

# Pioneer Times

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Members of the Sevastopol classes of 2031 (green shirts) and 2032 (orange shirts) participated in the Rootie Toots of Institute summer T-Ball league held earlier this summer. Photo credit: Jon Jarosh.

## PLAY BALL! Rootie Toots Take The Field

The Rootie Toots of Institute, a children's summer T-ball league for future Sevastopol Pioneers, wrapped up its 6th season of play in late June. Started in 2013 by Sevastopol parents, this summer league introduces kids to baseball in a safe and fun environment at the fields located in the Sevastopol Town Park. Kids who should graduate from Sevastopol between 2030 – 2032 participated this year, with the incoming 4K

and K kids learning T-Ball and the incoming 1st graders playing coach-pitch. Fielding, throwing, batting, base running and how to have fun were taught at 6 different sessions that started on May 23. An end-of-the-season picnic and water party was held June 27. A big thank you to Brooke Tanck and Mark Haen for organizing the league this year and to all of the parents for their help and support.

## Citizens Facility Advisory Committee Update

BY KYLE LUEDTKE, SUPERINTENDENT

On July 10th the Citizen Facility Advisory Committee (CFAC) received the community survey results presented by School Perceptions. The results were favorable for the district to move forward with a non recurring operating cost referendum. The survey also showed support for the committee to continue working on a building referendum option. The two options presented on the survey were not supported enough to be pursued. The CFAC utilized the survey information and continued their work.

At the July 25th CFAC meeting the group reached a proposal to be presented to the board of education on August 16th. This recommendation is an addition which will be a one for one replacement of the 1924 and 1946 sections of the current building. This space

will provide classrooms for grades 4K through 6th grade, special education and tech ed, agriculture and art for middle school and high school.

The CFAC did consider a new science wing but elected to recommend renovating the current sciences classrooms because of an additional cost of almost 2 million dollars. An option for improving the back parking lot was not included because of the additional cost of \$350,000. Waiting to place the question on a ballot until April 2019 would see an increase in costs by over one million dollars, so the CFAC thinks it important for voters to consider the question this November.

If you would want further information please contact any CFAC member or superintendent Luedtke.

## A note from district administrator



Even though it is summertime there is still quite a bit of activity here at Sevastopol School District. Our custodians are busy with the annual cleaning of rooms, waxing floors, room changes and moving furniture. Sevastopol is the fifth school district I have worked at, and this is the best custodial crew I have witnessed. They complete their tasks while working around the needs of others.

We just completed summer school with over 125 students participating. Keeping children involved in their education during the summer assists when they return in the fall. Seeing the kids take advantage of the offerings and attending was great.

I would also like to thank the community for participating in the facility survey in June. We had a 30% response rate with over 900 surveys submitted. In 2015 we had a 17% response rate. School Perceptions was hoping that this time we would reach 20%. To me this shows that our community is interested and cares about our district. As we move forward our two main goals in regards to the facility will always be the educational and safety needs of our students.

It is a privilege to serve our school district. If ever you have any questions or concerns please contact me. You can reach me at [kluedtke@sevastopol.k12.wi.us](mailto:kluedtke@sevastopol.k12.wi.us) or call (920) 743-6080.

Yours in education,

KYLE LUEDTKE, SUPERINTENDENT



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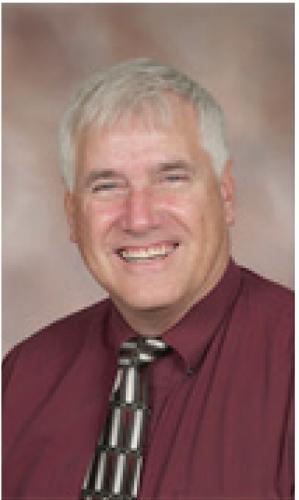
## Summer School Gets a Makeover Twenty Years a Pioneer & More

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# Organization-- Sevastopol FFA

## Chapter Adviser Profile: Dale Carlson



Dale Carlson, Agriculture Teacher and FFA Chapter Adviser



Formerly Future Farmers of America (FFA), the FFA Organization operates on local, state and national levels and is an intracurricular student organization for individuals interested in agriculture and leadership. Members belong to chapters organized at the local school level and agriculture educators serve as chapter advisers.

Dale Carlson has been the school's agriculture teacher and licensed chapter leader for Sevastopol FFA for the past 27 years. Prior to teaching at Sevastopol, he held a similar leadership position for the FFA while teaching agriculture for eight years at Long Prairie High School in Minnesota. His love of teaching and desire to make a difference for kids, is at the heart of his 35-year career in education, but it was his father's (Dwayne Carlson) influence and example that put him on the path to personal involvement in the FFA Organization.

"I was encouraged by all the things my Dad did for years, including being involved in the agriculture, learning leadership skills through the FFA and the importance of community service. My sense of community came from what I saw him doing

every day," Carlson said.

Dale Carlson's personal commitment to Sevastopol School and leadership in the FFA Organization has contributed significantly to agriculture and quality of life in our community while developing the leadership and career skills of hundreds of Sevastopol FFA student members over his career.

### About Sevastopol's FFA:

- Organization originated at Sevastopol in 1929.
- Sevastopol has an active Alumni organization with 70 members who help with supporting the FFA and agriculture program. More than two-thirds are lifetime members at the local, state and national level.
- Current student membership is 45, along with an additional seven graduates.

### About the Wisconsin Association of FFA:

- Mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

FFA members are part of a total program in agricultural education, consisting of classroom instruction in agriculture, supervised agricultural experiences where students gain career skills and on the job training and leadership development through the FFA organization.

Established in 1929, the Wisconsin Association of FFA is an association of the National FFA Organization whose Wisconsin has 250 FFA chapters statewide and more than 20,000 members

### Sevastopol FFA Annual Community Service Projects and Events:

- Sevastopol Alumni FFA Dairy Breakfast
- Red Cross Blood Drives
- Adopt a Highway clean up
- Tree Beautification Program
- Sturgeon Bay Veteran's Memorial Day flags
- FFA Chapter Banquet, events and recognitions
- FFA State Convention

Many other community partnerships

# Summer School Gets a Makeover

BY STEPHANIE AYER, 5TH GRADE TEACHER

Sevastopol summer school had a new look and feel this year, offering more exploratory options for students. It was also opened up to all students attending Sevastopol Elementary and Middle School, grades 4K-8.

Coordinators and teachers wanted to offer class options for students and allow for more creative, exploratory learning through such classes as; summer time STEM, kids' cooking, board-games galore, sculptuRAMA, outdoor adventures, photography, team sports, and many more! The kids were able to choose three classes that they wanted to attend and the feedback has been phenomenal! The kids left smiling, talking about what they were exploring, and excited to come back the next day! One student was quoted as saying, "I'm going to beg my mom that I can come back tomorrow."

This is the kind of excitement and passion we love to see in our students! The enthusiasm is contagious, and that is evident from our enrollment numbers, which was in the high 130s. The highest we have seen for summer school enrollment.



# Sevastopol DI Global Finals 2018

BY DAVID PHILLIPS, CO-COORDINATOR



sure, that the team would even compete. Largely due to losing not only one, but two team members before regional competition. In DI, team members can leave, but once formed, team members cannot be added. This left the Ultimate Ninjas, who started with 5 on the team, with only 3 students remaining on the team. Teams can vary in size from 2 to 7, so only having 3, could have been a disabling handicap, if not for the perseverance of the team, the families, and the coach. Another factor weighing in against this team included lack of experience with the team members and the coach (Heidi Copiskey) all participating in DI for the first time ever.

Rather than giving up, the team answered the call by not only qualifying for global finals at state competition in Steven's Point, but finishing first. At globals, the competition was much more intense but the team still did a fantastic job. Despite being short-handed and inexperienced, the Ultimate Ninjas, made up of Liam Schultz, Finn Mathews, and Bryton Copiskey finished 13th out of over 60 teams. Super job Ninjas for giving your best efforts despite significant challenges. You can be proud of your accomplishment.

Moving on to the middle school level, the Salty Crackers coached by veteran Jen Taylor did not sit back and relax between state and globals. Many props were added, costumes created, and improvements made while preparing for the final competition. Although most of the team was making a return journey to globals this year, 2 team members were making their first voyage to the big show. In the end, the Salty Crackers finished a strong 4th place out of over seventy competitors. The team was made up of Johanna Andreea, Jasper and Jacob Staats, Kapri Gill, Natalie Zawojcki, Mason Bosman, and Emma Stueber.

Finally, the last teams to be announced at closing ceremonies were the high school engineering groups. This was a special year for this team for many reasons. Five of the 7 team members were seniors and this would be their last year. Bennet Rabach and his parent coaches Steve and Annie have been largely responsible for many championships brought home to Sevastopol over the last decade. Hopes were high this year, and the team worked feverishly to go out on top giving it everything they had. With the highest Instant Challenge score achieved of all sixty plus teams, the United States of Lamyrica barely missed the first place trophy finishing second overall. Even though the team was a little disappointed despite having a spectacular finish, there was some solace in the fact that the top team was not from China this year but from a school in Washington state. In addition, the team did bring back our only trophy and they did get to walk across the stage after Sevastopol School was announced to the entire international crowd (a feat in itself).

Although it was a great week in Tennessee, it is always great to get back home, especially after a successful competition. All teams were wonderful ambassadors for Sevastopol and everyone returned safe and sound. Outstanding performance Sevastopol DI! You made us proud once again.

# In Memory of James Ash



A life-long Sevastopol School supporter and resident, James Ash, died recently and will be remembered for his many contributions and his long-standing involvement in Door County's agricultural community.

"We lost an amazing man, community member, and supporter of Sevastopol's FFA," said Agriculture Teacher and FFA Chapter Leader Dale Carlson. "When you speak of agriculture in Door County, Jim was a leader who always had a positive attitude and influenced others to be their best."

Mr. Ash graduated from Sevastopol High School in 1956 and then attended UW-Madison Farm Short Course in 1957. He served 37 years as Door County Fair Association President and Supervisor, 15 years on Sevastopol School Board, and several years on the Zion School Board. He was a member of National Dairy Shrine, a Life member of National Holstein Association, a Life Member of National Angus Association,

and a Life Member of Sevastopol FFA Alumni Association. Jim most recently served on the facility planning committee offering historical insight and a vision for Sevastopol's future.

"When I came to Sevastopol in 1991, the FFA program was well-established and supported by the Sevastopol FFA Alumni, but classroom curriculum needed to be rebuilt and modernized. Jim Ash served on the FFA Advisory Board that was integral to this change," Carlson added.

Mr. Ash has been active in many FFA Alumni activities. He served on the nominating committee and was chairman of the Scholarship Committee that still gives annual scholarships to FFA members today, according to Carlson.

The Sevastopol community wishes to express condolences and gratitude to the family of James Ash for his many years of support of the school and FFA program.



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# Sevastopol Spotlight: Twenty Years a Pioneer

BY JUSTIN SKIBA



“Youth gives life to a community...don’t ever forget this and always give back. The rewards are endless.”

- Paula Symons

One of the most recognizable faces in the Sevastopol School District will be celebrating her 20th year as a Pioneer. Mrs. Paula Symons, who serves as the elementary secretary, assistant athletic director, and event worker continues to make a lasting impact on the Sevastopol community during her tenure.

She has an intrinsic sense of what makes a school and community successful. As she enters her twentieth year as a Pioneer, she has secured an indelible mark to be left on the Sevastopol community for years to come.

Symons moved to Sevastopol with her family from Upper Michigan in 1999. She previously worked as a school paraprofessional in White Pine, Mich., a small town with a population of only 474.

Door County and a successful interview at Sevastopol, they decided to settle in InSTITUTE along with their two sons, Andy and Phil. It proved to be the right move when her previous school district closed down three years after her departure.

“Moving to Door County to work at Sevastopol has been a blessing and I thank Mr. Majeski for his confidence when hiring me,” Symons said. “I definitely found my niche working for this great school district.”

Perhaps Paula Symons’ closest friend and the man who is credited with bringing her to Sevastopol in 1999 was her first supervisor, Mr. Joe Majeski. The duo worked together until Majeski’s retirement in 2013. Together, they helped to earn the support and respect of the Sevastopol community while achieving high academic success as an elementary school that continues today.

## A Rock of Support

BY JOE MAJESKI

FORMER ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL AND DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

August of 1999 was a good month for all Sevastopol Pioneers. One August morning, Mrs. Symons walked into the front lobby of our high school and into our hearts.

She had recently moved to Door County from Upper Michigan with her husband Darrel and sons, Andy and Phil. She was applying for an aide position working with Laura Johnsrud, Reading Specialist and future State Teacher of the Year award winner. Mrs. Johnsrud, Dan Powers, (Founder of our successful Odyssey of the Mind/Destination Imagination program) and I met with Mrs. Symons. Her enthusiasm, clear love of children and can-do attitude quickly won us over and ultimately earned her a spot as our elementary school secretary. We were blessed.

If you know Sevastopol Schools, you know and appreciate Mrs. Symons. You know she is always cheerful. You know she always has a listening ear. You know she will keep you informed. And you know she just...cares.

You may not know that she was a behind-the-scenes, rock-of-support for so many of our well-known programs that served children. Earth Day found her arranging transportation to all the events. During Destination Imagination practices and events, Mrs. Symons made sure all parents were informed of the “where and when’s”. She coordinated the selection process and parent contacts for summer school. Our holiday tree displays were sparked by her. The middle school athletic programs thrived under her advocacy and nurturing. Mrs. Symons coordinated our holiday food donation campaign and packed all the goods for needy families. Throughout all these years of kindness, she avoided any recognition. It is just who she is.

About five years ago, after 24 fortunate years, I retired from the elementary principal position. My wife Jeanne and I moved to Colorado for a year and are now settled in northern Utah. My travels and adventures have only deepened my appreciation for Mrs. Symons and all the great educators at Sevastopol Schools.



Mrs. Symons dresses up as Cruella de Vil with the elementary staff for Halloween.

## A Pillar of Strength and Tradition

BY KATIE GROOTERS

SECOND GRADE TEACHER

Anyone who has visited Sevastopol Elementary knows that the first welcoming face met is that of the one and only Paula Symons. She has been a reliable and constant presence in the elementary office for nearly two decades. She keeps our school moving forward as her patience and motherly nature sets the tone for new principals, staff, and incoming families. Over her tenure, she has worn many hats above and beyond the title of secretary.

Teachers remember the calming effect of her smile and encouraging words as they nervously walked in for their first interview. Students at Sevastopol hold onto memories of Ms. Paula’s helping hands as she put on her hat as school nurse. Whether it be providing a bandage or ice pack, temperature check, clipping a hang nail, pulling out a sliver, or calling parents for a change of clothes, kids can count on Mrs. Symons to be there.

Teachers have come to depend on her support to every classroom as she helps care for children needing a break, provides incentives for improving student behavior, offers kids words of praise and encouragement, and extends her ear for listening to teachers while providing her words of wisdom as needed. The list goes on and on. Most will agree that she can check for lice like no other!

Her professionalism in getting trained and ready for emergency health protocols and dispensing medications throughout the day is to be commended. She is always up for new challenges and does what needs to be done.

Her volunteerism for our school goes beyond office hours. Every year, Paula devotes two weekends of her time when she takes home conference letters to ease the schedule for parents with multiple kids, while coordinating special requests and for specialist teachers. Throughout the year, Paula can be seen helping out at many school events taking place after hours. If an athletic event struggles to fill a position, she will step in and do it herself. Whatever Sevastopol needs, she just does it as her Pioneer Pride runs deep.

Though she hails from the Upper Peninsula, Paula has become a pillar of strength and tradition in our very own Sevastopol School and community. She is the woman behind the scenes that knows every child and family from preschool through graduation. Teachers and administrators have come and gone for our students, but Ms. Paula has been there to stay.

## Pioneer Paula

BY JEN WIESNER

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association states that the most important step in maintaining a first-class athletic department is to make sure you focus your energy, resources, and time. When I accepted the position of athletic director three years ago, I wondered how was I supposed to focus my energy, resources, and time when I had little idea of what I was suppose to focus them on. However, there was one angelic, soft-spoken, athletic secretary who has given me guidance and support from the very beginning ... the one and only Paula Symons.

Paula is a role model for balancing the responsibilities of work with family and personal time. When the regular school day rolled into the supervision of a middle school volleyball game or high school football game, Paula does not complain, but happily gets the job done.

Often times, Paula’s work and family life merge as she works alongside her sons who coach teams, officiate games, run the score clock, and manage the football chain gang. She can be seen at Friday night football games working the admissions table prior to the game only to be seen pushing her grandchildren in the stroller for the remainder of the night.

She has dedicated countless hours and unbelievable amounts of energy to our student-athletes. Her dedication to athletics and her competitive focus sets the stage as the driving force for 50/50 raffles that benefit our school teams. She organizes game day giveaways of water bottles and pom poms to encourage student section cheering and secures event workers for every game hosted at our school.

Although the Green Bay Packers and Michigan Wolverines compete with our athletes for Paula’s attention, she is undoubtedly a Sevastopol icon first. Students anxiously await her commenting for elementary pep assemblies, giving hugs and high-fives at middle school games, and announcing during high school games. Parents, students, and coaches would be lost without her guidance and support. It is easy to say that Pioneer Pete has nothing on Pioneer Paula.



Symons with Deb Dantoin, Joe Majeski, and Justin Skiba during a return visit by Majeski in July 2017.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT PARTNERSHIP

A new parent partnership group has been meeting monthly since June with a goal of exchanging ideas and opportunities with one another, as well as connecting families with school and community resources. Sevastopol School special education parent liaisons Rebecca Nicholson and Jessica Killenberg are leading the efforts of this volunteer group.

If you would like to learn more or become involved, please contact Pupil Services Director Melissa Marggraf at (920) 743-6282.

## Substitute Teachers

Sevastopol School District is seeking substitute teachers for the 2018-19 school year. We will be hosting a Substitute Teacher Orientation on Wednesday, August 22 from 8:00 am until noon. If you would be interested, please contact Principal Adam Baeier @ (920) 742-8262 ext. 1104 or email abaier@sevastopol.k12.wi.us.

## Office Changes

We have rearranged our offices for the upcoming school year. The downstairs office is now for grades 4K-12. The elementary and ms/hs secretaries and principals will be in a central location. The former elementary office is now home for our Pupil Service Director Mrs. Melissa Marggraf. Mrs. Marggraf’s role includes special education director, ELL, 504 plans, community education, district assessment coordinator and summer school.



# All-Conference Honors Winter

## Wrestling:

### First Team All-Conference:

Peyton Hurth – 126 Weight Class  
 Jeremy Jorns – 182 Weight Class  
 Max McHugh – 100 Breaststroke

## Swimming:

### First Team All-Conference:

Max McHugh – 50 Freestyle

## Girls' Basketball:

### Honorable Mention:

Jillie Jorns  
 Lexie LeClair  
 Courtney Tebo

# Spring

## Baseball:

### First Team All-Conference:

Ethan Kroll, Outfield

### Second Team All-Conference:

Robbie Pollman, Infield  
 Zach Christiansen, Pitcher

### Honorable Mention:

Jayden Sawyer

## Track:

### First Team All-Conference:

Kiegan Sargent, Long Jump  
 Olivia Stenzel, 400 meter  
 Olivia Stenzel, 1600 meter

Kelsey Christiansen, Laci Lautenbach, Lucie Rajalova, Rylee Krishka, 4 x 200 relay

Kylie Newton, Olivia Stenzel, Lucie Rajalova, Laci Lautenbach 4 x 400 relay

Laci Lautenbach, High jump

Mya Ploor, Pole Vault

Zoe Kuehn, Long jump

Zoe Kuehn, Triple jump

### Second Team All-Conference:

Spencer Evenson, 400 meter

Kyle Carlson, 3200 meter

Logan Beyer, Sam Abel, Cole Dvorak, Spencer Evenson, 4x400 relay

Rylee Krishka, 100 meter

Rylee Krishka, 200 meter

Zoe Kuehn, 400 meter

Kylie Newton, 400 meter

Lizzie Fiscus, 800 meter

Lizzie Fiscus, 1600 meter

Zoe Kuehn, 300 hurdles

Kelsey Christiansen, High jump

Laci Lautenbach, Pole Vault

Kylie Newton, Pole Vault

### Honorable Mention:

Cole Dvorak, 400 meter

Sam Abel, 110 hurdles

Lucie Rajalova, Long jump

## Softball:

### Second Team All-Conference:

Alyson Differt, Infield

### Honorable Mention:

Brooke Hurth

## Golf:

### First Team All-Conference:

Alex Krause

### Second Team All-Conference:

Tyler Dvorak

## Soccer:

### Honorable Mention:

Reetika Jandu - Forward

Kayla Copiskey – Midfielder

Rebekah Andreae - Defense



# Highlights: Winter Sports

**Wrestling:** Jeremy Jorns powered through a strong sectional meet and earned a spot in the Individual Wrestling State Tournament.

**Swimming:** Max McHugh set the state record in the 50 free and the state and national record in the 100 breaststroke. It is most definitely going to be fun and exciting watching what Max is going to do as he moves on as a Minnesota Gopher next year. McHugh was also nominated to attend the Wisconsin High School Sports Award Banquet as an outstanding athlete on May 11 at the Lambeau Field Atrium where Aaron Rodgers was the featured guest. McHugh won male swimmer of the year.

# Spring Sports

**Track and field:** The team sent two relay teams and two individual competitors to the state meet at UW-Lacrosse. The girls' 4x200 relay made up of Lucie Rajalova, Laci Lautenbach, Kelsey Christiansen, and Rylee Krishka placed 15th with a time of 1:51.41.

Olivia Stenzel placed ninth in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:25.05, a personal best for Stenzel, and Kiegan Sargent placed 13th in the long jump with a distance of 19 feet, 6.25 inches.

The girls' 4x800 relay made up of Stenzel, Mya Ploor, Zoe Kuehn, and Lizzy Fiscus, placed third and earned a spot on the podium with a time of 10:05.88.

# First Day of Practice:

- Football August 1
- Cross Country August 13
- Volleyball August 13
- Girls Swim August 7
- Boys Soccer August 13

- Upcoming nearby games and meets:
- Aug 22- Soccer vs Ashwaubenon at Gibraltar 6:30 p.m.
  - Aug 23- Cross Country Chief K Invitational at Gibraltar 2 p.m.
  - Aug 23- Soccer vs Algoma at Gibraltar 6:30 p.m.
  - Aug 24- Football vs Wausaukee at home 7 p.m.
  - Aug 27- Soccer vs Roncalli at Gibraltar 4:30 p.m.
  - Aug 30- Volleyball vs Two Rivers Home 4 p.m.

For an up-to-date listing of all games, please check out our activities schedule at <http://www.packerlandconference.org/public/genie/314/school/10/>

## Help Support the Pioneer Basketball Programs! 4th Annual Sevastopol Basketball Golf Outing

Four Person Golf Scramble  
 Sunday August 19, 2018  
 Horseshoe Bay Golf Course  
 2:00 pm Shotgun start

\$360/foursome

\$90/ single player

\*Includes golf scramble, prizes, and banquet dinner

To sign up or for more information, please contact

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