



GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE

Pioneer Update

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE  
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### Weekly Update from GSC

*Before proceeding with our update for this week, we wanted to share some sad news. Late this week a current student, Jonathan Knotts, 19, was killed in an automobile accident in Glenville. He was attending GSC to obtain a science education degree. In addition to serving as a manager on the Pioneer football team, John was also a Hidden Promise Mentor and this year's recipient of the Wagner Science and Math Award. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts during this difficult time.*



### Alumni Spotlight

Coach Steve Parker '77, founder of *The Gathering at Sweet Creek*, will be holding the tenth annual festival at his residence in Mineral



- Over 200 students, faculty, and staff gathered on Clark Hall lawn on Monday afternoon to witness the solar eclipse. At the height of the eclipse the sun was about 85% blocked by the moon here in Glenville. We hope that you and your families were able to pause that day and enjoy the event as much as we did.

- Congressman David McKinley visited campus on



Wells, WV during Labor Day Weekend, September 1-3. The event, which showcases old time folk musicians, poets, and storytellers, helps in the presentation and preservation of Appalachian culture, folklore, and old time music. Parker has a number of groups lined up to perform this year, one of which will be his own seven member family group appropriately called *Sweet Creek* and made up of himself, his wife Tammy (Tuell) Parker '78, their daughters Merideth '05 and Katelyn, a current student at GSC. Tammy's brother Steven Tuell, his wife Wendy, and their son Mark round out the group. Alumni favorites Mack Samples '64, his brother Ted, and son Grayson '95 will be performing as well and Mack's wife Thelma (Wilson) Samples '64 will be in attendance.

The festival kicks off at 6:00 p.m. on Friday night, goes all day Saturday, and ends on Sunday after a morning church service and more music. Many of the musicians who used to perform at the Stonewall Jackson Jubilee before that festival was restructured, regularly perform at *The Gathering of Sweet Creek*.

If you would like more information including specific performance times to attend next weekend's festival, contact Steve by e-mail to [thegatheringatsweetcreek@yahoo.com](mailto:thegatheringatsweetcreek@yahoo.com) or phone (304) 580-6969.

Thanks Steve and Tammy for working to keep our mountain heritage alive and strong for years to come. You make us proud that you

Tuesday. He met with President Pellett and several of the campus vice presidents before sharing brief remarks to students and touring one of GSC's lab spaces in the Science Hall.



enjoy a picnic, and take part in some family fun.

- Members of this year's 'Wall of Sound' Pioneer Marching Band put on their first performance of the season last Friday evening at the Band Bash. The Bash, which has become an annual event thanks to a partnership with the Glenville Presbyterian Church, gives members of the community a chance to hear the band, enjoy a picnic, and take part in some family fun.



## Upcoming Events

Click the links below to learn more.

**Saturday, August 26 8:30 AM** [Women's Basketball Golf Outing at Mingo Bottom Golf Course](#)

**Thursday, August 31 7:00 PM** [Pioneer Football vs UVA-Wise at Morris Stadium](#)



## Football Season Begins August 31

The Glenville State College Pioneer Football team held a scrimmage on Friday, August 18 and will have their first regular season game on Thursday, August 31. It will be the only home game under the lights at Morris Stadium for the Pioneers this

season and fans are encouraged to cheer on the team as they take on the Cavaliers of UVA-Wise. If you aren't within

are alumni of Glenville State College.

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driving distance you can still listen to the live play-by-play action on the radio with 'Voice of the Pioneers' Bob Edwards by tuning to 100.3 FM WAFD. You can also stream video, audio, and live statistics from the Athletics website at [www.gscpioneers.com](http://www.gscpioneers.com).

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## **The Giving Corner**

The following gifts were received during the week:

\$250 Roane County Arts and Humanities Council for scholarship

\$3,000 United Bank for game sponsorship

\$5,000 United Hospital Center for game sponsorship

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