

## Southwestern Division

Robert and Teresa Sherill actively volunteered at Gentry Creek Park at Eufaula Lake in Oklahoma, focusing on maintaining campground safety and cleanliness. Their major duties included enhancing visitor experiences and supporting park management through daily patrols. By establishing effective communication with park rangers, they provided vital updates on campground conditions and camper needs. Their contributions significantly improved the park's overall condition and visitor satisfaction, creating a welcoming environment for the community.

The Sherrills have also played a pivotal role in fostering collaboration and building partnerships particularly during the annual Eufaula Lake Fishing Fling. By engaging local schools, the Sherrills provided a memorable experience for

elementary students, introducing many to fishing for the first time. Their hands-on approach to teaching essential outdoor skills—such as fish identification, tracking, and knot tying—created an enriching environment that encouraged participation and learning.



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## GALE AND BEVERLY WELLS

For the past nine years, Gale and Beverly Wells have generously contributed over 1,200 volunteer hours annually to support the Clearwater Project office in Missouri. They are responsible for maintaining the 3.5-mile Black River hike and bike trail. Throughout the day, Beverly ensures that all trash is picked up, leaves and debris are cleared from the trail, and limbs and underbrush have been trimmed. She connects with every visitor she meets, often leaving small tokens such as unique rocks or water safety items for young visitors to find, sparking their interest in the outdoors.

Gale has been instrumental in assisting USACE staff with various tasks including wildlife habitat improvement, food plot preparation and planting, controlling invasive species, and clearing primitive sites and roadways. He dedicates countless hours in preparation for the annual disabled warrior deer hunt. During these hunts, he plays a crucial role by helping hunters access their blinds, locate and retrieve their harvests, and most importantly, by hosting an exceptional fish fry. His ability to connect with hunters and create a relaxed, positive environment greatly enhances the success of these events.

Whether it's parades, booths, or holiday events, the Wells are always there supporting USACE. Their dedication to fostering a cooperative environment has greatly strengthened our community engagement and support network.

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## THANKYOU To all of our volunteers in

the Southwestern Division!



