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To whom it may concern:

I write this letter with great enthusiasm in nominating Michael Achterling for the Dave Pyle New Journalist Award.

Hired in August of 2020, Michael came on board during the midst of the pandemic. However, that did not hinder him in any way. He is fearless in his pursuit of a good story. He approaches every subject with enthusiasm giving it the attention it deserves. He has a nose for news and can easily adapt to different beats.

I have worked with many young journalists and I can honestly say that journalism isn't just a career for Michael, it is his calling. The Detroit Lakes Tribune/DL-Online is fortunate to have Michael on our team.

Sincerely,



Melissa Swenson
Publisher