

Hoverman joins Leader staff

LEADER LAND – The Leader has recently hired a reporter to cover sports and other general assignments, including news and events in St. Croix Falls. Reagan Hoverman was born and raised in St. Croix Falls and graduated from St. Croix Falls High School in 2016. After that, he attended the University of Wisconsin - River Falls from fall of 2016 to spring of 2020.

Hoverman will be overseeing the Leader's podcast, highlighting area news and sports.

"While at River Falls, I worked at the college radio station, WRFW, and hosted weekly sports talk shows," he said. "In addition to that, I also did play-by-play and color commentary for a variety of campus sporting events including basketball, football and hockey. I also worked for the campus newspaper, the Student Voice, covering campus news, sports and a variety of other topics as needed. For two years I was a sports reporter there and when I wasn't calling games, I was usually covering them for the newspaper. It's hard to explain how valuable my experience at the Student Voice and WRFW was, but I can surely say that without those experiences I wouldn't be the writer or broadcaster

that I am today."

After graduating from UWRF, Hoverman was hired by the Ledger newspaper in Balsam Lake to cover sports and outdoors, as well as the city of St. Croix Falls.

"Although I only worked there for three months before it closed down, I learned a lot from the people that I worked with, specifically, Lynda Berg Olds and Tammy Doughty-St. Hilaire. Two very different styles and personalities, both equally impactful on my young journalism career. Their journalism stories, advice and tips are something that I will keep with me for as long as I'm in the journalism field. I also worked with Aimee Newbauer and Leslie Waggoner, two people who gave a young, 22-year-old college graduate a chance to produce content for a newspaper. They were always supportive of my work, even when I made rookie mistakes," he said.

After the Ledger closed down, Hoverman was hired by the Leader.

"Sports reporting is what I want to do with my life, and this is a great opportunity to get on that path," he said. "I want to make sports coverage at the Leader the best that the area has to offer and I will work hard to make that a reality."



Reagan Hoverman
at U.S. Bank Stadium
during his internship
with the Minnesota
Vikings. – Photo
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