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## **PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE PURCHASE OF CROSBY'S LODGE, PYRAMID LAKE NEVADA**

DECEMBER 17, 2019, NIXON NEVADA: The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe will be purchasing the Pyramid Lake Lodge, a 23-acre parcel of land previously known as "Crosby's Lodge" located within the Tribe's Reservation and adjacent to Pyramid Lake, a unique desert oasis. The Lodge provides groceries, gifts, gasoline, lodging, and entertainment to support recreation and fishing of trophy cutthroat trout. The Tribe intends to purchase the Lodge and its amenities to develop fishing and recreational opportunities around Pyramid Lake.

Pyramid Lake is located thirty-five miles northeast of Reno, Nevada in a remote desert area located in the counties of Washoe, Lyon and Storey. The area of the Tribe's Reservation contains 475,000 acres or 742.2 square miles. Out of this acreage approximately 112,000 acres covers the service of a terminal desert lake, Pyramid Lake. Pyramid Lake is approximately 27 miles long and 11 miles wide at its widest width. Pyramid Lake measures 350 feet at its deepest point, with a surface elevation of 3,397 above sea level (as of 2015). The perimeter of Pyramid Lake extends over 71 miles overall. Pyramid Lake is one of the most valuable assets of the Tribe and is entirely enclosed within the boundaries of the Reservation.

Fishing enthusiasts as well as individuals and groups seeking unique recreation experiences around the lake, have been enjoying this incredible resource with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe for decades. The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe sees the opportunity at the Pyramid Lake Lodge as not only a great business decision, but also an important reconnection with a parcel of land that had been removed from its Reservation without consent.

Chairman Anthony Sampson Sr. "The lake is home to our most sacred spaces, amazing wildlife and geologic formations has provided our culture a sense of tranquility and spirituality that cannot be seen anywhere else," said Chairman of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Anthony Sampson Sr., "This space, our home, we want to share, and we want to control in order to maintain its spiritual significance and environmental integrity. The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is looking forward to developing the new Pyramid Lake Lodge into one of the best experiences in fishing and recreation, and educating the public about the significance of our lands, water and culture."

Chairman Sampson Sr., thanked NUMU Inc., the business and economic development arm of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, which will be in charge of the development. The Tribe appointed the following individuals to serve on the Board of NUMU, Inc.: Gary Shaw, a member of the Tribe and Chairman of the NUMU Board; Brandon Ceroke, a tribal member of the Tribe and Treasure of NUMU Board; Virginia Cline, a member of the Tribe and Secretary for NUMU; Brian Wadsworth, a member of the Tribe and member of the Board; Sherry Ely-Mendes, a member of

the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council who serves in an *ex-officio* capacity for the Board; Kip Richie, a member of the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe and CEO of Greenfire; and Shannon Keller O’Loughlin, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and Executive Director and Attorney for the Association of American Indian Affairs. The Board of NUMU, Inc., selected Drew Rice, to serve as the CEO of the Tribe’s Corporate Board. Rice is assisted by Cassandra Darrough to seek out quality investors interested in doing business with the Tribe. Rice and Darrough’s team efforts have been successful in drawing in our current partners and securing a path to successful partnerships. The Board of NUMU collectively stated, “NUMU, Inc., is looking forward to working with the Tribe and our business partners to support and grow the Tribe’s economic development opportunities to benefit Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe members. Pyramid Lake is an important resource that the Tribe has fought for, and will continue to protect.”

Also, in recognition are the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council Members who approved and assisted in facilitating the purchase of Crosby Lodge: Anthony Sampson Sr. Chairman, Alan Mandell, Vice Chairman.

Council Members: Janet Davis, Judith Davis, Nathan Dunn, Sherry Ely-Mendes, John Guerrero, William Miller, Sharon Shaw Keever, and Michele Smith.



### **[Sioux Chef provides traditional meal for Dakota 38+2 Memorial Ride](#)**

[The riders stopped in Madison, South Dakota, for a unique meal to replenish them Saturday afternoon.](#) [keloland.com](#)

### **[Erdogan threatens to recognise US genocide of Native Americans in response to Armenia ruling](#)**

['It is a shameful moment in US history,' says Turkish president](#)  
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## 'Coming home' to Indian Country Today

### ***Karen Lincoln Michel named first president of the non-profit news company***

Indian Country Today will start 2020 with Karen Lincoln Michel taking on the role of president of the non-profit company. Lincoln Michel is Ho-Chunk and is currently the publisher and executive editor of Madison Magazine in Madison, Wisconsin.

"I am excited to be part of a news organization that is innovative and is setting a new standard for news coverage of indigenous communities," says Lincoln Michel. "Much of my career has been in legacy media, and although I have advocated for fair and accurate coverage of communities of color in each of my roles, I will now have the amazing chance to focus all of my energies on an enterprise that is all about serving Native audiences."

"It is my hope that Indian Country Today will continue its tremendous growth in 2020 while broadening its reach. As president of Indian Country Today, I see my role as making sure the news organization has the resources it needs to innovate and also sustain itself financially well into the future," says Lincoln Michel.

She holds a master's degree from Marquette University and a degree in industrial technology from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. She also attended Arizona State University.

She'll be in charge of all the business operations," says Mark Trahant, editor of Indian Country Today. The company has a 2020 fundraising goal of \$2.5 million as it prepares to launch its national newscast.

Trahant says Lincoln Michel as "a range of experience that's exactly right." She was a Native American Journalism Association scholarship winner, then started her career as a reporter working her way up to the post of editor, and most recently, publisher.

"Karen cares about the editorial process," says Trahant, "she has integrity, is thoughtful, and just an extraordinary leader."

Karen knows Indian Country, she knows the urban Indian communities and she knows leaders in the news industry, which is important in her role as president," says Patty Talahongva, executive producer of Indian Country Today. "And she's a rare journalist who understands the financial side of the news business.

Like Trahant and Talahongva, Lincoln Michel is a past president of the Native American Journalists Association. In fact, she was the first female president of the association.

"What sets Indian Country Today apart from other news outlets is that Native journalists are writing and editing the stories about Native peoples and their issues. The stories give readers the proper context and are told by journalists who understand the complexities of tribal societies," says Lincoln Michel. "It's the kind of content that our people want and that no mainstream news organization has consistently attempted to provide."

"I am inspired by what Indian Country Today has accomplished and I am looking forward to working with longtime friends and people whose work I admire and respect. It feels like I am coming home."

## Workshops highlight Ojibwe art

Crafting and resorts bring people together in winter in the Mille Lacs region.

By LISA MEYERS McCLINTICK Special to the Star



Photos by LISA MEYERS McCLINTICK • Special to the Star Tribune The Mille Lacs Indian Museum in Onamia, Minn., offers classes in traditional Ojibwe arts, such as this two-day beading workshop.

The century-old Mille Lacs Indian Trading Post features the work of more than 250 Ojibwe artists.

Colorful hanks — strings knotted together with 4,000

tiny seed beads — create a wall-sized rainbow at the Mille Lacs Indian Trading Post near Onamia, Minn. Sunset oranges, raspberry reds and lupine purples catch the eyes of visitors who have walked across this historic store's wood floors for more than a century.

The work of more than 250 Indian artists lines the shelves and display cases — beaded flowers on barrettes, feather-themed earrings, intricate birchbark baskets, prairie star quilts, buttery-soft moccasins.

A dozen of us are trying to choose just three hanks each for a two-day beading workshop at the Mille Lacs Indian Museum next door.

Others drape pinks, shiny silver and shimmering greens across the counter, picturing flower petals and leaves. I finally opt for royal blue, spring green and what the clerk aptly dubs “mac-and-cheese” yellow.

While the museum is closed for all but workshops until spring, I know that its centerpiece — the circular Four Seasons room — features life-size dioramas of what Ojibwe families did throughout the year. Winter was the time for gathering indoors, sharing stories and working on crafts and tools.

Our class sits along the windows in the airy lobby, while powwow drums and singing play softly over speakers. We carefully stitch tiny beads to black velvet within view of exhibits, including one that commemorates the 100th anniversary of the jingle dress.

While the dress has been adapted for powwows, it originated near Mille Lacs, where a man had a dream about the dress while his granddaughter was sick during the flu pandemic. It is sewn from cotton with layers of delicate metal cones (originally made from snuff can lids) to create a distinct sound during dances.

Classmates admire a beaded rose on soft leather and birch-bark ornaments made by Sandy McMillion of Brainerd, who has come to classes for years.

“I learn something different every time I come,” she says of workshops that have included leather mittens and moccasins, quilling and sweetgrass baskets.

“Every time I’ve taken a class here, it’s good medicine,” adds Emma Jost of Anoka.

The creative camaraderie chases away the gloom of a steely November weekend. On our second day, we gather at the window to watch three bald eagles soaring in circles.

On the nearby shore of Lake Mille Lacs, icy chunks and thin swaths of snow began to collect. Fleets of ice-fishing houses seem to wait impatiently for the depths of winter, when more than 5,500 of them will create seasonal villages. Like crafting, they draw people together, a way to enjoy the outdoors while staying warm, sharing stories and small triumphs while waiting for spring.

### **Area attractions**

**The Mille Lacs Trading Post** is free and open year-round (Wed.-Sat., December through February). Mille Lacs Indian Museum reopens in May, but hosts a maple sap and syrup event in March. Quillwork earrings, birchbark baskets and pottery classes are planned for spring and summer. The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe will have its annual powwow over Memorial Day weekend (1-320-532-3632; [mnhs.org/millelacs](http://mnhs.org/millelacs)).



People have lived where Lake Mille Lacs joins the Rum River for 9,000 years, following the bounty of each season, from syruping to spearfishing. **Mille Lacs Kathio State Park** covers more than 10,000 acres, with archaeological sites that make it a National Historic Landmark District.

The park interpretive center shows off shards of pottery and models of dwellings from the Woodland period. The area also is considered the ancestral home of Mdewakanton Dakota.

The park kicks off 2020 with a Jan. 1 snowshoe hike. Additional hikes feature a lesson in how wildlife survives the winter on Jan. 18 and the park's archaeological finds on Jan. 25. The park rents snowshoes for eight miles of wooded trails, as well as cross-country skis for 18 miles of rolling forest trails.

Visitors can get a beginning cross-country ski lesson on Feb. 1 or join a candlelight ski event on Feb. 8. There's a sledding hill near the trail center warming house. Nineteen miles of snowmobile trails connect to the statewide trail network.

The park's 70 campsites are year-round, along with five heated camper cabins (1-320-532-3523; [dnr.state.mn.us](http://dnr.state.mn.us)).

**Father Hennepin State Park** on the southeast side of Mille Lacs is smaller and quiet in the winter, but it hugs the lakeshore and is open for snowshoeing. Watch for one of the area's albino deer ([dnr.state.mn.us](http://dnr.state.mn.us)).

### **Where to stay**

**Eddy's Resort's** 1960s heyday inspired the design for its 64 rooms and four cabins, many with a view of its 18 bright-red icehouses. The Launch Bar & Grill serves a "loaded" breakfast of house-smoked corned beef, potatoes, eggs and cheese, and a bourbon applewood bacon jam appetizer and wild rice meatloaf for dinner (1-320-532-3657; [eddysresort.com](http://eddysresort.com)).

**Izatys Golf Resort**, which began in 1921, blends an inn, townhouses and beach villas. Join a guided ATV tour along the Soo Line Trail. Tuck into a traditional Friday fish fry, or steamed mussels, housemade lamb ravioli or Brie - and-chutney-stuffed brioche breakfast muffins in the restaurant (1-320-532-4574; [izatys.com](http://izatys.com)).

**McQuoid's** rooms, cabins and log condos along the lake-shore can include snowmobile or ATV rentals and optional guided trips along area trails. Fishing guides and icehouses can be rented through Mac's Twin Bay (1-800-862-3535; [mcquoidsinn.com](http://mcquoidsinn.com)).

**Grand Casino Mille Lacs** often fills all 494 of its rooms above one of the state's largest casinos. Diners can find a full buffet, along with the casual 1991 Kitchen, the B3 burger bar, Up North bar, and Plum's for pizza. Cover band Viva Knieval will rock New Year's Eve at the Events Center, while Richard Marx and the Guess Who will perform in early 2020 (1-800-468-3517; [grandcasinomn.com](http://grandcasinomn.com)).

### **Where to eat**

Farm Market Cafe serves locally sourced breakfast sandwiches and hash browns, plus veggie burgers, wraps, salads, homemade breads and homemade chicken noodle soup for lunch. Leave room for fruit and seasonal pies and locally roasted coffees (1-320-532-4880; [farmmarketcafe.com](http://farmmarketcafe.com)).

**Getting there:** Onamia and other communities on the southwest corner of Lake Mille Lacs are about 90 miles north of the Twin Cities, straight up Hwy. 169.

**More info:** Mille Lacs Area Tourism: 1-888-350-2692; [millelacs.com](http://millelacs.com).

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### **US Forest Service Allows Mining Company to Write Its Own Environmental Analysis** *Brooke Seipel, The Hill*

Seipel writes: "New documents reveal that the Trump administration has let a mining company take on a major role in writing the environmental report that is key to getting its Idaho gold mine project government approval, the Idaho Statesman reports." [READ MORE](#)

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### **10 Things to do to Close Out Your Year**

During the holiday season, it's all too easy to focus on sales to customers (for many businesses this is the peak selling season) and spending time with family and friends. However, taking some time to address certain business matters can help make 2019 an even better year and help you start the new year off right. In the final days of December, here are some actions that can help you comply with the law, obtain tax benefits and position yourself for 2020. [Learn more](#)

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### **Addiction now defined as brain disorder, not behavior issue**

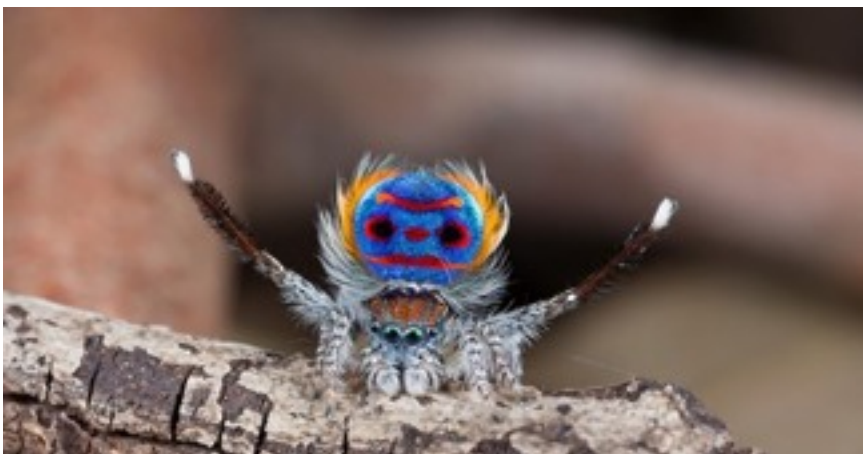
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Addiction is a chronic brain disorder and not simply a behavior problem involving alcohol, drugs, gambling or sex, experts contend in a new definition of addiction, one that is not solely related to problematic substance abuse.

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### **In 2020 Census, Big Efforts in Some States. In Others, Not So Much.**

By MICHAEL WINES and JOSE A. DEL REAL California is spending \$187 million to try to ensure an accurate count of its population. The Texas Legislature decided not to devote any money to the job. Why? The key seems to be which party controls state government.



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**BLM Approves California Land Plan**

The Bureau of Land Management [signed a record of decision](#) that finalizes a land management plan for central California that permits fracking.

A [supplemental assessment](#) was ordered by a U.S. district court, which said that the BLM needed to do more analysis on the environmental effects of fracking before updating the region’s resource management plan. The plan, published in 2014, covers five counties in the southern Central Valley and three counties — San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura — on the coast. It was challenged by Center for Biological Diversity and Los Padres ForestWatch.

In its supplemental review, the BLM determined that amending the plan is “not warranted.” The limited amount of hydraulic fracturing expected to occur in the region “did not show a notable increase in total impacts,” according to the BLM, which said that effects on surface water, groundwater use, and groundwater quality from disposal of fracking waste are “negligible.” Up to 40 fracked wells over 10 years are expected, according to the review.

Fracking is an infrequently employed oil extraction technique in California. Annual water use for fracking in the state amounts to several hundred acre-feet, according to state officials.

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**Climate Hearing**

On December 19, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform will discuss the [current economic costs of not responding to the climate crisis](#).

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**[CAN A GRAND VISION SOLVE THE COLORADO RIVER’S CHALLENGES? OR WILL INCREMENTAL CHANGE OFFER BEST HOPE FOR SUCCESS?](#)**

By Western Water News, 12/13/19

The Colorado River is arguably one of the hardest working rivers on the planet, supplying water to 40 million people and a large agricultural economy in the West. But it’s under duress from two decades of drought and decisions made about its management will have exceptional ramifications for the future, especially as impacts from climate change are felt. The issues facing water users are many, complex and span the entirety of the 1,450-mile river and its tributaries. The Colorado is overallocated, meaning more water is committed to water users as a whole than is available in an average year. Adding more pressure, the Upper Basin states of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico want to develop their full allocations.

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**[Students at Prestigious Universities Rise Up Against Fossil Fuel Money](#)**

SHARON ZHANG, TRUTHOUT

When MIT sold the naming rights of a lecture hall in its Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences Department to Shell, it was participating in the greenwashing practices of oil and gas companies, which seek to boost their legitimacy through their affiliation with respected institutions. However, students at MIT, Harvard, Yale and the University of California system are pushing back against the outsized representation of Big Oil on their campuses, and their campaigns are gaining ground. [Read the Article →](#)

**Goldman Sachs Announces It Will Stop Financing Arctic Oil**  
[sierraclub.org](http://sierraclub.org)

It's the first US bank to make such a commitment



**Our Future Depends on the Arctic**

By DURWOOD J. ZAEKLE and PAUL BLEDSOE

Save it from the ravages of warming and we can save the planet.

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**'That's Genocide': Ancient Tribal Graves Threatened by Trump Border Wall**

*Nina Lakhani, Guardian UK*

Lakhani writes: "A historic graveyard in Texas lies within the barrier's 150ft 'enforcement zone' the government has said it plans to raze." [READ MORE](#)



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**Giving students more music, theater, and dance boosts writing scores (and compassion), study finds**

[One of the largest gold-standard studies on arts education ever conducted finds measurable benefits to giving students more music, theater, and dance.](#)



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