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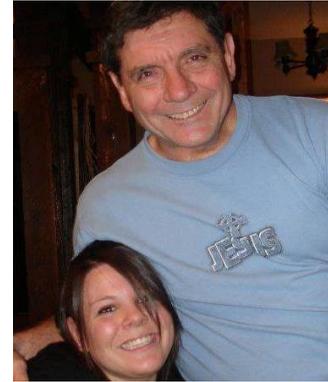
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IN MEMORIAM: CHRIS ROBB

Chris Robb, supporter of SCC since its inception, passed away February 15. Chris had just been elected to his second term as SCC Board Member. He was diagnosed in February with cancer and passed away unexpectedly from complications. Those of us on the board appreciated Chris'



Chris and his youngest daughter, Becky

humor and ever-ready smile. He loved the creek and was building a home there for his retirement. The last thing Chris did for SCC was set up our April Salamander Outing. He is greatly missed.

SPRING TREE PLANTING
SATURDAY, MARCH 28
RAIN OR SHINE
10 AM TO 12 PM
LUNCH PROVIDED

At property of Loren & Vicki Frederic

Bring: gloves, long pants, sturdy shoes.

Directions: At Peggs on highway 82, turn north on Old Peggs Cemetery Rd (N 440) and head toward the low water bridge at Cave Springs.. At approximately 1 mile the paved road turns to dirt and starts descending. Turn into the first driveway to the right about 3/4 of the way down the hill. If you reach the creek, you've gone too far. Look for the Spring Creek Coalition banner.

Will you help in this conservation effort? We need you. See you on the 28th.



Tree planting in 2011—Chris Robb and Reed Holt

BOULDERS, BRANCHES, BRUSH AND WATER – Stream Dynamics and Restoration

Jeri Fleming, Environmental Programs Manager, Oklahoma Conservation Commission (OCC) was our featured speaker at the SCC Annual Meeting in January. Ms. Fleming began by discussing the importance of land near streams and rivers. Among other things, riparian areas keep streams in their banks and provide cool summer habitats to support life. It is better to keep these areas as they are rather than seek to change them with bulldozers, brush hogs and chain saws. However, once a riparian area is degraded or destroyed, the OCC can work to help restore it. Restoration methods include (1) bank sloping, (2) in-stream structures, (3) burying trees in the stream bank, and (4) planting vegetation. Regarding the last, the choice of grass is important. Native grasses have deep, dense fibrous roots that hold soil in place. Non-natives like Bermuda do not.

Ms. Fleming said that restoration helps to improve habitats, including removal of invasive species, and helps to increase fish and wildlife populations. The benefits to a community include safer and more aesthetically

