



# Meet Our New Journalist, Ben Priesgen

The *Dodge County Pioneer* staff is pleased to introduce the paper's newest journalist: Ben Priesgen.

A Lomira native and small-business owner, Priesgen has been an active community member for years, serving as a basketball coach, working as an elected official and as a substitute teacher. Priesgen's main passion is as a vegetable farmer and owner of Country Blossom Organics.

Priesgen has a degree in management from UW-Oshkosh, but his community-minded approach has already made him an ideal fit with the paper.



"Ben does not have formal journalism experience, but he's already been building relationships and doing the things a beat reporter needs to do," said Pioneer Editor Mitchell Keller. "We really value Ben's

presence in Lomira, as well, and I am eager to read the great stories he writes while covering a community he loves."

Currently, Priesgen serves as a Dodge County Supervisor, and he previously served on the Village of Lomira Board of Trustees (a body his wife, Jenny, is currently representing). He and his wife have three children

(Carlie, Gabe and Margaret).

"In acknowledgement of potential conflicts of interest, we will not be asking Ben to cover any county or Village of Lomira board matters," confirmed Keller, who added that Priesgen's initial responsibilities will include local sports, Lomira community stories and Village of Theresa government coverage. "It goes without stating, however, that these experiences are extremely valuable to a journalist, and I think Ben's understanding of local government will make him a great reporter."

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