



# JEFFERS' BEND NEWS

APRIL, 2010

## Go Fish!

The North Fork Little River Committee will host the 12th **Take Kids Fishing Day** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at Jeffers' Bend Environmental Center and Botanical Gardens on Metcalfe Lane, Hopkinsville, Kentucky . The 2010 fishing event will involve about 700 kids and a similar number of adults coming together for four hours of family fun in which kids ages 3 to 15 fish for prizes. Prizes will be awarded in four age groups of 3-5, 6-8, 9-11 and 12-15, for the smallest, largest and most fish caught. The prizes will include 20 new bicycles, fishing equipment, outdoor chairs, tackle boxes, etc. The event is being supported by over 60 businesses and organizations including; the City of Hopkinsville, Pennyriple RC&D Council, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Hopkinsville Water Environment Authority, Pennyriple Allied Community Services (PACS), USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Heritage Bank, Fort Campbell Federal Credit Union, Wal-Mart, etc..



Take Kids Fishing Day  
Saturday, May 22, 2010 9:00–1:00



## CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

PATRICIA BOWDEN, CHAIR

The Jeffers' Bend Curriculum Committee has scheduled ten environmental field days for schools to visit the center for hands-on environmental education activities in the spring and fall of 2010. The 4 to 8 presenters for each field day will provide 30 to 40 minutes of educational activities in the areas of water quality, soil science, soil conservation, how plants grow, litter control, wildlife habitat, recycling, birds, how to make paper, air quality, the parts of plants and other subjects related to the environment. The spring schedule includes University Heights Academy, and Hopkinsville High School. The fall schedule includes Indian Hills Elementary, Holiday Elementary, Sinking Fork Elementary and Saints Peter and Paul.

### Hopkinsville High School

#### Alumni Class of 1959

The Hopkinsville High School Class of 1959 has, for a number of years, planted trees in honor of deceased class members. There is an area on the right, just after you cross the bridge entering Jeffers' Bend, where there are currently fourteen Kwanzan Cherry trees planted. Each deceased class member has a stone marker in place at their tree on which their name is inscribed. At the class's 50th reunion, this past October, a memorial service was held at the site. Future plans call for additional development at the site to include such things as a bench for those who wish to pause for a visit and meditation. Additional landscaping is also envisioned in the future.

## TRAILS COMMITTEE

MARK WITHERS, CHAIR STEERING COMMITTEE

### The Path To Better Health

Time to shake off those cabin-fever cobwebs brought on by this past winter. Nature is literally "springing" to life all around us, so why not join Mother Nature by calling a few friends and creating a walking team.

Jeffers' Bend has one of the nicest walking trails in our area. It is located in a beautiful setting but easily accessible. It is located just off North Main Street, down Metcalfe Lane next to the Little River. It has a special surface made just for walkers. It is soft enough to be easy on the knees but firm enough to give good footing for "power" walking. It is well drained and surrounded by the well maintained grounds of Jeffers Bend.

"It is a very pleasant walk with just enough change in elevation to make it challenging and enough change in scenery to keep it interesting," said Mark Withers, Chairman of the Jeffers' Bend Trails Committee. "No matter how many times I walk it, I come away with my body batteries recharged and my mind ready to tackle whatever life can throw my way," he added.

So, join us at Jeffers Bend and improve yourself and your life.



Additional trees will inevitably be planted for deceased as well as for living class members. The class plans to develop a master plan for the complete development of the designated area made available so generously by Jeffers' Bend officials. We encourage anyone to visit the area and enjoy the beauty and peacefulness there.

Don Atwood on behalf of the HHS Class of 1959

**DINNER BY THE LAKE**  
**JUNE 19TH**  
**BY MAGGIE SELVIDGE**

**Third Annual Dinner by the Lake**

Be sure to mark your calendar for 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 Saturday, June 19 when Jazz, Food, and a Good Time will await you at the third annual Dinner by the Lake at Jeffers' Bend. The **Alonzo Pennington Band** will play a mix of standards, jazz, and up-tempo for your listening pleasure. A tasty barbeque dinner with all the trimmings will be provided by Jeffers' Bend Steering Committee.

**Ticket** prices will be the same as last year: \$15 per person, or \$120 for a table for eight. Tickets are available from any Jeffers' Bend Steering Committee member or by calling Maggie Selvidge at 886-8078 or Charles Turner at 885-8692 ext.123.

There will be a **Silent Auction** where guests may bid on items donated by Jeffers' Bend Steering Committee and community donations.

**Garden Committee News**  
 By Susan Chiles

Jeffers' Bend features a variety of gardens that are maintained by local Master Gardeners and community volunteers. Established gardens include a Master Gardener bed, herb garden, butterfly garden, rain garden, and children's garden. We also have native grasses, bushes, trees, and a bluebird trail that runs the length of the grounds.

In addition to our gardens, we encourage visitors to examine the garden-related areas like our three-bay compost bin, worm bed, and rain barrel.



If you are interested in helping maintain the garden beds or want more information, contact David or Susan Chiles at [jdchiles@mchsi.com](mailto:jdchiles@mchsi.com) or 270- 522-3169.

Community  
 Clean Up Day  
 April , 2009



Dinner By the Lake, 2008



Children's Garden

# JEFFERS' BEND

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## BECOME A "FRIEND OF THE BEND"

Would you like to support Jeffers' Bend?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Yes I would like to volunteer at Jeffers' Bend.

Yes I would like to make a donation to Jeffers' Bend

Please mail your contributions to :

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## Upcoming Events at Jeffers' Bend:

**May 22, 2010** –Take Kids Fishing

**June 19, 2010**–Dinner by the Lake,

**September 18, 2010**– Nature Fest

Jeffers' Bend Environmental Center

is open daily from

7:00 am to 7:00 pm