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## JEFFERS' BEND NEWS

APRIL, 2009

### Come Join us ...

The North Fork Little River Committee will host the tenth annual **Take Kids Fishing** event from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 23, 2009 at Jeffers' Bend Environmental Center and Botanical Gardens on Metcalfe Lane, Hopkinsville, Kentucky . The 2009 fishing event will involve about 700 kids and a similar number of adults coming together on Memorial Day weekend, for four hours of family fun in which kids ages 3-15 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 23, 2009 9:00—1:00



# CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

PATRICIA BOWDEN, CHAIR

The Jeffers' Bend Curriculum Committee has scheduled twelve environmental field days for schools to visit for hands-on environmental education activities in the spring and fall of 2009. The 6 to 8 presenters each day provide 30 minutes of educational activities in the areas of water quality, soil science, soil conservation, how plants grow, agriculture, wildlife habitat, trees, birds, how to make paper, air quality, the parts of plants and other subjects related to the environment. The schedule includes Heritage Christian Academy, MLK Jr., Belmont, UHA, North Drive MS. In September the schedule includes Heritage Christian Academy, NDMS, Indian Hills, MLK Jr., Holiday, Sinking Fork, Crofton, and Millbrooke Elementary schools.

# TRAILS COMMITTEE

MARK WITHERS, CHAIR STEERING COMMITTEE

## Walking Trail Needs Walkers

So, are you feeling a little out of sorts? Feel like you need to shed a pound or two to really feel good again? Look down and you will see the answer. No, not half way down. I'm talking all the way down. Yeah, your feet!

Walking is one of best forms of exercise there is. All those people who have had bypass surgery have to do what? Walk!. But I'm not talking about trudging back and forth in the Mall. How boring! I'm talking about having access to the only nice outdoor walking trail in Hopkinsville.

After a cold and windy winter, spring is promising to be really nice. And, the blooms and birds chirping can be downright uplifting. Even, put a little spring in your step (pun intended). And, it will be great to get outdoors and away from the cabin fever.

A few years ago, through a \$75,000 state-managed, federal grant, Jeffers' Bend Walking Trail was built. It has approximately two miles of scenic, crushed-stone walking trail to provide you with an

excellent place to make exercising a pleasant reality.

That federal program enabled the Jeffers' Bend Steering Committee, Pennyriple Resource Conservation and Development District and the City of Hopkinsville to build a first-class trail that begins at the south gate in Riverside Cemetery, next to Little River, winds through the back side of the cemetery, turns east down Metcalfe Lane into Jeffers' Bend, then turns back north to parallel the river before looping around the manmade lake and back to the Jeffers' Bend pavilion.

Mark Withers, Chairman of the North Fork Little River Steering Committee, noted our community is fortunate to have a good walking path and thanked the City of Hopkinsville and Commonwealth of Kentucky for making this possible. "Without the State's funding and the City's sponsorship of the grant, we would not have been able to build these excellent walking facilities. Now it is up to us to take advantage of this gift,"

Wildlife Observatory being used by students and adults



Walking Trail

**DINNER BY THE  
LAKE  
JUNE 20TH  
BY MAGGIE SELVIDGE**

Mark your calendar and save the date for **June 20** for **Jeffers' Bend's** second annual "**Dinner by the Lake.**" The multi-talented Moon-glow Jazz Band will be playing music ranging from Jazz to Swing to Blues and maybe even a bit of Bluegrass. The event is from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The dinner menu will feature slow-cooked pulled pork barbecue, baked beans, coleslaw, green salad, dessert, and drink.

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

Tickets for "Dinner by the Lake" are \$15 per person or \$120 for a table of 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.

All proceeds will benefit the Jeffers' Bend Environmental Center and Botanical Garden.

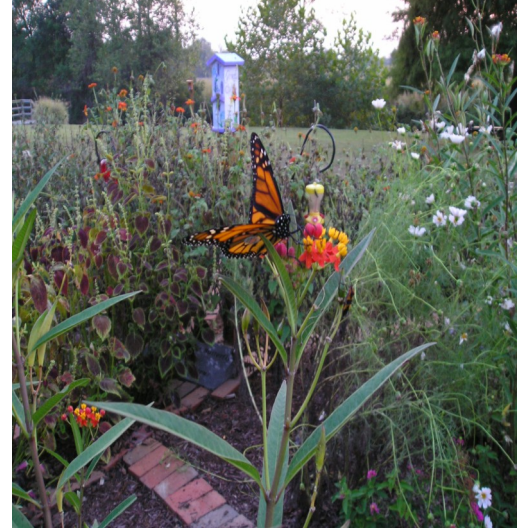
**Garden Committee News**

*By Susan Chiles*

Monarch butterflies are beginning to leave their wintering sites in central Mexico and by the time their offspring reach Jeffers' Bend, our butterfly garden should be blooming with milkweed and their favorite flowers. We invite visitors to examine the milkweed plants for eggs and monarch caterpillars throughout the summer.

Plans for 2009 are to maintain the present garden beds, add annuals to the butterfly garden, completely replant the Master Gardener bed, establish a worm bed, maintain the compost bins, and consider a community garden. If the community garden becomes a reality, local citizens will plant, maintain, and take home the harvest.

With the help of Master Gardeners, we will have the third summer for our Children's Garden project. We have enjoyed watching children benefit from planting, watering and weeding, and harvesting vegetables.



We will have spring, summer, and fall Saturday workdays to plant, weed, and maintain the current beds.

If you are interested in helping maintain the garden beds or want more information, contact us at

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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](mailto:cturner@ky.usda.gov)

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