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Call Okie is one of 4 sponsors of KOCO TV's "5s On The Road Tour". Brenda, Jerry, Leah, and "The Okie Mascot" aka Nikki will be traveling with Channel 5 all week promoting "Call Okie" and "Dig Safely!"

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## The "Scoop" on Damage Prevention August 2010

### Damage Prevention Councils regroup after the summer break.....

Your damage prevention managers, Jerry West, southern & Brenda Hoefer, northern region have been busy regrouping the 6 damage prevention councils (Red Carpet, Green Country,

Frontier Country, Lake & Trails, Great Plains, & Kiamaichi Country) after the summer break. Both the Northern & Southern division are putting together their programs and events that will start with "The Watonga Cheese Festival" in Watonga, Oklahoma on October 8 & 9th. The Cheese Festival is a Red Carpet Country Damage Prevention Council Event. Thousands of people attend this annual event and the members of the Red Carpet Country Damage Prevention Council will be on hand manning the booth, handing out trinkets, and communicating the importance of digging safely. The coordinator for this event is David DeBoar of CenterPoint Energy.



## Can We Dig Now?

Now that the weather is not in the triple digits homeowners, farmers, and excavators in Oklahoma are starting that long list of chores and the potential for accidentally severing utility lines increases. Hidden dangers such as: power lines, gas lines, com-

munication cables, water lines and sewer lines lie just a few inches under your feet. Digging up utility lines is dangerous. Damaging vital underground services can cause you and your neighbors to be without service, or worse it can easily injure or cause

death.

The goal of the damage prevention team at "Call Okie" is to educate everyone about these underground dangers and the importance of making that ONE-CALL.

Educate the public that "Call Okie Does NOT mark the Lines"

## Whole Hawg Days in Eufaula.

### Kiamichi Damage Prevention Council

The Kiamichi Damage Prevention Council hosted the *Eufaula Whole Hawg Days Arts & Crafts Show* on July 30 & 31 at Alexander Posey Park in Eufaula, Oklahoma. The event attracted over 8,000 attendees statewide.

Hats off to the following volunteers who made this event a great success: Naomi Raines, Larry Vest and Kenneth Morris, BP Wilburton, Ray Freeman, ADG, Ft. Smith, Ron Gray, Ong

Muskogee, Bart Bradford, Centerpoint Energy, McAlester and Todd Lowery, ONG Hugo. Brett Roberts was the event coordinator of this event. Brett is also the 2010 chairman for the Kiamichi Damage Prevention Council. Volunteers distributed over 500 brochures, excavator guides and trinkets to homeowners and excavators.

#### Eufaula Whole Hawg Days



#### Do you know?

**What is the number One cause of damage to underground facilities in the United States?**

## Lawton Bash

The City of Lawton held a *Back 2 School Bash* on August 14 in the Elmer Thomas Park. Over 28 local sponsors joined together to host the city wide event. The event provided children a back pack which they could take to several different information stations that offered them

school supplies. By the time a child had made it completely through all the stations their backpacks were overflowing.

Debbie Sellars, City of Lawton Water Department and 2010 Chair for the Great Plains Damage Prevention Council, volun-

teered her time for this event. Debbie took the Call Okie Mascot and distributed trinkets and information to the kids and their parents reminding them to DIAL 811 before digging. The Okie mascot was a big success and children of all ages loved him.

#### Answer:

**Because the excavator did not notify the One-Call.**



The Call Okie mascot was a big hit at the *Back 2 school Bash*



# "The Inside Scoop"

Other DP activities  
North and South Regions

## North

- August 18      Oklahoma Safety Council Luncheon
- August 20      Call Okie Board of Directors Meeting
- August 24      Green Country Damage Prevention Council Meeting in Sapulpa
- August 26      Frontier Country Damage Prevention Council Meeting in Oklahoma City
- August 30      2011 Planning Meeting



# South

- August 5 Oklahoma Safety Council Board of Development Meeting
  - August 14 City of Lawton "Back 2 School Bash"
  - August 18 Oklahoma Safety Council Luncheon
  - August 19 City of Lawton Water Department Meeting
  - August 20 Call Okie Board of Directors Meeting

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### Common Misconceptions—Continued from last month

As stated in the previous issues of the Damage Prevention Newsletter, The department managers at "Call Okie" are compiling a list of the common misconceptions about who we are and what we do. Here are this months misconceptions:

Excavator - "Why didn't they mark the traffic lines?"

Excavator - "Why isn't everyone a member of One Call?"

Locator - "If I get them to sign this piece of paper, I don't have to locate within the 48 hours."

Locator - "This ain't no emergency!"

Member - "I have 4 hours to locate an emergency."

Member - "I am spatial, why did I get this ticket?"

Casual Excavator - "I called Thursday, why can't I dig on Saturday?"

Future issues will publish the answers to these misconceptions.



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