
Native Report Episode Descriptions - Season 2

Season 2 Episode 1

On this edition of Native Report we'll travel to northern Minnesota to learn about the Sandy Lake tragedy of 1850, which left hundreds of Ojibwe dead...and see how their sacrifice is being honored today. We'll go to a meeting of the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium to see how this groundbreaking group of educators is working to improve the lives of native people all around the world. Then we'll travel to Waswagoning a re-created traditional Ojibwe village at Lac du Flambeau Wisconsin for lessons in culture and heritage. Hosts Stacey Thunder and Tadd Johnson will give us something new to think about...and we'll hear from the elders this week on Native Report.

Season 2 Episode 2

This week on Native Report the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community educates an audience at the Mall of America about traditional styles of song, drumming, and dance, and invites the public to their annual Wacipi. Ojibwe artist Joe Geshik talks about the transformative power of spirituality, and how he shares the healing with others. Then the Rolling Plains Art Exhibit rolls into the Red Lake Nation in northern Minnesota with wonderful lessons in art and life. We'll visit with the elders, and learn something new about Indian Country this week on Native Report.

Season 2 Episode 3

On this edition of Native Report we'll head to the south west corner of Minnesota to learn about the messages left for thousands of years by tribal people at the Jeffers Petroglyphs. It's often been said that life should come with an instruction book...it turns out that author Dr. Thomas Peacock has come up with one...written for middle school children called The Four Hills of Life. Then artist Gordon Van Wert talks about his career as a stone sculptor, and his inspirational recovery from a massive stroke. We'll visit with the elders, and learn something new this week on Native Report.

Season 2 Episode 4

On this edition of Native Report we'll head to North Dakota, where the Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation commemorates the 200th anniversary of the "Voyage of Discovery," we'll talk about the impact of the Lewis and Clark expedition on tribal people. We'll also talk to then chairman Tex Hall about challenges ahead for the MHA Nation. Then we'll visit the new and growing MHA buffalo herd. Also visit with the elders and learn something new about Indian Country today on Native Report.

Season 2 Episode 5

On this edition of Native Report we'll focus on wild rice. This summer the restoration and preservation of wild rice beds took center stage at a conference that drew people from three states for a common cause. Activist Winona LaDuke talks about current political and environmental challenges with regard to wild rice. And the Bois Forte Ojibwe introduce us to

their successful effort to reinvigorate natural stands of wild rice on Nett Lake. We'll also visit with the elders and learn something new about Indian Country today on Native Report.

Season 2 Episode 6

On this edition of Native Report an Ojibwe stone sculptor takes center stage at an international symposium called Minnesota Rocks. Grand Portage Band of Chippewa Chairman...and President of the Minnesota Chippewa tribe Norman Deschampe talks about past challenges as well as his hopes for the future. Then visit a National Monument...and a Minnesota State Park with groundbreaking ties to an Ojibwe tribe. Visit with the elders and learn something new about Indian Country today on Native Report.

Season 2 Episode 7

This week on Native Report tribal colleges are making a big impact and Leech Lake Nation in northern Minnesota is no exception, hear the success stories first hand! Host Stacey Thunder talks to U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame inductee, and proud Ojibwe, Henry Boucha about his inspirational life story. And we'll tour an exhibit that features Ojibwe portraits from the 1850's and 60's. We'll also visit with the elders and learn something new about Indian Country today on Native Report.

Season 2 Episode 8

On this edition of Native Report visit a traditional pow wow at the Upper Sioux Community, a family event where everyone is welcome. We'll meet Mary Moldenhaur Minnesota's minority businessperson of the year, tour her company and hear her advice for young people. And what does land management mean to tribes? We'll show you with the help of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux community. We'll also visit with the elders and learn something new about Indian Country today on Native Report.

Season 2 Episode 9

On this edition of Native Report visit the 63rd annual meeting of the National Congress of American Indians and learn how decisions made here by tribal leaders affect Indian Country as a whole. Meet NCAI president Joe Garcia as he talks about his vision for the future. And learn about the Cobell lawsuit...the outcome involves billions of dollars and affects hundreds of thousands of people in Indian Country. We'll also visit with the elders and learn something new about Indian Country today on Native Report.

Season 2 Episode 10

On this edition of Native Report we'll continue our visit to the 63rd annual meeting of the National Congress of American Indians, with a discussion about the historic battle over Indian Gaming in California, a lesson on the history of Indian tribes in California... and concerns from a famous tribal rights activist about the state of our environment. We'll also visit with the elders and learn something new about Indian Country today on Native Report.

Season 2 Episode 11

On this edition of Native Report we'll visit WELY, "End of the Road Radio," a community radio station proudly owned and operated by the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. We'll also see how Bois Forte encourages learning by bringing college courses to Fortune Bay for the benefit of their employees and tribal members. And we'll head out onto the ice...to learn about traditional Ojibwe ice fishing. We'll also visit with the elders and learn something new about Indian Country today on Native Report.

Season 2 Episode 12

On this edition of Native Report we'll go to the Mankato Wacipi, one of the largest off reservation pow wows in the country...which is also the site of a historic tragedy. Honoring and remembering the victims of the Dakota war and its aftermath led to the writing of a wonderful book, we'll talk to the editor about her journey in the creation of "In the Footsteps of our Ancestors." And we'll join a group of third graders on a learning adventure at Mankato's Education Day. We'll also visit with the elders and learn something new about Indian Country today on Native Report.

Season 2 Episode 13

On this edition of Native Report tribal leaders meet with Minnesota business leaders and elected officials in an economic summit hosted by the Leech Lake, Red Lake, and White Earth tribal nations. The successful creator of the Famous Dave Barbecue restaurants, Dave Anderson, talks about what he's learned about business and life. And then we'll learn about the traditional business of harvesting and concentrating maple sugar. We'll also visit with the elders and learn something new about Indian Country today on Native Report.

Season 2 Episode 14

On this edition of Native Report go where the buffalo roam...and see how a couple from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community is making buffalo their business. Former U.S. Senator and enrolled member of the Northern Cheyenne Nation, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, visits us to talk a little politics. And we'll travel to a clinic at Mille Lacs where a traditional Ojibwe healer and a medical doctor are working hand in hand. We'll also visit with the elders and learn something new about Indian Country today on Native Report.

Season 2 Episode 15

On this edition of Native Report, we'll meet musician Paul LaRoche and hear how he discovered his Native American heritage...and founded the band Brule'. We'll head to one of Minnesota's favorite sport fishing lakes...to see how they're keeping track of the fish population. And we'll visit Woodland Community Public Radio WOJB-FM in Hayward, Wisconsin which is licensed to the Lac Courte Oreilles band of Ojibwe. We'll also visit with the elders and learn something new about Indian Country today on Native Report.