

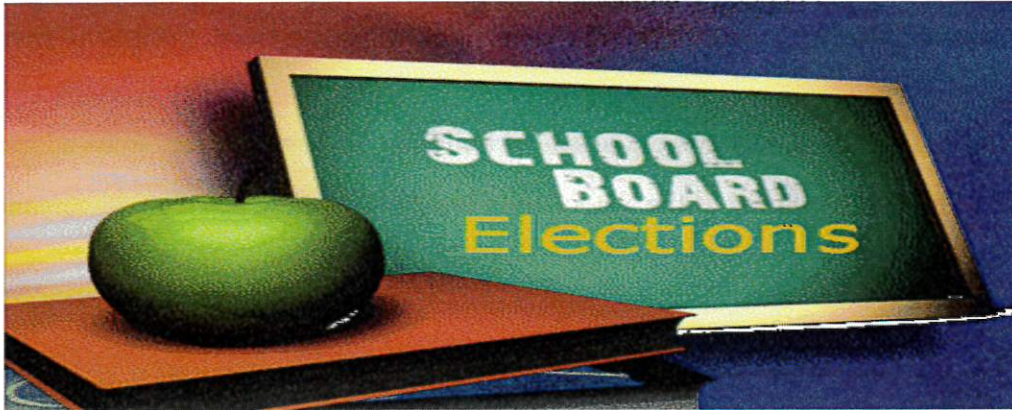


# *Pearl City School District*

## *March 2021 Newsletter*

District Website: [www.pcwolves.net](http://www.pcwolves.net)

"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"



On April 6, 2021, residents of our community have the opportunity to elect four members to the Board of Education. There are five candidates running for the four open seats. In alphabetical order they are Chad Bremmer, Wayne Crackenberger, Nikki Keltner, Richard Sargent, and Carlee Tessoroff. To help inform our community, profiles/bios have been placed on our website and included below.

### **Chad Bremmer**

Hi. I'm Chad Bremmer and I am hoping to be re-elected to the Pearl City School Board. My wife Deb and I operate a grain and livestock farm south of Pearl City with my brother Ross and his family and my parents. We have three boys, Ben is a junior, Ethan is in 8th grade, and Eli is in 6th grade.

I would like to continue to serve on the School Board to help shape the future of Pearl City Schools. We have a GREAT school and a community to be proud of. Our test scores continue to be high and our staff does a tremendous job preparing our students to succeed in life! I would like to play a part in continuing our academic excellence.

I feel the biggest issue facing our school and most others is finances. The State of Illinois continues to struggle with school funding and is trying to push more back on the local districts. In a small district such as ours, it becomes difficult to provide additional opportunities for our students while being fiscally responsible. In the past few years we have paid off our building bond which allowed us to pass a working cash bond to fund new roofs and parking lot repairs that will happen this summer and still significantly lower property tax rates in our district. We need to continue to be proactive in finding ways to reduce spending while maintaining a quality and well-rounded education for our students.

I will continue to do my best in making decisions that are in the best interest of our students, and our school utilizing the limited resources we have available. I would appreciate your vote on April 6th!

### **Wayne Crackenberger**

I would like to let the community know that I am a lifelong resident of the Pearl City area. I attended Pearl City Schools and graduated in 1970. I attended Highland Community College for 2 years graduating with an Associate degree.

My wife Linda and I have been married for 46 years and have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Doug and Stacy both graduated from Pearl City.

I retired from the Pearl City school having worked for 20 years as a janitor and head of the maintenance department.

Having worked at the school I feel that I can contribute to the Board of Education with my experience of being around the school. Working with the administration I have knowledge of budgets and the school buildings.

The biggest challenges facing the schools today would have to be the funding from the state. We as the school have to continue to provide the best education possible and to move forward with the new technology being created.

Also facing our schools is the aging sections of the school building. These areas need to be addressed.

Communications are vital in the running of the school and I would be open to talking with anyone who has questions.

### **Nikki Keltner**

My name is Nikki Keltner and I am a candidate for the Pearl City School Board. I grew up in Pearl City and graduated from Pearl City High School. After obtaining a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University, I married Ryan Keltner and settled in our hometown, on the family centennial farm, where we live today with our three boys.

Currently, I work at the University of Illinois Extension as a program coordinator. My responsibilities include offering educational programs to the public in the areas of agriculture, horticulture, and natural resources and work closely with the Master Gardener and Master Naturalist volunteer programs. I collaborate with stakeholders, Extension, and University staff to assess the needs of our county and region and develop programs to meet those needs.

I feel a strong commitment to the Pearl City community because of my life long connections here. I believe in serving our community to make it a better place for all of us and to give back to a community that has provided me so much support. I would like to continue as part of the Pearl City School Board to serve our school and our community. I would like to see Pearl City Schools remain strong and continue to move in a positive direction so that the district is viable and thriving for future generations.

To me, the most important part of our work on the board is offering the best possible education to our students, while monitoring the budget, so we can be accountable to the tax payers of our district. One of the largest issues we face as a school district is post-pandemic recovery. We need to look forward to getting back to a normal school situation and provide the staff and the students the resources they need to be safe and successful moving forward.

### **Richard Sargent**

I'm a self-employed business owner. I have lived and worked in the community for 21 years. My wife Nicole and I have been married for 27 years, parents of 3 children.

My 2 oldest graduated from Pearl City High School, where involved in boy scouts. Which they both earned the highest scout award of Eagle Scout. Dakota went on to go to NICC and get a degree in machine, started a machining business, which he still operated. He is also Loran road commissioner. Denver stayed in the area and became a farm hand, which he has grown into buying some farm equipment, starting a custom farming business. My youngest, Montana plans on going on to study to either be a ag teacher or on to be a veterinarian.

I would like to see Pearl City School add a couple of Tech class Ed and a Home Economics or a Life Skills class. The Tech Ed classes can be added with little or no cost to the community.

I'm proud of the Pearl City administration and teachers in the handling of the pandemic and keeping our kids in school and trying to keep sports activities going the best that they can for the well-being of our kids.

### **Carlee Tessendorf**

Hello, allow me to introduce myself! I am Carlee Tessendorf, and I appreciate you taking the time to learn why I am interested in becoming a board member of the Pearl City School District. I was raised in Lanark and graduated from Eastland High School in 2006. After receiving my associate degree from Highland Community College in 2008, I transferred to UW-Platteville and graduated in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in Ag Business, with an emphasis in Public Relations. While I was in my last semester there, I started my career as a Program Technician at the United States Department of Agriculture-Farm Service Agency. In 2017 I became the County Executive Director for the Stephenson-Winnebago Farm Service Agency. I have been married to my husband Derek, who is a Pearl City School alumnus, since 2012.

He is a firefighter/paramedic for the Freeport Fire Department and farmer. We have three young boys, Tatum (6), Tysen (4), and Tripp (2). As a family we enjoy raising cattle, exhibiting livestock at the fair, and fishing.

From a young age my parents instilled in me the importance of being involved in the community. I can think of no better way to make an impact than having the opportunity to serve as a member of the school board. Outside of the four walls of our home, the walls of the school will have the most impact on my children and shape who they will become as adults. I think it is important to make sure that all the children in our community have the support that they need to achieve their goals and dreams. Although I was not raised in Pearl City, I have been a part of the community for over 15 years and am proud to have put down roots here to raise my children. I believe some of my strongest qualities would make me an effective board member. I value open communication, am approachable and outgoing, and am very detailed-oriented.

As with all things during the past year, continued challenges are to be expected. As a parent of a first grader and preschooler within the district, I have been impressed with how the school has handled an unprecedented year. I would like the opportunity to continue the work that has been started to make Pearl City Schools prepared for an ever-changing environment. I want to focus on continuing to build a platform that offers the curriculum needed to give students a quality education, even though resources may be constrained. In alignment with the school's mission statement to "inspire in everyone a passion to excel", I would advocate for the teachers and focus on getting tools into their hands to serve all the students, whatever skill sets or interests they might have. I believe that if the foundation of our school and administration is strong, through a supported and equipped staff, then our students would have the opportunity to truly reap the benefits.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you for your time. Please feel free to connect with me if you have any questions or concerns.

## **February Student of the Month**

7th : Roy Hackbert

8th : Fallyn Endress

Freshmen : Lisa Baker

Sophomores : McKenzie Evans

Juniors : Brianna Stager

Seniors : Garrett Boop

Top Dog

Estrella Ayala





## Pearl City School Spelling Bees

### Pearl City School Champion

Natalie Greene

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Maxton Freier

## PSAT/SAT

9th-11th grade students will be taking the PSAT/SAT test on April 13th . This test is mandated by the State of Illinois. There are numerous websites that can help prepare the students. Please go to [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org) for these sites. Students will also practice in their English and Math classes. On the testing day, students should eat right, get enough sleep, have materials they need and be ready to try their best. Please do not schedule appointments on April 13th. More details will be forthcoming. Seniors will not have school on this day.

## Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) Testing

The IAR testing will be the week of April 26th for 3rd-8th grade student. The students will be taking the computer version. Please refer to future communications about specific testing times for each grade level. On testing days, students should eat right, get enough sleep, have materials they need and be ready to try their best. **Please do not Schedule appointments during testing times.**

The following link offers practice exercises and questions that are similar to those that may be on the test. <https://il.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-tests/>

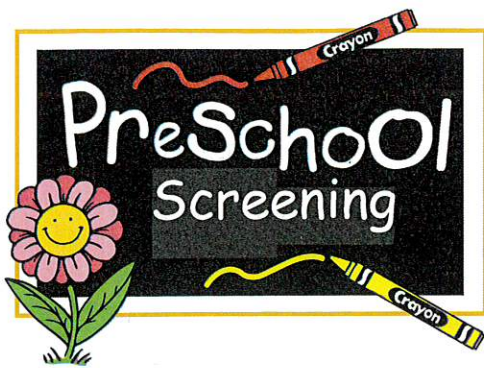
### Senior Awards

Senior Awards day will be on May 12th, 2021 at 7:00pm. The awards will be held in the Pearl City High School Gym.



### High School Graduation Date

High School graduation will take place on May 23rd at 1:00. More details to come.



Preschool Screening for the 2021-2022 school year will be completed online for any child between the ages of 3-5 and living in the Pearl City School District. Please visit [www.https://www.pcwolves.net/](https://www.pcwolves.net/) to complete the application form and to receive all information concerning the registration.

Any child who will be three years old before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 is eligible attend the preschool program next year. Children must be screened using the online form in order to be considered for the preschool program.

The purpose of this screening is to identify children who would benefit and/or be eligible to attend the preschool program next year, or need additional evaluation and/or services. **Space in this program is limited.** Children who are not initially enrolled in the program will be placed on a waiting list.

## Illinois Science Assessment

Students in 5th, 8th grade, as well as Juniors will be taking the Illinois Science Assessment on March 24th. This test is done on the computer. On the testing day, students should eat right, get enough sleep, have materials they need and be ready to try their best. Please do not schedule appointments on March 24th.



## Pearl City School Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2021-2022



Kindergarten Registration for Fall of 2021-2022 is now open. New Families to Pearl City should use this link to begin the online registration.

<https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsedupearlcityil/skyenroll.w>

Families who already have a Skyward account can simply add their child in Skyward. If you are unsure if you have a Skyward account, please contact the Main Office. We will not have an Open House this year due to COVID protocols.

Parents are asked to bring their child's official birth certificate from the Court House and a copy will be made in the Main Office.

## PCEF Offers \$20,000 in Upperclassman Scholarships for 2021-2022 School Year

Pearl City Education Foundation announces availability of \$20,000 to fund Pearl City Upperclassman Scholarships for full- time College or Trade School students for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. This program is for those Pearl City graduates who have already successfully completed their first year of college, and will be going on into their 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year as a full-time college student.

Upperclassman Scholarship Application forms will be available by mid-March at the State Bank of Pearl City, the Pearl City Public Library, or on the Pearl City School's website [www.pcwolves.net](http://www.pcwolves.net)

The deadline for mailing completed applications with required attachments is June 30, 2021. Mail to: Pearl City Education Foundation, Upperclassman Scholarships, P.O. Box 278, Pearl City, IL 61062

Since its 2010 inception, the Pearl City Upperclassman program has awarded over 125 scholarships with over \$60,000 having been distributed to former Pearl City graduates. This program is designed to be perpetual.

Pearl City Education Foundation (PCEF) welcomes donations for our scholarship programs, as well as our program for classroom/teacher's grants. These donations are tax deductible as PCEF has a 501(c) (3) tax status.

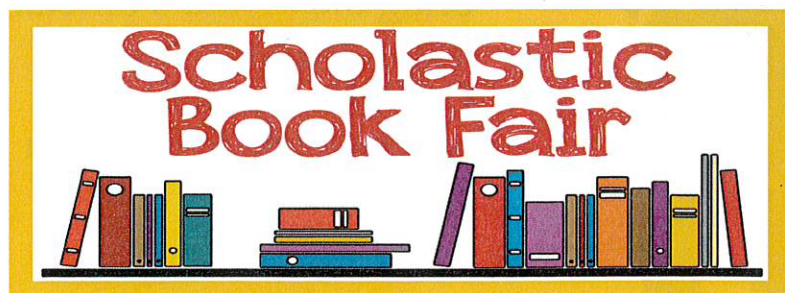
# Scholarships

## Scholastic Book Fair

The PTO Scholastic Book Fair is right around the corner, starting March 15th! This fair will be different than years past, but we are so excited that we get to have one! It will be open to the students and faculty only during school hours from March 15th to March 18th. The fair will also be available online March 10th to March 23rd with free shipping right to your home with any book purchase over \$25. All proceeds will go towards new books for the Elementary Library!

The link below is for the Pearl City Homepage for our book fair. You can use this website to set up your eWallet account, place an online order or to view the book fair flyers!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/pearlcityelementaryschool3>



### Important Dates to Remember

#### March 12th

3rd Quarter Ends  
Early Dismissal 11:15 am (Remote Friday)

#### March 13th

FFA Drive Thru Pork Chop Dinner  
5:00 - 7:30 Pearl City High School

#### March 19th

Report Cards Available in your  
Skyward Portfolio by 10:00 am

#### March 22nd

Homecoming Week (more details  
to come)

#### March 28th

Summer Sports Meeting (track,  
baseball, softball) 6:00 pm

March 29th- April 5th  
Spring Break

## PC Booster Club:

The PC Booster Club is often approached to donate money to sports activities to support our student athletes. Examples of how we have donated include: Scholarships, senior banners, advertisements, donations to individual teams or groups, scorebooks, awards, uniforms, and our new NFHS camera to have the ability to broadcast games to those unable to attend. We like to accommodate these requests, but we can't do it alone. We need the parents of the student athletes to support the PC Booster club. We have annual fundraisers to help generate funds to distribute amongst the Pearl City athletic programs. We sell NWIDD tickets in the fall and run an annual Golf Outing in the spring. During the school year, our most consistent way to raise funds is our concession stand at home athletic events. We strongly encourage all parents of student athletes to donate or participate in these fundraisers if possible.

### PC Booster Club Contact Information:

Please contact us if you have any questions or ideas.

Email: [PCBoosterClub@gmail.com](mailto:PCBoosterClub@gmail.com)

• Facebook: [@pearlcityboosterclub](https://www.facebook.com/pearlcityboosterclub)  
PayPal: [PCBoosterClub@gmail.com](mailto:PCBoosterClub@gmail.com)

• Venmo: [@PCBoosterClub200](https://venmo.com/PCBoosterClub200)

Members:

- Ashley Gronewold, President: 815.541.0394
- Angie Niehaus, Vice President: 815.266.7260
- DJ Scott, Treasurer: [djscott@pcwolves.net](mailto:djscott@pcwolves.net)
- Mel Bremmer, Secretary: 815.821.4715
- Amy Brinkmeier, Emily Dixon, Laci Diehl, and Stephanie Rosenstiel

Find us on Facebook:



Pearl City Booster Club

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Find us on Venmo:



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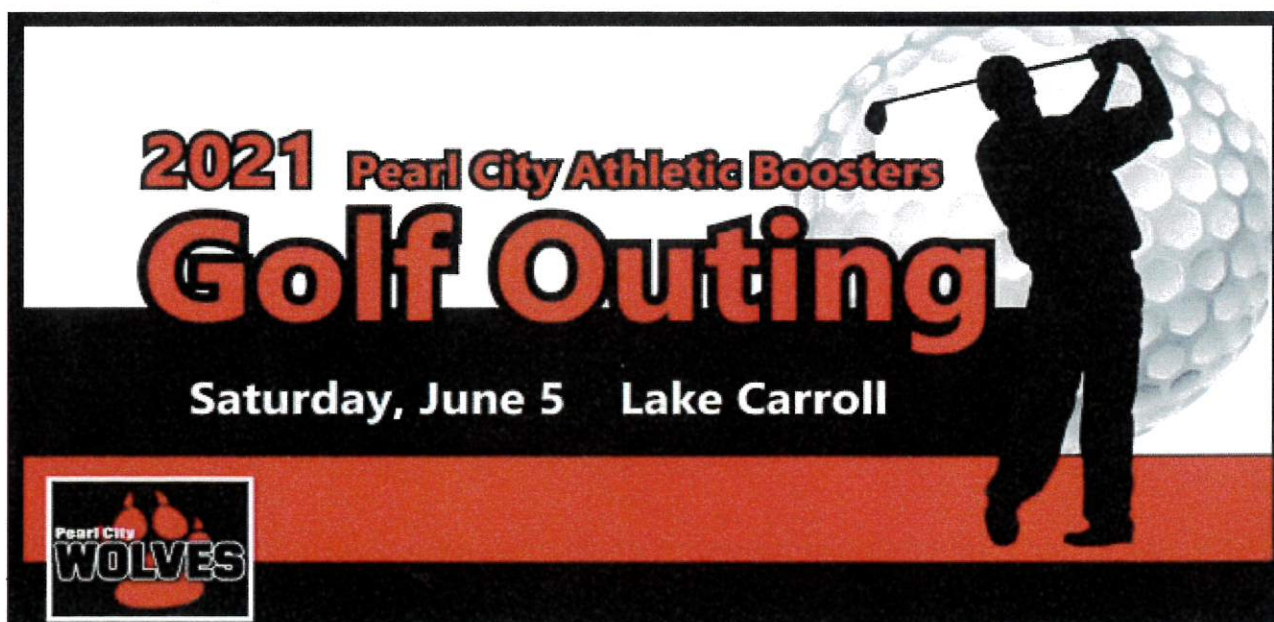
[@PCBoosterClub200](https://venmo.com/PCBoosterClub200)



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Scan QR code for payment

### PC Booster Club Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser:



We are in the phases of planning now and are seeking help! If you're interested in sponsoring monetarily, donating item, or volunteering your time, please email us at [PCBoosterClub@gmail.com](mailto:PCBoosterClub@gmail.com) or text Ashley Gronewold at 815.541.0394.

# 2021 Pearl City Athletic Boosters Golf Outing



Saturday, June 5th - Lake Carroll

All Proceeds Benefit the  
Pearl City Athletic Booster Club

Registration 10:00 a.m. ● Shotgun Start 11:00 a.m. ● Dinner 5:00 p.m.

18 Holes of Golf with Cart  
Brats on Course & Steak Dinner  
2 Beer Tickets, Raffle, PC Wolves Gear & More

## Sponsorship Opportunities

### Hole in One \$300

Sponsor of dinner activities  
Logo on banner  
Corporate logo on each  
golf cart  
Sponsor sign on 10th hole  
Social media advertising

### Eagle \$200

Sponsor sign on putting green  
Company name on score card  
Social media advertising

### Birdie \$100

Sponsorship sign on hole  
Social media advertising

Please contact Ashley with  
sponsorship interest.

Pearl City Athletic Boosters is a  
non-profit charitable organization  
with 501(c)3 status

## Reservations & Payment

Check all that apply

*\$300 per foursome if  
paid by May 23, 2021*

*If not paid by May 23, fee increases  
to \$85/golfer and Wolves gear not  
guaranteed.*

Golf \$75 per person

Dinner Only \$25

Can't join us?  
Athletic Booster donation

Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Options: Check  Cash  PayPal  Venmo

PayPal payments may be made via the Friends/ Family option to [PCBoosterClub@gmail.com](mailto:PCBoosterClub@gmail.com)

Venmo - @PCBoosterClub200

Please make checks payable to **Pearl City Booster Club**

T-Shirt Size  
(unisex)

Golfer #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #4 \_\_\_\_\_

Return forms and payment to:  
Ashley Gronewold 300 Walgren Rd, Pearl City, IL 61062

For more information contact Ashley Gronewold at 815.541.0394

[PCBoosterClub@gmail.com](mailto:PCBoosterClub@gmail.com) or [DJScott@direct44.com](mailto:DJScott@direct44.com)



2021 Pearl City Athletic Boosters

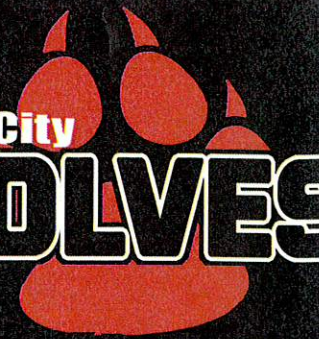
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Saturday, June 5th - Lake Carroll



Pearl City

# WOLVES



All Proceeds Benefit the Pearl City Athletic Booster Club

## Sponsorship Opportunities

### Hole in One

### \$300

- Sponsor of dinner activities
- Logo on banner
- Corporate logo on each golf cart
- Sponsor sign on 10th hole
- Social media advertising

### Eagle \$200

- Sponsor sign on putting green
- Company name on score card
- Social media advertising

### Birdie \$100

- Sponsorship sign on hole
- Social media advertising

Pearl City Athletic Boosters is a non-profit charitable organization with 501(3c) status

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsorship Level

Hole in One       Eagle       Birdie

Payment Options:    Check    Cash    PayPal    Venmo

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Please make checks payable to **Pearl City Booster Club**

Please email a digital logo of your business to [PCBoosterClub@gmail.com](mailto:PCBoosterClub@gmail.com)

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