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JEFFERS' BEND NEWS

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NatureFest at Jeffers' Bend

Saturday, September 24, 2005

Come Join us for...

- A Walk in the Woods
- Live Animal exhibits
- Canoe Tours on Little River
- Ident-a-Kid & Gun Safety
- Outdoor Skills Training
(map reading, rope tying, fire building)
- Birds of the Night
- Poster Contest (See pg. 3 - details)
- All about Fish
- All about Bugs
- Archery
- Birding 101
- Tile Painting
- Indian Lore and Storytelling
- Tour Caretakers House
- Food Booth



Tickets: Includes all events and parking
\$5 per car or \$10 per bus



**NatureFest
At Jeffers' Bend
October 16, 2004**

Activities for all ages.
All children must be
accompanied by an adult.

Advance ticket sale sites:

Hopkinsville Water Environment Authority, Walnut Street Center,
Recreation Dept., Hopkinsville Housing Authority,
Christian County Extension Service, Aaron McNeil Center,
Pennyriple RC&D, Wal-Mart - Customer Service Desk

**COMMITTEES
IN ACTION**

**CURRICULUM
COMMITTEE
PATRICIA BOWDEN,
CHAIR**

In the last school year a total of 1,080 students from eleven different public and private schools in Christian County, attended environmental education classes at Jeffers' Bend. The four sessions planned for the fall have already been filled by area schools.

While at Jeffers' Bend students study several aspects of environmental education. Students enjoy a hands-on approach to wild life activities: forestry, mapping, and entomology, to name only a few of the many exciting sessions.

Jeffers' Bend funds have also purchased a variety of wildlife identification books and student lab supplies for teachers and students to use while studying wild-life at the environmental education station. There are magnifiers, nets, trowels, and much more. Doesn't this sound like fun!



Environmental Education Day with Students

TRAILS COMMITTEE

LINDA WOOD, CHAIR

There is a lot to see and do on the 3.1 miles of compacted gravel walking trails at the Jeffers' Bend Environmental Center. Take a stroll down the shaded river trail as it winds its way along the scenic North Fork of Little River or hike along the upland trail where whitetail deer are frequently seen.

There have been several new additions to the trails. They include a 1 acre lake stocked with fish. The lake has also become the home to a pair of migratory waterfowl. Eagle Scout Andrew Chiles completed an enclosed

bird observatory. It is equipped with one way glass so visitors can get up close and personal with our feathered friends.

Several benches and an outdoor amphitheater have been located throughout the facility to serve as resting points to relax in peace and serenity which abounds at Jeffers' Bend. The trails at Jeffers' Bend provide an excellent opportunity for individuals and families to spend time together in the great outdoors. Pets are also welcomed.



BUILDING and GROUNDS COMMITTEE

PENNY CHEWNING, CHAIR

We're looking really good at Jeffers' Bend and we extend an invitation to all to come for a visit. A group from First United Methodist Church spent time during their "Great Day of Service" weeding beds, mulching, gluing tiles on the aquarium and wiring the two story building behind the Environmental Classroom building.

We continue to have two inmates from the Christian County Jail who do a great job of maintaining the buildings and keeping the grounds looking nice. We have many groups using our facilities and we want it to look great.

I will be stepping down as the director of PRIDE, Inc. this month. We hope to hire someone to work three days a week and allow them to spend time writing grants, fund raising and promoting Jeffers' Bend. I have enjoyed being a part of this organization and know that it is in good hands and will continue to grow and be an asset to this community. Remember the facilities are available for rent for various functions, so if you're planning a luncheon, shower, bridge party or family reunion, keep us in mind. Call PRIDE, Inc. at 889-4599.

**GARDENS
COMMITTEE**
FAYE VYHANL
CHAIR

It was a cold and rainy Saturday at Jeffers' Bend on May 17th, 2005, but the Garden Committee did not let that get them down. Instead, they took advantage of the day together and went shopping at Kentucky American Seed & Garden Center. Donations from BMAR and PRIDE, Inc. helped purchase two Natchez Crepe Myrtle, nine Gold Mound Spirea, and three Hetzii Holly to complete the entrance bed around the new Jeffers' Bend sign.

The Natchez Crepe Myrtle sports a white bloom during the middle of the summer when other plants are suffering from the heat. In your journey around the Bend, you will find numerous other color varieties of crepe myrtle to enjoy.

The Garden Committee has volunteered over 100 hours this spring weeding, planting, and mulching the many beds throughout Jeffers' Bend. Other groups have also assisted this spring including First United Methodist Church, Workforce Investment Act student workers and PRIDE, Inc..



The first group of Master Gardeners have graduated after a sixteen week course at the Christian County Extension Service and are volunteering their skills at Jeffers' Bend.

We are blessed with so many community minded citizens who have the same goal....to provide a beautiful educational center for youth and adults to enjoy and learn about our environment.



Take Kids Fishing Day

The North Fork Little River Committee highlighted activities along the river when 310 kids and 280 adults participated in the seventh annual **Take Kids Fishing Day** on May 28, 2005.

The fishing event was supported by over 60 businesses, groups and organizations, including the city of Hopkinsville, Pennyriile RC&D Council, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Hopkinsville Water Environment Authority, Pennyriile Allied Community Services (PACS) and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. **Heritage Bank** donated 12 new bicycles for the winners in ages 3-5, 6-8, 9-11, and 12-15, . This event is a family affair.

Jeffers' Bend
Tree Signs



In an effort to bring attention to Jeffers' Bend Environmental Center activities and highlight the beautiful trees there, we requested and received a grant from the Pennyriile Arts Council to fund the making of tree signs to be used throughout the community. The Hopkinsville High and Christian County High School Art Department students designed and painted 7 trees cut from plywood that we now can place around Hopkinsville when there are events at Jeffers' Bend. These trees are representative of those which are at Jeffers' Bend and include Dogwoods, pine, and fruit trees. The \$250.00 grant from the Pennyriile Arts Council was matched with \$250.00 from the Jeffers' Bend Steering Committee. Removable signs with the dates of events will be attached each time they are used in the community.



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BECOME A "FRIEND OF THE BEND"

Would you like to support Jeffers' Bend?
For a \$10.00 donation you can become a
"Friend of the Bend".

We also need your help in maintaining the gardens and trails. Come help on our next Saturday work day.

Please call Charles Turner at : 270-885-8692 extension 123 or Fax: 270-889-0328 or Email: cturner@ky.usda.gov

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