

STATE NEWS WEEKLY SUMMARY CONTINUED

nor Frank Keating explained Thursday, will purchase and serve what he and Texas Governor George W. Bush are calling "border barbecue" for the winner. If Texas loses, Bush will serve his dinner to Keating, his wife and others in Altus. Should Oklahoma lose, Keating will feed Bush, his wife and others in Childress, Texas.

"I am looking forward to Governor Bush coming to Altus, donning his apron and preparing the best barbecue dinner his money can buy after the Sooners beat the Longhorns," said a confident Keating, who predicted the Sooners would win by three points.

In response, Bush said, "While the Longhorns are preparing to burn the Sooners, I hope that my friend Governor Keating is taking cooking lessons. I can't wait to celebrate a Texas victory over Oklahoma with a great barbecue dinner in Childress, Texas. I just hope that Frank Keating is as good a cook as he is a governor."

In defense of the Sooners, who are off to an 0-4 start, Keating said, "The annual OU-Texas game is such a classic rivalry that it's very hard to predict the outcome. Past history says that there are always surprises in this game. I have confidence in Coach John Blake and his team. The Big Red will roll into the Cotton Bowl ready to win, and I'll be there cheering them on."

—SHAWN ASHLEY
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TOURISM & RECREATION

OKLAHOMA CITY TRAILS MASTER PLAN WORKSHOPS HELD

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) Someday Oklahoma City residents might be able to walk, skate or bike from Lake Hefner to the Zoo and a host of other locations using a network of urban trails — wide super-sidewalks built away from auto routes. Citizens interested in seeing a network of greenway trails developed were invited to attend a planning workshop to discuss possible routes to be included in the OKC Trails Master Plan.

The workshops were held Tuesday in north Oklahoma City and Wednesday in south Oklahoma City.

Some funding for actual construction of the trail system is already in place, including \$1 million for the Lake Hefner area and \$1.2 million in 1995 General Obligation

Bond money for development along South Grand Boulevard. The MAPS project includes funding for riverfront trails from Meridian to Eastern Avenue and along the canal linking the North Canadian River with Bricktown.

Besides providing new recreational outlets for residents, the proposed trail network would allow more people to walk to work or school and provide new ways for tourists and other visitors to reach City attractions, says Planning Department Director Garner Stoll.

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WILDLIFE

QUAIL SEASON DATES TO CHANGE NEXT YEAR

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) Beginning with the 1997-98 hunting season, Oklahoma's quail season will start on the first Saturday in November and end on January 31.

The decision to change the season from the traditional Nov. 20 to Feb. 15 dates was made at the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission's October meeting in Oklahoma City. The Wildlife Conservation Commission is the governing body of the Wildlife Department.

The recommendation to change the season dates was made by Richard Hatcher, chief of the Department's Game Division.

"The biological information we have sug-

gests that adjusting the season dates will allow additional harvest opportunities of surplus birds earlier in the fall while protecting broodstock during the stressful late-winter period," Hatcher said. "We proposed changing the dates earlier this year and received input from hunters at public hearings held in September. The public overwhelmingly supported the change at those hearings."

Quail season dates were not the only hunting regulation changes approved at the meeting. Regulations governing the use of certain wildlife management areas and goose, furbearer and archery hunting changes also were approved.

Specifically, the 1997-98 bobcat season was extended to run from Dec. 1 through Feb. 28. The daily bag limit was removed and the season limit was changed from eight to twenty. Bobcat tagging requirements were also changed to allow the use of private tagging stations and to allow those stations to charge a 75 cent per tag fee.

Three turkey hunting regulation changes also were approved. The 1998 spring turkey bag limit in Seminole County was reduced from two toms to one tom, the fall firearms turkey bag limit in Pawnee County was changed from one bird of either sex to one tom and the remainder of Garfield County (south of Highway 412) was opened to fall firearms turkey hunting. The bag limit for fall firearms turkey hunting in Garfield County is one tom.

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