



Black River Falls, Banner Journal (1926-2005; & 2005-current)

The Banner Journal welcomes new reporter to its team

By Andrea Kyser

The Banner Journal welcomed a new reporter to its staff. Abigail Makowiak currently resides in Merrilan, but was born in Brookfield and moved a few years later to Richfield, where she graduated from Hartford Union High School.

Makowiak has always loved writing and decided that her future was in the writing industry. She went to the University of Eau Claire, where she received her bachelor's degree in creative writing and has a minor in multi-media com-

munications.

Friends and family could always find her painting or drawing while growing up. Arts and crafts were always a big part of her life. Other than art, Makowiak could be found on the court playing one of her favorites sports, volleyball.

Not only could you find her on the volleyball court, you could find her playing soccer with her childhood dog, Casey.

"One of my favorite things to do was play with Casey," shared Makowiak. "Casey's favorite thing to

do was always to run around the backyard."

Her love for dogs continued when her family welcomed their chocolate lab Ruby into the family. After graduating college, Makowiak also welcomed the newest addition to her family, Joey, who she rescued from the Clark County Humane Society.

Makowiak is excited to start her writing career with the Banner Journal, and looks forward to working with the Jackson County community.

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Pictured is Abigail Makowiak who recently joined the Banner Journal staff as a reporter.