



First National Bank of Crossett donates to Crossett Skate Park

Back when the City first sent out a survey asking for interest in building a skate park Byron Jones, Crossett Skate Park Committee Chairman didn't even give it a thought. It was later after several youth in the community, including his grandchild asked about the possibility of a skate park that Mr. Jones contacted Mayor Scott McCormick and Mike Smith of Crossett Economic Development about the possibility of the City helping with donations and Economic Development helping with any available grants and helping them to obtain a "nonprofit status" so that they could accept donations.

From there Mr. Jones visited several skate parks in the region including the Eldorado park which the Crossett park design will be similar. Local contactors and businesses have already agreed to donate their time, materials and equipment to assist in fabricating the park. The total cost of the project would be over \$100,000 if purchased and installed by outside manufacturers. However, with the aid of the City and the local contractors as well as donations from local businesses and individuals the entire project estimated total (excluding the property donated by the City for Phase I.) will total less than \$60,000.

Eddie Holt, President and CEO of First National Bank of Crossett said, "it is a pleasure for us to contribute to something that will provide recreation for the youth of our community" . Construction has already begun on the park facility (to be located near the swimming pool and tennis courts) and equipment. Jones said, "without the donations of time and money from local contractors like Crossett Welding, J. Taylor Construction, Arkansas Oregon Pneumatics, Barnett Builders, Coody Painting and Pioneer Construction we wouldn't have progressed as far as we have to meet our March target deadline for opening the park".

There have been numerous volunteers to help with the past two fundraisers the committee has held selling spaghetti dinners and smoked pork which totaled over \$4,000. The committee is still accepting donations at this time

and they can be made payable to the Crossett Skate Park Committee and dropped by the Crossett Economic Development Commission Office at 125 Main St. in Crossett.