

# THE ITKN CONNECTION

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## Spring Has Sprung on the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska

As the chill of winter fades and the days grow longer, signs of renewal are all around us on the lands of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. Spring has truly arrived, bringing new life, growth, and a sense of fresh beginnings for our community.

One of the most exciting milestones this season has been the birth of our first calf, a sure sign that the cycle of life continues. This new arrival will be one of many new calves.

Our greenhouse is coming alive with activity. Small trays of vegetables and plants are beginning to sprout, adding a touch of green as they grow day by day.

Beyond the barns and greenhouse, the land itself is waking up. Fresh green grass is spreading across the fields, replacing the muted tones of winter with vibrant color.

Spring is a time of renewal, growth, and connection to the land, to our traditions, and to one another. As we welcome this season, we celebrate both the small and significant signs of life returning all around us.



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## NEW CAMERAS COMING SOON TO GRANDVIEW

New cameras will soon be installed at Grandview as part of ongoing efforts to keep operations running smoothly and maintain a safe environment for both customers and staff.

While Grandview continues to be a positive and welcoming place, these updates will provide better visibility around the property and support day to day operations. The cameras will also serve as a helpful tool in discouraging potential issues.

This addition is a simple, proactive step toward maintaining a well run facility for the community. We appreciate everyone's continued support as these improvements are put in place.

## Daycare Coming Soon to the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska

A new daycare will soon be opening on the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska reservation. It will serve the tribal community and provide an additional option for families in need of childcare.

More details will be shared as they become available.

## Tribal Food Truck Sees Success at Local Auction

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska recently brought its food truck out to a local auction, and the turnout was a great success.

Participating in community events like this provides a great opportunity to connect with others, share good food, and represent the Tribe in a meaningful way. The strong support from those who attended is truly appreciated.

**IOWA TRIBE OF KANSAS AND NEBRASKA**

**PROTECT WHAT MATTERS MOST**

# Get a FREE Smoke Alarm

**YOU MUST BE AN ITKN CITIZEN**  
**YOU MUST BE ABLE TO VISIT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN PERSON**  
**SCHEDULE A TIME TO MEET DIRECTLY WITH NATHAN**  
Contact Nathan today to set up your appointment (Appointments take approximately five minutes):  
Phone: (785) 595-3258  
Email: [npopejoy@iowas.org](mailto:npopejoy@iowas.org)  
Supplies are available now. Schedule your visit and take an important step toward keeping your household safe.

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## **Tribe Implements New Financial Management System**

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska is taking an important step forward in financial management with the implementation of Sage Intacct, a cloud-based accounting system designed to streamline and strengthen financial operations.

This new system will support improved financial transparency, more efficient workflows, and enhanced reporting capabilities. It will also help reinforce separation of duties and provide department heads with clearer insight into their budgets, increasing overall accountability across departments.

In addition, Sage Intacct will allow the Tribe to reduce its reliance on paper processes, moving toward a more efficient and organized digital system.

## **Fish and Wildlife Codes Now Available Online**

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska has made its Fish and Wildlife Codes available on the Tribal website under **Government > Fish and Wildlife > Fish and Wildlife Codes**. This makes it easier for Tribal members, visitors, and the public to find and review the rules for hunting, fishing, gathering, and trapping on Tribal lands.

The platform will be used across all tribal entities, including Administration, Grandview, and Rutana, ensuring consistency and improved coordination throughout operations.

Implementation is currently underway, with training for department heads scheduled to begin in April. The system is expected to go live in May 2026.

This transition reflects the Tribe's continued commitment to responsible financial management and operational improvement.

The purpose of the Fish and Wildlife Code is to regulate these activities while also conserving, protecting, and managing the Tribe's fish, wildlife, and plant resources. These regulations help ensure that natural resources are respected and preserved for future generations.

The Code includes important information such as permit requirements, seasons, approved methods, and protections for certain species. It also explains the role of our Tribal conservation officer, who is responsible for enforcing these laws and maintaining compliance on Tribal lands.

These rules apply to everyone on Tribal lands, including Tribal members and non-members. By making the Code available online, the Tribe supports transparency and encourages responsible use of its natural resources.

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## IOWAY GREENHOUSE UPDATE

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Spring is moving quickly at the Ioway Greenhouse. Since our last update, we took a chance and planted 300 of our 2,000 starts ahead of the final cold snap. We are taking precautions against frost and protecting plants from critters seeking warmth, doing our best to work in balance with the relatives who share this space.

Recent warm days also brought community planting. Youth visiting the reservation and elders helped plant cabbage and broccoli. We completed a garden burn to prepare a new 100 by 100 foot outdoor plot. We are waiting until the April 21 last frost date for zone 6a before full outdoor planting, but seeds are already germinating.

We also have prairie wildflowers, grasses, and some medicines started. While we do not sell medicines, we are happy to help anyone interested in converting lawns into prairie to support insects and wildlife.

Contact [tfoster@iowas.org](mailto:tfoster@iowas.org) for any questions.

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building a healthy  
future - thank you for  
staying connected.**

### **General Council Dates:**

**May 30, 2026  
August 1, 2026  
October 17, 2026**

### **Upcoming Event Dates:**

**April 11, 2026 - Demo Derby  
April 18, 2026 - Car Show  
April 30 - May 3, 2026 City of  
White Cloud Flea Market**