



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News

Holiday Warmth

Members
enjoy holiday
activities

January 2022

Dear members,

With the turnover in the Enrollment Department and all of the giveaways from the Tribe in the past year or so, there have been countless changes of addresses and HOH status changes. The Enrollment Department has recently worked diligently to update our database and have made some changes where need be, specifically to addresses and Head of Household (HOH) statuses.

We are doing our best to make sure that tribal members' information is correct.

Some things to keep in mind:

- Head of Household (HOH) is determined by the eldest Ponca member residing in a household.
- There is only one HOH per household.

Ex. – If you are the HOH and another Ponca member moves in with you, who is older, they will become the HOH and you will no longer be HOH. The same holds true if you move into the home of an older Ponca member.

- HOH's can share the same mailing address as long as they show different physical addresses.

Ex. – If a kid goes to college they can keep their mailing address as their parents but provide us with their physical address. Providing a different physical address will make them HOH.

- Newsletters and most correspondence (flyers, notices, etc.) will be addressed to HOH's.
- Inactive - If someone is not receiving the newsletter or other correspondence then they may have become inactive in our data-


base. When mail is returned without a forwarding address and there is no way to contact the member, we change their status to inactive, which stops any mail from being sent to them. Once they have updated their information, then we change their status back to active and they will start receiving newsletters, etc. once again.

- Change of Address – It is important to keep your information updated with the Enrollment Department. You may find a change of address form included in the newsletter, obtain one online or at an office site or you can call/email the enrollment department to update your information. Please remember to include apartment numbers and any other Ponca members residing with you so we can keep other's information updated as well (kids, family, friends). If a member no longer lives with you, please let us know and we will update our records.

- Custody/guardianship – If you have custody or guardianship of a Ponca member, please send court order papers to the Enrollment Department. We will keep copies of them in the members' file and make notes of it in our database when updating their information. Without these papers we do not know who is eligible to make changes to their information.

- Deceased Members – Please send death certificates of Ponca members to the Enrollment Department. Per our law and order code we are not able to change a member's status without this information.

We hope this helps clear up any questions or misunderstandings moving forward. If you have any other questions you may call the enrollment department in the Lincoln or Niobrara office or send an email to enrollment@poncatribene.org.



PONCA ELECTION 2022

Ponca members, please make sure you are registered to vote as we approach an election year for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska.

Voter registration forms can be downloaded and printed out on the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska website, www.poncatribene.org.

Completed forms must be **mailed** to:
Ponca Election Board
P.O. Box 9
Niobrara, NE 68760

Ballots will be verified by your signature on the return envelope.

Reasons to update registration:

- If your name has changed
- If your signature has changed
- If your address has changed

Electronic signatures WILL NOT be accepted. The name on your registration form and your return envelope **must** match. (For example, If your name is Joseph Smith both items must say Joseph Smith, no abbreviations.)

If you have questions, please email the Ponca Election Board at electionboard@poncatribene.org

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District 2 members enjoy a showing of Encanto

D2 members were invited to a viewing of the new Disney family movie, *Encanto*, on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 10:30 am at the Majestic Theater in Omaha, NE.

Encanto is a story about the Madrigals, an extraordinary family who live hidden in the mountains of Colombia in a charmed place called the Encanto. The magic of the Encanto has blessed every child in the family with a unique gift -- every child except Mirabel. However, she soon may be the Madrigal's last hope when she discovers that the magic surrounding the

Encanto is now in danger.

The movie taught us that you don't need magical powers to be special. What an important message to teach our little ones.

The movie was the perfect show for our members of all ages to enjoy, along with the pop and popcorn that were provided.

D2 representatives, Becci and Crystal, would like to thank the members of the Ponca Youth Council that assisted with check-ins and also the Ponca families that came out to attend the event!



District 4 holds Christmas event December 16



MEMBERS NEEDED!

PONCA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD

There will be 2 PEDCO Board terms expiring on March 19, 2022. The purposes and powers of the Ponca Economic Development Corporation are to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Corporation Business Code. The business and activities of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors which shall be persons with extensive experience in business in Nebraska or Iowa. A \$250 stipend per meeting is paid as well as mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles round trip.

Applicants must submit a letter of interest and current resume to the Tribal Council, Attn: Beth Barger, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or by e-mail bbarger@poncatribene.org. A background check and drug test are required per the Articles of Incorporation. Should you need further detailed information about the position, please contact Osni Ponca at 402-434-2127. Deadline for Applications is February 15, 2022.

OSNI PONCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There will be 2 OSNI Ponca Board of Directors terms expiring on March 19, 2022. Applications are now being accepted. The purpose of Osni Ponca LLC is to engage in economic development activities for the benefit of the Tribe and its members. This Board manages the activities and affairs of Osni Ponca. No member of the Tribal Council, employee of the Tribe or any entities thereof, shall serve on this Board. The Board members must have the following minimum qualification: 1) Be at least twenty-five (25) years of age; 2) either (a) possess a Bachelor's Degree in business or a related field, or (b) possess a high school diploma (or a general equivalency diploma) and have at least five (5) years of business, financial, legal government contracting, tribal government or industry experience; 3) have no felony convictions; and 4) submit to a background investigation which yields no results showing convictions involving tax evasion, tax fraud, embezzlement or moral turpitude. Applications will be accepted from Tribal and non-tribal members. A \$250 stipend per meeting is paid as well as mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles round trip.

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ELDER'S COMMITTEE

There is currently an opening on the Elder's Committee from District 2. The Northern Ponca Elders Committee exists to enrich the lives and meet the needs of the Northern Ponca Tribal Elders, to foster social interaction and activities that enhance the lives of our Northern Ponca Tribal Elders, and to provide ways that positively impacts all Northern Ponca Tribal Elders. A \$250 stipend per meeting is paid as well as mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles round trip.

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Youth Council spreads holiday cheer to members

by Maci Schott

On November 21, 2021, Youth Council conducted our shopping extravaganza for buying gifts for the elders and teens in our tribe. Our youth council went to Walmart at 8 am and worked as a team to buy gifts for our Senior Secret Santa and Toys for Teens projects, two of our annual projects. This year, Cami Schott was

in charge of the Senior Secret Santa project. Elders had a choice of choosing a comfy cozy, memory lane, or sweet tooth themed gift. Maci Schott was in charge of the Toys for Teens project. Teens could choose from a comfy cozy, tech savvy, or movie night themed gift. These projects were open to all elders and teens in our service delivery areas

who returned their forms to us. Youth Council members from Omaha, Norfolk, Lincoln, and Sioux City traveled to conduct this event in Omaha. Members who helped shop included Sofia Hegstrom, Makala Laravie, Taya Lehman, Ben Schott, Cami Schott, and Maci Schott. After our council purchased the gifts at Walmart, they

headed to the Ralston office to package and assemble! We would like to thank all elders and teens who submitted their forms to get gifts this season. We also would like to give a special shout-out to our advisor, Rebecca Sullivan, and to tribal members who volunteered, including Candy Schott, Toni Hegstrom, and Jay Hegstrom.



Tribe receives donation to support Ponca art camp

On Monday, November 29, 2021, the PTN received a donation of nearly \$800 from the BURN 24-7 Omaha Metro group. The group focuses on gatherings to bring together various dominations, generations and ethnicities to passionately worship The Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Leading the discussion were member Joani Eledge and Pastor Dobi Weaver (an

Indigenous minister for First Nations people). The group also presented Acting Chairwoman Becci Sullivan with a painting that was created by another member of the group. Monies from the group will be used to support an art camp for the Ponca children next year. Joani and Becci will keep in touch to determine if the group can assist further with the art camp.



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 2022 deadline: May 15, 2022

Fall 2022 deadline: August 15, 2022

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 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 school year is July 31, 2022.

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@poncatribene.org.

Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs

Keep it handy! Keep it safe!

Keeping your enrollment number safe and secure is important! Your enrollment number is the fastest and easiest way to verify your enrollment in the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, and your eligibility for programs open to members of the Ponca Tribe.

Moving forward all changes to forms and other personal information, online, in person, and over the phone, will require your enrollment number. No changes will be made without a verified enrollment number. Likewise, all Ponca-specific programs will require a verified enrollment number at the time of application to be accepted.

So remember to keep your enrollment number handy, and keep it secure! If you need a new enrollment card or tribal ID, please reach out to the Enrollment Department, enrollment@poncatribene.org.



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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

OTHER ENROLLED PONCA TRIBE MEMBERS IN HOUSEHOLD:

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

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

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ALTERNATE/CELL NUMBER: _____

E-mail: _____

DATE NEW ADDRESS IN EFFECT: _____

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

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

DATE

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

I _____ I

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.

**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@poncatribene.org

OR

You may scan and email or mail documentation to:

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
Enrollment Department
PO Box 288
Niobrara, NE 68760-0288

CERTIFICATE CARDS

Certificate cards, or non photo ID's, are available upon request. **This form is not required for certificate cards.** Please contact the enrollment department if you would like an enrollment card without a picture.

****** NOTICE: All Tribal Members ********LAW AND ORDER CODE REVISION
Discussion on January 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
During Tribal Council Meeting******** NOTICE: All Tribal Members******

The Ponca Tribal Council will be reviewing proposed amendments to the Law and Order Code Title XII, Taxation. The revisions are being considered per Tax Commission's recommendation in regards to Definitions, Sales Tax and Services Tax.

There are changes being proposed to Title XII. The revisions being considered include but are not limited to the following:

Add to Section 12-1-2 – Definitions

3. “Small purchase threshold” means the dollar amount set forth in the procurement policies or regulations of the Tribe below which purchases of property, goods, or services may be made using small purchase methods where no competition, including quotes, bids, or proposals, are required.

4. “Substantial indebtedness of the Tribe” means a financial liability or obligation, including a loan, bond, interim certificate, promissory or other note, debenture, or mortgage, due and owing by certain and express agreement to repay such liability or obligation to a creditor when such liability or obligation:

a. Is or was in an original principal amount exceeding five million dollars (\$5,000,000);

b. Is either:

i. That of the Tribe itself as debtor; or

ii. That of a commission, board, agency, department, division, instrumentality, or economic enterprise as debtor and expressly authorized or approved by the Tribal Council prior to such liability or obligation being incurred; and

c. Is not an amount owed on a credit card.

Revise Chapter 4, Sales Tax, Section 12-4-2 (9) and Section 12-4-4 (1)(a) (m) (n)

Revise Chapter 5, Services Tax, Section 12-5-4 (1)(a)

A complete copy of the proposed amendments is available at the tribal offices, or one may be obtained by contacting Jan Colwell, Tribal Council Secretary at 402-857-3391. **There will be a discussion by Tribal Council that is open for public comment on January 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard. Written comments will be accepted until January 17, 2022.** The written comments may be emailed to janc@poncatribene.org or mailed to

Jan Colwell, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760

Dear Ponca Relatives,

My name is Cliff Taylor. I am the son of Cliff Taylor Jr. and the grandson of Cliff Taylor Sr. and Barb Taylor (Picotte). I'm a writer, a jack of many trades (grocery store cashier, gas station cashier; guess that's pretty much it), a Sundancer, and a poet. I love spending my time working on things that I imagine will be of some help or use or inspiration to our people, especially on things that'll continue to help long after us current folks are gone. And in that spirit, I have a new project I would like to invite you all to be a part of.

I want to put together a book of stories about our Ponca people, stories of all kinds from all of us, to create a portrait of who we are that we can share with each other far and wide, and also pass on to our young ones who are full of all those essential, important questions: like "What does it mean to be Ponca?", "How can I learn about myself and my culture?", "How have our elders handled the challenges of this life?", "What do other Poncas have to say about our tribe and where we're going?"

I would love to see this book composed of stories from Poncas young and old, those who've stayed in the community of our Nebraska families and those who've travelled elsewhere, those who've been a part of our tribe's development in recent decades and those who've carried on our spirit in less seen ways; from Poncas who've had dreams of all kinds, who've been in the service, who've owned businesses, who've remembered what their grandparents taught them, who've had journeys and adventures, who've seen much, pondered much, who have stories worth telling, who've carried something in their heart that they've always wanted to share. I want this book to be a gift we all make together, compiling a wide, rich selection of perspectives, memories, stories, jokes, teachings, history, and things worth knowing, things worth passing on to future Poncas.

And so, how do we go about doing this, how do we make this book together? I'm going to provide my email and my mailing address and it's as simple as sending me a story from your life that you would like to see in the pages of this book. Handwritten letters are especially welcome as there is a certain kind of soul and magic in them that I would like to see at the core of what we're doing, but I'm also open to emails, voice recordings, videos, and anything really that's a story and that can be added to the collection in the book. Think hard (or maybe not too hard), and find something that you would like to contribute. It could be something from your childhood, something that helped form your identity, an experience that you've always known was special, or something that's funny, that's just beautiful to you for your own reasons, something that's instructive, that was hard to bear, that's one of your favorite stories to tell around the fire, that your family won't let you forget, that was spiritually meaningful or illuminating, maybe something one of your relatives told you, that gets a smile every time you share it, that you've always wanted to tell but never found the right moment or audience for, that comes to your heart when you hear the question, "What story would you like to tell your great-great grandchildren?"

Send me a story or two or three. Tell your family about this project and see if they'd like to participate. Share this letter on your social media and do what you can to let other Poncas know about this book we're working on, this tribe-sized group self-portrait we're making out of stories. Get your relatives excited, interested, feel that love that bonds us all together and use that love to help this book come into being. Help all the stories that we would all really like to see in this book to show up, to gallop our way, to arrive in the collection, for this book that I'm currently calling *Stories of Our Northern Ponca People*. Let's collaborate on this together, relatives, and really make it happen!

Practically speaking, I'm going to spend the next 12 months on the gathering phase of this project, seeing what comes in, typing up stories, slowly allowing for the book's content and structure to take shape. As time goes along, I will update everyone on how it's going, on what, if anything, we may need to do as a group, and on anything cool or helpful-to-the-cause that happens along the way. I really believe that we can create something special and beautiful together, that we can learn things we had no clue about by gathering all these stories together into one place, that we can make something we'll all be very proud of and happy to gift to our young ones. A lot of things were lost because our voices were silenced for so long; this book is a chance to speak, to be heard, to make sure the beautiful essence of our lives is really shared and passed on. We all have a story to share. Now is as good a time as any to open up and share it.

My email is cliffponca@gmail.com and my mailing address is Cliff Taylor/ 3710 Grand Ave/ Astoria, OR 97103. I look forward to reading your stories and finding a place for them in *Stories of Our Northern Ponca People*.

Weblaho,

Cliff Taylor



Elder's Committee Meeting

January 3 | 9 am

Ponca Tribe Offices | Sioux City

February 7 | 9 am

February 8 - Event

Ponca Tribe Offices | Ralston



Thank you!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Tammy S., Marie F., Ursula M., Latoya T., Makala C., Suzanne H., Stefanie D., Michelle A., and Cindy T. for all their hard work! It is greatly appreciated

- Rachel Pitzl

Thank you!

We'd love to offer a HUGE thank-you to McKesson, Phillip Daly, and Tim Goar for delivering an exam bed to Ponca Health Services in Lincoln from Minnesota. Due to national supply shortages, new exam beds were back ordered. McKesson went above and beyond to find a used exam bed for us.

-Ponca Health Services

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 that 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 an veterans honor wall in the Ponca Tribe Museum, and will be used to honor veterans at events, memorials, etc.

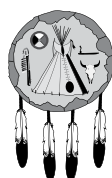


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To submit veteran information, please contact Stacy Laravie, THPO via email (ssettje@poncatrib-ne.org) or via mail:

Stacy Laravie, THPO
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
88915 521 Avenue
Niobrara, NE 68760





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PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Office Locations

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Fax: (402) 857-3736

Enrollment

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Ph: (402) 857-3391
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Cultural

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

LINCOLN 68508

Administration

1701 E Street
Ph: (402) 438-9222
Fax: (402) 438-9226

Osni Ponca

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

NORFOLK 68701

Administration Building

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

Gym Building

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

Ponca Hills Clinic

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

Ponca Express

Ph: 877-769-3111

Northern Ponca Housing Authority

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

Purchased/Referred Care

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

OMAHA 68107

Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Clinic

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

Administration

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

Dental

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

Northern Ponca Housing Authority

10635 Birch., 68134
Ph: (402) 505-3055
Fax: (402) 505-3066

SIOUX CITY 51103

Administration

119 6th Street
Ph: (712) 258-0500
Fax: (712) 258-0762

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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