Hopping Happenings

Ponca Tribe Districts bring Easter joy to member children with Easter basket distributions
District 3 celebrates Easter with Easter Baskets

Susan Baker
District 3 Tribal Council Representative

District 3 had the opportunity to celebrate Easter this year by distributing Easter baskets to member children. Many thanks to Andrew Montes-Boening, Stephanie Slobotski, and Jonathan Robinson, who came together to help put together and distribute the baskets, and a huge thank you to Julie Flynn, for delivering baskets to those who were unable to make it to the office to pick up their baskets. I hope everyone had a happy Easter, and as the new District 3 Tribal Council Representative, I look forward to meeting everyone at future events.

Class of 2021
Honoring our Graduating Seniors

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska would like to honor our 2021 Ponca graduates in a special section in our June 2021 newsletter.

Please send a high-resolution photo, and include the name of your graduate, along with school name and city. Feel free to include info about award, honors, future activities and family. Submissions may be subject to minor edits for space and consistency.

Send your graduate’s information to info@poncatribe-ne.org, with the subject line: Class of 2021, no later than May 10th, 2021, to have your graduate featured in this section.

On the cover: Carefully prepared Easter baskets are neatly lined up, awaiting the District 3 Easter Basket distribution. Easter baskets were distributed to member children in all Districts, in lieu of face-to-face events this year.
Pónka Íye-the! The Ponca Language

Need help saying the words? Hear audio recordings on the PTN website at poncatribe-ne.tv/category/language/ and refer to the pronunciation guide on this page.

-Wazhíga-ama & Wagthishka-ama - Birds & Bugs

Xithá
Eagle, golden eagle

Pano
Bald eagle

Gthedó
Hawk

Káxe
Crow

Zizíka
Turkey

Wazhíga
Bird, chicken

Pánuhu
Owl

Héga
Buzzard, vulture

Mixa
Duck

Mixa to'ga
Goose

Ho'tega
Fly

Hó'tega to'ga
Dragonfly

Náho'ga
Mosquito

Kigthó'xe
Bee

Zho'gthishka
Ant

Ukigthiske
Spider

Tébi'a
Frog

Ké
Turtle

Wés'a
Snake

Huhú
Fish

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

a Like a in father
b Like b in big
ch Like 2nd ch in church
ch Like 1st ch in church
d Like d in dig
e Like e in Vegas
g Like g in game
h Like h in home
i Like i in ski
i Like ea in mean
k Like k in ski
kh Like k in key
m Like m in man
n Like n in need
o Like o in no
o Like aw in dawn
p Like p in spot
ph Like p in pot
s Like s in sing
sh Like sh in shop
t Like t in stop
th Like th in that
u Like u in blue
w Like w in woman
x Like ch in German Bach
z Like z in zebra
zh Like ge in beige

The raised letter n (ⁿ) means to nasally say the vowel before the ´.

The ´ above a vowel (like é) means to stress that sound.

There is no “L” sound in Ponca. Some confuse the “TH” as a L sound.
Ponca staff say NO MORE in March

The Domestic Violence Department Participated in NO MORE Week in March. The goal is to inspire people to join the movement to end domestic violence and sexual assault, and to create a culture of safety, equality, and respect in our communities. Some staff took part in standing up and telling what NO MORE meant to them. You can learn more about the NO MORE Movement by going to https://nomore.org

Member Registration for Website: In the fall of 2019, we moved our websites to a new host to improve functionality. If you previously had membership-level access to our website, please note that you will need to register for the site again.
May is National Allergy and Asthma Awareness Month

Allison Gienapp
Air Technician

May is National Allergy and Asthma Awareness Month and has been observed as such since 1984. This month was so dedicated to increase the awareness of allergies and how allergens can trigger asthma symptoms. Asthma is a serious chronic respiratory disease that can affect anyone at any time. Asthma cannot be cured, but it can be controlled with medical treatment and the management of environmental triggers. Many of the indoor allergens are also asthma triggers, meaning that they can cause asthma symptoms or an asthma attack. These triggers can range anywhere from mold and dust mites to cleaning supplies and artificial fragrances and more. One of the simplest ways to control asthma symptoms is to remove the triggers from the environment. By removing these triggers from the home you can also help with your indoor air quality.

The EPA has a variety of resources on their website to help teach about asthma. Many of their publication can be found at the following link https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq. A copy of EPA’s Asthma Checklist, which looks for environmental triggers, can be found at https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-05/documents/asthma_home_environment_checklist.pdf.

For more information about asthma and Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month please see any of the resource links provided. Don’t forget to talk to your doctor if you believe that you may have asthma or any type of allergies. If you have specific questions about asthma triggers and indoor air quality contact Allison Gienapp, Air Technician, at agienapp@poncatribe-ne.org.

Sources:
https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq
https://www.epa.gov/asthma
https://www.epa.gov/asthma/asthma-awareness
https://www.epa.gov/asthma/asthma-triggers-gain-control
https://www.aafa.org/asthma-and-allergy-awareness-month/
https://www.aafa.org/control-indoor-allergens
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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NEAREST RELATIVE
PHONE/ADDRESS:________________________________________________________________

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

Approved: 10/18/2008

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

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TRIBAL MEMBERS
(please print)

NAME: ___________________________________ DOB: ________________________

ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

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.

Photo ID Instructions

1. 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. Only adults need to sign for their own ID's.)

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:
   Please email a current photo (without filters) to - enrollment@poncatribe-ne.org
   You may scan and email or mail documentation to:

   Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
   Enrollment Department
   PO Box 288
   Niobrara, NE 68760-0288
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 2021 deadline: May 15, 2021
Fall 2021 deadline: August 15, 2021

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 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 school year is July 31, 2021.

All Education Department Applications and Program Information is available online on our tribal website. If you have any questions for the education department, please feel free to contact Aubrey Knudsen @ office (402)371-8834, work cell (402)844-0957, or aknudsen@poncatribe-ne.org.

*Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs*

Let’s Have a Ball!

The Ponca Tribal Council and Youth Council are providing balls for all enrolled Ponca youth, ages 2-18. Youth can choose a basketball, football, volleyball, soccer ball, or playground ball.

Omaha | Saturday, May 29 | 9-11 am
Lincoln | Sunday, May 30 | 9-11 am
Sioux City | Saturday, June 5 | 9-11 am
Niobrara | Sunday, June 6 | 9-11 am
Norfolk | Saturday, June 12 | 9-11 am

One ball per enrolled Ponca youth. Balls are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
April Youth Council challenges ask members to get involved

Maci Schott

This April, the Youth Council had three exciting projects! The first project Youth Council helped out with was volunteering at the Easter Basket Drive Thru Event. D2 members Claire Howell, Cami Schott, and Maci Schott, helped out at their District’s Event. Our Youth Council members enjoyed handing out baskets full of candy and toys to youth! Another exciting event took place from April 5-9, our first Instagram Contest! The Youth Council sent out fliers to all youth, ages 14-24 years old, in our service delivery areas. Our youth were encouraged to follow our account, share posts throughout the week, share our posts to their story by tagging our account, and by commenting on our posts. A random winner who participated throughout the week won a $50 Target gift card. We thank everyone for participating in our contest and we look forward to future contests. Please follow our Instagram account to keep in touch with us and have a chance to participate in our future contests!

The third project Youth Council started was the “Earth Ambassadors Contest,” April 19-23! Cami and Maci Schott challenged members with tasks each day to help bring awareness to environmental issues in our communities and on land. On Monday, members were challenged to recycle any plastic or paper they use throughout the day, protecting the environment by saving a tree from getting cut down, and saving energy. On Tuesday, we challenged members to pick up trash at a local park. We find this to be very important because Standing Bear Lake, in Omaha, is named after Chief Standing Bear. Unfortunately, there is often litter around the lake. It is important that we take a stand and clean up parks like this. On Wednesday, we asked that members water plants. Plants need to stay hydrated and moist to survive. Since summer is right around the corner, we will need to remember to water plants so they will be healthy during humid and dry conditions. Thursday, April 22nd, was Earth Day! On Earth Day we asked that staff and Ponca members post a picture of them wearing green in support of becoming Earth Ambassadors! On Friday, we challenged members to unplug and go outside for some fresh air, to help everyone appreciate our Earth and feel inspired to take care of it! Those who participated in the challenges throughout the week had a chance to win a basket full of eco-friendly and Earth Day-themed items, worth up to $75.
PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
TRIBAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 21-1

WHEREAS: The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is a federally recognized Indian Tribe (P.L. 101-484) whose business affairs are conducted by the Ponca Tribal Council as defined in the Constitution approved July 22, 1994 by the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to the Constitution of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Ponca Tribal Council exercises legislative powers to enact and promulgate resolutions and ordinances subject to all express restrictions upon such powers contained in the constitution; and

WHEREAS: The Ponca Tribal Council has reviewed the proposed Title XI – Landlord and Tenant Ordinance which is a requested addition to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Law & Order Code; and

WHEREAS: This Ordinance is being added so that non Northern Ponca Housing Authority landlords and tenants will be provided a law to govern their rights, obligations and remedies.

WHEREAS: The proposed Title XI addition to the Law & Order Code was placed on the April 6, 2021 Tribal Council Agenda to allow comments from the public and on April 13, 2021 and April 20, 2021 for first and second readings respectively. A notice of intent to amend the Law & Order Code adding Title XI – Landlord and Tenant was mailed to all heads of household at least 14 days prior to any final action satisfying the requirements for the adoption, amendment, or abolishment of Ordinances.

THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ponca Tribal Council does approve the amendment to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Law & Order Code addition of Title XI – Landlord and Tenant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these amendments shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY AND AFFIRM that the above and foregoing resolution was duly authorized and passed by the Tribal Council of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska at a duly called meeting held via Lifesize on the 20 day of April, 2021 by a vote of 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstained; 0 Absent. Chairperson _____ voting √ not voting. A Quorum of 8 was present.

ATTEST

Larry Wright, Jr., Chairman
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

Kyle Taylor, Secretary
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
TRIBAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 21- 22.

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WHEREAS: Pursuant to the Constitution of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Ponca Tribal Council exercises legislative powers to enact and promulgate resolutions and ordinances subject to all express restrictions upon such powers contained in the constitution; and

WHEREAS: The Ponca Tribal Council has reviewed the proposed Title XVIII – Health Ordinance which is a requested addition to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Law & Order Code; and

WHEREAS: This Ordinance is being added to provide for holistic, and culturally competent health services.

WHEREAS: The proposed Title XVIII addition to the Law & Order Code was placed on the April 6, 2021 Tribal Council Agenda to allow comments from the public and on April 13, 2021 and April 20, 2021 for first and second readings respectively. A notice of intent to amend the Law & Order Code adding Title XVIII – Health Ordinance was mailed to all heads of household at least 14 days prior to any final action satisfying the requirements for the adoption, amendment, or abolishment of Ordinances.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ponca Tribal Council does approve the amendment to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Law & Order Code addition of Title XVIII – Health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these amendments shall take effect immediately.

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PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
FINANCIAL INFORMATION RELEASE POLICY
EFFECTIVE DATE: December 15, 2012 Revised: March 9, 2021

In order to help ensure an informed membership, the Tribe wishes to be as financially transparent as feasible while protecting the privacy rights of individuals, not violating confidentiality, protecting privileges, and safeguarding financial trade secrets of economic enterprises. To that end, the Tribe and each of the Tribe's instrumentalities and economic enterprises will publish and release financial reports each quarter on the Tribe’s website.

The financial reports are designed to be a more accessible way for member’s to learn about the Tribe’s finances. The reports will include condensed and simplified information and, to protect confidentiality and privacy, will not include any information on expenditures for individuals, individual employee compensation, or otherwise directly attributable to an individual person. In addition, financial information that, if made public, could harm the competitive or other financial standing of the Tribe or any of its entities may be excluded.

In accordance with the Constitution and Code, members may request to inspect the Tribe’s books of account. Confidential, privileged, and private information, including information on expenditures for individuals and individual employee compensation, are not subject to inspection. Documents, records, and information that is not in the books of account is not subject to inspection. In order to view the Tribe’s financial records available for inspection, the member must submit a request in writing to the Chief Financial Officer to view specific information. The request must be dated, state the information requested for viewing, dates and times when the member proposes to view the information, and be signed. The Chief Financial Officer will work with the member in finalizing a date, time, and location for the review. The Tribe’s books of account cannot be photocopied, removed, or released from the Finance Department.

MEMBERS NEEDED

LAW & JUSTICE COMMITTEE:
There are two vacancies, one tribal member and one in the legal field, on the Law & Justice Committee. Duties include: To act as a liaison between the Tribal Court and Tribal Council.

Letters of interest are being accepted at this time. Committee members are paid a $250.00 stipend plus mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles at the current federally approved rate. This committee meets quarterly. If you are interested in serving please submit your letter of interest to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, ATTN: Beth Barger, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or email to: bethb@poncatribe-ne.org

Deadline to submit letters of interest is May 21, 2021.
Documents, records, and information that is not in the books of account is not subject to inspection. Confidential, privileged, and private information, including information on individual employee compensation, or otherwise directly attributable to an individual person. In addition, financial information that, if made public, could harm the competitive or other financial standing of the Tribe or any of its entities may be excluded.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: December 15, 2012 Revised: March 9, 2021

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
Attention Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members: You can access Tribal Council minutes on the tribe's website at https://www.poncatribe-ne.org/tribal-documents/council-minutes-agendas/ (note that you must register and be logged in). These are updated as soon as approved minutes are distributed.

Congratulations to Ben Schott on receiving the NCPA Academic All-State Award. The award is based on academic excellence, leadership and school activities. Ben also got Omaha World-Herald All-Omaha Area Boys Basketball Team - Honorable Mention.

Ponca Member Richard A. Hendren, aka Richard A. Arrow, or Chief Shot with Arrow, has recently published a book entitled, "Chief Shot with Arrow, Water Walker: A True Story of Stolen Valor," available in paperback from Amazon.

Elder's Council Meeting
May 3 & 4 | 9 am
June 7 | 9 am
Lifesize & Conference Call available.

Congratulations!
The Howe family is growing - we have two new babies in 2021! Liam Burton Riley was born on January 11, 2021, to parents Dalton and Kylie Riley. Charlotte Liberty York was born on March 11, 2021, to parents Joseph and Abigail York. Charlotte joins two siblings, Joseph Bradley (born 2017) and Lyanna Scarlett (born 2019). The new babies’ mothers, Kylie and Abigail, are sisters and are the daughters of Aaron and Carrie (Howe) Davis; they are also the great-great-great-granddaughters of George Washington Howe and Lucille Leclair.

In March, the Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Center lost one of our employees – Mark Wilderman. Mark was known for his great sense of humor and his dedication to our patients. Outside of work, Mark had a love for body building, biking (once making a bike trek across the country!), music, and of course his family. Both his co-workers and our clients will miss him dearly.

Mary Wilderman, Mark’s mother, shared this message with the Ponca Tribe:

“Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket. I have never touched such a beautiful blanket, it is so soft and so many beautiful colors. Thank you so much for all you have all done for him. I had the impression he liked working with all of you. Thank you and I pray God will bring many blessings for his co-workers. I cant thank you enough for all that you’ve done for Mark over the years. He was very blessed to work for and with all of you. I never dreamed any of my children would go home before me. I always looked forward to stop by sometimes after work. May God Bless all of you. Mary”

Samantha Barritt would like to thank the Ponca Tribe for the Easter Basket and birthday card for her daughter, Alexis.
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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

**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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