

New inducted into Livingston Hall of Fame during reunion

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Livingston was crowded with participants in the annual Livingston School Reunion on October 12, 2013. Alumni enjoyed the opportunity to return to the hallways of the old school building for a display of artwork by former students and teachers including works of Mabel Martin Davidson, Laura Ruth Bingham Kirby, James R. Mink, Barbara Owens (teacher), Kitty Burdine Pridemore, and Jane Smith (teacher). Light refreshments were served in the former lunchroom.

Darrell E. New was inducted into the Livingston School Hall of Fame. Darrell was born in Livingston to Delmer and Datha Helton New. He and his sisters, Joyce and Lois, and brother Donald all graduated from Livingston High School.

The audience was entranced by Darrell's acceptance speech which described his career at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Prior to going to work at NASA Darrell completed a Bachelor's degree with majors in Physics and Math. While working with NASA Darrell also managed to completed sufficient academic coursework for a Ph.D. from Florida Institute of Technology and University of California at Los Angeles.

Darrell and Betty Clark Cauble (LHS class of 1963) reside in Fleming Island, Florida. He is the father of two sons, Blaine and Nathan, and two grandchildren Zachary and Abigail. His daughter, Stephanie, passed away in 1985. Darrell spends his summers in Ypsilanti, Michigan where he proudly cares for his two grandchildren.

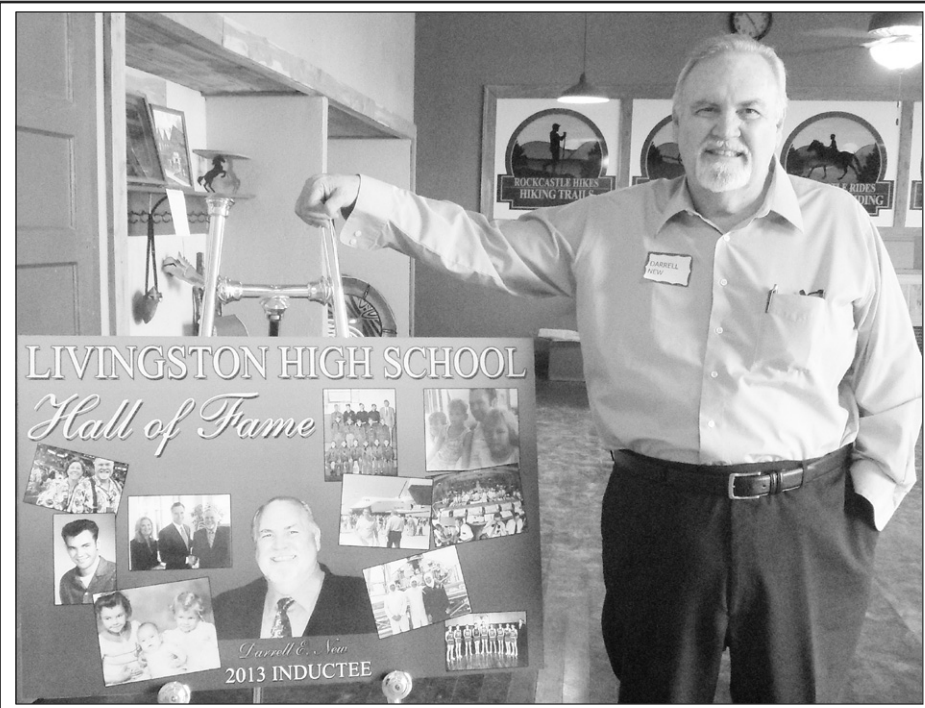
He is active in Republican Party politics in Florida where he serves as the Chairman of the Party for Clay County in Florida. He served as a Florida delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 2004 and 2008.

In a career that spans five decades, he maintained a

record of outstanding achievement and performance in the Apollo, Skylab and Viking Projects, and the Space Shuttle, Space Station, and Spacelab programs.

Following the Hall of Fame induction the crowd was entertained with songs and instrumental renderings by Livingston School alumni. Bud Cottengim, Ralph Allen, Dean Blackburn, Billy Wayne "Red" Bryant, Mabel and Armel Davidson, Eldon McGuire and Kitty Burdine Pridemore displayed their talents in a range of music that included bluegrass, rock and roll and gospel.

The evening activities concluded with a memory lantern ceremony conducted by Mayor Jason Medley. Individuals and families purchased lanterns to be sent aloft to pay tribute to past day and current Livingstonians. The night sky over Livingston was filled by the glow of the lanterns providing a beautiful finale to a fun-filled day.



Livingston School 2013 Hall of Fame inductee Darrell E. New.



Members of the Livingston Class of 1963 are, front from left: Betty Clark Cauble and Edna Drew Lakes. Back row from left: Ralph Allen, Cline Mullins, Eddie Mahaffey, Sam Mullins, and Dillard Kirby.



Mr. James Baker, principal/teacher/coach at LHS in the early 50s with Laura Bingham Kirby and Jo Hammond Meadows, Class of 1953. The group is standing in front of Baptist Church which served as their classroom while school was under construction.



Artwork of Mabel Martin Davidson, Laura Bingham Kirby, Barbara Owens, and Kitty Burdine Pridemore on display in main hallway of Livingston school building.

Gospel Tonite features ROBI & FRIENDS

Monday night, October 21st, there will be a special event held at Gospel Tonite in Renfro Valley. We are honored to be part of a United States tour by the European Bluegrass Group, "ROBI & FRIENDS." This

group is known throughout Eastern and Western Europe. Playing the traditional bluegrass instruments and singing songs all bluegrass fans will recognize, and adding their own region's style and songs as well, their

program is sure to be a hit with all music fans! Below is a biography of ROBI & FRIENDS:

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Award-winning garden designer Jon Carloftis headlines Friends of ECU

Award-winning garden designer and Kentucky native Jon Carloftis, known as a gardener to the stars, will headline the seventh annual Friends of Eastern Kentucky University Libraries program.

The event will be held Thursday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Keen Johnson Ballroom. A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Walnut Hall of the Keen Johnson Building. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased by calling 859-622-1072 by no later than Monday, Nov. 11.

In addition to the presentation by Carloftis, guests will enjoy a buffet dinner and the music of local cellist and ECU faculty member Nathan Jasinski.

The speaker's books and original birdhouse designs will be available for purchase and personalization after the event. Complimentary parking will be available in the Alumni House lot, with shuttle service beginning at 5 p.m. A small number of handicap spots are also available on University Drive on a first-come, first-served basis.

Carloftis, now one of the world's leading authorities on rooftop and small-space gardening, grew up on the banks of the Rockcastle River in south central Kentucky, and it was there his love affair with nature blossomed. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Kentucky.

He is the owner of the Rockcastle River Trading Company, a popular home

and garden store on his family's property in Livingston. The gardens surrounding the home have been featured in BMW Magazine, Country Home, Garden & Gun, Outdoor Rooms and Southern Living.

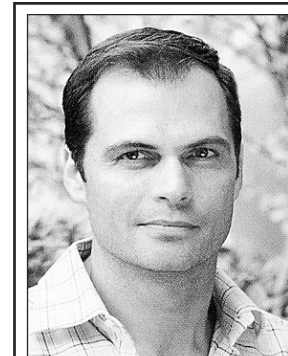
In 1988, Carloftis moved to New York City to start his business, Jon Carloftis Fine Gardens. His first clients were noted art collectors Barbara and Eugene Schwartz. As word of mouth became his advertising vehicle and demand for his services grew, Carloftis moved to picturesque Bucks County, Pennsylvania, where he currently resides. His home and gardens have appeared in Country Gardens, Country Living, Garden Design, Martha Stewart Living and Metropolitan Home.

Carloftis received a landscaping design award, given for his overall body of work, from the Museum of the City of New York City. Closer to home, client Nancy Barron received Lexington's DLC 2007 Landscape and Streetscape Award and commercial client The Lofts at Main & Rose received Lexington's DLC 2008 Landscape and Street Award.

"The Friends host this annual event to raise awareness of ECU Libraries in the larger community," said Betina Gardner, dean of libraries at ECU. "ECU Libraries has a primary purpose: to help ensure the academic success of our students by providing learning spaces, resources and ser-

vices. In addition, the Libraries serve to enhance our students' learning experiences by offering cultural events, lectures and other opportunities to expand the student experience. By hosting this annual event, our Friends of the Libraries help us to connect with people who want to support the good work of the Libraries. And, of course, our doors are always open to community members who want to visit and avail themselves of the Libraries."

The Friends of ECU Libraries, established in 2007, now includes more than 300 donors. Its mission is to raise awareness of and build financial support for ECU Libraries, thereby enhancing the learning experience of students and enriching the campus community. Friends of ECU Libraries has helped make possible The Noel Studio for Academic Creativity; Dewey, a golf cart to facilitate delivery of library materials between spaces; artwork to beautify spaces; and inspire creativity; scholarships for exceptional library student employees; and unique and educational programming opportunities.



Jon Carloftis