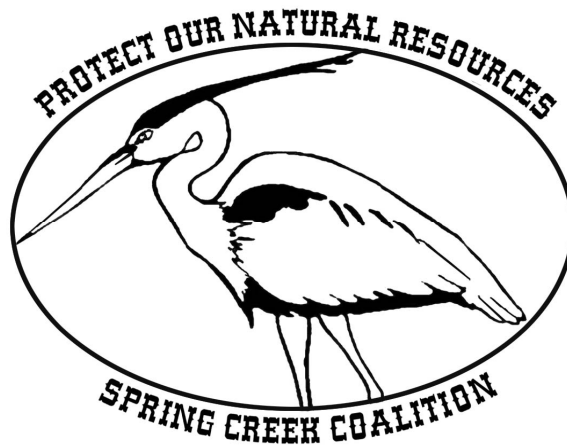


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Please contribute today. Categories are: \$20, single; \$40, family, \$100, lifetime; or donations of any amount. Make checks payable to Spring Creek Coalition, and send to:

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Thank you for contributing!

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2013 SPRING OUTING: WILDFLOWER / HISTORY WALK LUCKY SPRINGS AREA

Saturday, April 13, 10am – 1pm

**Meet: 9:45am, Peggs Grocery & Hardware, Highway 82, Peggs, Oklahoma
(1 hr 5 min from Tulsa)**

**In conjunction with:
Oklahoma Native Plant Society**

Carpooling encouraged. Bring your own lunch and folding chair for lunch along Spring Creek.

From our meeting place at Peggs Grocery & Hardware on Highway 82 we will caravan an additional 5 miles to Lucky Springs. Some of the roads are dirt and dusty but accessible by all vehicles.

Wildflowers: Experts from the Oklahoma Native Plant Society will help us identify spring wildflowers along the road cut in the Lucky Springs area.

History: Lucky Springs consists of an active spring, still used by locals, the site of a one-room school house, destroyed by fire in 2006, and remnants of one of the original long houses used by Daniel Redbird and his family from the original Cherokee land grant.

Beula Ward Combs will tell us about her experiences attending school at Lucky way back in the day; George Kamp, current owner, will tell us about the history of the property.

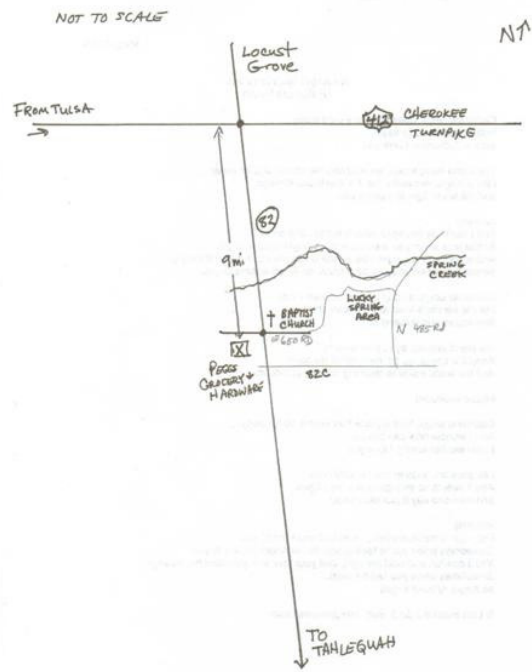
Lunch: We will have lunch around noon along Spring Creek on the adjoining Rooney property. Bring your own lunch and chairs. There will be a canoe and kayaks available for anyone who would like to see the area from the water. Participants

are invited to stay and enjoy the afternoon along the creek.



Beulah Ward Combs at the spring

Spring Outing



Directions to reach the Spring Outing at Lucky Springs from Tulsa. Meet at Peggs Grocery and Hardware at 9:45 a.m.

Fish Featured at Annual Meeting

26 adults and 6 children attended the SCC Annual Meeting January 12 at the Locust Grove Best Western.

Brandon Brown, Fisheries Technician, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, gave a vivid presentation of Oklahoma's stream fish diversity. He showed several videos of species such as cardinal

Spring Creek Fish

shiners and green-eyed banded sculpins. A video of redspot chubs showed them using their mouths to build foot-high pyramids near their nests.



The redspot chub uses its mouth to build rocky mounds

Look for these videos, many shot in Spring Creek, on our website under the "Science" tab.

We also raised \$570 through our auction and brought in several new members. It was a very successful meeting.

LITTER — It's Against the Law

Litter is a problem for Spring Creek. Some litter does not decompose but instead lasts for an unthinkable amount of time. For example, Styrofoam containers and plastic bottles may not decompose at all, EVER. Glass bottles may last for a million years. Aluminum cans last for 200-500 years. **Disposable diapers last 500-600 years.** Oklahoma has laws against littering and can impose penalties on litterers.

It's a misdemeanor to throw litter from a vehicle onto public highways, roads or public property. (21 O.S. Sec. 1753.3). It's also a misdemeanor

Litter and the Creek

to litter on public property or on private property without the consent of the property owner. (21 O.S. Sec. 1761.1). **If you see someone littering, you can report it to an officer of the State Highway Patrol, a county sheriff or deputy, a municipal law enforcement officer or any other peace officer in Oklahoma.** Any person convicted of littering on private property can be punished by a fine of \$200 to \$5,000 or by being imprisoned for up to 30 days or both. In addition to imposing a fine, a court can direct the litterer to make restitution to the property owner, to remove and properly dispose of the litter, to perform community service, or to do any combination of the above. Alternatively, any peace officer may issue a traffic citation for littering in an amount not exceeding \$200.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation has a **Litter Hotline** you can call to report littering on the highway -- **1-888-5-LITTER** (or 1-888-554-8837). Callers must provide the following information:

- license plate number,
- a description of the vehicle,
- time and location of the incident, including the town, and
- the type of litter (i.e. cigarette butt, paper, etc.).

Based on this information, ODOT will send a notice to the car owner explaining that someone was seen littering from their car and asking them to join the effort to keep Oklahoma roadsides attractive. The postcard is NOT a citation or a ticket, but simply a reminder that highway littering is illegal and costs Oklahoma \$3.5 mil-

Tree Planting Canceled

lion each year. ODOT does not keep a record of postcards sent, and the information submitted by hotline callers is not released to individuals, organizations or agencies. **The postcard is the only result of a litter hotline call.**

In addition to contacting a peace officer or ODOT, **there is a website where you can post your witness account,** description,



and evidence of littering and dumping.

SCC tackles a trash dump near Rocky Ford

Neighbors, communities and law enforcement can use the website to help prevent and deter future littering and possibly catch perpetrators of illegal dumping activity. Here is the website address: **litterbug.org**.

SPRING TREE PLANTING CANCELED FOR 2013

Due to landowner time constraints and the drought, we will not have a tree planting this spring.