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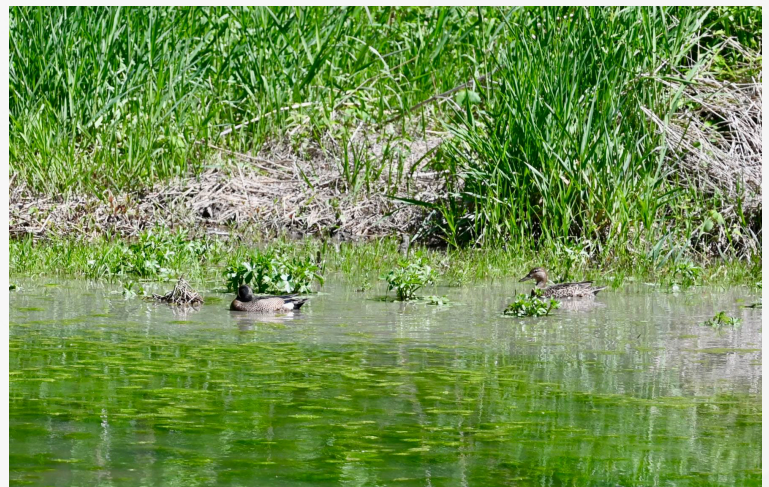
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Restoration Planning Continues for Pauline's Pond and Iowa Tribal National Park

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska continues to recognize the importance of restoration, conservation, and cultural preservation efforts connected to Báxoje Mowotanañi, the Iowa Tribal National Park. Established in 2020, the park was created to protect culturally significant lands, wildlife habitat, waterways, and historic sites while supporting education, recreation, and environmental stewardship for future generations.



The park includes several important locations across tribal lands in Kansas and Nebraska, including the Rulo Bluffs Preserve, the Leary Site National Historic Landmark, the Iowa and Sac & Fox Mission, and the Dupuis Hollow area, home to Pauline's Pond. Plans for Pauline's Pond restoration remain part of the Tribe's long-term vision for the area. Restoration concepts outlined in project documents include removing sediment and debris, restoring dam structures and spillways, stabilizing shorelines, and improving fish and wildlife habitat. The project was also intended to support future recreational and educational opportunities connected to the tribal park system.



Community members can review the full restoration and planning documents, along with maps and supporting materials, in the members' section of the Tribe's website.



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Tribal Monitor Opportunity

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska's Tribal Historic Preservation Office is seeking enrolled Tribal members interested in serving as Tribal Monitors.

Preferred Qualifications:

Must be at least 19 years of age

Possess a valid driver's license

Have reliable transportation

Be an enrolled member of the Iowa Tribe

Be familiar with Iowa Tribe customs, traditions, and spiritual practices

Training will be provided by the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

Those interested should submit a letter of interest to Randy Teboe at rteboe@iowas.org by May 29, 2026.

Please note: Tribal Monitors will serve as third-party contractors for the Tribe. This is not a full-time position and work will be project-based.

Lance Foster Dedication and Blood Run Forum Planned for May 13-14

The Friends of Blood Run will host the 2026 Blood Run Forum on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at Grand Falls Casino & Golf Resort in Larchwood, Iowa.

Doors open at 6 p.m., with the program beginning at 7 p.m. The forum will feature presentations and discussion on the history, significance, and preservation of Blood Run.

The following morning, Thursday, May 14, a dedication ceremony for the Lance Foster Permanent Blood Run Creek Crossing will be held at Blood Run National Historic Landmark.



Website Update Going Live Next Week

Next week, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska will officially launch our newly revamped website. We are excited to share the updated design and improved experience with our citizens and community.



While the website update has been completed, there may still be a few small issues or details that need attention after launch. We kindly ask for your patience and understanding during this transition.

If you notice anything that may need fixed or experience any issues while using the website, please contact Communications at communications@iowas.org and we will address concerns as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Congrats Ioway Graduates!

We want to celebrate YOU!

If you'd like to see yourself or your graduate in a special announcement please send the following information to communications@iowas.org:

- Name of graduate
- Photo - preferably a senior photo, head-shot, wearing graduation regalia, or holding diploma
- School and grade level/program graduated from
- Any notable honors, awards, scholarships, future plans, etc.
- Family info - names of parents, grandparents, family names, clan, etc.

DEADLINE JUNE 8, 2026



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Tree Harvesting Update

We would like to provide an update regarding recent tree harvesting activities. At this time, no additional trees will be cut until a formal harvesting plan has been developed and presented. Please note: crews will continue removing trees that have already been cut.

We are currently working closely with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Forester and The Nature Conservancy to determine the necessary steps for establishing both a sustainable harvesting plan and a reforestation plan. These efforts are intended to ensure responsible land management and long-term environmental stewardship for future generations.

We will continue to keep the community informed as this process moves forward. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nathan Popejoy.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Business Spotlight: Grey Snow Professional Services

Grey Snow Professional Services (GSPS), the federal contracting and professional services arm of Grey Snow Companies - the economic development enterprise owned by the Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska - continues to support projects across the country through construction management, environmental services, project support, and infrastructure delivery in complex and remote environments.

Recently, GSPS celebrated two major milestones:

- Becoming the first Tribal General Contractor's License issued in California history
- Completing critical water infrastructure improvements in Death Valley National Park

Projects like these highlight the growing role Tribal-owned businesses continue to play in infrastructure development, environmental stewardship, and long-term community investment nationwide.

GSPS remains focused on delivering reliable project support and professional services while helping create opportunities that reflect the strength and vision of Tribal enterprise.

Grey Snow Companies remains proud to represent the Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska through projects that support communities, strengthen partnerships, and showcase the capabilities of Tribal businesses across the country. - Britni Beck

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What is CPRG and Why Does it Matter?

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program is a federal initiative that helps Tribes and communities plan for future projects focused on sustainability, infrastructure, energy efficiency, and long-term community resilience.

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska partnered with Grey Snow Companies to support both CPRG planning and implementation efforts aimed at identifying opportunities that could benefit the Tribe and future generations.

While the name of the program may sound technical, the goal is simple: helping communities prepare for projects that can improve everyday life while supporting long-term growth and sustainability.

Potential opportunities through CPRG-related planning can include:

- Energy-efficient community improvements
- Infrastructure upgrades
- Utility and facility improvements
- Renewable energy opportunities
- Environmental and resiliency planning
- Future economic development initiatives
- Workforce development and job creation

One example of this work moving into implementation is the planned solar installation project that will be completed in

partnership with Grey Snow Sovereign Solutions (GS3), the Tribe's joint venture company supporting energy and infrastructure initiatives.

These efforts are about planning ahead, strengthening community resources, and identifying opportunities that can help support Tribal energy sovereignty, self-sufficiency, and future development.

The Tribe's partnership with Grey Snow Companies helps ensure these opportunities are explored with the community's long-term interests in mind. - Britni Beck



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NET PROFIT ALLOCATION PLAN AND CONSTITUTION UPDATES

Work is underway on important initiatives related to the Tribe's financial planning and governance.

The Tribe has begun developing General Welfare Program guidelines in coordination with legal counsel. At the same time, steps are being taken to establish bank accounts in preparation for adopting a Revenue Allocation Plan.

In addition, proposed constitution edits have been submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The BIA has requested that the edits be reformatted, and those revisions are now nearly complete. Once finalized, the updated documents will be resubmitted for further review.

Welcome Justin Ward

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska welcomes Justin Ward, who joined the team as a Patrol Officer on April 20, 2026.

Justin brings 16 years of law enforcement experience, with a background in patrol, investigations, narcotics work, and serving both rural and larger communities. He shared, "I'm grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. I'm looking forward to learning more about the Tribe, and doing my part to serve and support the community."

Fun Fact: Justin says he is not one to talk

much about himself, but he enjoys learning people's stories and understanding what matters to a community.



**We honor our past while
building a healthy
future - thank you for
staying connected.**

General Council Dates:

May 30, 2026 - The draft agenda is now posted in the Members' Area of the website. Please review it and share any changes or additions with Tony.

August 1, 2026

October 17, 2026

Upcoming Event Dates:

June 27, 2026 - Rodeo