

Block learns ropes at The Times office

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Ask Kristi Block what she learned while interning at The Times and she'll tell you "more than what I expected."

Block, a freshman at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, spent part of her spring break working for the newspaper.

As an ag journalism major, the 2010 Gothenburg High School graduate needed 40 hours of field experience.

Her assignment at The Times was covering the Swede speech team during state competition at the University of Nebraska at Kearney last Thursday.

"I thought it would be easy to come in and write an article especially since I knew a little about the speech team," said Block, who competed on the team for three years. "But it was harder than I thought."

One challenge, she said, was distancing herself from the team rather than feeling part of it again.

"It was weird interviewing old classmates," Block said, noting that she had had classes with some of them.

Although the camera bag got heavy throughout the day, she said it was fun feeling important.

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Block said she felt comfortable taking pictures because of what she learned in a high school journalism class.

Earlier this semester, Block interned for the Nebraska Cattlemen where she shadowed a media communications employee.

The organization produces a magazine which Block said was interesting to learn about as was listening in about legislative bills affecting the cattle industry.

Block is not sure what she'll do when she graduates.

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