Dear contest judge,

Natalie Cierzan has been a welcome addition to our newsroom over the past year.

Whether it’s a group of citizens suing a city council over a dock placement, a water main break, a sled dog race, a new boutique, or a forum on race relations, Cierzan tackles each topic with balance, tact and flair.

She strives for accuracy while engaging the reader in creative and thoughtful ways. She’s always been one to volunteer for extra duties, whether it’s learning additional layout skills or to cover a new beat. She always has a camera ready to take a photo of a smiling kid at a parade, or an argument during a school board meeting.

I believe she’s the perfect candidate for the Dave Pyle New Journalist Award.

Sincerely,

Andy Rogers

Managing Editor

Sun Sailor