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Kentucky Riverkeeper Launch May 6 at Fort Boonesborough

Think of it as a floating neighborhood watch.

And, in this case, the “neighborhood” is the Kentucky River.

At 10 a.m. Monday, May 6, noted environmentalist Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Backstreet Boy and Kentucky native Kevin Richardson, EKU officials and other dignitaries will gather at Fort Boonesborough State Park for the launch of the Kentucky Riverkeeper, a first of its kind for the Commonwealth. The ceremonies will include a christening of a Riverkeeper boat donated by the Brunswick Corporation Boat Group, whose president is Dustan McCoy, a 1972 EKU graduate and Grayson native. The public is welcome.

The Kentucky Riverkeeper, established by the Center for Appalachian Studies at EKU, is part of the Waterkeeper Alliance, a growing grass-roots environmental movement nationwide, a citizens’ patrol to protect communities and the waters on which they depend. More than 80 waterkeeper programs have been established in North and Central America.

“Watershed awareness is the number one issue,” said Dr. Alan Banks, director of the Center. “Robert Kennedy and others have put a lot of effort into building this movement, and they’ve struck a responsive chord. Our partnership with the Alliance puts us in touch with the necessary resources, experience and know-how to protect the Kentucky River, which is one of the most special waterways in the world and a beautiful natural resource.”

The Center’s involvement will allow the Riverkeeper to “harness the skills, talents and resources of faculty and students from many academic disciplines and focus them on community concerns,” Banks said. “The Riverkeeper will offer wonderful hands-on learning opportunities for our undergraduate and graduate students.”

Banks said the Riverkeeper will:
- engage the public in river awareness, protection and maintenance activities.
- respond to citizen complaints.
- identify and draw attention to pollution problems along the river.

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EKU to Honor Outstanding Alumnus, Others April 27

John Hanlon, a 1964 graduate who was paralyzed in Vietnam combat and went on to serve his fellow veterans during a distinguished 21-year career with the Veterans Administration, is EKU’s Outstanding Alumnus for 2002.

Hanlon, of Memphis, Tenn., and five inductees into the University’s Hall of Distinguished Alumni will be honored at the annual Alumni Awards and Recognition Banquet Saturday, April 27. The banquet, at 7 p.m. in the Keen Johnson Ballroom, is the concluding event of EKU’s Alumni Weekend April 26-27. Tickets for the banquet are $20 each and may be reserved by calling the University’s alumni relations office, 622-1260.

The Hall of Distinguished Alumni inductees are: Eric Abercrumbie, ’70, Cincinnati, Ohio, director, Office of Ethnic Programs and Services, and director, African American Culture and Research Center, University of Cincinnati; Judge James E. Keller, 2000, Lexington, justice, Supreme Court of Kentucky; Janie Abbott Miller, ’77, Shelbyville, commissioner, Kentucky Department of Insurance; Elizabeth Snoddy Monarch, ’30, Paris, executive vice president and chief operating officer, Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital; and Judge Danny C. Reeves, ’78, Lexington, Federal District judge, Eastern District of Kentucky.

(Keller attended Eastern from 1960 to 1965, then was admitted to the University of Kentucky Law School. He was awarded a baccalaureate degree in 2000 under a University policy that allows for the transfer back of appropriate credits.)

Hanlon began his military service after earning a bachelor’s degree in geography and geology and a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army through Eastern’s ROTC program. While serving in Vietnam with the 1st Cavalry Division, he was severely wounded during the Battle of La Drang Valley in November 1965 made famous by Hal Moore’s book “We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young.” The fighting, some of the fiercest in the entire war, marked the beginning of the massive ground war in Vietnam.

For his heroics, Hanlon received a Silver Star and Purple Heart, among other decorations, but, after 32 operations to heal his wounds, he was left permanently paralyzed from the waist down. Later, his valor was recognized at EKU when a campus street, John Hanlon Drive, was named in his honor.

He joined the VA Medical Center in Memphis in 1976 and held a series of progressively responsible positions, until retiring in 1998 as chief of the Management Advisory Section, Resources Management Service.

Throughout his career, Hanlon worked diligently to foster awareness and sensitivity to issues and barriers faced by disabled employees. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors, Mid-South Chapter, of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, co-chairman of a fundraiser for spinal cord research. For his efforts, he has earned numerous awards from the Veterans Administration.

After arriving on the Eastern campus from Carroll County in 1959, Hanlon recalled that his “world immediately grew a lot larger. Until graduation, my ol’ knowledge knapsack was filled with provisions and some tools for gathering more that have sustained me this far along the journey, and I know we will keep me as far as I have to go. It seemed we got to stand on the shoulders of some wonderful professors and look a ways farther down the way we were choosing than we might ever have seen without them.”

“Don’t consider myself a distinguished alum but, rather, a richly blessed and proud alum of a distinguished University.”

Candidates for the awards are selected each year on the basis of professional and personal achievement from among nominations received from EKU graduates by the Executive Committee of the EKU National Alumni Association.

Alumni Weekend this year features special reunions for the graduation classes of 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972 and 1977. Invitations also have been sent to alumni who graduated one year before or after the special reunion classes.

The April 26 schedule at the Arlington House includes a 6 p.m. faculty/alumni reception, alumni dinner at 7 and a “Casino Night” from 8:30 to 10 p.m. The cost for the dinner is $20 a person, and advance reservations are recommended. Admission to Casino Night is $10 a person.

The fun continues Saturday, April 27 at the Keen Johnson Building, where registration and a “Getting Reacquainted Continental Breakfast” begin at 9 a.m. The day also includes a 11:30 a.m. class buffet luncheon (cost $11), class meetings and photographs, and recognition of EKU Pioneers, those who graduated from the University at least 50 years ago.

For more information about Alumni Weekend, or to make reservations for any of the events, call 622-1260 or e-mail alumni.event@eku.edu.
**Monday, April 22**

**Human Rights Symposium**

“Islam, Democracy and Human Rights in Africa,” symposium, 4-6 p.m., Crabb Library

Speakers include: Dr. Bankole Thompson, EKU; Sakah Mahmud, Transylvania University; Jonathan Reynolds, Northern Kentucky University; and Lori Hartmann-Mahmud, Centre College.

**Tuesday, April 23**

**Colonels Back Home**

EKU vs. Samford, 3 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.

**Clarinet Choir Recital**

8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

**Wednesday, April 24**

**Baseball Homestead Continues**

EKU vs. Samford, 5 p.m., Turley Hughes Field.

**Lecture Topic: Cora Wilson Stewart**

“Cora Wilson Stewart and the Struggle for Adult Literacy in Kentucky,” Dr. Yvonne Baldwin, chair, Department of Geography, Government and History, Morehead State University, 7:30 p.m., Kennesaw Room, Powell Building, part of year-long lecture series sponsored by EKU’s Center for Kentucky History and Politics.

**Trombone Ensemble Recital**

8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

**Thursday, April 25**

**Campus-Wide Memorial Service**

4 p.m., Chapel of Meditation, in remembrance of students, faculty and staff who died during the past year. Service will include special music, prayers, meditation and remarks from President Glasser and other University officials. To be honored: Lance Barnett, Mark Hamblin, Rebecca Hull, Carl King, Sara McGill, Dr. Terry Lee Adams, Dr. Wayne Swezig, Dr. Tom Myers, Dr. David Ng, Dr. Herman Bush, Willie Caudill, Harold Lamb, Rex Murphy, James Renfro, Virgil Clay Richardson, Dawn C. Lainhart, Velma Lee Rogers Lawson, Charles Mecece, David Rowe, J. Clay Richardson, Dawn C. Lainhart, Velma Lee Rogers Lawson, Charles Mecece, David Rowe, J. Allen Singleton, James D. Witt and Wanda Wooston. Families, friends and University community invited. Anyone unable to attend may request a videotape from EKU TV Production Services, 622-1681. For more information, call Dr. Patrick Nnoromele, 622-1723, or SGA President Nick Bertram, 622-1724.

**Chautauqua Lecture**

“The Changing Relationship between the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge,” Wes Jackson, executive director, The Land Institute, Salina, Kan., 7:30 p.m., Moore 116, part of year-long Chautauqua lecture series on human rights.

**String Ensemble Performs**

8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

**Saturday, April 27**

**Softball Twinbill**

EKU vs. Tennessee State, 1 p.m., Gertrude Hood Field.

**Sunday, April 28**

**Horn Studio Performs**

8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

**Softball Homestead Continues**

EKU vs. Tennessee State, 1 p.m., Gertrude Hood Field.

**Baseball Action**

EKU vs. UT-Martin, 3 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.

**Sigma Tau Delta Chili Supper**

6 p.m., members of the English honor society, Sigma Tau Delta, and guests are invited to meet for a free chili supper at the home of Drs. Dorothy and William Sutton. RSVP by 3 p.m. Friday, April 26 by calling 622-6071 or e-mailing dorothy.sutton@eku.edu

**Sunday, April 28-Saturday, May 11**

**BFA Art Exhibit**

Bachelor of Fine Arts Graduates Art Exhibit, featuring work of Burt Rocher, David Jenkins and Keri Gorton, opening reception, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 28, Giles Gallery, Campbell Building, for regular hours, call 622-8155.

**Monday, April 29**

**Baseball Doubleheader**

EKU vs. UT-Martin, 3 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.

**Wednesday, May 1**

**Colonels Host Cardinals**

EKU vs. University of Louisville, baseball, 5 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.

**Thursday, May 2**

**Earth Days Schedule**

- **Monday, April 22**
  - EKU vs. UT-Martin, 3 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.
  - **Wednesday, May 1**
  - **Colonels Host Cardinals**
  - EKU vs. University of Louisville, baseball, 5 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.
  - **Thursday, May 2**
  - **Friday, May 3**
  - **Concerto Concert**
  - 8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

**Tuesday, April 23**

**Announcements**

**Elias Wins Teaching Award**

Dr. David Elias, associate professor of English at EKU, has received an Outstanding Teacher Award for 2002 from the South Atlantic Association of Departments of English. Elias will be honored at a November conference in Baltimore, where he also has been asked to speak on “My View of Teaching.”

Elias joined the EKU faculty in 1989 and has taught the basic writing and reading sequence, freshman English sequence, Advanced Composition, Science Fiction, Literature of Paranoia, and Conspiracy, Theories of Composition, Modern Rhetoric, Introduction to Composition Studies and Literature Survey. From 1992 to 2001, he served as coordinator of developmental composition. For the past year, he has served as graduate assistant to the chair.

Elias earned a bachelor’s degree in English from the University of California, Berkeley; a master’s degree in English from Rutgers and a doctorate in education from Stanford.

**DIVERSITY/ADA AWARENESS DAY – SST Communications, a Chicago-based theatrical group, presented two performances related to diversity and disabilities awareness during the University’s Diversity/ADA Awareness Day April 10.**
Retiree Banquet Honors 60

Sixty EKU employees with a combined 1,416 years of service will be honored Monday, April 29 at the University’s annual retirement dinner.

After a 6:30 p.m. reception, the dinner will be held at 7 in the Stratton Building Cafeteria. Tickets are $17 and are available at the Coates Administration Building cashier’s window. They also may be purchased at the door the night of the dinner, but advance purchase is encouraged.

The retirees and most current position are as follows:

Danny G. Abner, master maintenance mechanic, Facilities Services; Benjamin Bayer, director, Billings and Collections; Connie L. Beasley, administrative assistant, Business & Technology; Mary Bosley, office machine operator, Information Technology & Delivery Services; Betty Brock, food service worker, Food Services; Doug Burnham, professor, Anthropology; Sociology & Social Work; Janet Collins, director/professor, College of Health Sciences Continuing Education; Nancy Daniel, assistant professor, Model Lab; Mary Dickerson Davis, administrative assistant, Financial Affairs; John Denton, professor, Anthropology, Sociology & Social Work; Barbara J. Doan, library technician, Library Services; Judith Purvis, building receptionist, Housing & Residential Services; Cabin Mitchell, custodian, Facilities Services; Kenneth Nelson, dean, Continuing Education & Outreach; Lucie Nelson, director, Community & Workforce Education; Devonna (Terri) Perkins, departmental secretary, Psychology; Margaret Pitcher, library assistant, Library Services; Judith Purvis, building receptionist, Housing & Residential Services; Imogene Ramsey, chair/professor, Curriculum and Instruction; Ken Renner, custodian, Facilities Services.

Nancy Revel, food service worker, Food Services; Allan Richardson, maintenance mechanic, Student Development; Norman Riggs, mechanic, Student Development; Norma Smith, custodian, Facilities Services; Charles Forrester, associate professor, Criminal Justice & Police Studies; Andrew Gill, laboratory manager, Chemistry; Barbara Goor, food service worker, Food Services; David Greenlee, professor, Music; Evelyn Hall, food service worker, Food Services; Roberta Hendricks, professor, Curriculum and Instruction; Kenneth Henson, professor/dean, Education; Joretta Hill, building receptionist, Housing & Residential Services; Ordelle Hill, professor, English; Jamesetta Homaker, administrative assistant, Arlington; Cheryll Howard, payroll manager, Payroll Services; Zelma Isaacs, head custodian, Facilities Services; Lally Jennings, associate director, Alumni Relations; Nancy Kenner, administrative assistant, Health Sciences; Glen Kenne, professor, Communications; Sue Lainhart, administrative assistant, Registrar; Priscilla Lane, assistant professor, Model Lab; Linda Laswell, secretary, Intercollegiate Athletics; Marijo Levan, professor, Mathematics & Statistics; Norman Martin, manager, Information Technology & Delivery Services; Gladys Magatung, professor, Occupational Therapy; Joseph McGowan, custodian, Facilities Services; Cabin Mitchell, custodial foreman, Facilities Services; Kenneth Nelson, dean, Continuing Education & Outreach; Lucie Nelson, director, Community & Workforce Education; Devonna (Terri) Perkins, departmental secretary, Psychology; Margaret Pitcher, library assistant, Library Services; Judith Purvis, building receptionist, Housing & Residential Services; Imogene Ramsey, chair/professor, Curriculum and Instruction; Ken Renner, custodian, Facilities Services.


Jazz Festival to Feature Grammy Nominee Schneider

Grammy-nominated jazz composer/conductor Maria Schneider will lead the EKU Jazz Ensemble in a performance of her music at the annual EKU Jazz Festival Saturday, April 27.

The event, which also will feature saxophonist Ron Jones of Louisville, begins at 8 p.m. in Gifford Theatre in the Campbell Building. Admission is free for EKU students, faculty and staff with valid ID, and $10 for the general public.

Schneider’s debut recording, “Evanescence,” was nominated for two Grammy Awards in 1995: Best Jazz Ensemble Performance and, for its title piece, Best Instrumental Composition. Her second recording, “Coming About” in 1996, also earned a Grammy nomination, and she received the Critic’s Choice Best Composer Award at the 1998 New York Jazz Awards.

One of her newest recordings, “Allegresse,” was listed by Time magazine as one of the top 10 music releases of the year for 2000 and also received a Grammy nomination.

She has worked with the Gil Evans Orchestra, Toots Thielemans, the Stockholm Jazz Orchestra, the Brussels Jazz Orchestra and on Sting’s 1987 European tour, and conducted the Spoketo Music Festival, and “Porgy and Bess” and “Sketches of Spain” at Carnegie Hall.

Schneider will conduct a “master class” at 3:30 p.m. Jones has played with Lionel Hampton, Wynton Marsalis, Bradford Marsalis, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Bobby Shew, and the Louisville Orchestra, among many others. In a review of his first CD, “A Vision of Beauty,” Cadence magazine termed Jones “a lyrical player who has a smooth tone that flies high whether he is playing a fast-paced tune or a ballad.”

He works as a private saxophone instructor in Louisville, conducts numerous clinics and workshops with school systems, colleges and universities, and is a frequent guest soloist with college groups.
**Name:** Leslie Long

**Current Position at EKU:**
Supervisor of mail services.

**How long have you been in this position?**
Five years.

**If you weren’t doing this job, what would you like to be doing?**
Something that uses more creativity. My degree was in interior design so I’d like to do something in that field.

**Tell me about your family.**
My family includes my dad Bill, my mom Nancy and my fiancée Donnie. Donnie has three great kids: Jacob, 13; Clinton, 12, and Kristyn, 6.

**What are your interests and hobbies?**
I enjoy scrapbooking, stamping, crafts, genealogy and collecting things.

**What is your favorite vacation spot?**
Disney World! Mainly because it’s a magical place and I’m completely relaxed when I’m there.

**What is in your CD or tape player at home right now?**
At the moment, a variety of wedding songs since I’m getting completely relaxed when I’m there.

**What book would you recommend to others?**
Actually, reading a book is not something I enjoy. I’d rather read articles in magazines.

**What is your favorite food?**
All kinds of Mexican food!

**What would you recommend to others?**
Something that uses more creativity. My degree was in interior design so I’d like to do something in that field.

**Can you recall your most embarrassing moment?**
When I worked out at the gym I fell down on the treadmill. It was still speding away, so to keep from being thrown off I had to crawl.

**Can you recall the proudest moment of your life?**
Graduating from EKU, after five long years.

**What person do you admire most?**
I’m fortunate enough to have two people I admire. They are my parents, because they instilled good morals and values in me.

**What’s the best advice you’ve ever received?**
To live life to its fullest every day!

**What makes you happy?**
Being with family and friends.

**One thing nobody ever knew about you until now is.**
I have a collection of over 500 dolls. I started collecting 12 years ago and haven’t been able to stop.

**Who or what has influenced you the most?**
Everyday experiences! I believe that the positive experiences, as well as the mistakes I’ve made, have helped shape me into the person I am today.

**If your secret ambition/fantasy came true, what would it be?**
I’d be an animator for Walt Disney Studios.

**Your favorite childhood memory is?**
Spending time with my cousins. Because I was an only child, they were more like my sister and brother than my cousins.

**If you could travel to any time/place of your choosing it would be?**
Probably to Egypt! I’ve always been fascinated with Egyptian history.