

# Pioneer Times

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Fifth-graders Betsy Tlatempa-Dominguillo, Naomy Ramirez-Sanchez, Omar Sandoval, and Antonio Sanchez-Plascencia pose for a photo at Sevastopol's EcoLab while exploring aquatic species found in Geisel Creek.

## Notes from the District Administrator

BY KYLE LUEDTKE,  
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

As I reflect on the 2021-22 school year for Sevastopol, I consider it to be a very successful school year. We remained flexible while dealing with Covid and adjusting to a new building. I would particularly like to thank the parents for adjusting to our student drop off and pick up procedures throughout the school year. We now have an established system, after some modifications, which is efficient and most importantly safe for our children.

Academically we know instruction time was lost over the last year and a half due to the pandemic. Addressing this issue is challenging because it is difficult to make up for lost time. Measures we are taking to address our students' needs are to expand our summer school programming for 2022 and 2023. Additionally, we will be utilizing federal ESSER funding to add a math interventionist for the upcoming school years. Our elementary students will again be given a supplemental summer workbook as we have done for the past two years. We ask our parents to have their child spend a little time working with these materials.

Regardless of the time spent on academics, the best use of time is spending it with our youth. Whether this is with your own child, grandchild, neighbor or friend, our children need positive interactions with adults more than ever. At Sevastopol, we have great kids. If you would like to become more involved, please ask our principals, pupil service director or guidance counselors about volunteer opportunities. You never truly know the difference you can make.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for making the 2021-22 school year a success and I wish everyone a great summer.



## Athletic Field Project Update: Phase II

BY KYLE LUEDTKE, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

The bid process for Phase II of our athletic field project was completed in early April. The cost is approximately \$7,000 over the estimated budget. Within the budget, there is \$50,000 for contingencies.

The pavilion will mainly house a concession area and sets of bathrooms. Other spaces will be for our athletic trainer and game officials. The athletic trainer area will directly assist with the safety and well-being of our student athletes. It will allow the trainer to have all the proper equipment on site and the appropriate furniture to support our athletes whether dealing with a sudden injury or prevention of an injury.

The officials' area will not only give them an appropriate space out of the elements before, after and during halftime but will make the officials feel more appreciated. Over the past two years, the WIAA has seen the number of officials decrease by 30%.

Groundbreaking is scheduled for the end of May, after our spring sports seasons have concluded. The project will not interfere with the everyday operations of the school during the remainder of the regular school year or our summertime activities. The goal is for the most invasive work to be complete by August 30 with the finishing touches being completed in

September. The supply chain for materials will be a major factor for the completion date. Until that time, the current concession stand will remain in use.

Please watch our Facebook page for updates on our progress. We would also like to thank our donors and community for the continuous support of our programs.



## New Space, New Outlook

BY DINA SAUNDERS, ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER TEACHER

March 2019:  
"Here on the drawing it shows you have a storage closet back here," the architect said, indicating a small square box attached to a slender rectangular space.

"That's our office," Julie responded.

"For the three of you?" he questioned skeptically.

"Yes. It's like a game of Tetris," Mary explained.

"We can't move all our chairs at once. We have to coordinate our efforts or we can't get up," added Dina.

The tiny office attached to a meager instructional area defined the English language learners' room (EL room) at Sevastopol for many years prior to the grand opening of the new school addition this fall.

Amid the clutter of filing cabinets and storage boxes filled with books and instructional materials, 35 to 40 EL students in grades kindergarten through grade 12 squeezed in for small group instruction throughout the school day. The office was too small to accommodate four workspaces, so one of our team members

had to have a workspace in a storage closet on another floor of the building. Even so, the office was often used for one-on-one student work or testing. It was like Grand Central Station with students, staff and colleagues revolving in and out continuously.

August 2021:  
Dina Saunders, Julie Salisbury, Mary Jackson and Claudia Barahona gleefully unpacked boxes in their spacious new suite of rooms centrally located on the second floor of the new addition. The main instructional space reasonably accommodates six students, each in their own desks. A smaller instructional space for up to four students is available as well, and it is adequate for the federally mandated reading, writing, listening and speaking tests EL students are required to complete each year. The EL students say the new space is much more comfortable for them. They are glad to have the extra space so they can have ESL classes just for their English needs. They love the light from the windows and the atrium.



Gone is the tiny office. Instead, four workstations occupy the space, with room for storing personal items like a coat and a shoulder bag. Closing the office door allows for private phone calls with parents and team collaboration, even while students are working in the instructional rooms. Windows separate the office from the instructional areas, allowing staff to supervise students as they work.



The central location allows EL students from all over the school to easily access EL services as well as permit EL staff to deploy in all directions to provide support. Parents are discovering the close proximity of the room to the entrance and the office, thereby increasing their comfort and participation in their children's education. One can feel the dynamic pulse of the district's mission to create life-long learners and responsible citizens.

The flexible seating area outside the EL room encourages collaboration. Despite having two instructional rooms, the extra space comes in handy when all EL team members are working with different groups of students or testing requires silence in the EL room. Non-EL students also use the area, giving the EL program more visibility, helping EL students feel like they are truly part of the school.

## Employment Anniversaries

BY LISA BIERI,  
SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

An employment anniversary is a great occasion to thank employees for a job well done. The Sevastopol staff employees listed below have completed

milestone years of service to the Sevastopol students and community. Thank you for your dedication, professionalism, and kindness.

**15 Years (Started 2007-2008)**  
David Phillips - Business & Information Technology Teacher

**10 Years (Started 2012-2013)**  
Dan Judas - High School

Social Studies Teacher  
Melissa Marggraf - Director of Pupil Services  
Kim Lama - Early Childhood Teacher

**5 Years (Started 2017-2018)**  
Kyle Luedtke - District Superintendent  
Stacey Schroeder - 1st Grade Teacher

Karl Volkman - Administrative Manager

## Thank You, Sevastopol Community

Helga Bobb, a longtime member of the Sevastopol School District, suffered injuries from an auto accident in December 2021. She has spent several months recovering from the accident. She wishes to thank the entire Sevastopol community for their support during this challenging time.

Dear Sevastopol Family,  
Thank you so much for the generosity and kindness you all have shown while I've been recovering from my car accident. There are not enough words to truly express my gratitude. I very much appreciate the cards, calls, and donations to help during my recovery. I am humbled by the outpouring of concern

and offers of assistance. I am making good progress healing; however, I still have a way to go before I am back to full speed. While I wait patiently for my body to heal, knowing that you are all pulling for my recovery is doing wonders for my spirit.

With appreciation,  
Helga Bobb



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# Sevastopol High School Proudly Announces Class of 2022 Valedictorians

BY SUSAN ANSCHUTZ, PUPIL SERVICES & SPECIAL EDUCATION SECRETARY



Sevastopol Valedictorians honored at Lambeau Field for Fox 11's Best of Class 2022 Ceremony: From left to right, Brooklyn Brauner, Jack de Young, Natalie Zawojski, & Lezly Ruiz.

Sevastopol High School Principal Adam Baier announced the Class of 2022 valedictorians as Brooklyn Brauner, Jack de Young, Lezly Ruiz and Natalie Zawojski. All four students earned a perfect grade point average and were recognized by Baier, Sevastopol's Superintendent Kyle Luedtke, and the Sevastopol Board of Education for their hard work and dedication.

"Each of the students has shown the importance he or she places on education and

future aspirations," Baier said. "The entire staff joins me in congratulating all students on their tremendous accomplishments."

Brooklyn Brauner is the daughter of Amy Dettman-Brauner. While in high school, Brauner was National Honor Society President, FFA Secretary, a peer mentor, and has participated in the school's Multicultural Club and Project 180. She was a member of varsity basketball, track, and bowling team, and participates in the Bay Area Music Association Honors

Band. Her community involvement has included the Rotary Club of Sturgeon Bay, the Moravian Church Youth Ministry mission trips, and as a stage volunteer for Rogue Theater.

"Long before the Class of 2022 entered the halls of Sevastopol High School, there was a legacy awaiting. The generations before us carved out the respected name of our school, and I found it my utmost responsibility to uphold

those high standards," Brauner shared.

Brauner plans to attend Yale University in the fall to pursue two majors: political science and English.

Jack de Young is the son of Lindsay and Nick de Young. He has participated in a variety of school activities and clubs including football, basketball, baseball, golf, and math team. While in high school he was a class officer, was named Sevastopol Student Council, worked as a member of the newspaper and Pioneer News team, and was also a peer mentor for younger students. De Young also enjoys making a difference in his community by volunteering at events and for projects.

"Sevastopol School and the community members helped prepare me to continue my education in a school setting much larger than Sevastopol," said de Young. "Sevastopol allows and supports students to take rigorous and exploratory classes and encourages participation in multiple extracurricular activities."

He will be attending University of Wisconsin Madison in the fall and considering a career in engineering.

Lezly Ruiz is the daughter of Darinel and Erika Ruiz. While in high school at Sevastopol,

she has participated in a variety of extracurricular activities including Student Council, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), forensics, soccer, and she was a peer mentor. Ruiz has also volunteered in various community services such as handing out candy and reading riddles to the children at the Door County Historical Society.

"Sevastopol High School has influenced my preparedness for the future by creating many 'college-like' environments. Many teachers leave the homework you decide to do up to you, which is what college is going to be like because the professors aren't going to always be by your side telling you what to do," Ruiz said.

"Being lenient with homework helped me understand that I really shouldn't procrastinate. It also helped me understand that the more I study, the more I'll understand a certain concept."

In the fall, she plans to attend the University of Wisconsin Madison to pursue a civil engineering major.

Natalie Zawojski is the daughter of Kori and Tony Zawojski. During high school, Zawojski participated in cross country, softball, math team, band, and peer mentors. She was a class officer her freshman, sophomore, and senior years, Sevastopol Student Council president her senior year, and a participant on the Destination Imagination team.

Outside of school, Zawojski is an altar server for Stella Maris Parish. She also participated in various pageants for the Miss Wisconsin Outstanding Teen Organization and was named Miss Badgerland's Outstanding Teen in 2020.

"My teachers have always encouraged me to think beyond the lesson we were learning and expand my knowledge in my areas of interest," Zawojski said. "When I decided I wanted to pursue a career in aerospace engineering, Sevastopol instantly provided me with numerous classes I could take to help expand my knowledge and prepare me for what I would encounter at college."

Zawojski plans to attend the University of Notre Dame where she will study aerospace engineering.

# Pioneer Spotlight: Rolf Olson

BY JUSTIN SKIBA, THIRD GRADE TEACHER



As the first to greet many of our young Pioneers as they step foot on the bus in the mornings and often the last to say goodbye on behalf of Sevastopol Schools, Rolf Olson has helped to deliver students safely to and from school for 33 years. Behind those doors of bus 17 is a man who speaks three languages, lived abroad in Holland, built classic wooden boats, constructed countless pieces of furniture, jewelry and homes,

became a blacksmith, an award-winning photographer, and an accomplished poet who has published two books during his 25 years of writing poetry.

"It is mostly engagement," Olson said. "By that I mean I am mentally having a dialogue with the world around me about various things. I am always aware and looking for interesting things, whether for a poem, a photograph, or a sculptural element."

Born in Denver, Colorado, Olson spent the first six years of his life in Tacoma, Washington, before his family settled in Appleton, Wisconsin, when he was seven years old. It was there that his father began teaching at Lawrence University, later becoming the head of the psychology department. Olson's mother, a Sturgeon Bay alumna, was a college graduate who majored in vocal performance theater. Both of his parents valued education and saw that it carried through to their son.

"Education was important," he said. "My mom and dad both really loved words. There used to be a Reader's Digest with a page of interesting words. My mom would often ask, 'Have you seen this month's Reader's Digest?' I was always engaged with words. My vocabulary grew immensely and was one of the things I use to this day very effectively."

While in Appleton, Olson attended four different high schools in as many years, having been a member of the first graduating class of

Appleton East High School in 1968. One of his high school years was spent at the International School of The Hague in the Netherlands while his father's sabbatical took the Olson family abroad for a year. It was there that Olson learned Dutch and discovered his appreciation for adventure.

"Because we went to Europe, my parents took me to the best museums in the world, and I got to see lots of the world's best art," Olson said. "I was always in museums. That was part of what helped me learn how to see, especially when it comes to photography."

Upon graduating high school, Olson made the decision to return to where his life began and attended Colorado College in Colorado Springs. His initial interest in a career in geology gave way to philosophy. During his collegiate years of the Vietnam War era, he took time off of college and spent a year and a half in Europe doing odd jobs in Denmark including working as a camp counselor and as a subscription coordinator at a book firm. He knew enough Dutch "to get by," learned French, and even dabbled in learning Russian. In 1974, Olson returned to the states and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy.

"I made me much more adventurous, much more tolerant," Olson said of spending time abroad.

Olson then moved back to Wisconsin where he became an apprentice boat builder for five years with the Nymphus Boat Company in Neshkoro, just outside of Wautoma.

"My dad had a sailboat for many years, and I grew up sailing summers in Fish Creek," Olson recalls. "(At Nymphus), we built a number of boats. The biggest one was a 60-foot motorsailer called The Yellowbird."

Olson moved to Oshkosh to work at a boatyard and took classes at UW-Oshkosh. He became a graduate assistant and worked in

the wood and metals department for three years.

In 1980, he moved to Door County where he began a long career as an independent contractor, specializing in woodworking.

"I came up to Door County and built a house in Jacksonport for my parents," he said. "That was a heavy timber house. As an independent craftsman, there is a continuum of projects. I was always making stuff. That was just how it was. I bought a house, remodeled it, made custom stuff for people. I built furniture, doors, etc."

Being an independent contractor meant variable income. This led Olson to become a school bus driver for Sevastopol in the late 1980s.

"I had a shop, which meant I could drive the bus in the morning, do some woodworking in the shop by day, and then return to school," Olson said. "I drove bus for Sevastopol for 33 years. The regular school bus income was good, and it got me up early."

He stopped full-time woodworking after moving from Jacksonport to Egg Harbor and became resident manager at a destination hotel where he worked for 10 years.

All the while, Olson put his philosophy background to work and, just as he carefully crafted furniture, jewelry, and homes, he began to craft words in the art of poetry.

"I've been writing poetry for 25 years, and I have two books published: One Glass Eye (2003) and Riot at the Poet's Café (2015)," he said. "The words, of course, are most important. I love words."

Additionally, Olson is an award-winning photographer whose work has appeared in the Miller Art Museum and The Hardy Gallery in



Door County. "Most of my photos are black and white, and they focus on details of landscapes," he said. "Most of the time, specifically when I am driving around with Carol, suddenly we'll slow down, pull over, and I'll take a picture of things. It is one of those

sensitivity and learned skills to find these things in the woods, the fields, and the shores around Door County."

Olson's latest endeavor, blacksmithing, was a resurgence of sorts from two decades prior when he had learned the art from a friend in Jacksonport. While walking the grounds of Heritage Village at Big Creek, Olson and his wife stopped near the blacksmith demonstrations where his wife asked, "Didn't you used to do this?"

On the spot, Olson demonstrated what he remembered and soon became a volunteer blacksmith at the village where he has spent the last six years providing demonstrations for guests. "I provide a genuine experience of blacksmithing for people, so people can experience the way blacksmithing was done for the past 600-800 years. The basic tools I use are the same tools that have been used for centuries."

Olson continues to serve as a Sevastopol bus driver and has a fondness for the school where his son, Colin, graduated in 2010 and his wife, Carol, substitute taught for a time.

"Sevastopol has been a part of my life for quite a number of years. I love the kids, and I still enjoy the kids."



## Sevastopol Graduates 2022

Back Row (Left to Right): Nikolai Quale, Grant Estes, Jack de Young, Franklin Ash, Kody Haberli, Weston Mann, Alex Valdivia, Emmett Tomaszewski  
 Next Row: Thomas Junion, Cal Ellefson, Austin Floor, Samuel Olson, Isaac Rincones, Carter Bieri, Madilyn Volkman, Samantha Differt, Manav Jandru  
 Center Row: Christopher Zawojski, Chase Weckler, Elizabeth Genske, Caitlin Chartier, Rachel Wilke, Jazmyne Patrick, Drake Knapton, Joaquin Soun, Owen Ensign-Foulds  
 Next Row: Aaron Kroll, Marcus Hayes, Sophia Abel, Andre Estes, Gabriela Moreno, Ella Kacmarynski, Rori Krueger, Thomas Giblin, Nathan Trepes  
 Front Row: Natalie Zawojski, Lezly Ruiz, Ethan Frank, Lillian Turner, Ellie Krohn, Colby Demmin, Kristen Daubner, Brooklyn Brauner, Bianca DeLaruelle  
 Photo by Matt (Orthober)

# National Honor Society

BY HEATHER SPETZ, NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY ADVISOR

Twenty-one students from Sevastopol High School were inducted as new members of the National Honor Society in a ceremony held at The Mill Supper Club on April 19th. Members were selected by the chapter's faculty council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Students inducted were senior Rori Krueger and juniors Scott Derkez, Teagan Ellefson, Claire Haberli, Krista Ranly, Symone Sandoval, and Reese Schauske. Underclassmen include sophomores Libby Ash, Franklin de Young, Beatrix Dramm, Kyle Duessler, Stephanie Felhofer, Samantha Herrell, Ezra Linnan, Jolee Luedtke, Merrick Mann, Oliver Mathews, Cassandra Rankin, Alaina Schopf, Katherine Spude, and Jordyn Welch.

"We are very proud to recognize these outstanding members of our student body. National Honor Society members are chosen for and then expected to continue their exemplary contributions to the school and community," said Adam Baier, high school principal. This year the Sevastopol chapter revived a long-time Sevastopol tradition of hosting a pancake supper as their service project. The National Honor Society served 300 community members and collected \$1700 in donations for senior scholarships, while featuring Sevastopol's band, choir, and art students.

The National Honor Society, founded in 1921, ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. According to an old *Pioneer Chips* article, the

Sevastopol National Honor Society chapter was organized in 1959 by the Sevastopol student council. Sue Today, current school board member, was part of the inaugural Sevastopol induction ceremony. Now, our chapter is one of more than 16,000 high school chapters. Millions of dollars in scholarships have been awarded to senior members since 1945. This year we would like to congratulate senior member Brooklyn Brauner for earning a \$3,200 National Honor Society Scholarship, which is sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.



# Staff Retirements

**Karen Haen, Elementary Library Associate Retires**



By Bridget Bowers, Library Media Technology Specialist

**Years With The District: 2018-2022 (4 years)**

Karen has graciously served the School District of Sevastopol as the elementary library associate since the fall of 2018. Mrs. Haen has a wide variety of vocational experiences that contribute to her distinctive character. She was part of the team that worked very hard on moving the elementary library media center (LMC) and setting up our new elementary LMC. Karen always put in extra flare for the lovely bulletin boards she created. Her contributions will be missed.

Extracurricular Involvement: Over the years, Karen has helped at several literacy evening events: Attending and supporting music and fine arts are an integral part of her life. Seeing students expressing their love of music, theater, and reading gives her joy. For her, students always came first.

The Person's Impact: Mrs. Haen is no stranger to our students and staff. Before becoming the elementary library associate, she was a substitute teacher in various classrooms and offices. She has been a visible asset throughout the elementary school and many students look to Karen as a kind grandmother figure. She is the first person many of the elementary students see at school while she supervises the students in the gym before school. At lunch, she happily helps students that may have difficulty opening their milk cartons or other lunch items. Students then follow Mrs. Haen out to recess to enjoy some fresh air and exercise. The entire Sevastopol staff wishes her good times and good health in her retirement. As she lives in Sevastopol, we look forward to seeing her around. Thank you and good luck.

**Mark Hilsbeck, School Resource Officer Retires**



By Allison Neuman, Fourth Grade Teacher

**Years With The District: 2019 - 2022 (3 years)**

Officer Hilsbeck, or as some may know him "Officer Cool," has been working in our district for the past three years. He was our first full-time school resource officer and has made an impact on many students during this time. Officer Hilsbeck served in law enforcement for a combined total of 32 years. Eleven of those years were served with the United States Air Force and the past 20 years with the Door County Sheriff's Office.

Extracurricular Involvement: Over the past few years, he has spent his time not only dedicated to keeping our students and building safe, but also supporting students, building positive relationships, and being a role model. After school, you could often find Officer Hilsbeck attending student sporting events and extracurricular activities. Along with a busy work schedule, he can also be found doing home remodeling projects, riding motorcycles, and working on his classic car. Family is very important to him as can be seen by the time that he enjoys with his wife and two children. If all of that doesn't keep him busy enough during his retirement, he can also be found selling real estate with Action Realty.

The Person's Impact: Officer Hilsbeck has made a great impact at Sevastopol during his time here and also in our entire community

while serving as an officer on the road. His most rewarding experience in his time at Sevastopol was having a conversation with a student who wanted to drop out of high school. That student is now graduated and attending NWTC! We would like to thank Officer Hilsbeck for all of his time, hard work, and dedication to making sure our school and community are well protected.

**Tami Desotelle, 4K Teacher Retires**



By Heather Bley, 4K teacher

**Years with the district: 2007-2022 (15 Years)**

Tami's career in education began at Waukesha Montessori where she taught for five years. After that, she began teaching at Milwaukee Montessori for the next 18 years. Tami took time off from education and worked in the accounting field for several years. When she got back into education, she began teaching locally at St. Peter and Paul Catholic School in their 4K program. From there, she was hired to teach in our school district. Tami taught 4K for a few years, and then she became a visual and hearing teacher for students in several Door County schools for two years. She came back to work in this district as a full-time 4K teacher and has continued to teach in that role since. Tami has served the School District of Sevastopol for 15 years. Throughout her years in education, Tami has taught for a total of 41 years as an educator and as a teacher aide.

Throughout her years in our school district, Tami has embraced several roles beyond the classroom. Tami has served on the Wellness Committee, the Math Committee, and she was also a co-chair of the SDCC committee. In our greater community, Tami will continue working for Door County Daily News behind the scenes as a bookkeeper. Her love of working with young children will most likely bring her back every so often as a substitute teacher after she officially retires this school year.

Although Tami has taught many activities and lessons to her students throughout her teaching career, she has learned some valuable lessons from working with these young children. She knows not to pick raisins up off of the floor without wearing gloves (they weren't raisins). She learned not to sniff clear liquids to determine what the spill is (it wasn't water). She also now leaves shiny smears found on tables and toy shelves alone until she can find a Clorox wipe to wipe them away (they typically are NOT glue stick smears). Perhaps the biggest lesson of all is to never high-five or hold hands with a 4ker without washing your hands or sanitizing your hands immediately afterwards...you never know where their hands just were.

Many students have called Tami Ms. D over the years, several have called her mom, and a few have even called her grandma. This just means that she is well loved by her students; They are completely comfortable with her, and many of them think of her as family. The "aha" moments are exciting, the hugs are absolutely priceless, hearing "I love you Ms. D" melts her heart, and the memories made teaching 4K will last a lifetime.

Thank you Tami for being a wonderful teacher to our youngest students, for being a kind and caring person, and for being a great coworker. We will miss you at Sevastopol, but we wish you many mornings of sleeping in, enjoying a hot cup of coffee without having to microwave it five times, sitting down to eat an actual lunch at lunch time, and having a pajama day whenever you feel like it. Enjoy your well deserved retirement.

# Sevastopol Middle School Celebrates a Decade of Leading Test Scores

BY ADAM BAIER, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



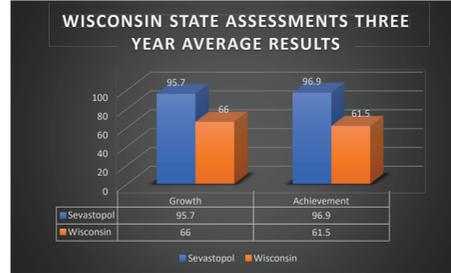
a middle school culture that met the emotional needs of our students first," said Tim Newton. This was done by creating a better transition to middle school and by training our team to recognize the extraordinary characteristics of a middle student learner.

"Our goals were modified from primarily academic, to celebrating kids and harnessing their eagerness to learn," said Dawn Chier.

The team was committed to the success of every child and set up daily intervention and enrichment time to meet the diverse needs of middle school students. It didn't take long for Sevastopol Middle School to set a new standard of excellence for the state and nation. In 2015, Sevastopol Middle School was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School for its academic excellence and closing the gap. Since that recognition, Sevastopol students have performed even better. Sevastopol Middle School has led all Wisconsin schools with a three year growth average of 95.7 and average achievement of 96.9. The graph illustrates how this compares to all schools in Wisconsin. Sevastopol was the highest achieving school in both 2018 and 2019 and scored second in 2021 after many interruptions from the pandemic.

The culture and vision that Sevastopol set out to create in 2011 is a reality and is still being implemented with consistent success. We have given our students the best education available in Wisconsin, according to this data, and we continue to be excited about our team's mindset that every child can learn. This takes a committed student, teacher, and community. Congratulations Sevastopol Pioneers!

"Our transformation was intended to create



# School Board Welcomes Jeff Isaksen

BY LISA BIERI, SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT



The current Board of Education Members Lisa Bieri, Sue Today, Dave Kacmarynski, Keith Volkman, Dick Weidman, and Jerry

Harbour Real Estate Group, LLC. Jeff is the current president of the Door County Board of Realtors. In addition to his service to the real estate community, Isaksen is on the board of directors for the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) for Door County and Mighty Pioneers, Inc. In 2020, he was named the Mighty Pioneers Volunteer of the Year.

Isaksen and his wife, Bridger (Haen), have two sons attending Sevastopol - Aiden in ninth grade and Evan in seventh grade. The family enjoys camping around Door County, saddling up the horses for trail rides, and spending time with friends and family. In between all the family activities and his many volunteer activities, Isaksen enjoys a good round of golf.

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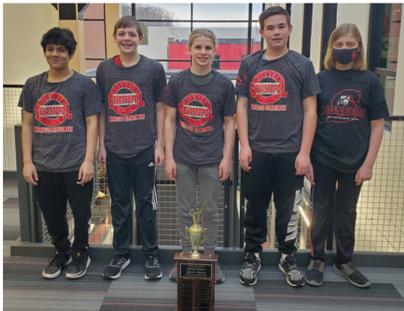
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Winning Team - Team Oswald  
 Front: (left to right) Norman Luedtke, Isaac Totaro, Liam Schultz  
 Back Row: Finn Mathews, Luke Filar, Savanna Kiehnau, Aiden Baier, Cristian Ruiz



Top 10 Finishers  
 (Left to right) Cristian Ruiz (2nd place), Norman Luedtke (T-3rd), Luke Filar (T-3rd), Liam Schultz (6th), and Marcus Mann (7th)



The Sevastopol softball team beat Niagara in the Division 5 Regional Championship.

# Spring Athletic Update

BY BROOKE TANCK, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Mother nature had other plans for spring sports this year. Cold temperatures, wet conditions and a lack of sunshine have been a common occurrence for spring sports.

While the weather may not give us much to cheer about, we had some great accomplishments this season. The girl's softball team locked up third place in the Packerland Conference, earned the number one seed, and earned the crown of Division 5 Regional Champions. Ezra Linnan's time of 7:38.54 in the steeplechase placed him as the new school record holder that was previously held by Scott Andreae with a time of 7:44.91 in 2019. Senior Jack de Young pitched a complete game shut-out against St. Thomas Aquinas. Bea Dramm and Kylee Duessler continue to have a strong season. At the Packerland Conference Track Championships, Duessler won the 100m and Dramm captured the 1600m. She had her personal best in the 1600m. Kylee took third place at sectionals and punched her ticket to State. Marcus Hayes also set his personal best in the 1600m race.

The gyms and weight room will be abuzz this summer. Construction and COVID restrictions have made access and availability to our weight room and gyms a challenge the last two years. This summer, we are excited to be operating at full capacity and have many leagues, open gyms, contact days, camps, training, and weight lifting opportunities for our student-athletes.

We are excited to begin breaking ground for the "Phase II" athletic field improvements that will be in motion before the end of the school year. When the fall season arrives, spectators can



Sevastopol sophomore Kylee Duessler takes third place at sectionals to punch her ticket to State.

expect a new concession stand in a new location. This stand will include running water, full bathrooms, a space for the athletic trainer and a room for officials. Fans will be greeted by a new admissions booth as well as a new scoreboard. We look forward to welcoming fans to the first home event on August 30th at 5:00 p.m. for a middle school football game. Go Pioneers!



# Athletic Hall of Fame Announcement

BY BROOKE TANCK, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

We are excited to announce the establishment of the Pioneer Athletic Hall of Fame. On Friday, October 14th, we will announce the eligibility, categories, nomination process and inaugural inductee(s) during half-time of the varsity football game. There have been numerous standout athletes that have walked through the doors of Sevastopol. The purpose of the hall of fame is to recognize and honor their excellence

in athletics. This recognition will foster a sense of pride and community while serving as a historical account of the athletic traditions and excellence of individuals and teams. Inductees will receive permanent recognition to be displayed at Sevastopol and unveiled on the inaugural night.



# Two DI Teams Return Global Champions

BY MINDI VANDERHOOF AND SHELLEY STENZEL, DI TEAM MANAGERS



Sevastopol sent two teams to the Destination Imagination Global competition in Kansas City, Missouri, and both returned home as global champions.

Global Finals is the culminating Challenge Experience tournament for Destination Imagination (DI) teams that advance through Regional and Affiliate Tournaments around the world. It was held the third week of May.

The elementary team, consisting of Shane Leist, Ryder Ortmyer, Will Ortmyer, Maggie Thomas, Silas Martin, Jackson Toivonen, and Mayra Cordua Stenzel who are coached by Mindi Vanderhoof and Shelley Stenzel, competed in the scientific challenge "Up Close." They took first place overall and also were awarded the instant challenge award for scoring the highest in that category. The elementary team is the first Sevastopol team to win a global championship outside of the structure challenges.

The middle school team, consisting of Evan Isaksen, Liam Schultz, Zoey Copsiskey, Ben Martin, Finn Mathews, and Marcus Mann who are coached by Nick Schultz and Jenny Hobart, competed in the engineering challenge "Roll with It." They took first place overall, and they were awarded a Renaissance Award. According to Destination Imagination, "the Renaissance

Award recognizes those who demonstrate extraordinary amounts of effort and preparation in their solutions or outstanding skill in engineering, design or performance. While the destination is creativity, these fellow travelers make the journey itself memorable."

Destination Imagination's mission is to inspire and equip youth to imagine and innovate through the creative process with the goal of igniting the power of all youth to be the creative and collaborative innovators of tomorrow. It teaches students how to work together to solve problems, which is a skill that they will use daily in the real world.

Sevastopol is a small school, but they competed against many larger teams. Team members, team managers, and coordinators are proud of their efforts and thankful for the opportunity.

"I felt an immeasurable amount of pride for our school, community and our program," co-coordinator of Sevastopol's Destination Imagination Annie Rabach said. "The community support we received is second to none, and we would like to thank everyone who makes this happen for our students."



## Class of 2022 Scholarships\*

- 2022 National FFA Scholarship Program—Brooklyn Brauner
- Bank of Luxemburg Scholarship—Carter Bieri
- Barnes and Nobel Book/Supply Scholarship—Rori Krueger
- Barnes and Nobel Book/Supply Scholarship—Gabriela Moreno
- Carl Scholz Scholarship—Caitlin Cartier
- Carl Scholz Scholarship—Ella Kacmarynski
- Carole Counard Scholarship—Spirit of Door County--Brooklyn Brauner
- Carole Counard Scholarship—Spirit of Door County--Ellie Krohn
- Carroll University Hilger Tradition Award—Madilyn Volkmann
- Carroll University Trustee Scholar—Madilyn Volkmann
- DCMC Auxiliary Scholarship—Samantha Differt
- DCMC Auxiliary Scholarship—Ellie Krohn
- DCMC Auxiliary Scholarship—Madilyn Volkmann
- Distinguished Student Award—Emmett Tomaszewski
- Door County Farm Bureau Scholarship—Rachel Wilke
- Door Peninsula Astronomical Society Scholarship—Natalie Zawojski
- Door Peninsula Astronomical Society Scholarship—Ellie Krohn
- Doreen Carmody Scholarship—Natalie Zawojski
- Dr. John and Mary Ann Tong Memorial Scholarship—Rori Krueger
- George Verheyden Memorial College Scholarship—Owen Foulds
- Jacksonport Advancement Corp. Scholarship—Franklin Ash
- Jacksonport Advancement Corp. Scholarship—Carter Bieri
- Jacksonport Advancement Corp. Scholarship—Jack de Young
- Jacksonport Advancement Corp. Scholarship—Thomas Giblin
- Jacksonport Advancement Corp. Scholarship—Ella Kacmarynski
- Jacksonport Women's Club Scholarship—Brooklyn Brauner
- Jandu Family Scholarship—Alexis Valdivia
- John Bobb Memorial Scholarship—Nikolai Quale
- Kenneth Anderson Scholarship—Madilyn Volkmann
- Knights of Columbus Council #4896—Natalie Zawojski
- Michigan Technological University National Platinum Scholar—Carter Bieri

- Miss America Scholarship Organization—Ellie Krohn
- Miss America Scholarship Organization—Natalie Zawojski
- Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Londo Scholarship—Natalie Zawojski
- National Honors Society Semi-Finalist Scholarship—Brooklyn Brauner
- Northern Michigan University Merit Scholarship—Gabriela Moreno
- Northern Michigan University Wildcat Merit Scholarship—Rori Krueger
- Northern Sky Theater Werner & Sue Krause Scholarship—Owen Foulds
- Notre Dame Club of Northeastern Wisconsin Scholarship—Natalie Zawojski
- Notre Dame University Scholarship—Natalie Zawojski
- NWTC Foundation Soaring Higher Scholarship—Jazzmyne Patrick
- P.E.O. Chapter DF Joan Hislop Memorial Scholarship—Ellie Krohn
- P.E.O. Helen Schreiber Allen Chapter EE Scholarship—Natalie Zawojski
- Peninsula Players Scholarship—Owen Foulds
- Pioneer Athletic Booster Club—Jack de Young
- Pioneer Athletic Booster Club—Samantha Differt
- Ripon College Gleason Presidential Award—Samantha Differt
- Robert J. Stoffel Sr. Memorial Scholarship—Madilyn Volkmann
- Rotary Club of Sturgeon Bay Service Above Self—Brooklyn Brauner
- Sevastopol Extraordinary Volunteer Award—Emmett Tomaszewski
- Sevastopol FFA Alumni Scholarship—Brooklyn Brauner
- Sevastopol FFA Alumni Scholarship—Caitlin Chartier
- Sevastopol FFA Alumni Scholarship—Rachel Wilke
- Sevastopol Scholarship—Frankie Ash
- Sevastopol Scholarship—Carter Bieri
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- Sevastopol Scholarship—Jack de Young
- Sevastopol Scholarship—Colby Demmin
- Sevastopol Scholarship—Samantha Differt
- Sevastopol Scholarship—Andre Estes
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- Sevastopol Scholarship—Natalie Zawojski
- Stanley H. Ostrand Scholarship—Andre Estes
- Sturgeon Bay Utilities Larry Shaefer Memorial Scholarship—Madilyn Volkmann
- Sue Today Drug Alliance Prevention Scholarship—Brooklyn Brauner
- United States Army Educational Scholarship—Marcus Hayes
- University of Arizona Tucson—Manav Jandu
- UW-Milwaukee First Year Admissions Scholarship—Bianca DeLarwelle
- UW-Milwaukee Scholarship I AM UWM—Bianca DeLarwelle
- UW-Milwaukee Scholarship—Owen Foulds
- University of Wisconsin Madison Leaders in Engineering & Diversity—Lezly Ruiz
- University of Wisconsin Madison Mercile J. Lee—Lezly Ruiz
- University of Wisconsin Madison Strategic Targeted Achievement—Lezly Ruiz
- UW- Oshkosh Residence Life Access to Excellence Scholarship—Lillian Turner
- UW- Oshkosh Thedinga Scholarship—Lillian Turner
- UW-Platteville Presidential Scholarship—Franklin Ash
- University of Wisconsin Madison Richard Bonner Leonard Scholarship—Jack de Young
- William C. Mack UW Scholarship—Franklin Ash
- William C. Mack UW Scholarship—Ella Kacmarynski
- William C. Mack UW Scholarship—Ruiz Lezly
- William C. Mack UW Scholarship—Lillian Turner
- Wisconsin Academic Excellence—Brooklyn Brauner
- Wisconsin Technical Excellence—Alexis Valdivia
- Wisconsin School Counselor Scholarship—Lezly Ruiz

\*Scholarships as of 5-31-2022