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Date: Friday, September 9, 2022
To: Minnesota Newspaper Association
Re: Dave Pyle New Journalist Award

I am writing this letter to nominate Fergus Falls Daily Journal managing editor, Heather Kantrud, for the Dave Pyle New Journalist Award.

Kantrud came to the Daily Journal through the Minnesota Newspaper Association internship program in August of 2020. Upon completing the internship of 100 hours she was promptly hired by the Daily Journal to be a Lifestyle reporter. In her new role she excelled and consistently produced some of the best Lifestyle articles the Daily Journal has ever had. This opened the door to other avenues of reporting such as hard news, city and county government reporting and breaking news etc.

She also began learning to produce weekly digital newsletters and layout the newspaper. Then in July of 2021 the opportunity arose for her to be promoted to managing editor of the Fergus Falls Daily Journal. Since being promoted she completely re-organized the newsroom, redesigned our Lake Country Living magazine and has taken the newsroom to the next level in terms of quality and quantity of news. All this while continuing to write news on a daily basis and balance a very busy home life in which her and her husband have three very active boys.

For these reasons I believe Heather Kantrud is an excellent choice to be awarded the Dave Pyle New Journalist Award.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 218-739-7019 or kenh@fergusfallsjournal.com.



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