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With Taylor Johnson since: 2010.

People around the office come to me for: quick turnaround on a news release.

Three words that describe me are: hardworking, diligent, sincere.

When I was growing up I thought I'd be: a cattle rancher in Texas. I grew up on a farm downstate, and our black anguses never had much room to roam.

Favorite Chicago building: Chicago Cultural Center, for the ambiance. The coffered ceilings, dark woodwork, stained glass Tiffany dome and intricate glass mosaics make me ponder Chicago's history and craftsmanship.

Last good book I read: "Swiss Family Robinson," with the kids. I haven't complained about pulling together a nutritious meal since reading it.

On my Ipod: The Beatles, Johnny Cash, Dobie Gray, Jeremy Camp, MercyMe, Queen, Ramon Ayala, Yo-Yo Ma, soundtracks to Fiddler On the Roof and The Jersey Boys.

My favorite app: CalenGoo.

Favorite pastime: reading.

What I like most about Taylor Johnson: the mutual respect everyone has for each other. We all want to see each other succeed.

The worst job I ever had was: waitressing at a fine dining restaurant. I had my share of "dirty jobs" on the farm, but I found them easier than eloquently describing wines, remembering which ones were oaky, fruity, dry, full-bodied, etc., and which entrees they went with.

Most people don't know that I: drove a Honda 550 motorcycle to get around in my 20s when I lived in Lakeview. Growing up, my two older brothers and I were always tearing through the yard and surrounding fields on dirt bikes.