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WNA Better Newspaper Contest betternewspapercontest.com/WNA Rookie Reporter of the Year

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to support Clarice Case, *Dodge County Pionier* and *Campbellsport News/Kewaskum Statesman* journalist, as a nominee for Rookie Reporter of the Year in the Wisconsin Newspaper Association's 2022 Better Newspaper Contest.

Case was hired in November 2021 and arrived without any formal journalism training.

With minimal oversight, she has excelled as a research reporter, a community-minded journalist and a skilled photographer.

Clarice is responsible for reporting on the City of Horicon and has been our high school sports lead for the majority of 2022. She also covers community events in and around the communities of Mayville, Campbellsport and Kewaskum.

She excels writing profiles and human-interest stories; content our readership area has been wanting and thankful for.

Despite joining our papers right out of college, Clarice has a unique sense of what is interesting to this readership, and she seeks answers to questions readers want answered. Clarice has also proven capable of handling some of the duties of the editor, as her attention-to-detail and acumen with our software and style has been a tremendous value to the staff.

Please consider Clarice Case for this annual award.

Sincerely,

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