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## In the Spotlight

by Kristin Thomas

*Inspiration*

### Lindsay Higgins

Administrative Technician II, SDA Unit

The OSBI is bursting at the seams with amazing people who do amazing things. Many times we are not even aware of all of the talent and intricate details that make a person that we pass by in the office on a daily basis.

In this issue we will shine the spotlight on Lindsay Higgins. In January of 2015, Lindsay started her endeavor with the OSBI in the CDC&A Unit as a federal grant employee. In October of the same year she became a full-time employee joining the SDA Unit team.

Lindsay grew up in Tulsa, OK, and moved to the Oklahoma City area in order to continue her life with her partner in crime, Kevin. Together they have three fur babies—two dogs and a cat. They also have a lot of fish to keep happy in their home. They love to spend as much time as possible with their family as she believes family is the most precious gift we have that knows our true selves.

When not at work, Lindsay's passion is the art work she brings to life through drawing. As a child she wanted to be a veterinarian when she grew up, but has really found herself being pulled to serve in law enforcement and help others in any way that she can. She got her traits of



in Lindsay's life.

For Lindsay the OSBI has given her the joy of accomplishment and she is very grateful for the time she has already had here. When asked where she hopes to see herself in ten years, she responded confidently, "I will have a Non-Commissioned of the Year Award!"

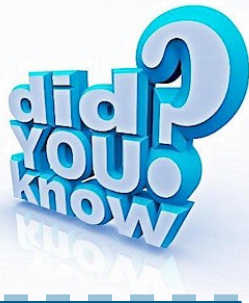
I asked Lindsay, "If you had to pick one person in the OSBI to be stranded on an island with until rescued, who would it be and why?" Her answer, "Kacey Walters. She would definitely keep me entertained and she doesn't eat much. So, that may be in my favor."

strength and compassion for others from her mother, who also has been the most influential and inspiring person



YOU ARE AWESOME, LINDSAY! We hope that you realize all the goals you still have yet to achieve. You are an inspiration and asset to the success of OSBI's Information Services Division.

DREAM BIG  
LIVE SIMPLY  
GIVE LOVE  
LAUGH LOTS  
BE GRATEFUL



Random, mostly useless, but somewhat entertaining information

Be the Reason someone smiles today



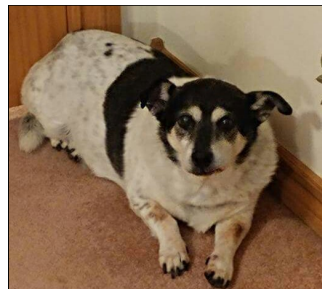
## Life Hacks



Have any Tips and Tricks?  
Send them to: [julie.kelly@osbi.ok.gov](mailto:julie.kelly@osbi.ok.gov)

# Did you Know?

- Birds need gravity to swallow
- Each time you see a full moon you always see the same side
- Isaac Newton invented the cat door
- Leonardo DaVinci invented scissors
- Tiger Woods' real first name is Eldrick
- Ralph Lauren's original name was Ralph Lifshitz
- The world's largest deposit of alabaster is at Alabaster Caverns near Freedom, OK
- The word 'lethologica' describes the state of not being able to remember the word you want
- The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is said to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language
- You can't tickle yourself (you just tried, didn't you?)
- Recycling one glass jar saves enough energy to watch TV for 3 hours
- The study of thunder is 'brontology'
- Wearing headphones for just an hour increases the bacteria in your ear by 700 times
- Spider silk (per same diameter and weight) is 5 times stronger than steel and tougher than Kevlar
- Dreamt is the only word that ends in "mt"
- A piece of paper cannot be folded more than 7 times



Amelia Mignonette Grimaldi  
Thermopolis Renaldo  
Furbaby of Lisa Merka, BFSU

"Mia" was a rescue upon return to the shelter after her (last-days numbered) adoption trip. She was scared, had been found on the side of the road, and was a recent mother with no sign of her babies. She is Lisa Merka's furbaby of 16 years. A 30-lb Terrier mix, her favorite food is cheese and she loves playing with her "nephew" Aaron when he comes to visit.

Sadly, Mia has been diagnosed with bone cancer which the vet found due to an abscessed jaw. Lisa asked that prayers for her furbaby would be greatly appreciated.

Update: Before this issue could be published, Mia passed away on December 26th and is now running free on Rainbow Bridge. Lisa, we are so sorry for your loss.



## Tips and Tricks

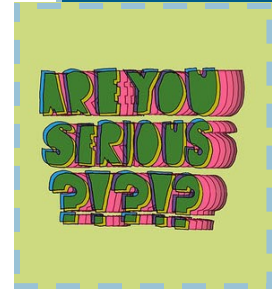
- \* Stumped for dinner ideas? On [www.myfridgefood.com](http://www.myfridgefood.com) put in whatever food you have, i.e. eggs, milk, hamburger. It will tell you what you can make with what you have.
- \* Make any web page print friendly, copy the url of the web page you wish to print then go to <http://www.printfriendly.com/>, paste the url and click *print* preview. You can then print it, download a pdf or email it.
- \* Use a manual can opener to open blister packs to avoid cutting yourself.
- \* Have a problem with that zipper staying up? Put one of those split key rings through the hole in the end of the zipper pull and slip it over the button when you put on pants.
- \* Keep those buttons from falling off. Coat the thread with clear nail polish.
- \* Keep those nasty spiders out of your house by spraying peppermint oil around the outside and around doors.
- \* Use nail polish to identify different keys by painting the tops different colors.



# ARE YOU SERIOUS?

Dumb Laws, and Other Random, Useless, Questionably “True” bits of information that make you say “Are you Serious?”<sup>1</sup>

- Whaling is illegal in Oklahoma (also in Nebraska)<sup>2</sup>
- Elephants are not to be taken into downtown Tulsa<sup>2</sup>
- No one may walk backwards downtown Oklahoma City while eating a hamburger<sup>2</sup>
- People who make “ugly faces” at dogs may be fined and/or jailed<sup>2</sup>
- One may not promote a “horse tripping event”.<sup>3</sup>
- On unknown Batman costume: “Warning: Cape does not enable user to fly”
- On unknown hair coloring product: “Do not use as an ice cream topping”
- “If tunnel is dark, remove sunglasses” sign in the Smoky Mountain National Park, Tennessee
- In Alabama, it is illegal for a driver to be blindfolded while driving a vehicle<sup>4</sup>
- In Ohio, it is against state law to get a fish drunk<sup>4</sup>
- In France, it is forbidden to call a pig Napoleon<sup>4</sup>
- In Kentucky, it is illegal to carry a concealed weapon more than six-feet long.<sup>4</sup> Umm, where would they conceal it??



Gunner Ray and Jesse O'Brien. Grandchildren of Sylvia Coslow, Criminal History Reporting Unit Supervisor.

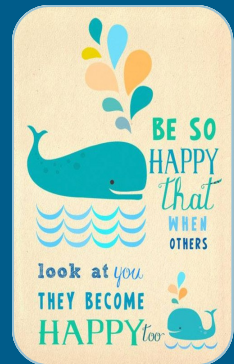
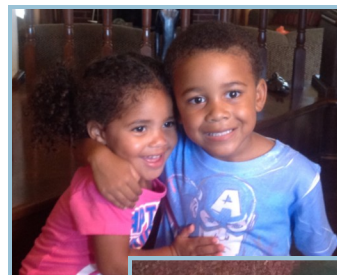
I've heard Sylvia Coslow say her “cup runneth over” when talking about her grandchildren. I can see why. These two handsome boys, Gunner Ray, 2, (left) and Jesse O'Brien, 8, (right) are the reason. While attempting to take a family photo with just the two of them, the only way to get Gunner to stay still was for him to hold onto his brother's leg. He is always busy and into everything! Jesse loves to play Skylanders and loves to shop.

<sup>1</sup>www.dumbwarnings.com  
<sup>2</sup>Cannot find proof of these, but since they are on the internet, they must be real, right? Yeah, no.  
<sup>3</sup>Seriously true!  
<sup>4</sup>www.foxnews.com Strange but True Ludicrous Laws

And how about these precious cuties? Peyton, 2½ (left), Kai, 5 (right), grandchildren of Debra Cooper in the CDC/A Unit. Peyton received the Batman shirt as a baby shower gift from a big Batman fan! Debra said when Peyton got big enough to wear the shirt they decided to find one for Kai and take a photo. That's when the tradition began. Each spring the hunt starts for the perfect t-shirts. Spiderman will be making an appearance in 2017.

Peyton loves all things Peppa Pig and Kai loves The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (ALL things Leo!) Debra says she and Kai can go for hours saying “Cowabunga, dude!” to each other.

Peyton and Kai. Grandchildren of Debra Cooper, CDC&AU





# Good Eats

Submitted by: *Debbie Repine*

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

## Hash Brown Casserole



- 1 32 oz. package frozen, shredded hash browns, thawed
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 pint sour cream
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

Mix melted butter, soup, sour cream, onion, and salt and pepper. Add cheese and hash browns. Mix well and pour into a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. **Bake at 350°** for 30 minutes until hot and bubbly.

*Note: Thirty minutes was not nearly enough time, I baked them for almost an hour, start checking after 45 minutes.*

## Banana Pudding



- 1 bag Chessmen Cookies (Pepperidge Farm) or vanilla wafers
- 5 sliced bananas
- 3 cups milk
- 2 small boxes INSTANT French Vanilla pudding
- 1—8 oz package cream cheese, softened
- 1—14 oz can sweetened condensed milk
- 1—16 oz tub Cool Whip

Line 9 x 13 pan with cookies. Cover with bananas. Beat milk and pudding together with mixer. In another bowl combine cream cheese and sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Fold 12 ounces of Cool Whip into cream cheese mixture. Add cream cheese mixture to pudding mixture. Pour over cookies and bananas. Spread the rest of the Cool Whip on top. Chill and serve.

# 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:



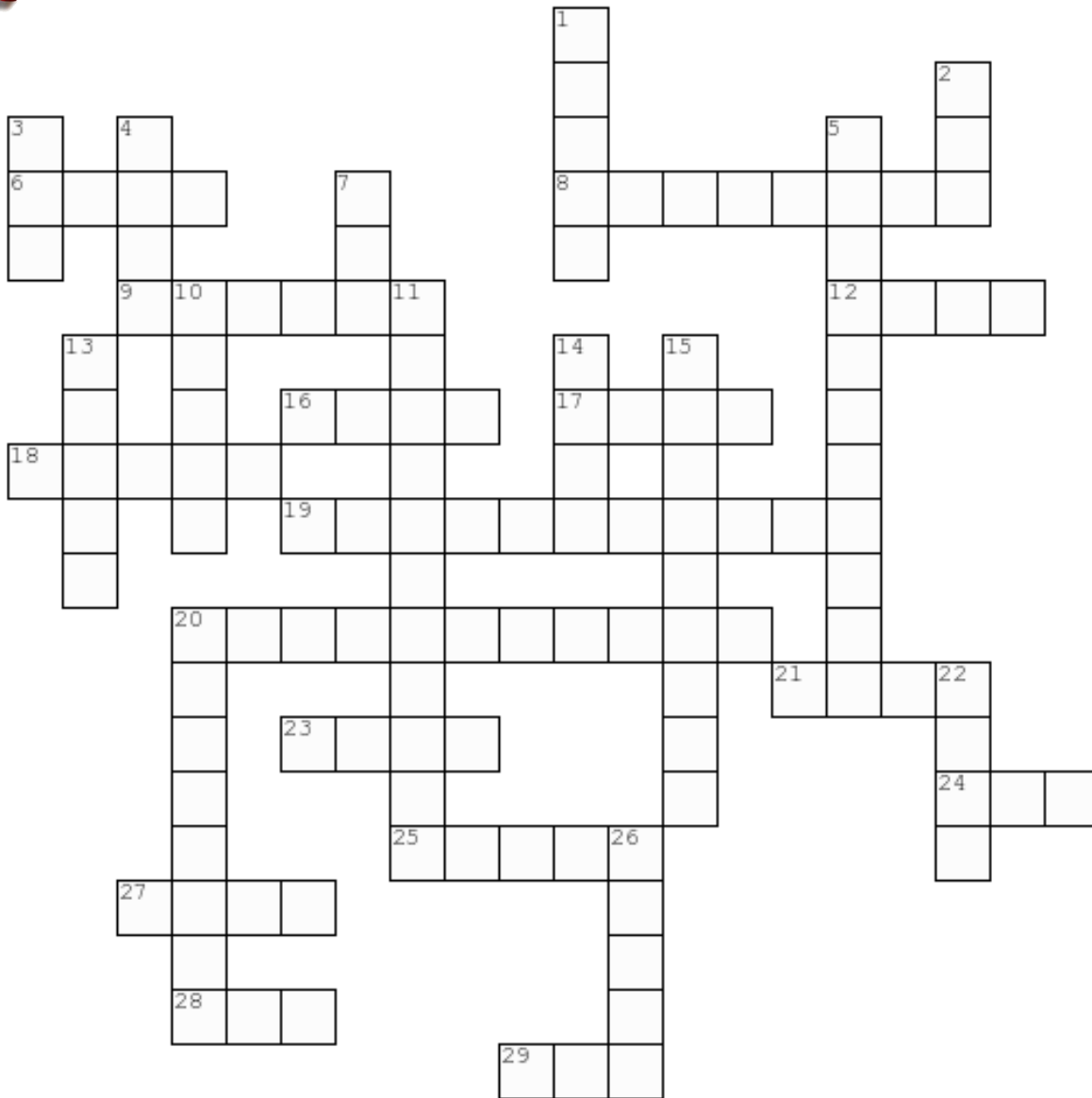
*Alysia J. Morris*  
Temporary Student Employee  
CHMU



*Heather L. Wright*  
Administrative Technician II  
CHRU



*Kimberly N. Stiles*  
Temporary Employee  
SDA



### Across

- 6. Office memo abbreviation that means "immediately"
- 8. Plot together
- 9. An attorney or counselor
- 12. Small container size for ice cream
- 16. Tour de France
- 17. Very dry, like a desert
- 18. It often has a ring in the middle
- 19. Process that allows a person to seal their court or arrest record
- 20. Very similar
- 21. A granny?
- 23. Fly on a hang glider
- 24. Riotous bunch
- 25. Spine-tingling
- 27. Card player's stake
- 28. History segment
- 29. It's found in veins

### Down

- 1. Cluster of bananas
- 2. Black-\_\_\_ affair
- 3. Jelly kin
- 4. Shopaholic's paradise
- 5. Manner in which a case or matter is determined or settled
- 7. Digit in binary code
- 10. One way to go it
- 11. To feel, or give mutually or in return
- 13. Unite at a wedding
- 14. Band of criminals
- 15. Hollywood heavyweights
- 20. Make known publicly
- 22. Proctor's call at the end of an exam period
- 26. Rub out

# De-Stress and Tap Into your Inner Child

Coloring, it's not just for kids anymore. "From researchers at Johns Hopkins University to the editors of Yoga Journal suggest that coloring is a great alternative to meditation", according to *Kelly Fitzpatrick, Daily Burn (CNN)*. [ColoringBooks.net](http://ColoringBooks.net) says, "Adults should skip the crayons and go straight for the colored pencils". You can buy them just about anywhere now, dollar stores, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Amazon, etc. Just be careful when searching online for "adult" coloring books! They are being touted as calming, stress-relieving, and can help you to focus and up your creative level, plus they are FUN! Here's one to start you on your way to a less stressful day!



# Behind the Scenes...BFSU



The Biometric Field Services Unit. Left to right: Dave Wood, Teresa Goodloe, Lisa Merka, Sue Garrett.

The Biometric Field Services Unit is located on the 2nd floor at OSBI headquarters. This unit is responsible for the training and certification of law enforcement personnel around the state in capturing fingerprints and submitting accurate arrest information. Training consists of either the use of a Livescan device or the taking of prints using the ink method including instruction related to the submission of correct arrest information.

What is a Livescan device you ask? A Livescan is a device that

electronically captures fingerprints. These prints can then be scanned on to a fingerprint card or can be transmitted electronically to the OSBI. All criminal history records at the OSBI are based on these fingerprints.

In an effort to ensure that law enforcement agencies are complying with statutory reporting requirements, BFSU conducts submission audits of these agencies. Jail logs are compared to arrests received to ensure ALL arrest information is being submitted to the state repository.

Results of the audits are forwarded

to the Sheriff or Chief of that agency.

BFSU supervisor Teresa Goodloe, has been at the OSBI for over 16 years, 11 of which has been as the BFSU supervisor. In addition, there are three *Crime Reporting Field Rep's*; Sue Garrett, Lisa Merka, and Dave Wood. They are responsible for traveling the state training the various law enforcement agencies in obtaining and submission of fingerprints.

BFSU employees have an impressive combined 48 *plus years* at the bureau.

## 25 Underused English Words you Should Start Using Today!




Try using them in a sentence...

1. Absquatulate (v) to leave without saying goodbye; French exit.
2. Bloviate (adj) to talk at length, especially in a pompous manner.
3. Hebetude (n) lethargy.
4. Paroxysm (n) sudden outburst of emotion.
5. Slonk (v) To swallow greedily.
6. Jirbled (v) To spill (a liquid) by shaking or unsteady moving of the vessel; to pour out unsteadily.
7. Desuetude (n) a state of disuse
8. Cachinnate (v) to laugh loudly.
9. Eldritch (adj) eerie, uncomfortably weird.
10. Fantods (n) state of extreme anxiety, distress; 'feeling so attacked right now'.
11. Bellicose (adj) aggressive, hostile.
12. Susurrus (n) whispering, rustling.
13. Mondegreen (n) a misunderstood word or phrase from mishearing something, especially lyrics to a song.
14. Crapulent (adj) sick from excessive eating or drinking.
15. Imbroglio (n) a confused, embarrassing situation.
16. Vituperative (adj) bitter.
17. Knavery (n) a roguish or mischievous act.
18. Uglyography (n) bad handwriting; terrible spelling.
19. Noisome (n) having an offensive smell.
20. Obloquy (n) harsh public condemnation.
21. Degust (v) taste something carefully to appreciate it fully.
22. Gallimaufry (n) a dish made up of throwing together odds and ends of food; a hodgepodge..
23. Lucubrate (v) discoursing learnedly, in writing.
24. Taradiddle (n) a petty lie; pretentious nonsense.
25. Chork (n) the noise shoes make when they are full of water.

"I jirbled coffee on my shirt as I walked to my desk."



# JANUARY 2017

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## January

- 1st—New Year's Day
- 2nd—New Year's Day Observed
- 16th—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

*Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose.*

Lyndon B. Johnson

## February

- 2nd—Groundhog Day
- 12th—Lincoln's Birthday
- 14th—Valentine's Day
- 20th—Presidents Day
- 28—Mardi Gras Carnival



*There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven't yet met.*

William Butler Yeats

# FEBRUARY 2017

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## March

- 12th—Daylight Savings Time (Move Clocks Forward)
- 17th—St. Patrick's Day

*Name the one thing you could change about yourself that would improve your life:* \_\_\_\_\_



# Birthday's

• **January**

- Stephanie Burton—1st
- Bryan Rizzi—10th
- Felicia Jackson—13th
- Kara Miller—29th

• **February**

- Lindsay Higgins—1st
- Jonna Whetsel—5th
- Kacy Walter—18th

**March**

- Kelsey McMahon—7th
- Sydnee Thornburg—8th
- Sylvia Coslow—11th
- Robin Traylor—11th
- Cora Hollis—13th
- Angela Thompson—15th
- Kristin Thomas—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...*



Below are 10 nine letter words that have been broken into chunks of three letters. These chunks have been mixed up, no chunk is used twice and all chunks are used. Can you determine what the 10 words are? Answers in next issue.

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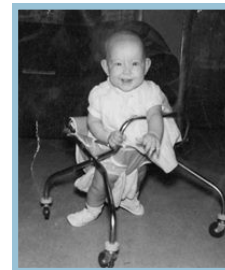
Answers to previous issues Brain Game:

- CLH + OT = CLOTH
- COH + UG = COUGH
- DIR + AY = DIARY
- REA + FK = FREAK
- INE + DX = INDEX
- OKR + JE = JOKER
- AOR + MN = MANOR
- UAL + QI = QUAIL
- REE + BL = REBEL
- TOE + SV = STOVE
- SAM + WP = SWAMP
- YAT + CH = YACHT
- EBA + ZR = ZEBRA

**WHO IS THE MOST AWESOME PERSON TODAY?**



**Who Am I?**



Email your guess [here](#)

Last issue's *Who Am I* was Cathy Miller—CHRU

# Bryan's Corner



*"...we are fortunate to have each other to lean on, celebrate with, and support..."*

The end of one year and the beginning of another is a time for New Year resolutions and looking forward to making the next year better than the

last. Every once in a while, I think it is important to look back and think about what we have accomplished in the last year. We, often times, get so caught up in the day to day grind of work that we lose sight of the great things that are accomplished each year.

This year is no exception, whether it be a new look for SDA, the AFIS project nearing completion, or a host of smaller less visible things, I believe we are better today than we were a year ago, which is pretty amazing given what we had to work with.

Some of us have ushered new family members into the world

and grieved others who have left us. We have welcomed new members of our OSBI family and said farewell to others who retired or pursued other dreams.

Next year will probably bring more of the same, but we are fortunate to have each other to lean on, celebrate with, and support each other as we work to accomplish our goals.

So, give yourself a well-deserved pat on the back for all that you have done and continue to do to make us better. Thank you all and Happy New Year!!!

## Red Feathers

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Talia Casey     | Debra Cooper     |
| Teresa Goodloe  | Corey Morris     |
| Debbie Repine   | Angela Thompson  |
| Cora Hollis     | Rose Howard      |
| Judy Owens      | Julie Kelly      |
| Sawyer Davidson | Dave Wood        |
| Kacy Walter     | Herb Sanders     |
| Kara Miller     | Stephanie Burton |
| Anita Wood      | Angie Avila      |
| Julie Campbell  | Zach Chael       |
| Claudette Scott | Casey McCarty    |
| Carolyn Collier |                  |

## MILESTONES

### In State Service



- Donna Robertson**, August 1, 2016
- Cathy Miller**, September 23rd, 2016
- Angela Thompson**, September 25, 2016
- Talia Casey**, October 24, 2016



- Anne Simons**, July 1, 2016
- Sue Garrett**, September 24, 2016
- Mattie Tiger**, December 20, 2016