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## In the Spotlight

by Julie Kelly

Here is another example of the amazing people we have in the Information Services Division; Jacquelyn (Jackie) Cruise.

Jackie works in the Field Services Unit (FSU) as a Crime Reporting Field Representative. Jackie not only audits the information law enforcement agencies send to the OSBI (through SIBRS, ODIS, or another vendor), she travels the state training these law enforcement personnel/officers in the proper procedure using these programs.

Jackie has been with the OSBI since 2013. She started out in the SDA Unit after a friend who worked in the Criminal History Reporting Unit told her there was a job opening in SDA. Two years later she promoted to the position of Crime Reporting Field Rep in FSU. When asked if she had any advice for prospective OSBI candidates she stated, "Be yourself, no matter what".

Jackie is a native Oklahoman and currently lives in Moore with her husband, Micah, and two boys, John Mon-



Jackie Cruise and Family  
Micah, Conrad, & John Monroe



roe and Conrad, and their German Shepherd, Shotzie. When not at work, Jackie spends her leisure time with her family and loves to read.

I asked Jackie what would her fellow employees be

surprised to learn about her... she likes ice cream! Well, if you know Jackie at all, you are not surprised at that. Ice cream is her single most favorite food, one that she could not live with-



out and her biggest pet peeve (the lack of ice cream...) Her personal philosophy is "Life is better when you add ice cream!" Case in point, when Jackie first joined the OSBI she was asked how she might handle a tough situation, her answer... "Ice cream". Now that is devotion!

Jackie says the weirdest job she ever had was working in a florist shop—because she can't keep plants and flowers alive. Probably a good thing she changed career paths!

I asked Jackie who was one person (dead or alive) she would like to interview and why, to which she responded, "Frank Lloyd Wright, because I like the simplistic beauty behind his designs".

Jackie, you are an awesome person! Smart, funny, and a valuable asset not only to the OSBI but also to the friends you have made since you came here. We all hope that you achieve any and all goals you have set for yourself.

We are glad you are here!



"You have brains in your head and feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose!"  
--Dr. Seuss



Random, mostly useless, questionably true, but somewhat entertaining information

# Did you Know?

- Dueling is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors
- At any given time, there are 1,800 thunderstorms in progress over the earth's atmosphere
- Most lipstick contains fish scales
- The cigarette lighter was invented before the match
- Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different
- Butterflies taste with their feet
- Americans on average eat 18 acres of pizza every day.
- Maine is the only state with a one-syllable name
- It is illegal to hunt camels in the state of Arizona
- On average, people fear spiders more than they do death
- In Tokyo you can buy a toupee for your dog
- It costs more to buy a new car today in the United States than it cost Christopher Columbus to equip and undertake three voyages to and from the New World
- The electric chair was invented by a dentist
- The first Fords had engines made by Dodge
- There are more life forms living on your skin than there are people on the planet
- Banging your head against a wall burns 150 calories an hour
- You are more likely to win an Oscar or become a successful Olympian than winning the lottery
- The odds of bowling a perfect 300 game are 11,500 to 1
- Heinz Catsup leaving the bottle travels at a whopping 25 miles per YEAR
- One in every four Americans has appeared on television
- Inventor of the light bulb, Thomas Edison, was afraid of the dark
- In 2003, there were 86 days of below-freezing weather in Hell, Michigan

Have any Did you Knows? Send them to: julie.kelly@osbi.ok.gov

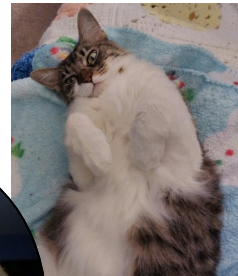


## PET PARADE

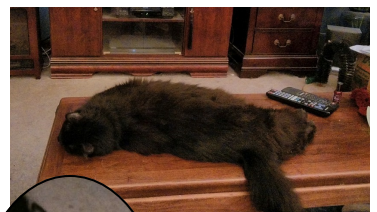
Sebastian, an 11-year old 1/2 Maine Coon mix, thinks he rules the roost around my house! He is large and in charge! For those of you who don't know what a [Maine Coon](#) is, it is a very large breed of cat that can reach up to the size of a small human toddler.

His fur-sister Lucy, a 7-year

old tabby/white lovely, however would beg to differ with him being in



Lucy, Fur baby of Julie Kelly



Sebastian, Fur baby of Julie Kelly



pounds! Both are rescue's that have been with me since they were 6 weeks old.

charge and although much smaller than her brother she can take him down when the mood strikes her. She is only 9 pounds to his 23

They are big love bug's, lap kitties and love soft blankets to make biscuits on. Which can be painful if Sebastian is the one kneading the blanket as he has Freddie Krueger claws and won't let me trim them.

## Life Hacks



Have any Tips and Tricks? Send them to: julie.kelly@osbi.ok.gov

## Tips and Tricks

- \* Tie a small piece of bright-colored fabric to your luggage when traveling. Saves a lot of time to check if its your bag or not.
- \* When ironing a button-up shirt, flip it inside-out to easily iron over the button side.
- \* Put old newspaper at the bottom of your trash bin to absorb food juices.
- \* Wrap a wet paper towel around your beverage and put it in the freezer. In about 15 minutes it will be almost completely ice cold.
- \* Put pancake batter in an

- clean, empty ketchup bottle for no-mess pancakes.
- \* Use a hand-held can opener to open those annoying blister packs and avoid cutting yourself.
- \* If you're at a hotel and run out of chargers, the TV usually has a USB plug in.

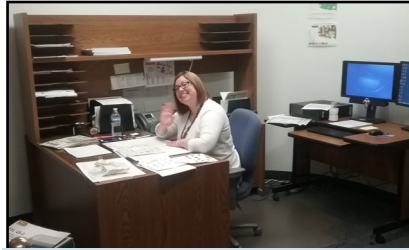


# Congratulations!



Congratulations are in order for the OVDRS Unit! At their most recent conference, OSBI's OVDRS Unit was given a performance recognition certificate for being the top medium-sized state for data quality for 2014 NVDRS data and they were also recognized as the **#2 performing state**, way to go Jennifer Powell!

Congratulations also go out to Angie Avila in the ID Unit. Angie is the new ID Unit supervisor. **WELL DONE** Angie, we wish you all the success in the world!



Angie Avila  
ID Unit Supervisor

## Kids Corner



Lisa Merka's Grandchildren  
Twin granddaughters Meekah & Marleigh,  
and grandson Amon

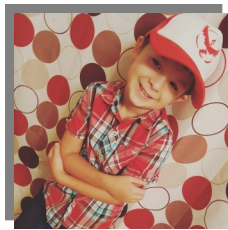
Aren't Lisa's grandchildren just precious? The twin girls, Meekah and Marleigh are six years



old and have just graduated kindergarten. They are both very active

in gymnastics. Meekah loves dogs and Marleigh loves cats. They have three fur-siblings altogether; two dogs and one cat.

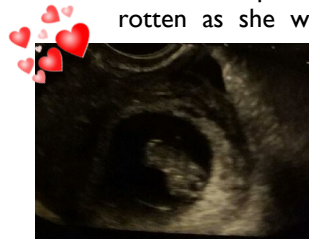
Their brother, Amon, seven years old, loves



Pokemon and Meerkats (who doesn't love Meerkats?!). He enjoys playing T-ball as well as soccer. He is on the honor roll and can lay claim to an Academic Achievement award! Way to go!

All of Lisa's grandchildren love swimming, ice cream, and pizza, but Amon especially love chicken nuggets! Can't go without them!

Lisa informed us that come October, 2017, she will be welcoming another grandchild into the family! A little girl that "Nana" says she will be spoiling rotten as she will



be living close to her. Congratulations Lisa (Nana!).



The kids school held a *Breast Cancer Awareness Day* in October of 2015. Amon, Meekah, and Marleigh all wore blue shirts in honor of their PawPaw Tony. They are helping raise awareness that men get breast cancer too. The entire school helped by making their giant ribbon (picture above) pink AND blue.





# Good Eats

Submitted by: Carolyn Collier

Submit your recipe for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter by emailing it to [julie.kelly@osbi.ok.gov](mailto:julie.kelly@osbi.ok.gov)

## Indian Taco Casserole



- 2 cans crescent rolls
- 1 lb. hamburger meat
- 1 pkg taco seasoning
- 2 cans tomato sauce
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cans pinto beans, drained
- Shredded cheese
- Sour cream
- Lettuce
- Tomatoes, chopped
- Salsa

Preheat oven to 350°

Press crescent rolls in bottom and up sides of a 9 x 13 glass baking dish. Cook hamburger meat and onions, drain. Add taco seasoning, tomato sauce, beans, and simmer for 6—10 minutes. Pour over crescent roll crust. Top with shredded cheese. Bake for 20 –25 minutes. Serve with sour cream, lettuce, tomato,

## Sopapilla Cheesecake



- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 cans crescent rolls
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 stick butter
- 3 eight ounce pkgs cream cheese

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix and set aside 1/2 cup of sugar and cinnamon for the top. Mix softened cream cheese, vanilla, 1 cup of sugar, set aside. You can microwave the filling to make it softer and easier to put into the dish. Lightly spray the bottom of a 9 x 13 pan with cooking spray. Roll out one can of the crescent rolls and place in bottom of pan. Pour filling on top of this layer. Roll out the other can of crescent rolls and place on top of the filling. Melt the stick of butter and pour over the top of all. Sprinkle on the cinnamon and sugar mixture. Bake at 350 for 23—30 minutes. Can be served warm or at room temperature.

# Welcome Aboard!



In case you were wondering who was that person in the hall? Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the ISD team. We are pleased to introduce:

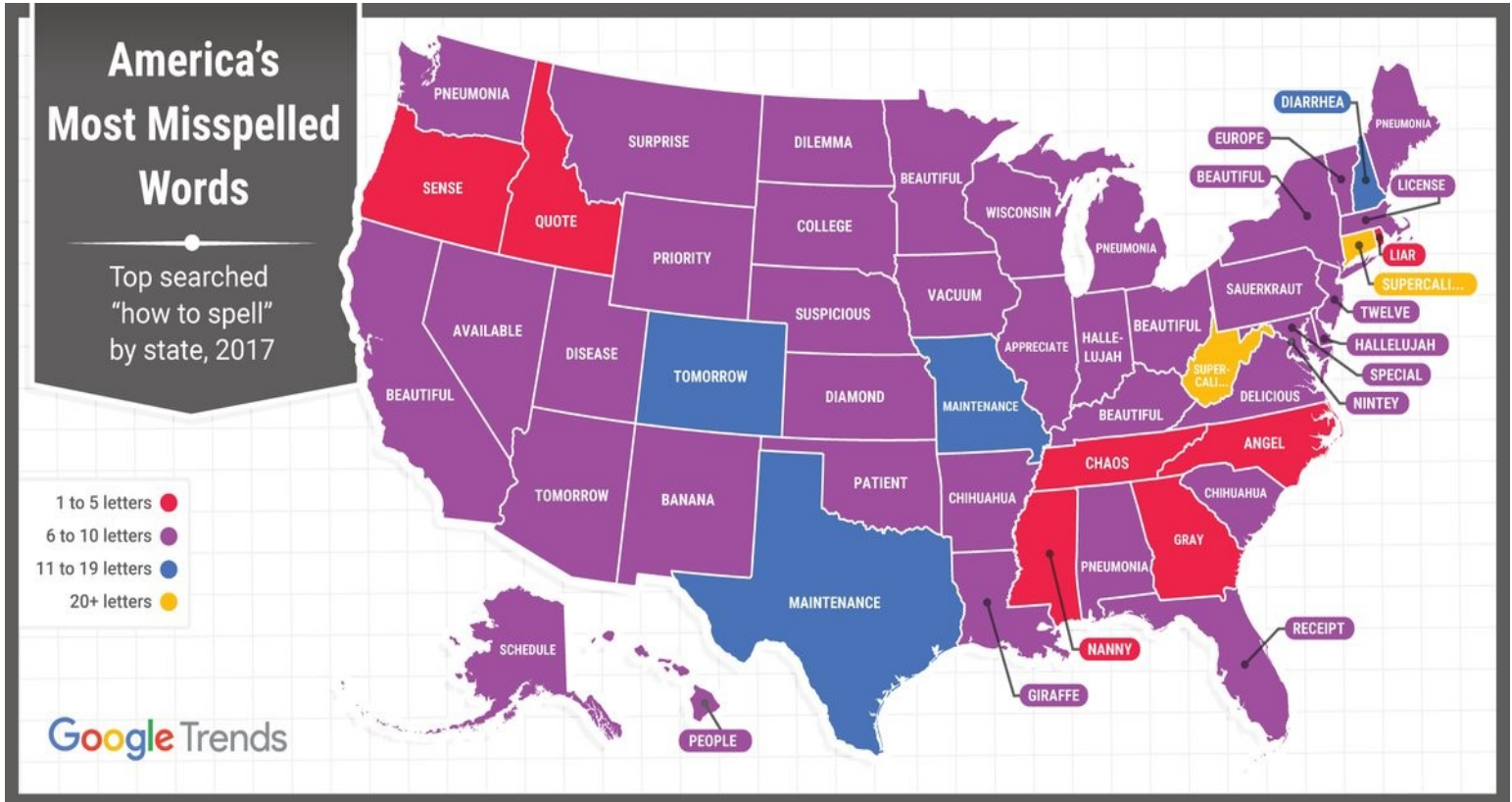


Taylor M. Harrill  
Temporary Employee  
SDA



Brittany N. Crouch  
Temporary Employee  
SDA





## It's Summertime!

Route 66 in Oklahoma has quirky and unique destinations to explore. Here are a just a few that might make your summer road trip enjoyable!

### 66 Miami, Oklahoma

- Outfitted with a 1960's-style neon sign and housed in a building that looks like a giant ku-ku clock, visitors have been attracted to [Waylan's Ku-Ku Burger](#) for decades.
- After enjoying your Ku-Ku Burger stop in at the Coleman Theatre in Miami. Built at the end of the roaring 1920's, the [Coleman Theatre](#) defines the era. The theatre hosts concerts, plays and even silent films. Designed in Spanish Mission Revival style, the beautiful building invites visitors to step inside and be transported back in time.

### 66 Darryl Starbird's National Rod & Custom Car Hall of Fame/Museum in Afton

- It wouldn't be right to travel down Route 66 without a stop in Afton to see Darryl Starbird's National Rod & Custom Car Hall of Fame, which houses some of the most inventive cars on display along the Mother Road. There are over 50 vehicles on display as well as plenty of auto memorabilia.

### 66 Cherokee Trading Post & Boot Outlet - Clinton

- Family owned and operated since 1967, the Cherokee Trading Post & Boot Outlet in Clinton is an attraction you can't pass up. The trading post offers a huge selection of western boots for women and handcrafted Native American made jewelry. They also carry handmade Native American pottery, sculptures, paintings, artifacts, crafts, and Oklahoma souvenirs.

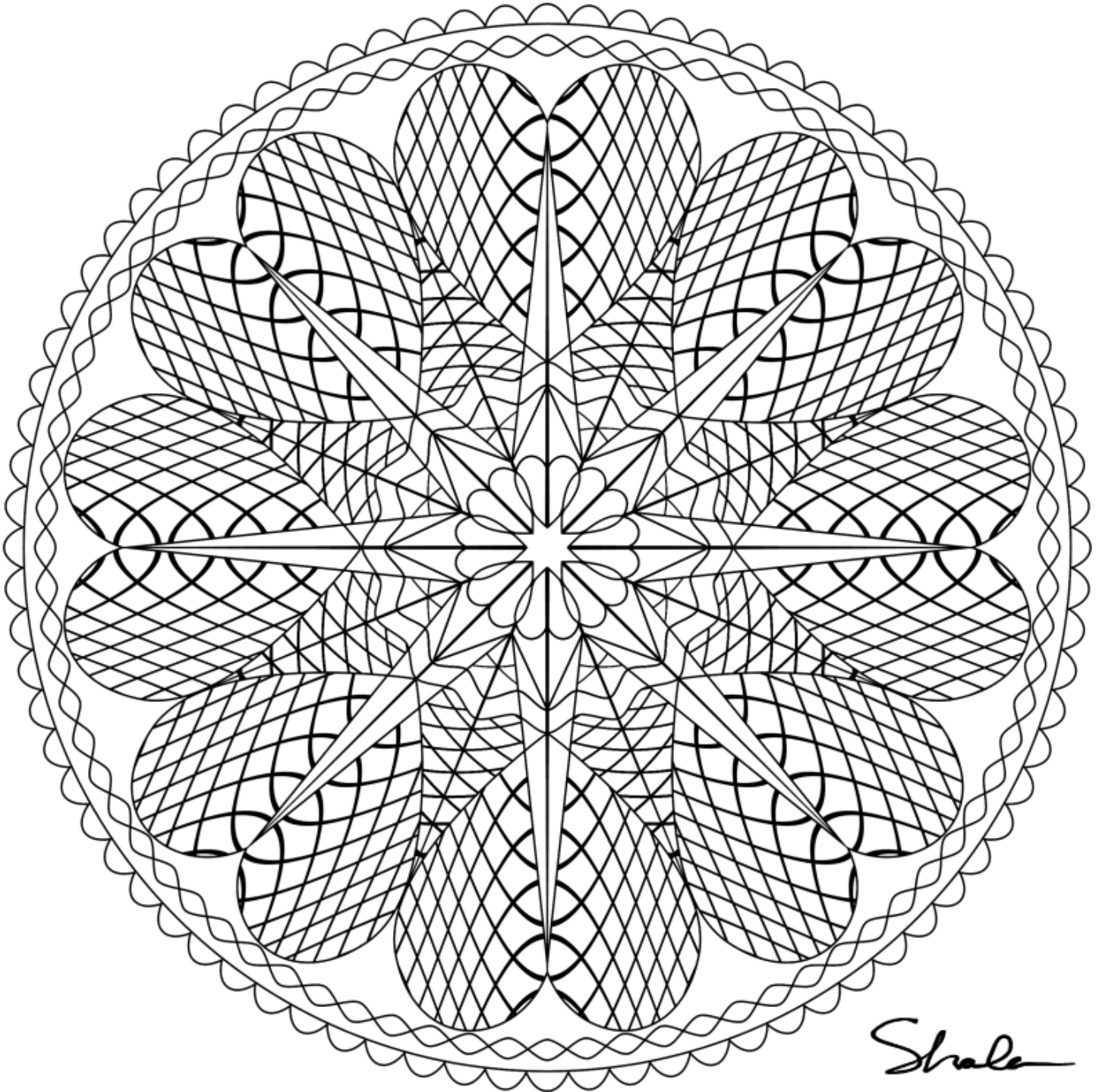
### 66 Calumet, Oklahoma

- The [Indian Trading Post & Art](#) in Calumet makes its mark along Route 66 with a huge Native American Muffler Man standing outside the door. Unlike most fiberglass Muffler Men that are modeled after Paul Bunyan, this figure wears buckskin pants, a beaded belt and a headdress. Stop in for moccasins or a beautiful piece of jewelry and pose next to the statue for a keepsake photo.
- The [Cherokee Trading Post](#) boasts one of Oklahoma's finest gift shops with over 100,000 items, turquoise jewelry, pottery, moccasins and authentic Indian handicrafts.

<sup>1</sup>Taken from TravelOK.com ([http://www.travelok.com/article\\_page/roadside-oddities-along-route-66](http://www.travelok.com/article_page/roadside-oddities-along-route-66))

# De-Stress and Tap Into your Inner Child

Coloring books are no longer just for the kids. In fact, they are all the rage right now. The once-niche hobby has now grown into a full-on trend, with everyone from researchers at Johns Hopkins University to the editors of *Yoga Journal* suggesting coloring as an alternative to meditation. Just like meditation, coloring also allows us to switch off our brains from other thoughts and focus only on the moment, helping to alleviate free-floating anxiety. Read the full article on CNN's website [here](#).



*Shale*



# Behind the Scenes...FSU by Anne Simons



The Field Services Unit (Left to Right): Annie Gilbreath, Jackie Cruise, Talia Lane, Lenedia Hendricks, Anne Simons, Derrie Fox, Aaron Gray, Anita Wood, Paula Miller.

The world of crime statistics reporting is ever evolving. Summary-based crime reporting captures statistical data and is limited in the offenses that are captured. With

the development of the State Incident-Based Reporting System (SIBRS), the OSBI became certified to report into the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) in 2009. That marked the beginning of the effort to transition local Oklahoma law enforcement agencies to incident-based reporting. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the state of Oklahoma have now set a deadline of January 2021, after which they will no longer accept summary-based reporting.

Law enforcement agencies across Oklahoma (state, county, city, and town) are required by law to report to this system. The Field Services Unit (FSU) of the OSBI works with these agencies statewide to meet the transition deadline and reaps the benefits of planning and implementing

SIBRS. To that end, FSU employees train agencies in the collection of crime statistics,

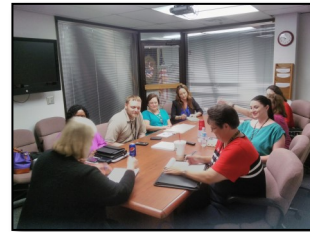
audit incoming incident reports, and provide ongoing program support. Since 2004, when the unit began transitioning agencies from summary reporting to SIBRS, 88% of all reporting agen-

cies have now made this transition.

SIBRS provides much more information than previous reporting and will benefit social services, law enforcement agencies and many other programs that rely on this information for grants, resource allocation, and planning to make Oklahoma a safer place to live.

Crime statistics are compiled annually and published as *Crime in Oklahoma*. In addition, they are forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for inclusion in the *Crime*

in the United States publication. The criminal justice community, educators, and others use these statistics in determining crime trends, solutions, and planning for the future.



FSU employees hard at work during a monthly staff meeting at HQ

“The new apartment is roomthily challenged, to say nothing of the smell.”





## Obscure or Lost Words We Should be Using...

Try using them in a sentence...

1. Kerfuffle. *Make a fuss or a bother.*
2. Hullabaloo. *Loud noises and shouting that people make when they're angry.*
3. Cacophony. *A mixture of horrible sounds.*
4. Poppycock. *Nonsense; foolish, senseless talk.*
5. Acrasial. *Ill-regulated; ill-tempered.*
6. Jobler. *One who does small jobs.*
7. Baboonery. *Foolishness; stupidity; nonsense.*
8. Obacerate. *To shut one's mouth.*
9. Philargyrist. *Lover of money; covetous person.*
10. Rogitate. *To ask frequently.*
11. Roomthily. *Spatially; with respect to space.*
12. Solennial. *Occurring once a year; annual.*
13. Vellicle. *Something that pinches or holds fat.*
14. Woundikins. *Mild swear word or oath.*
15. Aretaloger. *Braggart; one who boasts about his own accomplishments.*
16. Blateration. *Chatter; babbling.*
17. Ergasiophobia. *Irrational fear of being able to work properly; Fear of work.*
18. Acetabuliform. *Shaped like a shallow cup or saucer.*
19. Antejentacular. *Before breakfast.*
20. Doromania. *Obsession with giving gifts.*

# JULY 2017

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## July

4th—Independence Day  
23rd—Parents Day

*“Example is not the main thing in influencing others, It is the only thing.”*

Albert Schweitzer

# AUGUST 2017

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## August

No holidays...



Don't ruin a good today by thinking about a bad yesterday. Let it go.

# SEPTEMBER 2017

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## September

4th—Labor Day  
10th—Grandparents Day  
11th—Patriot Day

*“Some days you just have to create your own sunshine.”*

Unknown



# Birthday's

## July

- Trixie Eiler—3rd
- Debra Cooper—9th
- Aaron Gray—15th
- Dave Wood—15th
- Zach Chael—26th
- DeeDee Dawson—27th
- Carolyn Collier—31st

## August

- Dillon Davidson—1st
- Samantha Meisinger—8th
- Rose Howard—13th
- Paula Miller—17th

## September

- Louise Myers—17th
- Sue Garrett—25th
- Lesley Truong—7th
- Julie Kelly—22nd

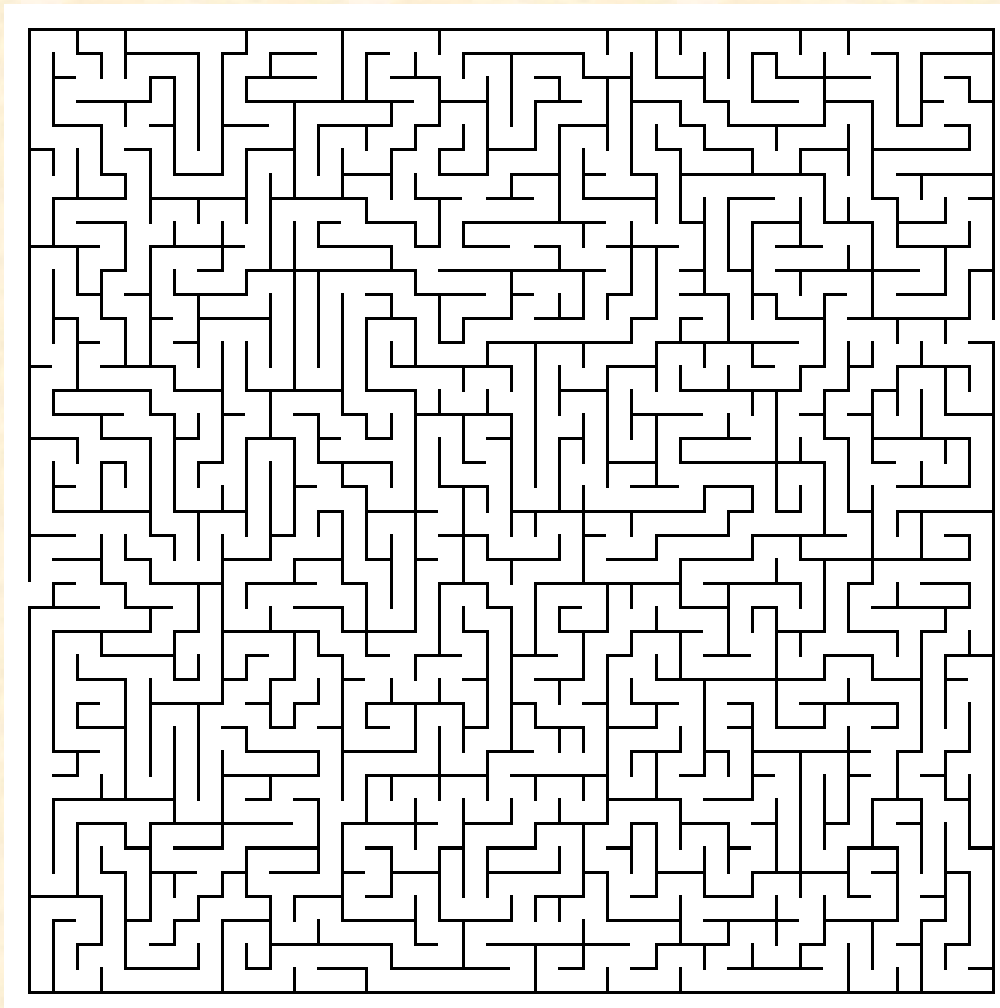


# Brain Games

*Working on puzzles and solving them makes us alert, increases our concentration, expands creativity, and affects physical health by reducing heart rate and blood pressure...*



## Escape Room



Solution to last issue's Brain Game, [click here](#)

Last issue's

# Here's What's Happening!



Work continues on The Criminal History Information Request Portal (CHIRP) and the finish line is getting near!

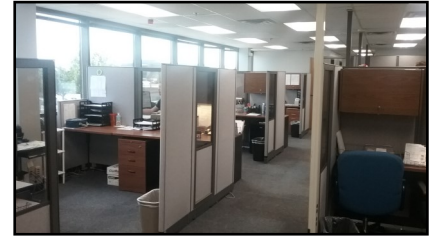
The CHIRP team is tweaking and twisting and turning it all in an effort to ensure a quality product to roll out to the public. In case you don't know what CHIRP is, it allows anyone who has a computer to receive criminal history records and pay

online. CHIRP has been a long time coming and hopefully, it will benefit employers and people across the state to access information easier and more efficiently.



The new Automated Fingerprint Identification System project (AFIS) is nearing completion. Training has been

concluded, and the project is on schedule to go live in August of 2017. This project not only helps our agency by its proficiency but all of our customers as well.



The New, Reorganized ID Unit

Have you visited the 2nd floor lately? You should check out the ID Unit's reorganization. It's a whole new world up there! The new space design gives each of the unit's employees a space that allows them more privacy to work more efficiently.



The OSBI recently hosted what has become our annual *Take our daughters and sons to work* day.

It was a big success! The kids were informed while being entertained, learning what we do at work and what the OSBI is all about.

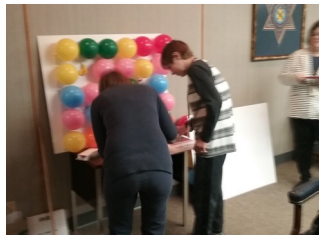
This year the national theme was *Count on Me!*, which strives to teach children that "...being part of a workplace team also involves accept-



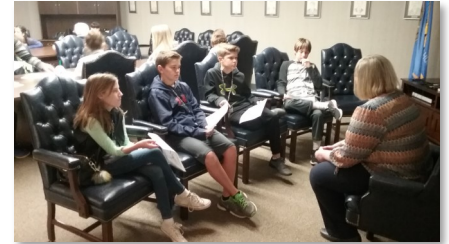
spent part of the day at OSBI HQ learning what may preclude an Oklahoma citizen from qualifying for a Self-Defense Act handgun license, and how making the *wrong* choice in life can affect just about every aspect of their future life.

OSBI employees devised several group activities which helped the kids understand what we do here. They also planned games that gave them "choices" to make - which if the "wrong choice" (criminal activity) was made, how it follows them throughout their life, and how it could possibly preclude them from realizing the job they might desire or from getting a handgun license.

The kids played a pop the balloon

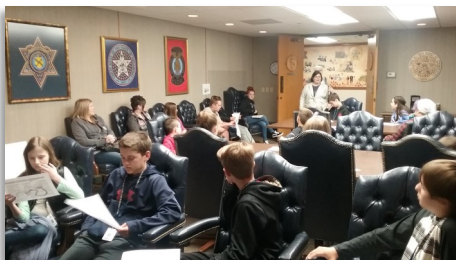


game which determined what their "choice" was. If the correct "choice" was made they were awarded a diplo-



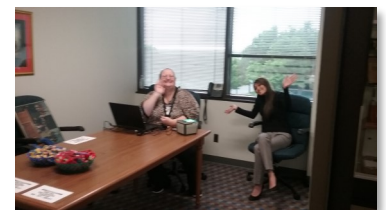
ma to one of several jobs in Oklahoma that require an applicant to NOT have a criminal record and were given an SDA handgun license with their photo. If they made the "wrong choice", a lovely mug shot photo was taken! The kid's fingerprints and photos were also taken on the OSBI's Child ID system which were then forwarded to their parents.

Special thanks go out to all the employees who helped make this year a



ing responsibilities. When each team member acts responsibly, it makes the workplace more successful."

In addition to spending time at the Forensic Science Center, the kids



success, and to all the daughters, sons, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren who participated, here's looking forward to next year!

# Bryan's Corner



*"...there are people out there who have been spared the pain and emotional trauma of being a crime victim because of your work..."*

Last Saturday our family celebrated my granddaughter Emma's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. There was an all-day cookout, games for the kids and even a waterslide. Emma loves frogs. She wanted me to take her to the small pond to

look for frogs - of course I agreed. She was excited and ran down a few stairs from the porch and stood there waiting for me. I got up more slowly and as I started down the stairs, she held out her hand and said, "It's Ok Pa-Pa, I got you." I'm sure she has heard that a million times from me, her daddy, and other's that love her. It means - I will keep you safe.

The work that you do as a member of the OSBI family and especially the Information Services Division does exactly that same thing for our state. Through criminal history records, SDA backgrounding, and crime statistics, you help prevent crime and keep others, like Emma, safe. It keeps those who would harm the most vulnerable people in our society away from potential victims. There is no

way to count the number of times someone would have been hurt without the information you work so hard to provide. I can assure you, there are people out there who have been spared the pain and emotional trauma of being a crime victim because of your work. I would like to thank you on their behalf.

Please do not forget the importance of what you do and how it impacts the people of our state, even though we will never know the names of the people you kept safe. The OSBI, through our division reaches its hand out to the citizens of our state and says, "Its Ok, we got you."

I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer! As always, thank you for all you do!!

## Red Feathers

Kelsey McMahon  
Angie Avila  
Zac Chael



## MILESTONES

### In State Service



**Dillon Davidson, 10/5/2016**  
**Julie Kelly, 6/12/2017**  
**Rose Howard, 7/19/2017**



**Carolyn Collier, 6/11/2017**



**Aaron Gray, 06/26/2017**



**Sylvia Coslow, 5/18/2017**



**Debbie Repine, 4/12/2017**