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Pioneer Update
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Alumni Spotlight

Elizabeth "Beth" (White) Nichols '84 is currently serving as the health and physical education teacher at Lewis County High School in Weston, West Virginia. She is pictured above with her daughter Catie (left).

Beth earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in physical and safety education from Glensville State in 1984. She has been working in education for over 35 years. In 2017, Beth was selected as the Lewis County Teacher of the Year.

Outside of the classroom, Beth is a decorated cheerleading coach at Lewis County High School. During



Land Resources Student Interns at Burnsville Lake

Senior Glensville State College Land Resources student, Brian Carson, is applying what he has learned through his courses to an internship at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Burnsville Lake Project with the Student Conservation Association this summer.

Carson began his internship at the beginning of May. As part of his responsibilities, he assists with a variety of duties throughout the park grounds, including park maintenance, conservation, and more. "Since I've been here, I've been involved with everything from assisting the park rangers with patrol, visitor assistance, and helping maintenance with things like clearing trails and cleaning ditches," said Carson.

"My favorite part of the internship is the variety. Every day is something different which keeps things interesting. To anyone who is not taking advantage of internships, you are missing out. It is all about getting out there and gaining experience, as well as making a name for yourself," he added.

her tenure, she has taken six cheer squads to the West Virginia State Cheerleading Tournament, claimed four Regional cheer titles, two runner-up Regional titles, and six Big 10 Conference Runner-up Championships. She earned the Big 10 Conference Cheerleading Coach of the Year Award and was appointed to the West Virginia State Board of Cheerleading.

Beth recently retired has the Lewis County Head Cheerleading Coach and her daughter. Catie Nichols, will take over as head coach this fall.

Beth resides in Weston, West Virginia with her husband Wayne and has two children Catie and Joe '19.

In her spare time, she enjoys participating in water aerobics, walking, and helping others. She is a member of the Lewis County School Improvement Council, Lewis County High School Leadership Committee, the Pep Club Sponsor, and involved in many community activities.

We are proud to feature Beth in this week's Alumni Spotlight and call her an alumna of Glenville State College.

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WV Humanities Council Awards Grant to Pioneer Stage

Organizers at Glenville State College's Pioneer Stage have applied for and been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the West Virginia Humanities Council as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. GSC's Pioneer Stage is located 10 East Main Street in downtown Glenville and is the college's Bluegrass Music Education Center.

GSC's proposal centered on the impact of the loss of the annual West Virginia State Folk Festival to the area, which was canceled in April due to COVID-19. The event usually draws crowds to downtown Glenville to celebrate traditional life and Appalachian culture, from square dancing and storytelling to crafting and old-time music. The festival has been a mainstay of the Gilmer County community since 1950.

"The Pioneer Stage requested assistance to begin a digital program that would allow us to provide live music from our stage to audiences on Main Street in Glenville as well as on our website and over a local radio transmitter. This way people could still enjoy the music while observing social distancing," said GSC Bluegrass Band Director and Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Megan Darby.

In addition to musical entertainment, Darby says that plans are in the works that would allow for programming to promote workshops on basket weaving, quilting, genealogy, music, and others. The workshops would be broadcast over various types of media allowing followers to see artisans and musicians perform their talents and provide mentoring.

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All supplies and refreshments will be provided with social distancing guidelines in effect. For more information, contact Director of Fundraising Ashley Knight by [clicking here](#) or by calling (304) 462-6362.



Recognizing our Great Pioneer Alumni

William Underwood '93 and his kindergarten class at Belle Elementary School in Kanawha County, West Virginia pose with their "Pat the Pioneer" during College Awareness Week.

William and his wife Adrena "Addy" (Akers) Underwood '91 received their "Pat the Pioneer" as part of GSC's 2019 Homecoming Celebration where Teacher Education graduates were recognized.



Pioneer Progress is Returning

GSC's magazine for alumni and friends - the Pioneer Progress - is returning this fall after a three year hiatus! Have you married recently? Been honored with an award or accolade? Received a promotion or taken on a new career path? Added a new bundle of joy to your family? Celebrated a milestone anniversary?

We want to know what is happening with our GSC alumni and their families. [Click here](#) to send us your updates for our upcoming edition of the Pioneer Progress.



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