

STATE NEWS WEEKLY SUMMARY CONTINUED



ner of the annual OU-Texas football game and presented to the winning governor, is now on display in Governor Keating's office it was announced Tuesday. The trophy has been in Texas Governor George Bush's office since October due to the fact that the Sooners and Longhorns tied 24-24 in 1995.

The trophy, over four feet tall with a large silver cup adorning the top, is engraved with the score of each football game played between the two rival universities since 1973. That year former Governor David Hall and former Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe decided that an annual symbol of the Red River rivalry was needed and hence the idea for the Governor's Cup came about.

The Governor's Cup is on display in the foyer of the Governor's office at the State Capitol.

—THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
05/07/96

TOURISM & RECREATION

WESTERN AUTHOR GLENN SHIRLEY TO APPEAR AT CHISHOLM TRAIL MUSEUM

■(KINGFISHER) Glenn Shirley, author of 25 books on the American West, will present "Telling It Like It Was: Events and Characters of Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory" May 25 at the Chisholm Trail Museum in Kingfisher.

Shirley, who also will autograph books, will draw on his 50 years of experience in interviewing and researching material on law officers, outlaws, trappers, soldiers, leaders and settlers of what is now Oklahoma from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The public is invited without charge, said Curator Renee Mitchell.

"In addition to his books," said Mitchell, "Shirley has produced more than 800 short stories, novelettes and non-fiction articles in

regional and national magazines and journals. He also is a former contributing editor of the *Westerner* and *Old Trails* magazines as well as the *Oklahoma Monthly*.

The Chisholm Trail Museum and Seay Mansion are operated by the Oklahoma Historical Society with support from Chisholm Trail Museum Inc. of Kingfisher. For further information, contact Mitchell at the museum (405) 375-5176.

—OKLA. HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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TOURISM WEEK BRINGS RECOGNITION TO TULSA RESIDENT

■(GIT) Governor Frank Keating along with Cabinet Secretary of Tourism and Recreation Ed Cook recognized Tulsa resident Marty Benson for 11 years of volunteer service to Sequoyah State Park.

Cook cited many statistics showing the benefits of tourism to the state of Oklahoma. Those included an increase in travel expenditures of 17 percent.

Cook said that the tourism industry provides 65,000 jobs in the state. The tourism industry contributed \$148 million in state tax receipts. "That's enough to fund one year of education for approximately 55,000 Oklahoma children."

In 1995, Cook said that 15.7 million people traveled through Oklahoma's 53 state parks.

"Travel and tourism dollars mean jobs for our friends and neighbors, additional sales for local businesses and greater tax revenues to support our state," Keating added.

—MARTA MCCLOSKEY
05/09/96

TRADITIONS REFLECTED IN WORK ON SONJA AYRES FOR MAY 18 ART SHOW AT SEQUOYAH HOME

■(SALLISAW, OK) The life-long research of Native American customs and traditions by Sonja K. Ayres will be evident May 18, when her works will be featured in a one-woman art show at the historic home of Sequoyah.

The show will be open to the public without charge from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., said Stephen Foster, who manages the historic home for the Oklahoma Historical Society. Signed and numbered prints will be offered, he said.

"Sonja is a self-taught artist," said Foster, "and she has been pursuing her art since

childhood. In her extensive research, she has specialized in designs of the mound builders, including those of eastern Oklahoma."

Sonja's first love is portraiture, he said, and "capturing exact likenesses" in pastel, colored pencil, graphite, charcoal, acrylics and water colors. For her sculpture, she collects clay in Oklahoma and Arkansas.

"In fashioning her native clay pieces," said Foster, "she uses ancient methods of hand building, stone polishing and outdoor open pit firing with native barks and woods. She combines her passion for painting with a sculptural sense of clay."

Sequoyah's Home is located 11 miles northeast of Sallisaw on State Hwy. 101. The cabin was built in 1829 by Sequoyah, who invented the Cherokee Alphabet, and it is now managed by the Oklahoma Historical Society. For further information, contact Foster at (918) 775-2413.

—OKLA. HISTORICAL SOCIETY
05/09/96

WILDLIFE

SQUIRREL SEASON RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) May 15 is a date squirrel hunters know well. That's because it's the first day of Oklahoma's eight-month fox and gray squirrel season.

The season runs May 15 through Jan. 31, annually, and hunters are allowed 10 squirrels daily in aggregate, with 20 allowed in possession after the first day. Hunting hours are one-half hour before official sunrise to official sunset.

Most of the more than 70 Department-owned or managed wildlife management areas are open to squirrel hunting. Hunters considering a trip to one of these Department areas should consult the public hunting lands matrix in the 1995-96 Oklahoma Hunting Regulations booklet.

The Wildlife Department sells an 84-page atlas that contains maps of these public hunting and fishing areas. *Oklahoma Wildlife Management Areas* is available for \$5 if picked up at Department installations or \$7 by mail. To order a copy, make your check or money order payable to the ODWC and send it to the Department at 1801 N. Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

—OKLA. DEPT. OF WILDLIFE
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