



Fayetteville Natural Heritage Association

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Former senator David Pryor addresses members and guests of the Fayetteville Natural Heritage Association during their third annual meeting. The meeting was held at the Blair Public Library on January 9, 2005.

FNHA Holds Third Annual Business Meeting

This year's annual meeting was held January 9 in the meeting room at the Blair Public Library. After opening remarks by chairman Pete Heinzelmann, State Representative Lindsley Smith introduced the guest speaker, former US Senator David Pryor. A captivated audience listened while Pryor told of his years of working for the people of Arkansas. Pryor is well known for his commitment to protecting the environment during his many years of public service on both the state and national levels. Nearly 150 members and guests heard Pryor praise FNHA's role in helping to preserve Mt. Sequoyah Woods. He went on to say FNHA has been successful because of organization, unity, and the passion with which the members present the message of the importance of preserving our natural areas as we continue the rapid growth in Northwest Arkansas. Pryor added that unity, demonstrating a need, respecting the schedules and current positions of our legislators and, most importantly, "speaking with one voice" are all critical in successfully lobbying our lawmakers.

After serving as governor of Arkansas for four years, Pryor went on to the US House of Representatives for 6 years and the US Senate for 18 years.

He is currently dean of the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service in Little Rock.

Fundraising chairman Walt Eilers gave a progress report and introduced last year's Golden Acorn winners and founding members, Duane and Judy Woltjen. The Woltjens wrapped up their \$25,000 matching grant challenge by thanking everyone who had stepped up to the plate to make their campaign a success and then presented a check for \$75,000 to Mayor Dan Coody. Also accepting the check on behalf of the City Council were Kyle Cook and Shirley Lucas. This takes FNHA to the half-way mark of our commitment to help the city purchase Mt. Sequoyah Woods property.

In other business, Karen Rollet-Crocker noted that the Association is working on identifying other areas for preservation and mentioned that the Scull Creek trail area will be the next project to support. Tom Lonon gave the treasurer's report and noted that in addition to paying on the pledge to the city (\$100,000 in calendar-year 2004), an endowment had been started at the Fayetteville Community Foundation to invest in FNHA's future.

During the business meeting Karen Rollet-Crocker was nominated and approved to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors and Dennis Petersen was nominated and approved for a new three year position on the Board taking the leadership from seven to eight members. Rollet-Crocker will continue in the position of vice-chair and Petersen will serve as a board member at-large.

Blair Foundation Accepts Woltjen Challenge

When asked for help, local philanthropist and FNHA supporter Jim Blair recalled with fondness growing up in a much smaller Fayetteville and did not hesitate to present Duane Woltjen and chairman Pete Heinzelmann with a check in the amount of \$10,000. The timing of Blair's substantial gift was particularly meaningful as Woltjen and his wife Judy matched the dollar amount, as per their challenge, to make the contribution worth \$20,000. Blair said he hoped his contribution would encourage others who are able to make larger contributions to step up and help FNHA meet its pledge to the city. Because of generosity such as Blair's and the Diane and Jim Blair Charitable Foundation, the effort to preserve some of Fayetteville's natural areas will be successful. Our children and their children will be able to explore and observe native plants and animals in their natural habitats, and for that we will be forever grateful.

Mark Your Calendars

The League of Women Voters and FNHA are holding a series of Walks to showcase the Trail System being developed by the City of Fayetteville. The first walk will be the **Mud Creek Trail** starting at 10AM on April 16th.



We will meet in the parking lot of Pulaski Mortgage Co. on Frontage Road (just off 71B near Shorty Small's Restaurant). The trek is expected to take about one hour. Plans for subsequent trail walks will be developed at this time.

The Fayetteville Natural Heritage Association supports the Trail System and hopes to see you at the first of many walks.

Chairman's Corner

The FNHA reached a milestone at its annual meeting this past January when we gave seventy-five thousand dollars to the City bringing us to the half-way point in meeting our commitment to raise \$300,000 toward the purchase of Mount Sequoyah Woods (MSW). This commitment is extremely valuable for several reasons: it encouraged the City Council to purchase MSW in the first place, it will obtain a conservation easement on the property that will preserve it as a natural urban forest, and it demonstrates the strong desire of Fayetteville citizens to preserve the natural beauty and heritage of our community. Congratulations to all of those who have contributed their time and money to keep Fayetteville a special place in which to live.

I would also like to recognize a special group of people who have worked so hard as volunteers to make all of this happen. They are those who serve on or with the board of FNHA:

Karen Rollet-Crocker – FNHA vice-chair
 Tom Lonon – CPA and FNHA treasurer
 Nancy Varvil – FNHA secretary
 Sara Caulk – newsletter editor
 Bob Caulk – organizer and chef for the Fall Fundraiser
 Duane and Judy Woltjen – conservation chairpersons who gave a \$25,000 matching grant
 Walt Eilers – fund-raising coordinator
 Claudette Lunsford – membership chair
 Lindsley Smith – girl with a flair and a state representative who got Senator David Pryor as guest speaker for our annual meeting
 Tx Trumbo – part of the soul of this community
 La Dawna Whiteside – very talented graphic artist and designer
 Doug James and Joe Neal – biologists and expert environmental advisors
 Mayor Dan Coody – for his backing and support of our mission as partners with the City
 Kay DuVal – coordinator of the St. Paul Alternative Gift Fair
 Margo Heinzlmann – for her constant support

Although we have reached this milestone, we still have a lot of vital work to do. We will complete our financial commitment to the City and continue to identify and earmark other natural areas for preservation that are important to the future of Fayetteville. Fayetteville is a wonderful place with wonderful people – let's work to pass our heritage on for a bright future.

Pete

LETTER.....

When Leslie and I moved here in 1979, there were many places we could walk where we can only go to shop now. One example is the huge area at the intersection of Crossover and Mission Road where I used to roam about enjoying the piquant cries of the killdeer and the brush of Queen Anne's Lace against my jacket. Occasional cars droned by on the way to or from Goshen or Springdale, but there was far less mechanical clatter to compete with what the wind was singing. Now when I park in the same area to hear music at Arsaga's or to visit my dentist, I still hear the killdeer's sharp call from median strips in the immense concrete parking lots, but much of what the wind sang is muffled or gone.

We must preserve those places within our expanding city which still resound with silence and song and which offer us all – birds and squirrels and humans – areas of essential refuge and renewal right here in town. The preservation and addition of such places within Fayetteville's outstretching city limits provides a balance to urban growth that is absolutely necessary for a healthy community.

That's why Leslie and I are proud to join so many other citizens who cherish Fayetteville as contributors to the Fayetteville Natural Heritage Association.

Geoffrey and Leslie Oelsner
 Fayetteville

Match Challenge Sparks Results

FNHA reaches milestone via Woltjen action



Fayetteville mayor Dan Coody listens to Duane Woltjen's comments as he and wife Judy present a check for \$75,000 to the city during the FNHA Third Annual Meeting January 9 at the Blair Public Library.

Duane and Judy Woltjen's challenge to match dollar for dollar any contributions up to \$25,000 by year-end 2004 brought the Fayetteville Natural Heritage Association to the halfway point of our pledge to raise \$300,000 for the purchase of the Mount Sequoyah Woods. In just over two years since forming a partnership with the city to purchase and preserve this urban forest, the Association has been able to raise enough money to date to give \$150,000 to the city of Fayetteville.

Because of their unwavering commitment to protecting the environment, Mayor Dan Coody officially proclaimed February 9 to be Duane and Judy Woltjen Day. The Lion's Club followed suit by presenting a check for \$1000 to be given to FNHA in honor of the day.

★ REWARD ★

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FNHA needs someone to donate their time and expertise to help set up a user-friendly website.

FNHA will keep the site current once it is up and running.

Please call or email:

Nancy Varvil at 871-7023 (after 3/22/05) or nvarvil@yahoo.com
 or

Bob Caulk at 973-2968 or scaulk@alltel.net

Letters or articles pertaining to supporting the preservation of our natural environment are encouraged and should be sent to FNHA at PO Box 3635, Fayetteville AR 72702-3635.

***** FAYETTEVILLE NATURAL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTORS *****

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(\$25,000 and above)**

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