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I nominate Globe reporter Emma McNamee for the Dave Pyle New Journalist of the Year award.

Emma came to The Globe in October 2021 to serve as our city beat, crime and courts and politics reporter. She graduated in the spring of 2021 with a journalism degree and was eager to get her start in the industry.

Our news staff was excited to bring her in and show her the ropes.

Emma's first day on the job was a long one, filling out new employee forms and being introduced around the newspaper office and the community — and then going to her first Worthington City Council meeting that evening. Thankfully for us, she chose to come back for Day 2, and has become a great asset for our newsroom during the past 11 months.

As she nears her first anniversary with us, I look at all Emma has accomplished. She has a tremendous talent for writing from the heart with her monthly column, "What's Left?" She has built up speed and has great accuracy in reporting city council meetings on deadline. She is eager to cover anything and everything related to politics and took the lead on candidate questionnaires as we approached the midterm elections.

Most of all, I have seen her growth in crime reporting. It isn't easy to ask a young reporter to read through case files involving child sexual assault, domestic violence and unspeakable crimes, but Emma has proven she can tell these stories in a way that both protects the victims and educates the public about criminal activity within our coverage area.

In addition to her dedicated beats, Emma is always willing to help out when and where she can — and that work ethic is greatly appreciated in a small newsroom where everyone is needed to do their work and a little extra.

She is skilled in writing and photography, fills in from time to time to write and edit our twice-weekly podcast, and her stories — particularly those involving crime — are always in the Top 10 among readers on our website.

Please consider Emma McNamee for the honor of New Journalist of the Year.

Sincerely,
Julie Buntjer
Editor
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