

# The Scoop on Damage Prevention



April 2011

## County Meeting Update

The statewide County Employee Safety Programs are held to increase awareness of the underground facility dangers that exist and to encourage use of the State's One-Call notification system.

Attendees receive a FREE catered lunch and have an opportunity to meet and visit with the underground facility representatives. Every attendee will also receive free gifts, door prizes and be registered for a \$1,000 gift card that will be given away at the end of our training year. By the end of April the damage prevention message has been delivered at 20 county meetings to 623 County Commissioners and their employees.

### May County Meetings

**May 3rd Harmon/Jackson**  
City of Hollis—Civic Center  
208 W Jones  
Hollis, OK 73550

**May 5th Wagoner/Muskogee**  
Wagoner Civic Center  
301 S Grant  
Wagoner, OK 74467

**May 10th Creek/Pawnee**  
Pawnee Café  
620 Harris Street  
Pawnee, OK 74058

**May 12th Cotton/Tillman**  
Cotton County Expo Center  
Hwy 53 & Hwy 5,  
1/4 mile west on Hwy 53  
Walters, OK 73572

**Meeting dates are subject to change  
due to the inclement weather  
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Harper/Ellis  
(Shattuck)



Custer  
(Weatherford)



Beckham/Roger Mills  
(Cheyenne)

**Where has your  
Damage Prevention  
Team been.....**

**What's Next....**

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## Journey's of the Damage Prevention Team



**Shattuck Windmill Museum & Park**  
54 Windmills stand in the park, with no two alike ranging from 5 ft. to 18 ft. tall. A small half-dugout soddy has been moved and reconstructed to give a glimpse of how many of the early settlers first lived.

## Northern Division Activities

Red Carpet    Green    Frontier

**April 1-3**

### K101 Woodward Farm Expo

The largest Tri-state Agri-business show featuring trade and recreational products including farm equipment and home improvement. The event attracted over 20,000 homeowners and farmers with more than 200 exhibitor booths. Booth workers—Troy Cowley and OG&E line crew; Jeff Newman OneOk; Debbie Bradley, ONG; Brenton Mayfield, Keith Stewart and Reed Schmeling, Western Farmers Electric Coop; and Dee Rader, Northwest Electric Coop

**April 1-2**

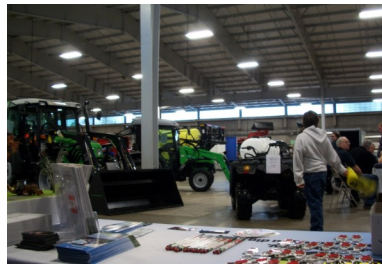
### Stillwater Home & Garden Show

The latest in home decorating and gardening trends were all on display with over 60 exhibitor booths and an estimated crowd of over 5,000. Booth workers—Chuck Wood, AT&T; Melanie Edwards, OG&E; Wade Murphy, Enogex; Leslie Carter and Brenda Hoefar, One Call

**April 7-9**

### Southern Plains Farm Show, OKC

Farm show looking at all the latest developments in agriculture. Features livestock equipment demos, power equipment ride and drives, gentle horse training, 4H and FFA scholarship competitions and many more exciting events with 25,000 in attendance. Booth workers—Joshua Whitfield, OG&E; Kelly Taylor and Hal Morgan, Linn Energy; Jeff Craig and Bryan Hanes, ONG; Charles Columbus, Chaparral; Leah White, One Call



**April 7**

### Northwest Electric Coop Annual Meeting

Dee Rader



**April 26**

### Professional Business & Industry Luncheon, Fairview, OK

David Deboar, Centerpoint Energy

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**May 9**

Earth Day  
Grove, OK

**May 11**

Public Education Damage  
Prevention Council

**June 9**

Oklahoma Society of Professional  
Engineer Conference - Break Out Season

**“Efficiency is  
doing things  
right.  
Effectiveness is  
doing the right  
things.”**

**Peter Drucker**



## Upcoming Damage Prevention Events

### Mark Your Calendar

Public Education Damage Prevention Council

#### Next Meeting

May 11th  
10:30am  
Call Okie Office  
5920 N May Ave  
OKC, OK 73112

## Southern Division Activities

Arbuckle    Great Plains    Kiamichi

### April 2011

**April 1st & 2nd**  
SW Farm Expo—Elk City, OK

**April 12th thru 14th**  
APWA—OKC

**April 19th thru 21st**  
ORWA Spring Conference—Tulsa

**April 29th thru May 1st**  
Mangum Shortgrass Rattle Snake Derby  
Mangum, OK

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

#### May 2011

**May 2nd & 4th**  
State FFA Convention  
Cox Convention Center - OKC

**May 11th**  
PEDPC Meeting - OKC

**May 14th**  
City of Lawton Public Works  
Awareness Day

**May 20th**  
Call Okie Board Mtg - Tulsa

**Before you  
start your  
excavation  
Call Okie 48  
hours before  
you dig....it's  
the Law!**

## April a busy month for Great Plains DPC

The Great Plains DPC hosted 2 events in April. The first event was the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual SW Farm & Home expo in Elk City April 1-3. The event attracted over 3000 homeowners and farmers. Attendees' visited over 150 exhibits for farm, home lawn or garden. Tony Strain ONG Elk City and Chuck Woods ATT OKC volunteered and helped make this event a success.

The second event was a NEW event for the GPDPC. The Mangum Shortgrass Rattlesnake Derby April 28th thru May 1st. This was a huge event for outreach with over 40,000 homeowners, fence builders, landscaping, farmers and professional excavators during the three-day event. Volunteers were Jeff Hart Cotton Electric COOP Walter, Chuck Wood ATT OKC and Jerry West Call Okie.

Call Okie also participated in two professional technical conferences. The American Public Works Conference in OKC and the Oklahoma Rural Water Spring Conference. The APWA partnered with the Oklahoma Water Environment Association April 12-14. The conference included 400 decision-makers from local government agencies, engineering and consulting firms and public works contractors in the pre-design and excavation process for projects.

The ORWA Spring Conference was held in Tulsa, OK April 19-21. This event attracted 700+ attendees and supports important training, technical assistance and legislative programs that benefit rural and small community water and wastewater systems throughout the state. Jerry West, Damage Prevention Manager for Call Okie, presented a 45-minute presentation during one of the breakout sessions. Attendees were encourage to migrate from faxing locate request and utilize the online services for faster service. Jerry also spoke on the importance of preventing near misses and incident investigations during excavation projects.

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## **Our Mission**

**To provide quality underground damage prevention and communication  
services in the great state of Oklahoma.**

### **Mangum Shortgrass Rattlesnake Derby**



47<sup>th</sup> Annual Mangum Shortgrass Rattle Snake Derby, April 28<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup> was a **NEW** event for the Great Plains Damage Prevention Council. Call Okie volunteers included; Jeff Hart Cotton Electric, Chuck Woods ATT and Jerry West Call Okie worked the booth. The three day event was a huge success and attracted over 40 thousand curious lookers seeking to get a glimpse of a rattle snake. Some of us even ate some snake! It does not taste like chicken...it is a snake!

The derby brought all kinds of weather...like 50 miles per hour gusts all-day Friday and Saturday a cool front came in from the north. Cars were parked 6-7 blocks in any direction from the downtown area. The food booths and exhibits were lined up 10-15 people waiting for something to eat and buy.



Sunday afternoon is when "the big boys come out to play". The snake's literally takes several grown men to straighten and hold in a measuring trough. Two men hold the nose and the rest straighten the snake. The longest measured 77 1/2 inches weighing in at 7.5 pounds. The association has not had a handler bit during the measuring process.



Jerry with Keith Kendall,  
"Fangmaster" Association President

### **Oklahoma Department of Transportation Survey Projects Meeting**

Call Okie hosted a meeting with Mr. Kurt Harms, Chief, Right-of-Way & Utilities, utility operators and locating services to discuss survey locate request. The meeting was held at the ODOT Training Facility located at I-35 and SE 59<sup>th</sup> street in OKC. Mr. Harms shared ODOT's current 8-Year Construction Work Plan as well as efforts to install 1,000 plus miles of fiber optic line. The discussion offered new opportunities for members and ODOT to coordinate survey request and locating issues to help minimize down time and cost associated for these statewide projects. The committee also established quarterly meetings to communicate ongoing changes to the projects.