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Alumni Spotlight

Paul J. "Joey" Herron '80, a Lewis County native and current resident of Fairmont, West Virginia, retired from the Social Security Administration in 2013 after 23 years of service. He stays busy with and is passionate about his 48+ years of birding experiences and research. Herron has been an Instructor for Pierpont Community & Technical College's Lifelong Learners group/classes on birding and banding since 2008; has been a licensed master bird bander with the U.S. Geological Service; a bird banding lab out of Patuxant, Maryland, since 1997; has coached girl's junior high school basketball

Longtime GSC Supporter Honored

Earlier this week longtime Glenville State College supporter and philanthropist Ike Morris was honored with the 2018 Lorenelle White Lifetime Achievement Award by The State Journal. The recognition was part of their annual Who's Who in West Virginia Business event.

Ike and his wife Sue (Bartlett) '65 have been leaders in the local community for years. The Morris family, through their unmatched generosity, have assisted not only the students, faculty, and staff of Glenville State College, but also the youth of Gilmer County and Central West Virginia.

Their giving to GSC tops \$10 million over the years including a \$5 million gift in 2008 - the largest private gift in the history of the college to date - to kick off fundraising for the College's Waco Center. In 2007, Ike received an honorary degree from Glenville State and in 2016, Ike and Sue were both inducted into GSC's Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service.

The Morris' have two children, Doug '91 and Shelly '85, and four grandchildren Hannah, Luke '18, Ian '16, and Jordan.



for 16 years, been a certified coach with NFIAC/National Federation of Interscholastic Athletic Coaches since 1998, and has been coaching girl's high school basketball since 2013.

Herron received his BS degree in Biology with an Art minor from GSC in 1980 and established a bird skin collection with over 200 skins for our Biology Department during his college career. He also ran in Professor Emeritus/Coach Jim Hilgenberg's National Cross Country Championship teams in the late 70's.

Joey counts among his birding affiliations and memberships: Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology (1996), Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association (1975), Bird Banders Association of North America (life member), Bird Banding Laboratory (master permit, 1997), Hawk Migration Association of North America (past member), Brooks Bird Club of West Virginia (1975), West Virginia Raptor Rehabilitation Center, West Virginia Partners in Flight (working group member), Institute for Bird Populations (past MAPS station operator), and the American Birding Association (past member).

He has been awarded many ribbons for nature and wildlife photographs at local



West Virginia State Folk Festival has GSC Roots

The West Virginia State Folk Festival began in 1950. Its founder was Dr. Patrick Ward Gainer, a 1924 graduate of GSC. Gainer was born in Parkersburg, WV and grew up in Tanner. He received his Ph.D. from St. Louis University in 1933 and taught there until 1942. Between 1946 and 1972, Dr. Gainer was a professor at West Virginia University. He was honored as our Alumnus of the Year in 1974.

This year's Folk Festival will be June 21 – 24, [click here](#) for a complete schedule of the events. You can also visit the [WV State Folk Festival Facebook Page](#) for additional updates.

Pictured at right: Michaela Gumm '18 and Dr. Aaron Frymier '13 square dance at the 2017 WV State Folk Festival.



festivals and his photos were featured in the February 2017 issue of *Wild, Wonderful West Virginia* magazine, including the cover photo. Herron has 22 published papers, all in *Redstart*, a quarterly publication of Brooks Bird Club and has published three books: *Birds of Prickett's Fort State Park* (2011 and updated 2016), *Birds of Morris Park* (2013), and *Birds and Words* (2017), available online at blurb.com - the latter being available from Amazon as well.

Still an avid runner, Joey competes in 5-10 road running races per year from 5K to the Marathon, logging 500-800 miles yearly. He competed in the Boston Marathon in April 2005.

Herron participates in several presentations each year to various groups and clubs on birding and owl research, has established a Saw-whet Owl banding station at Valley Falls State Park (2004-present), established Jackson's Mill Migration Observation for fall banding (2004-2009), worked with West Virginia University/Jackson's Mill 4-H camp to establish a State Birding Center at Jackson's Mill (West Virginia Bird Conservation Center), and is currently working with the City of Fairmont to establish a Birding/Nature Center at Morris Park.



Faculty and Staff Enjoy Summer Treats

In the spirit of spending time together and enjoying a quick break from work on a beautiful afternoon, staff, faculty, and student workers gathered in the college amphitheater on Thursday for an ice cream social. This was the second of three similar events planned by President Pellett to bring employees together for a bit of social time.

"Events like these are small ways to say 'thank you' to our employees; which is something that we don't do (and can't do) often enough. Glenville State has some of the best faculty and staff around – they are truly talented higher education practitioners and are always willing to go the extra mile for our students," Pellett said.



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The Estate of Ernest L. Arbuckle – \$25,275 for the Ernest L. Arbuckle Scholarship

We are pleased to feature Joey in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud that he is an alumnus of Glenville State College. If you have a chance to meet him on the birding trail, take advantage of it as this will be an opportunity you won't soon forget; also look for his books as his photography in these is simply amazing.

Marvin & Arlene (Walker) Hall – \$5,900 for the Kenneth & Irene Walker Scholarship

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Gordon R. Short – \$2,000 for the Eula Bush Short Scholarship

United Bank – \$500 for Pioneer Athletic Club

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