



# The Ozark Holler

## A Special Place at the Edge of the Ozarks *Diverse Landscape Protected by a Conservation Easement*

It is hard to find a couple who do more for their community than Allan and Joicie Appell. Joicie has for years operated a community theater in the town of Clinton. Allan has been engaged in a number of civic ventures, including the extension of the Katy Trail west from Sedalia.



Joicie and Allan Appell (left)

Tebo Creek and bluffs on the Appell farm (right)



efforts have been widely recognized, including an award as “State Tree Farmers of the Year” in 2001.

In October of this year, the Appells made a lasting gift to their community in the form of a conservation easement on their 356 acre farm in Henry County, Missouri. The Ozark Regional Land Trust gladly accepted this conservation easement to protect the farm’s wildlife habitats and beautiful scenery.

The ORLT board and staff thank the Appells for their foresight in protecting this special place and for their donation to ORLT’s Stewardship Fund to ensure that the land stays beautiful forever.

The land lies on the far western extent of the Ozarks where they flatten out into the Osage plains. It is a microcosm of Missouri at large, containing mature hardwood forests on the rugged hills and valleys, tallgrass prairie where the land levels off, and oak savannas in between. There are also impressive sandstone bluffs and canyons along Tebo Creek, which flows into Truman Lake just south of the property.



The Appells have for many years been restoring native grasses and oak savannas. These

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## ORLT Turns 25!



Thank you to everyone who attended our 25th anniversary party on October 3rd. ORLT members, board members, staff and friends gathered to celebrate this significant milestone in St. Louis. Founder Gregg Galbraith was honored both by ORLT for his years of service and by the Missouri Native Plant Society for his preservation of natural lands. Special thanks go to Abby and Jarvis Lambert, who were gracious enough to host this exciting event. We are grateful for your generous support which has made this quarter-century of land preservation possible.

## New Faces to Help Protect Pretty Places

Increased land conservation activity and some new funding sources have allowed ORLT to engage two new faces to help protect the Ozarks.

Mark Patrick recently joined ORLT as Development Coordinator. Mark has spent fifteen years in the non-profit sector, including nearly three years at the Legacy Land Conservancy in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He lives in St. Louis County with his wife and their 8-year-old son.

Blake Stephens also recently came to work for ORLT as its Karst Conservation Consultant. Blake will be working to secure conservation easements in southwest Missouri for the benefit of the endangered Ozark cavefish. Thank you to the Missouri Department of Conservation and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for supporting this program. Blake lives in Neosho with his wife and two young children.

## Thank You Members!

ORLT could not protect a single acre of land in the Ozarks without the support of its membership. Thank you!  
Listed are contributors between April 1, 2009 and October 31, 2009. If we misspelled or omitted your name, please let us know.

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## **NW Arkansas Land Donation**

Barbara Moorman has spent much of her life saving space for nature. Nearly a decade ago, Barbara and her mother donated a conservation easement on 67 acres just outside Fayetteville, Arkansas. ORLT serves as a back-up holder for that easement, which guarantees that a part of Kessler Mountain will remain wild as the city continues to grow around it.

In the early 1970s, Moorman purchased 40 rugged acres south of Fayetteville with the intention of building a home there someday. Years went by and she decided to live elsewhere. However, her desire to conserve wild-life habitat led her to make a donation of the land to ORLT in July 2009. Consistent with Barbara's wishes, ORLT intends to sell this land subject to a conservation easement. The proceeds will be deposited in the organization's Stewardship Fund to care for this and other land protected by ORLT.

## **Upper Meramec Restoration Work**

ORLT has worked with dozens of landowners on conservation easements and land donations. It has also helped landowners to access government conservation programs, such as CRP. In a couple instances, ORLT has offset the cost to landowners of implementing best management practices in key areas.

Another such project was recently facilitated by ORLT in the upper Meramec River watershed. ORLT worked with landowner Robert Dollard to restore approximately 1,200 feet of riparian corridor along Huzzah Creek, a major tributary of the Meramec. This project was a joint venture under the USDA's CP-22 program, with both the USDA and ORLT providing funding. In return, the landowner agreed to maintain the riparian buffer for at least 15 years. ORLT hopes to utilize existing grant funds to help restore more riparian buffers in the upper Meramec watershed.