



For Immediate Release: Events Scheduled for Indigenous People's Day, Mankato, 2025.

October 10-13th, Mankato's Indigenous People's Day Committee is excited to invite the community to a weekend full of events.

This year's main event will be at Mankato East High School and will feature live music, cultural demonstrations, indigenous vendors, Planetarium Showings of Dakota star knowledge and more. The overall theme of this year's event is "Claiming Our Courage Together: Learning without Fear."

All events are free and open to the public. Follow Indigenous People's Day Mankato on Facebook for updates.

Posters and media attached to share!

Since 2018, the city of Mankato has recognized the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day. For more information, visit www.mahkatorevitalizationproject.org/ipdmankato, contact the committee via their [Facebook page](#) or call Megan Heutmaker at 651-491-1122.

Community Film Showings, FREE:

["Columbus Day Legacy"](#)

"Columbus Day Legacy" explores tensions and contradictions between Native and Italian-American participants in the ongoing Columbus Day parade controversy in Denver, Colorado. This very personal yet public conflict is visualized through hard questions about the freedom of speech, the interpretation of history, and what it means to be an "American." - Vision Maker Media

Friday Oct 10, 2025

- 1:00 PM Showing at **Blue Earth County Historical Society**
 - 424 Warren Street, Mankato
- 3:00 PM Showing at MSU Campus - **MSU Campus, Centennial Student Union, Room 245**
 - 620 West S Road, Mankato - FREE Parking in CSU Visitor Lot

MAIN EVENT, FREE:

[Indigenous People's Day Community Celebration](#)

Monday Oct 13, 2025 3pm-7pm at **Mankato East High School**, 2600 Hoffman Road

- Live Music : Bluedog Blues Band
- Planetarium Showings: Dakota Astrology
- Cultural Education: Traditional hand games, Flintknapping
- Kids Activities: Loom weaving, Coloring and more
- Food Vendors: TNT Eats, Sleepy Bison Acres and more

- Craft Vendors: Prairie Willow, Wiimānj Homestead and more

In addition to the weekend events, Blue Earth County Library and Blue Earth County Historical Society are hosting a community read & book discussions, which will lead up to the author visiting MSU in November.

Community Read & Book Discussions, FREE:

["Everything You Wanted to Know about Indians But Were Afraid to Ask"](#) by Anton Treuer

"Treuer, an Ojibwe scholar and cultural preservationist, addresses nearly 200 questions on a range of topics--questions that are thoughtful and outrageous, modern and historical, and always interesting." - Birchbark Books

Community discussions:

- Blue Earth County Historical Society, 424 Warren Street, Mankato
 - Saturday, Sept 27, 10AM
- Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main, Mankato
 - Saturday, Oct 4, 10AM
 - Wednesday, Oct 8, 10:30AM Storytime

Author talk with Anton Treuer at American Indian Night:

- Friday, November 14th, 5:00 PM
 - Minnesota State University Mankato, CSU Ballroom
620 West S Road, Mankato - FREE Parking in CSU Visitor Lot

**ALL
EVENTS
FREE**

CELEBRATE

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

2ND MONDAY IN OCTOBER **MANKATO**

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY COMMITTEE
Mankato

- Entertainment
- Cultural Education
- Indigenous Vendors

**Claiming Our Courage Together:
Learning without Fear**

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY 2025

Planetarium Showings

3:30

4:30

5:30

Show is 15 minutes.



Cultural Demonstrations

5:00 Flintknapping

- Alex Ek

6:00 Hand games

- Steve Tamayo



Bluedog Band - Rock & Blues to dance to!

Food Trucks - Meals and snacks!

Craft Vendors - Indigenous made products!

Kids Activities - Face painting, loom weaving + more!

MANKATO OCT 13TH

**MANKATO EAST HIGH SCHOOL
2600 HOFFMAN RD**

3:00-7:00

**FREE
ADMISSION**

"Turtle Spirit" by Dakota Artist Marlena Myles

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Where we post all of our updates and future information!

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This activity is made possible in part by a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council with funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature from its general fund.

Individuals with a disability who need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event, please contact American Indian Affairs at 507-389-5230 (V), 800-627-3529 or 711 (MRS/TTY) at least 5 days prior to the event. This document is available in alternative format to individuals with disabilities by calling the above numbers.

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Community Film Showings

"COLUMBUS DAY LEGACY"

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Historical Society

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MSU Campus
Centennial Student Union
Room 245

FREE PARKING
in Visitor's Paylot

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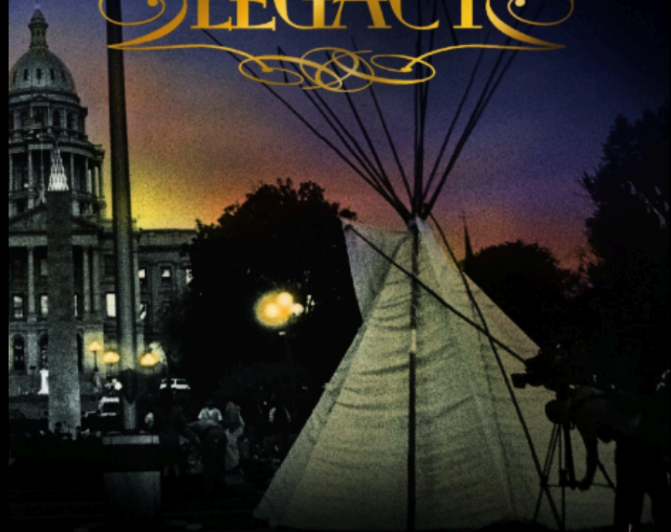
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"It's not an Italian-Indian thing.
It's about the truth."
-Troy Lynn Yellow Wood (Ojibwa Lakota / Northern Cheyenne)



Columbus Day LEGACY



A Film by BENNIE KLAIR



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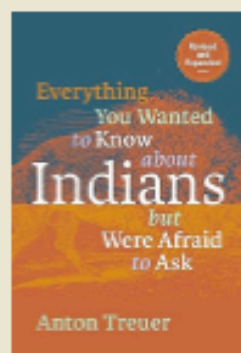
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Community Read for INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

*Everything You
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About Indians But
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by Anton Treuer



Pick up a copy of the book at the Blue Earth County Library beginning on September 1st.

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