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The senior class poses in front of the Rock Island boathouse. The class visited the island along with Washington Island School seniors as a culminating activity for their *Beowulf* unit.

Notes from the District Administrator

The 2022-23 school year is off to a fantastic start. Our enrollment is steady with 597 total students. We have wonderful students and having everyone in one building allows us to function like a family. Our staff works hard to connect with each student. This is to not only educate the children but to also support them in their life journey.

Homecoming was the last week of September. In a school community of our size, it is great to have traditions and events of this caliber. The extra efforts of our staff and families make these events possible and create memories that our students will cherish. At the Friday night football game, we were finally able to use our new pavilion. Community support again was evident through the many donations received and the support is greatly appreciated.

Besides providing a first-rate education, our goal as a school district is to provide extracurricular opportunities for our students. We try to provide a variety of activities because of the various interests of our students. Being a small school allows our students to have multiple opportunities. In larger school systems, often a student must make a choice between different activities.

Currently, our fall sports are wrapping up and soon our winter sports season will begin. Additionally, our students will perform the play, *Puffs*, during the first weekend of November. Please support our students in these activities by attending an event. A performance or game is enhanced by having the support of a crowd or audience. Our students love the local support they receive.

Sevastopol is truly a special place. We hope the whole community has pride in what we offer our students. It is an honor and privilege to serve as the superintendent of Sevastopol.

Yours in education,

Kyle Leudtke, Superintendent



Life Skills Room Built for Independence

BY MELISSA MARGGRAF, DIRECTOR OF PUPIL SERVICES

All students deserve to live their lives as independently as possible, and it is our goal to help prepare them for their next step.

Students who participate in the life skills classroom work on their daily life skills as a major component to their educational programming. The collective objective in the classroom is to push students to learn life skills that will help promote life-long independence. It is important to recognize that levels of independence looks different for each student.

The staff in the life skills classroom personalizes life skills for each student with an individual education plan (IEP). Life skills are also known as adaptive skills or functional skills. Examples of these skills include personal hygiene, kitchen safety and meal preparation, maintaining healthy relationships, quality and timely work and study habits, planning and goal-setting, using community resources, budgeting, paying bills, and computer literacy.

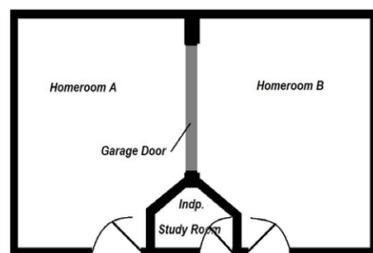
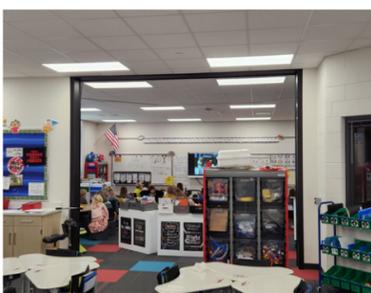
The life skills classroom was completely

designed for these purposes when constructed with the school's new building in 2020. The classroom was specially designed to create more functional learning opportunities to meet the needs of individual students.

"In designing the life skills room, Bray Architects met with the teachers multiple times to provide a functional layout to allow the students to gain the necessary abilities as they enter adulthood," said Kyle Leudtke, Sevastopol Superintendent.

Inside the new classroom is a fully functional kitchen, adapted bathroom, laundry facilities, and independent learning spaces to maximize learning. The attention to detail that the architects and staff put into the design was extraordinary, and all appliances are ADA approved.

The school staff anticipates future success for Sevastopol students as they continue to learn and thrive in their new classroom.



(From left) Garage doors and breakout rooms were included in the classroom designs for grades 1-5, allowing teachers and students to better collaborate in learning.

Elementary Classroom Garage Doors Are Open for Learning, Collaboration

BY AARON HILTS, ELEMENTARY AND ASSISTANT MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

A garage door in a classroom? Our staff had a lot of input on the design of the classroom based on site visits to other recently constructed schools. Grades 1-5 have a unique feature dividing the two homerooms – a working garage door. It has been a full year since our building was completed, and the elementary teachers have been getting the best use of their new classrooms.

"We love the garage door that connects the two grade-level classrooms," said Mrs.

Ayer, a fifth-grade teacher. "It allows us to better transition students between our rooms."

Fourth-grade teacher Mrs. Neuman said, "Having a garage door in our classroom allows for collaboration opportunities between students across the grade level and collaboration with our teaching partners."

The elementary classrooms also have an adjoining small-group instruction (SGI) room. These side rooms are used for a

variety of activities including students being able to complete a make-up test or a chance for specialized instructional pull-outs so students do not need to be far from their classroom.

Mrs. Ayer shared that, "The SGI rooms also allow us the chance to have small breakout groups work on individualized tasks to better meet students' needs."

"We love the flexibility the larger spaces give us," Mrs. Thomas, a third-grade teacher

said. "Between opening the garage door, having the SGI room, and even larger hallways, we are able to spread students out when working on group tasks. Another great feature of the new rooms are the light dimmers. These allow us to change the brightness of the room which in turn changes the environment of the classroom."

The unique classroom design really has teaching and learning at its heart. And in the end, students are the ones gaining the most from it.



An expansion of the school playground was completed in September thanks to funding from a Raibrook grant, individual donations, and from the district's building and grounds budget.



New lockers were installed in the high school this summer, giving the students more space for their books, coats, Chromebooks and backpacks. The previous lockers were over 50 years old and due to larger class sizes, additional lockers were needed.

Athletic Field Renovation Update

BY BROOKE TANCK, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Phase II of the athletic field renovations began this summer. Renovations included a concession stand, bathrooms, athletic trainer and official rooms and additional field enhancements. A major goal was to fund Phase II renovations through donations allowing the community a chance to participate. Sevastopol is the hub of our community and a gathering place where sports can bring us together. We want that generational culture to continue forever. We were fortunate to have 130 donors who gave \$575,000 towards the renovations. Those donors will forever be recognized on the donor wall.

Sevastopol was fortunate to work with the TTX family with this project. We would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to the TTX family that provided Phase II with the financial support to make these improvements possible as well as the design, care and pride they took in the archway. The TTX family is clearly dedicated to pursuing



their passion through hard work, integrity and steadfast loyalty and support for those they serve. We hope that everyone who walks under the archway will be reminded of these values as Sevastopol's shared values. We hope that these traits will continue to inspire our student-athletes, the Sevastopol student body and our community for many years.

Pioneer athletics has a long history of excellence that includes conference, sectional and state champions. Our new facility will help future generations of Pioneers continue that tradition!



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Athletic Hall of Fame Welcomes Inaugural Class

BY BROOKE TANCK, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND HEATHER SPETZ, ENGLISH TEACHER

The Sevastopol Athletic Department inducted its inaugural class into the Sevastopol High School Athletic Hall of Fame on October 14. Donations from alumni Ron Meikle and Steve Tebon made this recognition possible along with donations from the Pioneer Athletic Booster Club. Inductees were welcomed to the Pioneer Room for a mix and mingle, induction ceremony, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Following the induction ceremony, the 2022 class was recognized at the football game.

Nominations for the 2023 induction will be accepted between March 15th through June 15th of this school year. Nomination forms will be available on the Sevastopol athletics webpage. Much of the statistical information and recaps for the following awards were taken from Sevastopol yearbooks.



1975 and 1976 Men's Basketball Team

The 1975 Sevastopol men's basketball team was composed of Bill Schartner, Steve Tebon, Jeff Schartner, Ken Wills, Bill Weber, Ron Meikle, Ken Stephenson, Mike LeClair, Bill Jarman, Jim Tiedke, Manager Dan Schwartz, Coach John Toppe, Mike Abrahamson, Paul LeClair, Gordy Harrington, and Assistant Coach Jim Adams.

The team had one of the most successful seasons in school history. They captured the Bay Lakes Conference title for the first time in 37 years and kindled a fire that burned in the hearts of the 1976 team.

The 1976 Sevastopol men's basketball team was composed of Chuck Schartner, Will Schartner, Steve Tebon, Ken Wills, Dan Hogan, Ron Meikle, Carl Mistlebauer, Gary Ripp, Jeff Schartner, Rick Brauer, Steve Ehlers, Paul LeClair, and Dale Fuller. John Toppe was the varsity coach and was assisted by Darrel Severson. Dan Schwartz was the team manager.

That team electrified the crowd when the final buzzer ended the game with a 77-76 victory over Manitowoc Lutheran and claiming the Bay Lakes Conference title for a second year in a row. The team gave Coach John Toppe a joy ride around the gym and doused him in the shower. The team finished the regular season with a record of 10-2. In WIAA post-season play, the team kept their fans on the edge of their seats with a 52-50 victory over county rivals Gibraltar and 64-63 victory over Reedsville. The Reedsville game came down to the wire. With two seconds remaining, Ron Meikle drained an 18-footer to get the win. The gym went wild, and the camaraderie amongst teammates and coaches was inspiring.

"Winning the championship was one of the most exciting times of my life," said Jeff Schartner. "It was a live or die situation and we came out on top!"

Athletics became the center around which many of these men's lives revolved. Willy Schartner, Gary Ripp, Jeff Schartner, and Dale Fuller later became dedicated coaches for Sevastopol. Ron Meikle became a professional basketball talent scout and Jeff Schartner became a longtime three-sport WIAA official. The 1976 team's love of and dedication to the game, fostered by their coach John Toppe, inspired their commitment to athletics and giving back to the community.



Clayton "Junior" Haen

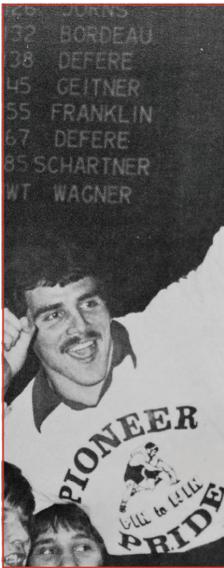
Clayton Haen, class of 1957, attended Sevastopol High School for four years. He competed in wrestling, football, baseball, and track. He also participated in forensics, theater and was elected prom and homecoming king. Haen was described by a teammate as, "Short in stature, bold in spirit."

Haen was a two-time state champion wrestler during his junior and senior years. He qualified and placed at state four years in a row. As a freshman, he was runner up and lost by ref's decision. He took fourth-place as a sophomore. In the years he represented Sevastopol, all schools wrestled in one division, making him a true champion in the state. Haen served as a long-time Sevastopol School Board member and as a member of the school wrestling club. He served as a WIAA high school referee and refereed at the state tournament level.

Michelle Bushman

Michelle Bushman attended Sevastopol from kindergarten through 12th grade. She graduated in 1992. She was a three sport first team all-conference athlete in volleyball, basketball and softball her senior year. She was fourth team all-state in volleyball. Bushman earned 11 Sevastopol letters. Her basketball coach, Dale Fuller, said, "She was the best player I ever coached. She had the spirit and drive of a superstar champion combined with the grace and humility of a saint. She was the captain of our team, and went on to be the captain of the Lake Forest college team."

Bushman is a member of the Sevastopol 1,000-point club in basketball. She scored 1,300 points in her career and as a 5'8" post player grabbed 1,000 rebounds. In a game against Gibraltar her senior year, she had 23 rebounds and scored 47 points and was taken out with three minutes to go in the third quarter. She was a member of the 1991 state volleyball championship team and a member of the 1991 conference championship team that went 16-0. She was a member of the 1990 state volleyball runner up team. Bushman volunteered in multiple school clubs that encouraged younger students to be active and get involved in extracurricular activities. She was a role model who inspired others to work to their potential.



Dan Hein, Coach

Dan Hein coached at Sevastopol for 12 years from 1978 to 1990. He coached football, wrestling and track. For several years he was the head varsity coach in all three sports. His colleagues and athletes describe him as a charismatic, passionate motivator.

Hein's Sevastopol wrestling teams compiled a dual meet record of 142 wins and 43 losses. He went on to have a career record of 424 wins and 118 losses. His Sevastopol teams won four Packerland Conference titles, eight regional titles, and six sectional titles. His team placed second in state in 1984 and 1985. He coached 10 individual state champions at Sevastopol. Hein's teams at Sevastopol were among the state's top five teams 8 out of the 12 years that he coached. Hein was inducted into the Sevastopol Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1995, the Wisconsin Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame in 2004 and the National Hall of Fame for Wrestling in 2006. He was named Wisconsin Wrestling Coach of the Year in 1984, 1999 and 2008. Hein coached year round at Sevastopol and turned the wrestling team at Sevastopol into one of the most dominant programs in the state. He is credited with starting the youth wrestling program at Sevastopol while teaching physical education and health.

Cassie Cibik-Moeller, Coach

Cassie Cibik-Moeller coached varsity volleyball for 15 years from 1976 to 1991. During her tenure, she also coached basketball, track and cheerleading. Her students, athletes and colleagues describe Cibik-Moeller as a leader with a magical ability to motivate and inspire others to be the best version of themselves and compete at their highest level. Cibik-Moeller led by example, and cultivated the good in everyone she met.

Her volleyball teams won two state championships (1984, 1991). She also coached state runner-up teams in 1983 and 1990. Cibik-Moeller taught physical education at Sevastopol for 35 years (1976-2012) where she was known as a cutting-edge innovator. Her students experienced bow hunting, yoga, Fit for Life, pickleball, field hockey, snowshoeing, cross country skiing and much more. She infused others with her tireless energy. Cibik-Moeller organized downhill ski adventures for several generations of students and started the community ski swap and ran it for over 20 years. She initiated and built the Sevastopol Turkey Trot, which garnered many fundraising dollars for Sevastopol programs. She was a dynamic educator invested in and committed to the betterment of young people; her influence is woven into the very fabric of the Sevastopol community.



Paula Symons, Contributor

Paula Symons served as the elementary school and athletic director secretary from 1999 to 2019. Symons was a constant presence during her time at Sevastopol and showed her Pioneer Pride to all at Sevastopol Schools. Exemplifying grace, generosity, and commitment, Symons represented Sevastopol coaches, athletes, and administrators in the most positive manner.

Over the course of two decades, Symons served as assistant to the athletic director, organizer of youth sports, ticket taker, PA announcer, pep rally coordinator and scheduler of games and officials. She was a caring and consistent place

for students and always encouraged young people to do their best. Her commitment to Sevastopol extended to her sons, Phil and Andy, who both coached Sevastopol basketball at the middle school and high school levels. In addition to her professional duties, Symons donated countless hours reaching out to help those in need. She loved her students with all her heart and helped ensure they were all taken care of by providing them with clothing, food, and presents, an effort which became known at school as Paula's Pantry. Above all else, her tender-hearted nature with children set her apart.

Symons passed away from plasma cell leukemia in May of 2019. Her legacy continues on at Sevastopol as "Symons Strong".



1955-56 Wrestling Team

The 1955-56 Sevastopol Varsity Wrestling Team, coached by Herbert Ostrand, was composed of Darrel Lautenbach wrestling at 103 pounds, Clayton Haen (112 lbs), Ralph Tanck (120 lbs), Dale LeMer (128 lbs), Loney Teich (136 lbs), Roger Weber (145 lbs), Jim Mueller (155 lbs), Mark Husby (165 lbs), Allen Weber (180 lbs), and Dale Krueger (unlimited).

The team earned a state berth for all 10 weight classes and was the only team of the 37 at state to do so. At the time, there was only one division in state wrestling, requiring Sevastopol to wrestle against schools of all sizes across the state. In 1955-56, Sevastopol had 45 athletes in the wrestling program. Seven of the athletes were returning varsity athletes. The pinnacle of the season was winning the sectional championship at Coleman where the Pioneer mat men set a record by sweeping the entire meet in the semi-finals. Darrel Lautenbach, Ralph Tanck, Loney Teich, Jim Mueller, and Dale Krueger pinned their opponents. In the finals, Sevastopol wrestlers crowned five sectional champions: Clayton Haen, Loney Teich, Jim Mueller, Roger Weber and Darrel Lautenbach. In the state meet, Darrel Lautenbach and Mark Husby wrestled into the second round. Clayton Haen earned the title of state champion. This Sevastopol team placed 13th at state. Their record in conference was 11-2 with the only losses to Valders. This team had the finest athletes in Sevastopol history; they paved the road to our rich Sevastopol wrestling tradition.

Sevastopol Welcomes New Principal

BY SARAH MURASKI, ENGLISH TEACHER



enjoy traveling to our cottage near Munising, Michigan, and camping at Harbour Village where we have a seasonal campsite. We have four horses and enjoy riding and spending time with them as often as we can.

I am most looking forward to getting to know the students and being a part of their educational journey.

Name: Catleen Heinz
Position: Special Education Instructional Aide
Experience: Born and raised in Ohio, I graduated high school from the North Carolina School of the Arts and college from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. I have a background in child developmental psychology and have always loved working with children. I am excited to join the amazing team at Sevastopol. I thrive on helping others, and I look forward to the ways I can assist the staff and students make a difference.

After moving from North Carolina to Missisippi, Washington, and California, we moved to Door County in 2021 to be closer to family. I love to go on adventures with my husband Ken and our two sons: Noah (3rd grade) and Finn (kindergarten). Our very spoiled dog, Pickles, often tags along as well. Baller, drinking bobo tea and being on the water are my favorite activities. I have always loved traveling and experiencing different cultures, but home is definitely my favorite place to be.

Name: Craig Carriere
Position: High School Science
Experience: I am originally from Cudahy, Wisconsin. I attended UW-Milwaukee for my undergraduate degree and Alverno College for graduate school. This will be my 20th year of teaching. I previously taught at Greenfield and Gibraltar High Schools. Over the course of my career, I have taught introductory, college prep and advanced placement chemistry and physics courses. I have also taught engineering and robotics courses and was the coach of the chess team at Greenfield. I have work experience in chemical and mechanical research and development that I often draw upon when teaching to make topics more relevant and real world for students.

When I am not teaching, I enjoy traveling to national parks with my family, playing guitar, following Formula 1 racing and reading. I look forward to meeting the students at Sevastopol and making full use of the incredible facility that the community has provided.

Name: Emily Stousland
Position: Math Interventionist
Experience: I have been working in education for over 25 years and have taught every grade from kindergarten through sixth grade. I have spent five years as a gifted and talented specialist and three as a literacy coach. I have also spent many years as a student council advisor and love working on service learning projects!

I am the proud mom of Sophie (age 25) and Ben (age 23), and I have been married to my husband Brett for just about 28 years. We all love to travel, and I enjoy family time, hiking, swimming and reading in my free time.

I am thrilled to be a part of the Sevastopol community, and I look forward to learning how I can best contribute to an excellent educational experience for our students while being a helpful asset to my new colleagues.

Name: Janel Keddell
Position: Maintenance/Custodian
Experience: I worked as a dental assistant for 36 years for local dentists and cleaned resorts and private houses for many years.

I graduated from Southern Door in 1985, and I am married to my husband, Paul, who recently retired from the Door County Sheriff's Department. I have two stepchildren: Keagan (28-years-old) and Payton (24-years-old). I enjoy traveling, gardening and spending time with family and friends.

I am most looking forward to getting to know my teammates, staff and students.

Name: Kristen Albertson
Position: 4K Teacher
Experience: I am honored and so excited to be a 4K teacher this year! I have been working in the 4K classroom as an associate

for almost 10 years, and I am so proud to be a part of this excellent school district. My husband of 25 years and I have three sons who are part of the Sevastopol family. Our oldest, Will, graduated from Sevastopol and now attends Virginia Tech and is in the Navy ROTC program. Cole is a senior at Sevastopol, and Trey is in 8th grade. My husband and I are both originally from Florida but have happily been calling Door County our home since 2007. I received my bachelor's degree from Florida State University (Go Noles) and am currently pursuing my master's degree in education through the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. When I am not at school, I enjoy spending time with my family. We love camping and traveling in our "house on wheels" throughout this beautiful country. Our favorite trip was last summer out west where we were blessed to see Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. I love the mountains, so anywhere we travel that has them I am in heaven. I also enjoy walks with my dog Ruby, listening to all kinds of music and when time allows, reading.

I am looking forward to getting to know my students and giving them a fun learning experience in the 4K classroom. I feel honored to be a part of their lives and find it such a rewarding experience.

Name: Lincoln Whipple
Position: Special Education Aide
Experience: I worked for five years in special education at Sturgeon Bay Schools as an associate.

This is where I helped with the elementary school's running program. I was also a coach for an elite soccer team for a few years.

I am originally from Iowa, but I have spent most of my life here in beautiful Door County. My husband's name is Devin, and we have two

boys: Ezra (4th grade) and Everett (newborn). We also have a chocolate lab named Carl. In our free time we love seeing new movies, going to the beach or fishing together. I love to bake and try new recipes.

I am most looking forward to meeting my new co-workers and getting to know the students at Sevastopol.

Name: Lisa Mauch
Position: Math Interventionist Teachers Aide
Experience: I have been involved in education in one way or another since 2005. After graduating from UW-Oshkosh, I moved to Yakima, Washington, where I volunteered for AmeriCorps for two years. During my time with AmeriCorps, I fell in love with education. After AmeriCorps, I went back to school and obtained my teaching certificate while working for the Yakima School District. During this time, I met my husband and lived in Washington for almost 20 years. I have taught kindergarten, second and fifth grade.

I am a Sturgeon Bay High School graduate and have recently relocated back to Door County with my daughter Samantha (8) and our cat Warehouse. I have been enjoying the summer showing Sam around Door County, reading and going to the beach. I am looking forward to working for the Sevastopol School District and getting to know the students, families and staff of Sevastopol.

Name: Lori Baumgart
Position: Elementary LMC Associate
Experience: My husband Brian and I moved to Sturgeon Bay to transition into retirement. Having worked in educational settings for most of my career, and libraries being my favorite place, I have found the right job! I am happy to be working here at Sevastopol with students in a library setting because I think working with children and books is the best job there is!

I have two adult children. Amanda teaches third grade virtually and lives in Menasha with her husband Jon and a black lab puppy named Harper. Bradley is a sales rep for Caterpillar and lives in Merrill with his wife Stephanie, their black lab named Rylee and their two children: Maci (5K) and Tucker (4K).

We love to spend time with our family outside of work. Sturgeon Bay is a beautiful place to live, and we try not to take it for granted. When not enjoying all the community and county have to offer, I love to read, listen to music and hang out with friends.

Name: Mary Laughlin
Position: Special Education Aide
Experience: I recently moved back to Sturgeon Bay after living in the Gills Rock area for 18 years. I love watching my children grow within this amazing community. I have three children: Kaden (12th grade), Kaylee (6th grade) and Keegan (4th grade). I am also blessed with two stepchildren: Cynthia (graduated) and Atlee (12th grade). I enjoy spending my free time with my family and watching sports. I have a love of animals and share special moments with my daughter who rides horses. I am very excited to get to know and assist all of the students at Sevastopol.

Name: Melissa Olson
Position: Elementary Secretary
Experience: I am currently in my ninth year at Sevastopol. The past eight years I worked alongside Cally

Asher as an aide in special education. I enjoyed my time in the classroom working with all of the fabulous teachers and other aides. I learned so much about the students and loved hearing all of their stories.

After graduating from Denmark High School, I moved to Door County to take a nanny position. Thirty years later, I am still here! My husband Chris and I have been married for 25 years. We have 8 children and have been blessed with 12 grandchildren. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family, cooking, baking, watching my granddaughters' sporting events and going on walks with my daughters and my little dog, Cocoa.

I am looking forward to working with all of the wonderful people who make up the Sevastopol community!

Name: Melissa "Missy" Raynier
Position: Special Ed. Classroom Aide
Experience: This will be my first position working in a school. I have two

neurodiverse children, and through my experiences adapting, learning, and helping them navigate their educational careers, I have become a passionate advocate and ally. I am using what I've learned through my children to teach those around me about neurodiversity, and I aim to use that knowledge in the classroom as well.

I was born and raised in Door County and graduated from Gibraltar High School in 1995. I am married to my husband, Clint, and we share five children together: Alex (26), Lamyra (22), Cloe (20), Patrick (17) and Willis (10). When I can get all of my children together, we like to have big dinners as a family. Occasionally, we plan get-togethers at my mother's home. I love my children, and I love spending as much time with them as I can.

Name: Sherri Stenzel
Position: Library/Study Hall Aide
Experience: Although I'm new to the educational/professional side of school, I have been involved with

Sevastopol for many years and in many ways. I was a member of the PTO, coached track and volunteered for various activities while my children were in school. I am excited to be here, and I am looking forward to helping guide and support the students to be the best they can. I grew up in Door County and have been lucky enough to live here all of my life. My husband Jason and I met at Sevastopol (school) when we were in 8th grade. We both graduated in 1989, and we will be celebrating our 27th anniversary. We have three children: Lucas, Nathan and

Olivia. They also graduated from Sevastopol High School. We were all very active in sports while going to school. I enjoy all types of sports, outdoor activities and reading. I am most looking forward to building relationships with the students and staff and giving back to the community that has given me and my family so much.

Name: Trent Larson
Position: Choir and General Music Teacher
Experience: I am a recent graduate of St. Norbert College (2022) where I studied choral music

education and sang with multiple choirs and performance groups for four years. I student-taught music in an elementary school in Pulaski and a high school in Green Bay before becoming the new music teacher at Sevastopol. My wife Carly and I married in college; we just celebrated one year last May. My favorite sport to watch is baseball. I do not have a favorite genre of music to listen to because I like too many kinds of music and cannot decide on which genre is my favorite. If anyone reading this ever has any song suggestions, let me know—I enjoy hearing new things!

I am most looking forward to helping my students develop their own unique voices while also providing a safe and welcoming learning environment.

Retirement

BY CASEY ANDREWS

Name: Patty Weber
Position: Head Cook, Summer Maintenance Team
Years with the district: 1991-97 substitute/part time kitchen, 1997-2022

full time kitchen and maintenance. Patty worked tirelessly for the School District of Sevastopol as a cook and member of the maintenance team for over 25 years. As a native of Door County, and a graduate of Southern Door, she raised her three children while working at school and helping her husband, Joe, on the dairy farm.

Over the years, Patty became an indispensable member of the team. Whether she was helping with a spaghetti dinner, planning meals to send home on bus routes, or making sure nobody walked on the freshly waxed floors, she embraced the roles that she took on with enthusiasm.

Perhaps one of the keys to Patty's success here at Sevastopol is the fact that she knew everybody and everything about the school and its community. Patty had a profound impact on thousands of students, staff and community members because of the type of person she is and her devotion to Sevastopol. Many students think of Patty as the lunch lady that was always there. Who will ever forget her infectious laugh that could be heard up and down the halls! In addition to all the roles Patty took on here at school and in the community, she also enjoys her roles as wife, mother, aunt and grandmother to two young children. Thank you Patty for being such an important part of our kitchen, a knowledgeable and helpful member of the maintenance team and for being a great friend of Sevastopol.

Support Staff Anniversaries

School support staff interact with students daily while providing maintenance, transportation, security, clerical, food and other services. Inside the classroom, instructional aides often work one-on-one with students. These Sevastopol staff are marking milestone-employment anniversaries. Thank you for your commitment and service to the school and students.

25 years: Shelly Orthober - Instructional Aide, Patty Weber - Custodian/Cook

5 years: Karl Volkman - Business Manager



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Fall Athletic Update

BY BROOKE TANCK, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



We have been blessed with beautiful weather this fall for our student-athletes! Along with great weather, we have had great successes during our seasons to be highlighted. Our Door County United Swim Team remains in first place in conference action and continues to maintain their yearly dominance. The Lady Pioneers have fared well on the volleyball court this year and finished in second place in the Packerland Conference along with being regional champions. Senior Bailey Rikkola also reached the 1,000 dig milestone joining only Demi Ploor to be in this elite club. Our 8-man varsity football team has found ways to win at home and on the road this season as they sit in the middle of the Peninsula Conference. The highlight of their season came in a late fourth quarter score that sealed the 20-18 homecoming victory against Suring the night of the grand opening. For the third year in a row, our cross country team was fortunate enough to host a meet

at the Cherry Hills Golf Course and Lodge where the girls had their best team finish of the year coming in third place. This year we had over 10 teams participate. The girls cross country team placed second at the conference meet.

The athletic department was also the recipient of the WIAA's '21-'22 Award of Excellence. This was the first time in school history Sevastopol earned this honor and joined 38 schools out of the over 500 WIAA members schools to earn this recognition. This award promotes and recognizes the efforts and achievements in the areas of sportsmanship, ethics, integrity, leadership and character.

We are also excited to announce that our athletic events are live-streamed. To see our live-stream, search "Sevastopol Athletics" on YouTube. On the court or in your living room, we appreciate all who support Pioneer athletics!



Senior Tax Exchange Program

BY KYLE LUEDTKE, SUPERINTENDENT

The Sevastopol School District's Senior Tax Exchange Program is for senior citizens (age 62 or older) who wish to volunteer their time at the school. In exchange, the district makes a payment directly to the appropriate town treasurer on behalf of the individual's property tax at a rate of \$8.00 per hour. The maximum number of hours one can apply for this program is 70.

It is hoped that this intergenerational program will bring seniors into the school as positive role models and valuable helpers. This program will be funded through monies in the district fund 80 community fund. The general education fund will not be used to support this program.

Interested individuals can call the school at (920) 743-6282 and speak with one of our principals: Mr. Aaron Hilts or Mr. Troy Schaefer. The principals will align the volunteer's abilities and availability with an opportunity to better our school community. We welcome the residents of our district to be a part of our great school.



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Seniors Visit Rock Island

BY HEATHER SPETZ

The English department revived the traditional senior class field trip to Rock Island on October 5th. Seniors prepared culminating oral projects for *Beowulf* and delivered in the traditional Icelandic boat house. Former Sevastopol English teacher Leila (Hagen) Nehlson brought her current Washington Island seniors who also performed their projects. Leila sent the boats off and opened the ceremony by blowing the traditional horn and singing an original Icelandic ballad. Parent Chad Andreae and bus driver Rich Fear cooked brats, hot dogs, and burgers for lunch. Over lunch the island yearbook staff and the Sevastopol yearbook staff collaborated over layout and design. Students then had some unstructured time to explore the island. Most students did the three-mile round trip hike to the lighthouse while another group hiked around the whole island. It was a fabulous experience, full of learning and class bonding.



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(Clockwise) As an opening activity at Trees, groups of students were asked to complete small physical and mental challenges. Students were successful in these challenges as they focused on improving their communication and listening skills. | Human Survival Skills: Human survival skills was a hands-on activity where students first learned the importance of a positive mental attitude in any survival situation. They were then asked to use teamwork and a positive mental attitude to build a fire with their group members while given limited supplies. | Our students enjoyed a beautiful fall day canoeing on Silver Lake in Eagle River. Through this fun activity, they worked on learning the basics of canoe handling such as how to hold a paddle and how to paddle forward and backward. The success of this activity also depended greatly on teamwork and being able to communicate with each other. | During the logging days activity, students were given a brief history of early logging camp life in Wisconsin. Students were then given the opportunity to participate in some of activities lumberjacks liked to do on their one day off. These activities included using the cross-cut saw, lighting a match with a small hatchet and tree cookie rolling. | During our stay at Trees, we were able to explore the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. While in the forest, the students analyzed habitats such as a bog, a marsh and a forest. They looked for plant life, signs of animal life and how the habitats were similar and different from each other. Although all of the habitats were interesting, the bog was the most popular, especially when the students tried the fresh cranberries!

