## **Banner Journal welcomes new reporter**

## By Dakotah Bork

Hello, Jackson County residents! There was an additional name added to the staff list a few weeks ago, as I have joined the team here at the Banner Journal. My reporter position will involve covering local meetings and special events. I am excited for what my future will hold, while working at the Banner Journal. I look forward to learning from the rest of the team and becoming familiar with the people and places in this area.

I grew up in Independence and graduated from Independence High School in 2014. After high school, I continued my education at UW-Stevens Point, where I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a minor in professional writing. I have always loved reading and writing, so it made sense to pursue a career in the English field.

During my time at UW-Stevens Point, I was involved in Sigma Tau Delta (the honor society for English students at fouryear universities) and was a content editor for *The Appointed Hour* through the Cornerstone Press (the university-run publishing house). My second love after writing is editing, and I enjoy helping other writers improve their work. For my summer internship in 2017, I worked at the Blair Press as a reporter and editor, so my name may be familiar.

After graduating from college in 2018, I moved back home and continued working my summer job at Kwik Trip in Arcadia, while searching for a position in my field of study in my free time.

It was actually my dad (I can't take all the credit) who showed me the opening for a reporter in the paper last month. I eagerly applied and now am happy to have a career where I can put my degree to use. I can't wait to see where this opportunity takes me.



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**Dakotah Bork** joined the Banner Journal staff in September and is working as a reporter and assisting in week-to-week production of the Banner Journal. Dakota grew up in Independence and graduated from UW-Stevens Point where she earned a degree in English with a minor in professional writing. Welcome Dakota.