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The "Scoop" on Damage Prevention October 2010

Special points of interest:

- New flags given out at booth bring attention to "White Lining"
- Call Okie represented at the OK Water & Pollution Control Assoc. conference
- Round table meeting set at Altus Air Force Base

One of the big events for the Red Carpet Damage Prevention Council is the Watonga Cheese Festival which is held the 2nd weekend in October. The Festival offers a wide variety of attractions and entertainment for all ages such as cheese tasting, an art show, quilt show, classic car show, children's games and a 5K run.

Attendees of the cheese festival enjoyed a great assortment of vendors in three locations, including the Armory and the Craft Tent which offers a collection of items ranging from homemade crafts and food items to home décor and gifts. There is also a made in Oklahoma Tent for items made throughout the state of Oklahoma.

Frontier Country representative who

worked at the Call Okie booth were: Troy Cowley, OGGE, Jeff Newman, OneOK NGL Pipeline, Reed Schmeling, Western Farmers Electric, Dee Rader, Northwest Electric Coop, Al Swaney, One OK Field Services, David DeBoer, of CenterPoint Energy. David is also the president of the Red Carpet Country Damage Prevention Council.

A new item that is being handed out at the booth this year is white marking flags that say "I called Okie I'm Digging Here." The purpose of these white flags is to emphasize the use of "White Lining." Booth visitors who receive the white flags are explained the process of "White Lining" where they are going to excavate by putting white flags around their excavation area.



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David DeBoer, CenterPoint Energy



Al Swaney, OneOK Field Services

Approximately 5000 people attended The Watonga Cheese Festival



Jerry West and Gabby Hoefar at Home Depot Community Safety Days at the Home Depot located in Edmond, OK.

Do you know?

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



Brenda Hoefar, Brenda's daughter Gabrielle Hoefar, and Jerry West manned the Call Okie Booth in association with Community Safety days in Edmond earlier this month. Gabrielle wore the "critter" suit at the event and was a big hit with all the attendees.



Answer:

Because the excavator did not notify the One-Call.

24th Annual Robbers Cave Fall Festival, Wilburton, Oklahoma

The Kiamichi DPC hosted the 24th Annual Robbers Cave Fall Festival in Wilburton, OK, October 15-17. The 3 day event is one of the largest events in the area, attracting over 10,000 homeowners, farmers and excavators. BP and Call Okie share two booths during this event.

This year the following items were distributed by 12 council volunteers

promoting the Dial 811 and Call before you dig message:

- 300 Excavator guides
- 200 User guides
- 50 What the Marks Mean guides
- 1500 key rings
- 1500 note pads
- 600 color code cards
- 1000 pencils
- 2000 bottled water
- 100 white flags

The volunteers for this event were

Naomi Ranes, Nancy Turman, Shaun Troutman, Kenneth Morris and Larry Vest with BP Wilburton. Ray Freeman and David Vise Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Ft. Smith Ark. Bartt Bradford Centerpoint Energy McAlester, OK. Brett Roberts ONG Hugo, OK. Danny Turnage ONG Idabel, OK. and Terry Hale RWD #14 Poteau, OK.



Robbers Cave Fall Festival



"The Inside Scoop"

Other DP activities

North

- October 13 Met with ODOT to discuss locating service for upcoming projects
- October 15 Call Okie Operating Committee Meeting in OKC
- October 27 Oklahoma Water & Pollution Control Association annual Conference
 - Presented "Dig Safely" training as one of the breakout session
 - Attended Trench & Shoring Session
- October 29 Budget Review Meeting



South

- October 12 Okla. Safety Council Committee Meeting
- October 22 Robbers Cave Fall Festival, Wilburton, OK
- October 22 Oklahoma County Fall Conference, Oklahoma City
- October 27 Oklahoma Water Pollution Control Assoc., Midwest City

Upcoming Damage Prevention Events:

- November 12 OSC Board of Director Meeting, OKC
- November 15 Altus Air Force Base Engineer Roundtable, Altus, OK
- November 17 Ft. Sill Engineers Roundtable, Lawton, OK

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Base Dilemmas

Oklahoma's air force bases have become a point of interest with Call Okie . As the bases move towards subcontracting their in-house locating services, issues have risen concerning their role in complying with One Call Law.

CenterPoint Energy contacted us concerning lines not getting marked by base public works locating services and asked if we could help .

Damage Prevention has scheduled one of two round table meetings with base personnel and other stakeholders to foster a relationship between the air force base and One Call members to promote and eliminate potential haz-

ards and damages to vital Underground facilities.

Discussion will include the One Call Law, One Call processes, and the roles of excavators and locaters before doing an excavation project.

The first meeting is scheduled for November 15 at Altus Air Force Base.

