

# STATE NEWS WEEKLY SUMMARY



## AGRICULTURE

### RELIEF TO DROUGHT DISASTER A LITTLE TOO LATE FOR SOME

■(GIT) Dennis Howard with the State Department of Agriculture said Thursday, that by January 1, 1997 five to ten thousand Oklahoma farmers will have to "fold" on their farms. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Dan Glickman announced a disaster declaration for Oklahoma earlier this week that will provide low interest loans to farmers. However, these loans only cover losses suffered by farmers in 1995.

Howard and Governor Keating both expressed their appreciation for the announcement by Glickman, and for the state budget agreement to take money from the Rainy Day Fund to help aid against the drought. But unfortunately, some of those funds are too late to help this year's crops. "Time is critical ... and the funds will help in time for fall planting," Keating said.

Keating again said that most of the designated relief will not kick-in until late summer. The Governor said he would like to additionally help agriculture in the state by providing value-added tax credits. "Adding value, that's where the money is," he said.

—MARTA MCCLOSKEY  
05/09/96

## AWARDS / EVENTS

### KIRKPATRICK FOUNDATION TO RECEIVE SHIRK PRESERVATION AWARD

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) The Kirkpatrick Foundation of Oklahoma City will receive the Shirk Memorial Award for Historic Preservation during the May 17 Awards Banquet of the Statewide Preservation Conference at the Duncan Simmons Center.

"During the past 10 years, at least 20 different entities have received grants directly from the Kirkpatrick Foundation," said Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Melvena Heisch, "or from a special fund provided by the foundation to the National Trust for Historic Preservation for Oklahoma."

The award will be presented during the 6:30 p.m. banquet, which will be a featured event of the May 16-18 conference. In addition, 17 Citations of Merit will be presented

for individual preservation projects, said Heisch.

"The Kirkpatrick Foundation certainly is a valued preservation partner," said Heisch. "The concern of the foundation that Oklahoma's heritage be preserved and that high standards should be met in the accomplishment of this work make it clear that the foundation is worthy of the Shirk Award."

—OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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### OKLAHOMA ENTERS SIX NOMINATIONS IN NATIONAL HISTORY AWARD REGIONAL

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) The successful opening of the new Oklahoma Route 66 Museum in Clinton has led to a nomination for a national award by the American Association for State and Local History.

"These six state winners will be judged at the regional level this spring," said Oklahoma Awards Chairman Bruce Joseph of the Oklahoma Historical Society, "with regional winners going to the national finals. The national winners will be announced in July."

The other nominations are:

— Glenda Carlile of Oklahoma City has completed three books on Oklahoma women, including most recently, *Petticoats, Politics and Pirouettes* on women from 1900-1950. Previous books included *Bucskin, Calico and Lace*, and *Oklahoma Territorial Women*.

— ArVel White, who lives in Hooker, was nominated for her three volumes on Hooker and the Oklahoma Panhandle. The latest, *Main Street Memories*, followed *Hooker History, Volumes I and II*.

— *Last Raid on Cabin Creek*, a 90-minute documentary, was produced by Richard L. Harding of Tulsa on the Civil War Second Battle of Cabin Creek near what is now Vinita. The nomination was by Steven Warren of Tulsa.

— *North Central Oklahoma: Rooted in the Past, Growing for the Future* was produced in two volumes by the North Central Oklahoma Historical Association with stories and photos of families who settled and built Ponca City and other north central communities.

— The McClain County Court Centennial was led by District Judge Candace Blalock.

Oklahoma winners of national awards will be honored next April during the Okla-

homa Historical Society Annual Meeting. For more information, contact Joseph at the Oklahoma Historical Society, 2100 N. Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or (405) 522-5236.

—OKLA. HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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### STATEWIDE PRESERVATION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD

■(DUNCAN, OK) Patsy Garner, Carolyn Rodgers, Norma Anderson and Sue Ellis of Duncan will address the May 16-18 Statewide Preservation Conference at the Simmons Center in Duncan.

Garner and Rodgers will describe the Duncan Main Street Program at 8:45 a.m. on May 17 in a session called: "Down But Not Out on Main Street, Duncan Case Study."

Ellis will join Vickie Milam of the Graham Main Street Program in Texas in "Duncan's Patterson Hospital: Case Study." Anderson will describe "The Chrislip House Nomination" for the National Register of Historic Places.

The conference will feature three tracks, or series of sessions with seven out-of-state speakers and more than 30 from Oklahoma. For further information, contact the State Historic Preservation Office at (405) 521-6249.

—OKLA. HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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## BUDGET

### GCCA SUBCOMMITTEE HEARS PAY PLEA AGAIN

■(GIT) State employee pay was again the main topic of discussion when the General Conference Committee on Appropriations' subcommittee on judicial, public safety and law enforcement service met on Monday.

Lawmakers heard presentations from the Court of Criminal Appeals, Supreme Court and District Courts, approving by unanimous consent provisions necessary to fund the state employee pay raise approved earlier in the session by the legislature and signed by the governor.

Making the presentation on behalf of the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Alma Wilson also addressed a requested 10 percent across the board pay raise for state judges and their

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