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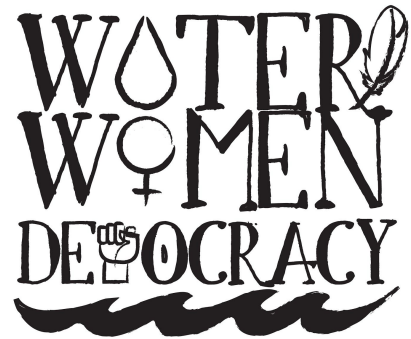
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**CURE celebrates “Water, Women & Democracy” on July 28th**

*The event features engaging speakers, paddling, music, RiverKeeper award, & more!*

MONTEVIDEO, MN, July 2, 2018 — Join CURE on the banks of the Minnesota River to celebrate our water, honor female leaders, and learn about the roots of democracy! “Water, Women & Democracy” will be held on Saturday, July 28 from 10 am - 10 pm at Wegdahl County Park.

The morning is about our water with the State of Minnesota Waters presented by Dr. Carrie Jennings and an introduction to a Water Ethic Charter for Minnesota by CURE. There will also be a self-organized paddle from Prien’s Landing in Montevideo to the County Park at Wegdahl.



The afternoon features four distinguished native female leaders: Sharon Day, water walker and Indigenous Peoples Task Force executive director; Mary Kunesh-Podein, Minnesota House Representative; Susan Allen, Minnesota House Representative; Peggy Flanagan, Minnesota House Representative and lieutenant governor candidate; Lyz Jaakola, educator and musician; and Ruth Ann Buffalo, public health educator, advocate and researcher. Each speaker will tell her own story. They will discuss their unique paths and highlight the indigenous roots of present-day democracy and the pressing issues facing all of us today.

CURE’s RiverKeeper award will be presented to Sharon Day. There will also be a nibi (water) play by Ikidowin Theatre and music by Sara Thomsen. Lunch and dinner will be provided. Camping is available at Wegdahl County Park as well.

People are invited to attend for all or part of the day, but **RSVP is required**. To register visit: [www.cureriver.org/wwd-registration](http://www.cureriver.org/wwd-registration). Volunteers are also needed. To volunteer visit: [www.cureriver.org/wwd-volunteer/](http://www.cureriver.org/wwd-volunteer/). For more information or to register or volunteer you can also contact CURE at [anne@cureriver.org](mailto:anne@cureriver.org) or 320-269-2984. There is no charge for this event, but a

free-will donation is encouraged. For more “Water, Women & Democracy” event information visit [www.cureriver.org](http://www.cureriver.org).

CURE was founded by concerned citizens in the Minnesota River Basin in 1992 to combat river pollution by advocating for improved land use practices. As an organization long rooted in the movement for rural social justice CURE’s program areas have evolved to include not only watershed ecosystems but also the greater health of the rural communities they embrace. Today, CURE’s mission is to protect and restore resilient rural landscapes by harnessing the power of citizens who care about them. To learn more about all of the programs that CURE has to offer, visit [www.cureriver.org](http://www.cureriver.org).

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