College
Associates of Science in Wind Energy
Tanner plans to move and work with Skyclimber in O’Neill.
We want to say how happy and proud we are of you. Being a student athlete is hard and you did it!!! Congratulations!!! We all love you. Good luck with your new job and what ever the future brings.

Raymond Phillips
Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis
Masters in Social Work, American Indian/Alaskan Natives Communities
Plans include working with the Tribes Behavioral Health or Social Services department
Phillips and GoodTeacher Families
Your spirit
Was prayed for in Ceremony
Blessings turned into breath of kin.
Your spirit
Carries intergenerational wisdom.
A vessel with inconceivable stamina.
Made by the love of many, to carry you forward

Shelby Pickell
Oakland Craig Public School
Attending Northeast Community College for graphic design
Parents: Matthew and Erika Pickell, Grandparents: Richard and Melanie Pickell, Grandparents: Paul and Joni Novak
We are so proud of you Shelby. Congrats and reach for the stars!
Rylee Rich
Yuma Catholic High School
Rylee will be attending Arizona State University pursuing a degree in psychology and criminal justice and hopes to join the FBI in the future
Parents- Davin & Ginna Rich, Brother Davin Rich II, Grandparents Melvin & Kelly Baker
Rylee, we are so proud of all that you have accomplished, but even prouder of the young woman that you have become. Your strong character, determination, and hard work will take you far in life. Enjoy your success! There is so much ahead of you and we are so proud of you. We love you so much Rylee Rae.
Love Mom, Dad & Davin

Corbin Rolf
Burke High School
Future plans include farming and ranching.
Son of Marc and Melissa Rolf, grandson of Richard Tietgen, and Great Grandson of Robert Tietgen

Isabella Saiz
West High School
Will be attending the University of Washington or Oregon State University, majoring in Environmental Science
Parents - Sean Saiz and Nancy Saiz, Siblings - Jorge Saiz and Gabriel Saiz, Grandmother - Janet Saiz, Great Grandmother - Clara Peniska-Velasquez
Congratulations on all your educational accomplishments Isabella, but most of all for staying true to your Ponca values of kindness, caring for others, and giving to those in need. We love you very much!

Eleanna Sanchez
West High School | Iowa City
Attending Community College in the fall
Kalistha Sanchez-Mother, Jenny Whitebeaver-Grandmother

Ben Sandoz
Wayne High School
Attend Wayne State College Majoring in Criminal Justice
Son of Cory and Gina Sandoz -- Grandson of Diana (Hamilton) and Dean Wavruneck, and Don and Carolyn Randa all of Verdigre.
Congrats Ben on your accomplishments!!
Levi Wright
Wayne State College
Bachelor Degree in Human Services
Attending Grad School in the fall
Charlie Wright is my father, DJ Wright is my mother (whom is deceased) my reason for going to school, Adolph Wright is my grandfather, Cherry Wright is my grandmother
You put water into a bottle and it becomes the bottle. You put it in a teapot, it becomes the teapot. Now, water can flow or it can crash. Be water, my friend. - Bruce Lee

Andrea Thomas
Nebraska Indian Community College
Associates in Environmental Science
Attending Wayne State College to pursue a Bachelor's degree.
Gary Alan Lasley (Dad), Bertha Wolfe Lasley (Grandma), Jenny Standing Bear (Great Grandma), Chief Standing Bear (Great Great Grandpa)

Sawyer Tietgen
Burke High School | Burke, SD
Sawyer will be attending Doane University, majoring in Elementary Education. He will also be jumping on their track and field team.
Sawyer is the son of Michael & Rochelle Tietgen and the grandson of Robert Tietgen.
Sawyer's accomplishments include Football, Basketball, Track & Field, Baseball, Band, Choir, Academic All-State, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, C Club, National Honor Society, Educators Rising, Boys State and Regents Scholar. He has also been active in VFW Youth Group and 4-H.
Always remember that you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and loved more than you’ll ever know. We are so proud of what you have accomplished and what you will become!!

Colt White
Mustang High School
Attending OSU-OKC for Engineering
Dawn M. Halley-Stanford (mother)
Congratulations Colt!
Love you to the moon and back!
- Mom, Luke, Gabe, & Delaney
Selection:
• All eligible students will be identified.
• On August 15th of the relevant school year, a drawing will be held; and
• The student whose name is drawn will be awarded the scholarship. (One winner per school year.)

Provisions:
• The student must have his/her paperwork complete by the August 15th deadline:
• If awarded, funds will go directly to the school and will be applied to the student’s “unmet need.”

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

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

Scholarship amount is $1,000.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Zoë Tiana Marie Wright
University of Central Oklahoma
Bachelors/Associates in Fashion Marketing/Photography (Korean emphasis)
Becoming a Fashion Stylist
Greg & Tawnaya Wright - parents, Xander Wright - brother, Adam & Roxanna Foster - grandparents, Ronald & Neta Wright - grandparents, Ronald Gagnon - grandfather
Zoë, we are all so incredibly proud of the young woman you have become... you are strong, determined, dedicated, so intelligent, wicked artistic, but most important you have a benevolent heart. You now have all the tools to create your beautiful canvas. Go out into the world knowing you are loved beyond measure. We can’t wait to see what masterpiece you create. Thank you for the support we’ve received from the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska in Zoë’s continuing education! Mvto.

Atiyana Zephier
Wagner Community School
Conceta Zephier

Building for the Future
Ponca students nationwide are invited to apply by August 15, 2023 for this need-based scholarship focusing on career development.
Updates regarding Tribal ID replacement cards

The Enrollment Department is notifying members of some changes and the process for tribal IDs. Moving forward, a $5 fee may be charged for replacement IDs, depending on the reason for replacement. This is due to the number of requests coming in for multiple replacements each year. All money received will go towards paying for the materials needed to create tribal ID cards.

ID forms must be completed. A signature is needed for adults (18 and older). Social security numbers are optional. A photo must be submitted. Tribal IDs are available to all members, regardless of age. Requests may be done in person or sent by email or mail.

There will be a $5 fee charged for replacement IDs. Exceptions to the fee may include the following:

- Expired ID’s (after 5 years)
- Name changes
- Updated address (once per year)

Payment must be received prior to the issuance of the replacement ID and must be in the form of a check or money order. Payment should be made out and sent to:

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

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at enrollment@poncatribe-ne.org. Thank you.

PTN Youth Council Summit
Saturday, June 24, 2023 | 10 am-2 pm
Metro Community College | Fort Omaha Campus | Omaha, NE

Ponca Youth ages 14-24 and their families are invited to attend the first ever Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Youth Council Summit, featuring guest speaker Dean Jacobs! A meal will be provided for all participants. The Youth Council will also be providing one gas card per household to assist with travel for the Summit.

To register, visit: https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/summit_registration. Please include the names of all household members attending. Registration closes June 9, 2023.

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.
PEDCO is heavily invested in pursuing innovation and technology grants from U.S. Federal Government departments like the Department of Economic Development, National Science Foundation, and funding placed in the CHIPS ACT. Access to these fundings will provide multi-year program rollouts that will aid in workforce and economic development further aiding projects that we are pursuing with the health department. Additionally, it will help the tribe qualify for significant designations like 8A to leverage government contracts. These designations will mark Ponca as the Tribe of Innovation.

While pursuing these new and exciting funds we are also exploring future internship opportunities. The focus would be to recruit qualified candidates based on the interested department’s needs in an effort to eventually hire the candidate full-time, reinforcing Ponca’s growing infrastructure needs. Additionally, we are expanding our Workforce Development through:

- Online Training
- Technology Certifications
- Software
  - Microsoft Windows
  - Word
  - Excel
  - Outlook
  - Office 365
- Entrepreneur and start-up tools

For questions regarding the future internship opportunities and current workforce development offerings please find the list of free resources on our site https://pedco-ne.org/ or contact Larry Loucks lloucks@pedco-ne.org

**FREE Virtual Solar Energy Training Available!**

**FSPV: Fundamentals of Solar PV Design & Installation**  
July 24-28 | 10 am-5 pm EST

**Solar Storage Workshop**  
August 9-11 | 10 am-5 pm ET

Two virtual renewable energy training opportunities are available FREE to skilled workers in Native American communities.

- Contractors
- Roofers
- Electricians
- Builders
- Plumbers
- Engineers

For more information, or to register for these free training opportunities, visit [https://web.cvent.com/event/23ee6633-4cad-4216-9bab-7dda8f4a238e/summary](https://web.cvent.com/event/23ee6633-4cad-4216-9bab-7dda8f4a238e/summary)

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**Are you a young adult 18-25 with experience in the Nebraska state/tribal child welfare system?**

**We want your voice to be heard!**

Tribal youth are not accessing services to help in the transition to adulthood. We want to change that. **YOU can help!**

Please contact us by emailing kitty@nicwc.org or scan the QR code to get started.

**Incentives and travel reimbursements available**
June 2023

Tribal News

技术培训是最近PEDCO努力的重点。

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 Iowa (Kansas City, MO)
Head Boy
Bernard Verde-Vance Omaha (Lincoln, NE)
Head Girl
Talia Tsininipei Ate Powa-Wiurgo Comanche-Otoe (Lawton, OK)
Head Gourd Drum
Standing Eagle (Walthill, NE)
Omaha Tia-Piaah Society Gourd Organization

Pow Wow Dance Staff
Head Man
Maurice Phillips Omaha (Lincoln, NE)
Head Lady
Nicole Jay Nesahkluah Apache (Wichita, KS)
Head Boy
Jaden Painter HoChunk (Winnebago, NE)
Head Girl
Kanimilco Wac Win Coone HoChunk/Oglala Lakota (Winnebago, NE)
Host Drum
Steven Little Cook - Yellow Hammer (Porco City, OK)

Master of Ceremonies
Allen Hare Yankton Sioux (Marty, SD)
Announcers
Terry Medina Santee Sioux (Dakota City, NE)
Josh Taylor Omaha (Sioux City, IA)
Arena Director
Kenney Cook Yankton Sioux (Marty, SD)
VFW Post #363 (Winnebago, NE)

TENTATIVE AGENDA
Note: Point system will begin Friday evening Registration opens Friday at 5pm and closes after Saturday’s 1pm 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

SPECIALS
#MMIR PRINCESS SPECIAL 1st $1000 2nd - $750 3rd - $500 Dance your own style

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) will lead this for some of the family members of the late Rufus White (Omaha) who would like to break their mourning

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
Fancy 1st $150 2nd - $125 3rd - $100
Jingle 1st $150 2nd - $125 3rd - $100

TEEN GIRLS (13-19)
Traditional 1st $300 2nd - $150 3rd - $100
Fancy 1st $300 2nd - $150 3rd - $100
Jingle 1st $300 2nd - $150 3rd - $100

TEEN BOYS (13-19)
Traditional 1st $300 2nd - $150 3rd - $100
Fancy 1st $300 2nd - $150 3rd - $100
Jingle 1st $300 2nd - $150 3rd - $100

WOMEN'S (20+)
Traditional 1st $500 2nd - $300 3rd - $200
Fancy 1st $500 2nd - $300 3rd - $200
Jingle 1st $500 2nd - $300 3rd - $200

MEN'S (20+)
Traditional 1st $500 2nd - $300 3rd - $200
Fancy 1st $500 2nd - $300 3rd - $200
Jingle 1st $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
Fancy 1st $800 2nd - $500 3rd - $200
Jingle 1st $800 2nd - $500 3rd - $200

FOOD VENDOR FEE $200 ARTS/CRAFTS/NON-FOOD VENDOR FEE $100 85% DEPOSIT BY 6/1 DEADLINE 7/1
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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**INACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF 6/1/2023**

- Alvarado, Mischele Lynn
- Anthony, Jr., Steven Scott
- Arrow, Robert Eugene
- Bagent, Wayne Orval
- Baggett, Donvovan Joseph
- Baker, Dakota Dean
- Baker, Jacob Jessic Bowen
- Banuelos, Christa Rose
- Barber, Gabriela Marie
- Bear, Joshua Gilbert
- Beaver, Jason Chaska
- Becker, Jr., Anthony Arnold
- Becker, Sr., Anthony Arnold
- Becker, Tyler Randell
- Bell, Darian Patrick
- Bell, Shaune’ Kay
- Bennett, Erica Paige
- Berg, Jayla Jean
- Blowe, Dominick Adams
- Blowe, Isaiah Fredrick
- Blowe, Tyrone Richard
- Boettger, Dakota Birdhead
- Boettger, Jarell Duncan
- Boyer, Berlin N.
- Branstiter, Brett Theodore
- Brownrigg, Steven Francis
- Buckley II, Sentwali
- Byun Yemachi
- Buffalo Chief, Martel
- Buffalo Chief, William
- Santona Marquerite
- Buiston, Sandra Lee
- Carter, Amber Lynn
- Cooks, Jeremy Juraj
- Cournoyer-Galindo, Carla
- Monique Rosabelle
- Courtwright, Michael Todd
- Crawford, Audrey Jean
- Crowder, Delorse Sue
- Cutshall, Katline James
- Da Moude, Kyle Nash
- Danielson, Daniel James
- Drapeaux, Juston Lee
- Eckley, Daniel Joseph
- Eckley, Lane Emory
- Eilers, Richard James
- Esler, Jeremiah Joseph
- Evans, Kaci Antonette
- Evans, Matthew James
- Fasthorne, Beverlee Ann
- Fink, Alissa Rose
- Fitzgerald, Jacob Steven
- Fitzgerald, Stephanie Joy
- Flagg, I I I., George Albert
- Flowers, Diamonds Ann
- Flowers, Joseph
- Foley, Michael Joseph
- Franklin, Crystal Lee
- Freeman, Xavier Lee
- Garcia, Cia Christine
- Glenn, John Allen
- Glisan, Cynthia Lynn
- Gortarez, Gina Marie
- Gortarez, Rudy John
- Goss, Mamie L.
- Govia, Israel Lee
- Govia, Mc Kenzie Jo
- Grant, I I I., Jesse Clarence
- Haahr, Anneliese Teresa
- Hamilton, Bobbi-Jo Danielle
- Hart-La Londe, Kaedyn Mikael
- Hennek, Gail Howe
- Hill, Mary Jane
- Hocking-Gosnell, Zalla C.
- Holiday, Vessa Cheriss
- Hope, Dorothea Jo Ann
- Horine, Ashley Danielle
- Howard, Michelle Leigh
- Howard, Truman Ardell
- Howe, Richard H.
- Humphreys, Belinda Kay
- Iron Thunder, Norman Noel
- Jeppesen, Zachary Lee
- Johnson, Daniel James
- Johnson, Lukus Tyler
- Kelso, James Alan
- Kerrigan, Kathleen Ann
- King, Gavion Michael
- Klug, Jeremy Tyler
- Krueger, Annette Marie
- Kyles, Jarred Joseph
- Latimer, LaRohn Lewis
- Le Roy, Gisele Marie
- Leach, Dominic Charles
- Lerew Jr, Zachariah Ray
- Lieb, Donovan Joseph
- Lieb, Sylas Vittorio
- Linn, Micayla Naomi
- Little, Jeremy Todd
- Livermore, Lakin Mardell
- Loftis, Timothy James
- Lopez, Jr., Juan Francisco
- Maben, Jessica Paige
- Mann, Sydney Desiree’
- Martin, Andrea Lynn
- Mategko, Lisa Louise
- McGrath, Bryan Thomas
- McGrath, Daniel Patrick
- McGraw, Jagger Richard
- McGraw, Landon Harris
- McGraw, Mackenzie Jo Ann
- Mercer, Jade Sharice
- Peck, Brandyann
- Peck, Tyler Duane
- Perry, Hannah Noelle
- Antoinette
- Petersen, Kevin Lee
- Phillips, Noah Trench
- Pierce, Raychel Marie
- Polly, Rachael Anne
- Prichard, Joseph John
- Prunty, Austin Joe
- Quintana Jr, Arthur Jose
- Raymond, Joseph Allen
- Richard, Robert Brandon
- Roberts, Marquitta Ruby
- Roten #B2144, Justin Phillip
- Rulo, Byron
- Russell, Kristina Anne
- Sainz, Tritia Jeaneane
- Sarton, Gwendolyn Lee
- Schmidt, Jr., Karl Michael
- Scuder, Jana Marie
- Scurlocke, Athena Larissa Lucille
- Sherman, Brian Nicholas
- Sherman, Cody Lee
- Sherman, Harold Dewanye
- Sherman, John Glenn
- Sherman, Michael Ray
- Sherman, Mitchell Everett
- Sherman, Robert Le Roy
- Sherman, William Edward
- Skinner, Jessie Russell
- Smith, Ashley Nicole
- Smith, Joni Sue
- Smith, Linda Louise
- Smith, Matthew Shannon
- Standsblack, Marko Tulio
- Starks, Brandon Michael
- Stivers, Amanda Katherine
- Stuczynski, Drake Keegan
- Swinarski, Alicia Estrada
- Thomas, II,
- Scott Richard Herbert
- Thomas, Jenny Anne
- Thomas, Natana Lynn
- Thomas, Robin Diane
- Todd, Amanda Rose
- Treichler, Jasmine Dawn
- Tubbs, Shea Micah
- Vaughn, Linda Lou
- Veals, Clifford James
- Veals, Frances Lou
- Velder, Tristen Leo Spencer
- Voss, Michael Roy
- Waters, Deon Koleen
- Wayne, April May
- Wells, Isaiah David
- Williams, Carlos Tre’ Von
- Williams, Faythe Nichole
- Willis, Sophie Lorraine
- Wilson, Clarence Roy
- Wilson, Justice Carrie Marie
- Wright, Kaylee Patrice
- Wright, Kiera Michelle
- Wright, Mariano Lorenz
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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____________________________________________________________________________________________________
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NEW ADDRESS: (Street/P.O. Box, Apt #, City, State, Zip, County)
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PHONE NUMBER: ________________________________

ALTERNATE/CELL NUMBER: ________________________________

E-mail: ________________________________

DATE NEW ADDRESS IN EFFECT: ________________________________

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

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

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
June 2023

Member’s Corner

Elder’s Committee Meetings

July 10 | 10 am
Ponca Tribe of NE | Lincoln, NE

June 5 | 10 am
Admin Building | Ralston, NE

Elder Resource Guides for 2023 are now available! Elders can pick one up at their nearest office location, or call 402-438-9222 or email info@poncatribe-ne.org to have one mailed to them. Elder Resource guides are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Dear Ponca Tribe of Nebraska,

I am so very appreciative of how much you’ve helped not only me, but my family through tough times. Thank you very much for all the financial help especially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, thank you for the laptop to help with online learning through COVID. I use it almost every day for my schoolwork and it was made possible because of you guys.

Sincerely, Shelby Pettill
The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Newsletter is published monthly and printed by Printco Graphics, Omaha, Nebraska. Deadline for submissions is the 1st of each month. In the event the 1st falls on a weekend, submissions are due the Friday before. All submissions of a political nature are subject to Tribal Council approval. Send to Jessica Hitchcock, jhitchcock@poncatribe-ne.org. See or print the newsletter archives in full color on the web site at: www.poncatribe-ne.org