
Native Report Episode Descriptions - Season 3

Season 3 Episode 1

On this premiere edition of the third season of Native Report, we'll head to one of the largest lakes in the country for a miraculous story of recovery. See how the commercial fishermen of the Red Lake Nation cooperative gave up their income and way of life in order to save the walleye for future generations. Against all odds, their efforts worked, we'll tell you how. Then we'll bring you to the premiere of "Average Family" - the first play by an American Indian playwright at one of the world's largest children's theatres. And we'll attend a growing American Indian Arts and Music festival in northern Minnesota which brings regional attention to Native American culture by featuring artists and musicians of both local and national renown. We'll also hear from the elders and learn something new this week on Native Report.

Season 3 Episode 2

On this edition of Native Report, tribal leaders gather in Anchorage Alaska for the National Congress of American Indians mid year conference where delegates work to find consensus on important issues that affect all of Indian Country. Longtime Alaska Native tribal leader Ed Thomas talks about issues that are of most concern to his people. And we'll visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center to see how Alaska Natives have come together to celebrate and share their languages, cultures and traditions. We'll also hear from the elders and learn something new on this edition of Native Report

Season 3 Episode 3

On this edition of Native Report, global warming is affecting the lands of sovereign nations across Indian Country, including the homelands of Alaska Natives. We'll join NCAI delegates as they discuss climate change and other major challenges facing American Indian people. And we'll visit the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, America's largest native owned health services organization, and see how they're making long distance telemedicine work for people across the nation and around the world. We'll also hear from the elders and learn something new this week on Native Report.

Season 3 Episode 4

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community has entered a new age of energy independence, with their partnership in Koda Energy, which broke ground for a clean energy plant that will be fueled by agricultural materials. The plant has the potential to provide enough energy for all of the community's needs, with power left over to sell. Business Council Chairman, Stanley Crooks, talks about the past, present, and his hopes for the future of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Community. And as stewards of the land the community prepares for that future with innovative land management practices. We'll also hear from the elders and learn something new this week on Native Report.

Season 3 Episode 5

On this edition of Native Report we visit three places that are considered sacred by American Indian people. The Devil's Tower or Bear's Lodge is a National Monument which is managed for

the first time by an American Indian park superintendent. In the heart of the black hills, Mt Rushmore National Memorial also has its first American Indian superintendent. And at the Pipestone National Monument, they are working to preserve and protect this holy place, while still making it accessible to those who quarry here. We'll also hear from the elders and learn something new about Indian Country this week on Native Report.

Season 3 Episode 6

This week on Native Report the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa breaks ground for a brand new school at Nett Lake. The Prairie Island Sioux Community shows how they're using "Phraselator" military technology to preserve and pass on the unique cultural dialect of their language. We'll go to the South Dakota Indian Education Association meeting to see what challenges they're working on. We'll also hear from the elders and learn something new this week on Native Report.

Season 3 Episode 7

On this edition of Native Report, we'll learn more about why the Black Hills are considered sacred. We'll also see how the Lakota people are telling their own story at the Journey Museum. And we'll get an update on the Cobell lawsuit. We'll also visit with the elders and learn something new about Indian Country this week on Native Report.

Season 3 Episode 8

On this edition of Native Report we'll go to the first ever Human Rights Conference hosted by the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, which brought people of regional and national significance to Minnesota to discuss human rights. Also we'll attend a traditional pow wow on the shore of Lake Mille Lacs... and we'll see how they're working to protect the northern pike in the big lake. We'll also hear from the elders and learn something new about Indian Country this week on Native Report.

Season 3 Episode 9

This week on Native Report we'll meet actor Adam Beach and professional golfer Notah Begay...to learn what they're both doing for American Indian youth. We'll visit the Red Lake Nation's "Honoring the Youth Leadership Conference." Then we'll hear from a movie maker who has told her story about the aftermath of the boarding school era with help from the Fond du lac Band of Chippewa. And we'll learn about a program at the Fond du lac Tribal and Community College that is turning out a whole new generation of Ojibwe language teachers. We'll also hear from the elders and learn something new about Indian Country this week on Native Report.

Season 3 Episode 10

On this edition of Native Report, how does a sovereign Indian nation prepare for disasters that may involve coordinating with neighboring state, county, and municipal authorities? The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe has won awards for doing just that in their efforts to prepare for every kind of disaster, ranging from toxic chemical spills to an avian flu epidemic. Then 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 visit with the elders and learn something new about Indian Country today on Native Report.

Season 3 Episode 11

On this edition of Native Report, we'll meet Kevin Gover, the new director of the National Museum of the American Indian. We'll also hear about the story of the people of Lac du Flambeau and tour their museum. And we'll talk to the editor of "In the Footsteps of our Ancestors," a wonderful book dedicated to honoring and remembering the victims of the Dakota war and its aftermath. We'll also visit with the elders and learn something new about Indian Country today on Native Report.

Season 3 Episode 12

On this edition of Native Report, tour scenic islands on Lake Vermilion which are under the watchful care of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. Then explore the world as painted by Ojibwe artist Rabbet Before Horses Strickland and hear what inspires his art. And travel to Ely, Minnesota where Ojibwe artist Joe Geshick talks about how his spiritual journey is reflected in his art. We'll also hear from the elders and learn something new about Indian Country this week on Native Report.

Season 3 Episode 13

On this edition of Native Report, come with us as we visit a highly successful science camp for American Indian youth. We'll meet gifted Ojibwe artist Moses Amik Beaver And we'll go where the Buffalo roam on a farm near Shakopee Minnesota. We'll also visit with the elders and learn something new about Indian Country this week on Native Report.

Season 3 Episode 14

On this edition of Native Report, we'll see how a successful partnership has lead to stable housing for American Indian families in one community. Then we'll talk about the sorts of issues dealt with by the Duluth American Indian Commission deals with. Come with us as we attend a gathering of women's hand drum groups. And we'll meet the extraordinary woman who was named Minnesota's minority businessperson of the year, tour her company and hear her advice for young people. We'll also hear from the elders and learn something new about Indian Country this week on Native Report.

Season 3 Episode 15

On this edition of Native Report, Washington DC is the hub of national political power. Today we'll explore how the voices of American Indians are heard as bills go through the process of becoming law on both the house and senate side of Capitol Hill. We'll also learn about the caucus system, and meet the head of the Native American caucus. Then we'll meet a man who didn't find out about his full blood Lakota heritage until he was an adult. We'll also visit with the elders and learn something new about Indian Country this week on Native Report.