

# Sunni Parisien

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Over the course of three months, my summer was spent gathering the news and stories of my community through my internship with the Turtle Mountain Star. Before my first day the uncertainty of trying something new transformed me into an anxious mess, but as my days at the office went on and I covered more stories, I found myself feeling accepted and seen, like I was meant to be there. My boss, Jason Nordmark, guided me when in doubt, pushing me to try my best and soak in any information possible. Through his guidance I was able to document the positive experiences of my surrounding community members. The people I've met, the stories I've had the honor to write about, and the enriching memories of my internship have transformed me into a more confident writer, quiet observer, and an appreciator of the people who make a positive impact in my community every day. So, that being said, I'd like to personally express my gratitude to Jason Nordmark and the others of the Turtle Mountain Star for trusting in me, believing in my abilities, and giving me the privilege of spending my summer with you all. This summer was one for the books!

