



Blue Thumb—In Pictures



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Recognizing Volunteers!

April Volunteers spotlight - Jason Arant and students from the Oklahoma School of Innovation & Experiential Learning and Jahna Hill, City of Tahlequah stormwater manager.

Jason and his students took information they learned on a field trip and worked to fix a problem near their school. They worked with Candice Miller to get bacteria supplies to determine if their pond had E.coli in it and then they conducted experiments with ultra violet light to see if that would help kill the bacteria. They recently presented their results at the Oklahoma Clean Lakes and Watershed Conference and proved that when put under ultra violet light, E.coli bacteria counts will decrease greatly.

Jahna took the idea of forming a watershed coalition to a whole new level when she incorporated her work in forming Friends of Town Branch Creek into a Master's project. With encouragement from Cheryl and Jeri, Jahna formed the group to bring awareness to water quality issues in Town Branch Creek in Tahlequah, and then she literally wrote the book on how to effectively form a watershed group. She developed a how-to book that will be available on the Friends of Town Branch Creek in the near future. She discussed her work and her experience with Blue Thumb at the Oklahoma Clean Lakes and Watershed Conference.

Great volunteers going above and beyond!



Stillwater volunteer thank you cookout!



Candice, Jeri and Rob joined about 8 Stillwater volunteers to enjoy some hot dogs and s'mores as a thank you! Food provided by Friends of Blue Thumb.

One volunteer even invented the s'moreo!



Education!



Top left—Kim spent an afternoon at OU talking fish and nonpoint source pollution. Center—Candice spent some time with Sapulpa Junior High students talking about how they can protect water resources. Top right—Blue Thumb partnered with the City of Norman on their annual Water is Worth It! poster contest.

Spring Bug Picking and Quality Assurance!



Top left—Students in Lawton pick bugs under the watchful eyes of goats? Top right—In Oklahoma City, Jim Leach and Karla Spinner get in on the action Bottom left—Cooper Phillips learned that even though his mom is the boss, he still has to pick bugs. Bottom right—Rob experienced bug picking for the first time and so far, he loves it...doesn't mind it.

