

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

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.

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

John R. Lilly '76 – \$3,000 for PAC Men's Golf

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

United Bank – \$500 for Pioneer Athletic Club

Unified Trust Company – \$400 for Pioneer Athletic Club

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