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JEFFERS' BEND NEWS

SEPTEMBER, 2004

NatureFest at Jeffers' Bend

October 16, 2004

Come Join us for...

- A Walk in the Woods
- Live Animal exhibits
- Canoe Tours on Little River
- Ident-A-Kid
- Outdoor Skills Training
(map reading, rope tying, fire building)
- Two Old Fishermen Skit
- Photo and Poster Contest
(See pg. 3 for more details)
- All about Fish
- Tree Talk
- Archery
- Birding 101
- Tile Painting
- Indian Lore
- Historic Tour
- Food Booth

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



Advance Tickets: Includes all events and parking
\$5 per car or \$10 per bus
At the gate \$8 per car or \$15 per bus



**Jeffers' Bend:
A Natural
Experience,
October 11, 2003**

Advance ticket sale sites:

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

COMMITTEES IN ACTION



JEFFERS BEND LAKE

After several years of planning, the Jeffers' Bend Lake is now a reality thanks to the coordination of efforts of the Pennyriple RC&D Council and financial support from USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Christian County Fiscal Court, Pennyriple Area Development District, North Fork Little River Committee and the Jeffers' Bend Steering Committee.

The one acre lake will be utilized by Jeffers' Bend primarily for the annual **"Take Kids Fishing Day"** which is scheduled for May 28, 2005, and which attracts 250 to 300 children and 200 adults. This event is sponsored by over 60 community groups, including Wal-Mart, City of Hopkinsville, HWEA, Pennyriple RC&D, and the Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. Also constructed at the same time was a 500 feet diversion ditch with a riprap outlet to control water flow across the upland and funnel it into lake.

OTHER LAKE BENEFITS

- Control sediment runoff from the upland area into the North Fork of Little River.
- Improve North Fork Little River for drinking water, fish habitat and other aquatic life.
- Reduce costs to Hopkinsville Water Environment Authority in removing sediment from the water.
- Provide water source for wildlife.
- Provide source for water quality tests that can be compared to samples from North Fork of Little River, the tap, etc.

**TRAILS COMMITTEE
LINDA WOOD & RHONDA WENK, CO-CHAIRS**

Do you need some help naming the flowers and trees in the forests? The Trails Committee is currently in the process of making the woods and the trails through them more informative. For those of us who need a bit of help in identifying wildflowers and trees, the committee is using markers made from tree disks for easier identification. The committee is making part of the trail an interactive learning area as well. Using the same disk method, interpretive signs will be made using two large disks. The top one will have a question on it and when lifted up, the bottom disk will provide the correct answer such as "What tree am I?" lift up top to find "Black Walnut". In addition, the Trails Committee is making the trail easier to access for the public by installing wood bridges in wet low-lying areas of the forest trail.

A fall native wildflower planting is being done to increase the number and variety of wildflower plants available for the public to enjoy. The committee is accepting donations from the community of native wildflower seeds and plants. The committee is planning a trip to Burnheim Forest south of Louisville to gather information and spark new ideas for future products.

Written by Susan Anderson, edited by Rhonda Dawson Wenk & Henrietta Kemp.



"Penney's Crew"

**BUILDING COMMITTEE
PENNY CHEWNING, CHAIR**

Thanks to the support of Livy Leavell, Jailer, and Brad Hewell, Christian County Jail; two inmates from that facility have been working at Jeffers' Bend on a regular basis and doing a great job. They are very good in the repair and maintenance of equipment, and take pride in their work.

Jerry Rorie donated two butterfly bushes, two crepe myrtles and two large mums. Penny Chewing planted hostas and moonflowers that were raised from seed.

About 55 young people and nine adults from the district of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints spent an afternoon at Jeffers' Bend starting work on the entrance sign, gluing hand painted tiles to the aquarium, planting 21 cypress tree seedlings, painting planters, etc.

Jeffers' Bend Steering Committee held a work day in which members performed several activities including: weed eating, applying mulch in floral areas, mowing and spraying trails, organizing storage area, washing windows in welcome center and gluing hand painted tiles to wall of the aquarium.

Thanks to Nada Fuqua for donating an antique rocking chair and side chair for display in the Welcome Center. Nada and Judy Campbell hosted a luncheon at Jeffers' Bend to introduce 20 ladies to the resources available at the center. The League of Women Voters also met at the center to get a better understanding of what the center is all about.



Pete Thomson leads the First United Methodist Church's **"Great Day of Service"** Team at Jeffers' Bend, April, 18, 2004.

**GARDENS
COMMITTEE
RHONDA JOHNSON
CHARIMAN**

Keeping the flower gardens weeded has been a real challenge this summer but thanks to a few volunteer work days and "Penny's Crew" they have been maintained. The growing season is not over though and there is still much work to be done. Before we consider planning additional flower gardens a larger work force will be needed to maintain them. We were fortunate to have a very dedicated new member Bob Williams (co-owner of Coffee And) plant and tend to a pumpkin/ vegetable garden located behind the Education Building.

Special Teams: We had a tremendous boost from two volunteer groups this year. The first group was from First United Methodist Church and their "Great Day of Service" in April.

Try, Try Again: We have lost many of our trees in the Jeffers' Bend Complex. These trees will need to be replaced this Fall. If you would like to donate to our *Native Trees Fund* please contact Penny Chewning or Rhonda Johnston.

Adult Seminar: On July 31st, local herbalist Patricia Ferrell taught a very enthusiastic group of 13 participants useful information about "Medicinal Herbs of Western Kentucky".



Cold Water Break provided by HWEA

The herbal tea tasting was a real treat! Most of the participants showed a real interest in helping to start an herbal garden here at Jeffers' Bend. We will be hosting our second seminar on Saturday, **October 9th at 10:00AM**. The subject for this seminar will be **For-estry**. Please contact Faye Vyhnaal at 886-6328 for details and reservations.

Generosity Begins at Home: Thanks to all those patrons who donated and /or bought new plants and flowers for our gardens this year. Ruby Lee Holland gave us False indigo and ornamental grasses. Matt Snorton was especially generous as he provided buckets andbuckets of perennials from his own gardens!

Working Together : This Fall there will be a joint venture between the Garden Committee and the Trails Committee. This project will focus on planting native wildflowers along the woodland trail. If anyone has these wildflowers and would be willing to share them with us we would be very grateful! Call Linda Wood, Rhonda Wenk, or Rhonda Johnson at 885-1654.



Above: Jeffers' Bend:
A Natural Experience, October, 2003

Below: Rhonda Johnson &
Penny Chewning



NatureFest at Jeffers' Bend Continued

**Poster and Coloring Contest
Rules**

Entries must be completed at Jeffers' Bend on October 16, 2004

Coloring Contest - For those under 7 years old

A picture to color will be provided.

Prizes - 1st - \$10.00 2nd - \$5.00

Poster Contest

Group A - 7 to 9 years old

Group B - 10 to 12 years old

Group C - 13 to 18 years old

Prizes in each Group—1st - \$25.00, 2nd - \$15.00, 3rd - \$10.00

Poster Theme - The poster must explain the environmental benefits of trees.

Supplies - All supplies will be provided. (Markers, pencils, crayons, and paper)

All entries must be completed by 4:00 pm. Awards presented at 4:30pm.

Awards will be given only in categories where a winner is declared.

**Photography Contest
Rules**

Youth Division- up to 17 yrs.

Adult Division - 18 yrs. and over.

THEME: Use and value of Trees in the Environment.

The photo must be 4" X 6" and have been taken in the last month in Christian County. It will be judged on the quality of photo and best representation of the theme by a three member panel.

Prizes : First Place \$25.00
Second Place \$ 15.00 ,
Third Place \$10.00

Prizes will be awarded in each category only when a suitable and acceptable entry is received. Winning photos will be displayed in the community for one month.

All entries must registered in person by 3 :00 PM Oct 16th.

Awards presentation 4:30 PM that day.

We're on the Web: [Http://groups.msn.com/jbgardencommittee](http://groups.msn.com/jbgardencommittee)

JEFFERS' BEND

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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

Please mail your contributions to :

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Charles Turner, Maggie Selvidge, Faye Vyhna, and Rhonda Wenk

**Pennyrile RC&D and Jeffers' Bend Steering Committee
Hosted an Appreciation Open House for Volunteers**

Thursday, April 29, 2004