
Native Report Episode Descriptions - Season 9

Season 9 Episode 1

On the premiere episode of Native Report's ninth season we'll experience the traditional wild rice harvest with the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. We'll see how the Muskogee Creek Nation of Oklahoma is working proactively to address health care disparities. And we'll talk to the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Kevin Washburn about his efforts to promote self-determination and economic self-sufficiency among the nation's 566 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes. We'll also learn from our elders and learn something new about Indian Country on Native Report.

Season 9 Episode 2

On this edition of Native Report we'll learn about the art of basket making from expert Emma Garrett of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Nation. We'll also take to the night sky for a lesson in Native astronomy and see the stars through Ojibwe eyes. And we'll trace the development of Indian Law from its roots in the State of Oklahoma with the federal government's policy of removal and the Trail of Tears. We'll also visit with our elders, and learn something new about Indian Country on Native Report.

Season 9 Episode 3

On this Native Report the Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation in Wisconsin dedicates a memorial honoring the special place Native military veterans hold in the community. We'll meet Jude and Shoni Schimmel winning point guards whose basketball skills helped drive the University of Louisville to a national championship, as they bring their inspirational message to a legion of fans at the Red Lake Nation High School. And host Stacey Thunder sits down with fellow actor Chaske Spencer who is best known for his role as Sam Uley in the Twilight Saga. They talk about his life, career, and future plans in the industry.

Season 9 Episode 4

On this edition of Native Report artist Jeff Savage shows his reverence for Mother Earth through a majestic sculpture at the headwaters of the Mississippi River. We travel to the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin where "Tsuunhehkwa" is part of a new effort to provide high quality organically grown foods for the People of the Standing Stone. And we'll bring you a success story from the Eastern Band of Cherokee and their neighbors in Western North Carolina, where the Cherokee Preservation Foundation is making great strides in their mission of cultural and environmental preservation and economic development.

Season 9 Episode 5

On this Native Report the beauty, heart and spirit of the fine-art photography of the late ethnographer Edward Curtis. Also we'll chronicle the story of the strength and resiliency of the Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohican Indians who were pushed from the Eastern seaboard across half a continent, and subsequently forced to uproot and move many more times to their present home in East Central Wisconsin. And co-host Tadd Johnson sits down with Vice President Walter Mondale to talk to this long time leader about his work fighting injustice and inequality, and his efforts in major state and federal legislation in the 1960's and 70's which positively impacted the future of Native America.

Season 9 Episode 6

Today on Native Report learn Ojibwe at a highly successful summer language camp in Northern Minnesota. Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Elder Maxine Thomas shows us how their school garden functions as an outdoor classroom providing integrated teachings about language, culture and history. Then sit down for an intriguing interview with Principal Chief Michel Hicks from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Nation in North Carolina about what he has learned about leadership and his vision for the future of his nation.

Season 9 Episode 7

On this Native Report learn about the rare Lac La Croix Indian Pony that some believe is the result of crossbreeding of the Canadian Horse with the Spanish Mustang. See the stars through Dakota and Lakota eyes in a lesson about native astronomy. And hear about what the Indian Child Welfare Act was intended to do and how it relates to Native American families today.

Season 9 Episode 8

On this edition of Native Report experience the Oklahoma premier of "Sliver of a Full Moon," a play about the Violence Against Women Act. Host Stacey Thunder interviews independent filmmaker Alex Smith who wrote and directed the award winning film "The Slaughter Rule" about his second feature film, "Winter in the Blood." And we browse the huge Oneida Farmer's Market and learn about how the Oneida Community Food Systems group has successfully encouraged sustainable organic agriculture.

Season 9 Episode 9

Today on Native Report we meet author and illustrator Michael Lyons, who has written several children's books, comic strips, and coloring books that emphasize the Ojibwe language, and learn about his cutting edge underground comics. We pay a visit to the Oneida Market natural health store which was built on the philosophies of the Oneida Community to buy from and support local businesses and farms, preserve economic diversity and offer consumers healthy options. And we visit the leading research center for Native American law and history at the University of Tulsa, College of Law where they have a very successful Native American Law Center.

Season 9 Episode 10

On this edition of Native Report we learn about the game of lacrosse at a summer camp on the Fond du Lac Reservation in Northern Minnesota. We see how nutrient-rich compost is made at the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's Organic Recycling Facility. And we visit the primordial forest and pristine beach of Frog Bay Tribal National Park. We also learn something new about Indian Country and hear from our Elders on this Native Report.

Season 9 Episode 11

On this edition of Native Report we view legendary works of fine art at the Gilcrease Museum in Oklahoma. We interview noted filmmaker Chris Eyre. And we meet Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Vice-Chief Larry Blythe and learn about the Qualla Boundary. We also learn something new about Indian Country and hear from our Elders on this Native Report.

Season 9 Episode 12

On this edition of Native Report we meet artist Dyani White Hawk Polk and learn about the traditional Lakota and modern influences in her art. We visit the Eastern Band of Cherokee to see how their fisheries resource is managed for the well-being of band members as well as for the tourist economy of Cherokee, North Carolina. And we attend the American Indian Studies Summer Institute of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. We also learn something new about Indian Country and hear from our Elders on this Native Report.

Season 9 Episode 13

On this edition of Native Report we attend an evening of classical music and meet violinist Karen Durfee. We learn how one community is bridging the culture gap through the use of the Ojibwe language. And join us as at the Minnesota State Fair where we attend a performance by the Native Pride Dancers. We also learn something new about Indian Country and hear from our Elders on this edition of Native Report.

Season 9 Episode 14

On this edition of Native Report we meet artist Rocky Makes Room For Them and learn of the traditional and contemporary influences in his art. We visit Wozupi, the garden of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community where we learn about their organic chicken farm. And we look at the Change the Mascot movement that urges the dropping of racially-offensive sports names. We also learn something new about Indian Country and hear from our Elders on this edition of Native Report.

Season 9 Episode 15

On this edition of Native Report we'll view the alternative portraiture and landscape photography of Joseph Allen. We'll learn about the client outreach efforts by the Office of Special Trustee. And we'll attend the graduation of the first Master of Tribal Administration and Governance Cohort. We also learn something new about Indian Country and hear from our Elders on this edition of Native Report.