

New faces at The Chronotype

Three new people joined The Chronotype's staff this summer. Deb Fosberg-Wheeler is an advertising sales specialist. Jill Johnston is a regional sales and promotions specialist. Travis Nyhus is a general reporter and sports editor.

Deb Fosberg-Wheeler

"I grew up and attended high school in Minong and then attended WITC in Hayward and Rice Lake for Business Management. I started working at the Spooner Advocate as a Multi-media Account Executive a little over 13 years ago.

"I'm excited to make the move to The Rice Lake Chronotype and to continue my career in sales. In my free time I enjoy the outdoors, camping, hiking and hanging out with my family. I look forward to working with the Rice Lake area businesses."

Jill Johnston

"I grew up in Winona, Minnesota and graduated from University of Wisconsin-Stout in 2014. I began my career in Bloomington, Minnesota in hospitality sales before moving to Rice Lake where I continued my career in sales. I am now excited be a



Jill Johnston

part of the APG team as the Regional Sales & Promotions Specialist. In my free time, I can be found enjoying the many surrounding lakes with my family."

Travis Nyhus

"I'm a Cumberland native and obtained my journalism degree from UW-Eau Claire in 2018. Following college I worked as a sports reporter at the Chippewa Herald and then as the editor of the Dunn County News.

"In my free time I enjoy watching my favorite professional sports —Packers, Brewers, Bucks — and Wisconsin Badgers teams in action. Additionally I enjoy helping out on my family's dairy farm, going fishing and the occasional ATV ride.

"If you have any sports or outdoors story ideas feel free to reach out to me at sports@chronotype.com. When high school sports get the clearance to begin playing, follow me on Twitter @travisnyhus for live game updates and the latest stories posted to Chronotype.com."



Deb Fosberg-Wheeler



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Hello again, Chronotype readers

I'm back. You may not remember me, but I remember my byline gracing these pages once before. Four years ago I spent the summer months as an intern for The Chronotype covering everything from sports, outdoors, school board and community features. It was my first experience in a real newsroom and was quite valuable as I finished up my time in college before entering the workforce.

Now a few years later it is with great honor that I make my return to Rice Lake as the new sports and outdoors editor. I know I have big shoes to fill with Dave's years of experience now departed. As I walked into the office on my first day I saw some familiar faces and processes that should help me make a seamless transition.

To reintroduce myself, I am a native of Cumberland. I grew my passion for sports during downtime growing up on my parent's dairy farm. Between morning and evening chores I could be found playing catch by myself tossing a rubber baseball or tennis ball off the side of the barn roof and catching with my glove or shooting hoops on our basket located where the old corn cribs once stood.

Bob Uecker's voice still fills the barn almost every night during the season as I used to pause from working with every "get up, get up, get out of here, gone."

Somehow Sunday nights in the fall listening to the Packers postgame show didn't diminish my love of football as "fans" took every opportunity to call in and express their anger about every play call and missed tackle.

I got into journalism with the goal to tell the stories that display, as ABC's "Wild World of Sports" exclaimed in its intro, "the thrill of victory and agony of defeat." Athletic competitions do present unscripted drama, and I find great joy in telling those stories.

I worked towards a degree at UW-Eau Claire crafting my skills through campus media. Although I dedicated most of my time on



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campus working with the radio and broadcast medium I always knew I wanted to work in print journalism.

I previously spent time at the Chippewa Herald and Dunn County News before making my way back home to Barron County.

It's great to be back in the area and I look forward to getting to know all the coaches and student-athletes in Rice Lake and the surrounding communities. My previous experience covering the Big Rivers and Heart O'North conference should come in handy.

While there has been no decision yet from the WIAA regarding the upcoming fall high school sports season, you can be sure I'll be here to tell the stories of those in action and the possibility of inaction of athletics in the community. If fan attendance is limited I hope I can be your inside view of what is happening on the field, court and course and in the pool this fall.

What high school sports will look like this fall and beyond is anyone's guess, but I do look forward to my first "one game at time" comment from a coach and yell of "traveling" from a fan at the top of the bleachers as I begin a new venture.

When games do finally get underway sometime in the future be sure to follow me on Twitter @travisnyhus for live updates from games as well as the latest stories posted to chronotype.com. I hope you feel welcome to interact with me on social media as I look to be someone people in the community lean on for the latest sports updates of their favorite local teams to follow.

If you ever wish to share any story ideas for local sports or outdoors feel free to reach out to me either through Twitter or by emailing sports@chronotype.com.