

REVIEW TIMES

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Fostoria Review Times reporter Scott Cottos and his efforts in the Best Sports Feature Writing category.

Scott is one of the best reporters I've ever seen in terms of connecting with the community he covers. He has contacts in all walks of life, and it helps him get access and put together some really great news and sports stories.

His story about NFL star Micah Hyde's Champions Club charity efforts. Many have written about Hyde — in our region is a celebrated hometown athlete who has a heart for given back. But Scott's relationship with him goes back far and this helps him get stories on Hyde from a more personal standpoint.

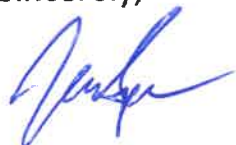
That can also be said for another local professional athlete, pitcher Jerry Blevins, who gave Scott access when he announced his retirement in 2021. Again, Scott's fair treatment of Blevins over the years surely helped him get a better story.

His connections also helped him form a strong story in January 2021 about the dynamics of high school pandemics in the midst of the pandemic and the importance of them to our local communities.

And Fostorians are still proud of the 1996 football team, which won the state championship, and Scott so aptly capitalized on the 25th anniversary with a well-researched story that helped so many relive a great time in his community's modern history.

Scott is an old-school writer who has won over a community with his dedication to its people, his trustful reporting and his talented storytelling. He is more than deserving to be considered one of the state's best sports feature writers.

Sincerely,



Jeremy Speer

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