

New editor on job in Rice Lake

Greetings, greater Rice Lake area:

I'd like to introduce myself as the new editor of the Rice



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My name is Michelle Jensen, and I am moving to the publication from the Ashland Daily

Press, where I have been a reporter and photographer for the past 20 months, but my newspaper experience spans back to when I was 14 years old in my native Osseo.

My father was owner/publisher of the Tri-County News in Osseo and the Augusta Area Times, and I started proofreading during my high school summer months to keep myself busy and earn a little cash on the side.

After graduating from Osseo-Fairchild High School in 1986, I left for UW-Oshkosh with absolutely no intention of returning to Osseo and working in the family newspaper business.

That didn't work out.

I did indeed return to Osseo and learned the business side of the weekly newspaper gig before taking on the role of editor. Over the many years I spent at the two weeklies, I not only wrote and took photos, I helped where needed from bookkeeping to designing commercial print jobs. I can safely say the only job I didn't tackle at least once was running the printing press.

After my father retired and sold the newspapers, I worked with a couple of different publishers, before setting my sights on Eau Claire.

In February 2013 I took a job as a copy editor at the Leader-Telegram and for the next six years handled evening editor duties, laid out pages and served as the last pair of eyes to check the finished product before sending it to press.

Changes at the Leader-Telegram led me to the Ashland Daily Press to return to my roots as a writer and photographer. After a wonderful 20 months learning the communities of Ashland, Washburn and Bayfield and telling the stories of the people who call them home, I learned of the opportunity to once again don the mantle of editor, threw my hat in the Rice Lake ring and here I am.

I hope to quickly become familiar with the people and communities the Chronotype serves, but in the meantime I hope everyone will help me out. Any assistance will be appreciated as I take over for Ryan Urban, who has taken the job as editor for the Barron News-Shield.

If you have any questions, story ideas or would just like to chat, call me at 715-790-1331 or email mjensen@chronotype.com.