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Judges for the 2022 Wisconsin Newspaper Association Better Newspaper Contest:

I am writing to support our reporter, Jeromey Hodsdon, for the Rookie Reporter of the Year for 2022.

Jeromey's connections to the Sun Prairie community have been invaluable in securing story after story this year — including features about youth bowling, a story about a lawsuit against the Sun Prairie Area School District for wrongful termination of a teacher's employment and information about a teacher demonstration against the Sun Prairie School Board — among other stories from this year.

He is also quite skilled at photography, capturing many Sun Prairie events already since he began his employment on June 6.

His "can do " attitude and probing nature make him a natural selection. His academic career includes graduating from UW-Milwaukee and I know the Panthers are proud. Jeromey also took an unpaid internship for the Waukesha Freeman last summer just prior to gaining his employment with the Sun Prairie Star.

Please allow me to help you congratulate Jeromey with the Rookie Reporter of the Year Award for 2022.

Sincerely yours,

Christopher Mertes

Managing Editor, Sun Prairie Star

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