

ShelfLife

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MLS Honor Roll: Congratulations!

One of the things that binds us together is the knowledge that we all share certain rites of passage. We all looked forward, either with fear or anticipation, to that

first day of school. We registered to vote. We got a driver's license.

Last year, ShelfLife acknowledged many graduates from any level of education from elementary to grad school. Well, it's May, 2007, and once again time to congratulate MLS employees and their family members who are graduating, or have graduated since last Spring.

Our thanks go out to everyone who sent in the names of our grads. Those of you who recently or will soon flip the tassel from the right to the left should know that your academic accomplishments are appreciated and respected by your co-workers.

Okay, here we go!

The first response we received after the request for names went out came from **Lloyd Lovely**, our Deputy Exec. Director/Finance, who wrote: "Okay, so, like, if I'm getting my doctorate, magna cum laude, valedictorian, you wouldn't need any confirmation from Harvard, would you? You'd just publish it and let everyone know, right?"

Yeah, right. Moving right along ...

EXEC. DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

From the Executive Director's Office, **Donna Morris** wrote: "We are keeping our fingers crossed that Matt will 'finally' graduate in May from OU with a Bachelors of Science degree."

BETHANY LIBRARY

There's a lot of graduation action at Bethany. Two pages are graduating from high school. **Breanne Ford** was home schooled, and **Sarah Littrell** will be saying goodbye to Putnam City High. Circ Clerk **Christine Bassett** wrote: "My daughter Amanda Bassett is graduating from UCO in Edmond with a Bachelor Degree in Psychology in May. We are very proud of her as she has been on the Dean's Honor Roll throughout the four years of study." Christine left out the part about her own graduation from OU last December. She earned her Masters from the Library School there.



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BUSINESS OFFICE

From the Business Office, Data Entry Tech **Christy O'Brien** wrote us, "I want my daughter, Whittni O'Brien, to know how proud we are of her. No, she hasn't reached high school yet, but is graduating from elementary to middle school. My baby girl is entering 6th grade in August, and they are having an elementary graduation in May. Congratulations from her proud family, Christy, Tron & Preston O'Brien."

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

We salute the two Downtown Pages that are graduating high school. **Shantel Love**, who attends Frederick Douglass High School, and **Cory Mize**, who attends Del City High School. Also from Downtown, librarian **Darlene Browers** sends her love to her granddaughter Brittany Browers at O'Fallon, IL, High School, and her grandson Garrett Magbee, from Oklahoma City. Both graduate high school in May.

EDMOND LIBRARY

From Edmond, **Laura Parker**, PT Page, will graduate from UCO this spring with a Bachelors Degree in Psychology. Laura says "I've been a page at Edmond all through college, and it has been wonderful!" Associate librarian at Edmond, **Carol Hunter's**, son, Jason, will receive his Master's of Science degree in International Studies in May from OSU. "Mom," Carol wrote, "spent many hours proofing his thesis, not to mention all his other papers as well!"

MIDWEST CITY LIBRARY

Priya Desai, a half-time Circ Clerk at the Midwest City Library, will be graduating from Rose State College May 11 with an Associates Degree in Sociology. Also from MC, Circ Clerk **Shirley Henderson** let us know that her son Robert is graduating from Rose State College with an Associates Degree in History.

PLANNING OFFICE

Kellie Bradford, Planning Services Specialist, is graduating from OU with her Masters in Science in Knowledge Management degree on May 12th!

SOUTHERN OAKS LIBRARY

Southern Oaks congratulates several grads this year. SO will be seeing four Pages leave high school this Spring: **Joshua Gerner** from Grant High School; **Lauren Abram** from Westmoore; **Stacey O'Neil** from Grant. Echo Duerksen (daughter of **Susan Stinson**, Circ Clerk) received a Bachelors of Business Administration in Finance from UCO, and Page **Danielle Walker** will be receiving a Bachelors in Management (special events) from UCO.

THE VILLAGE LIBRARY

We heard from **MaryAnn Heard**, VI Circ Clerk: "My son Anthony is graduating from OU this May with an undergraduate degree in Social Work. He has been accepted to OU's Masters of Social Work program in Tulsa and is a member of

the Social Work Honor Society having maintained a greater than 3.5 average in his major courses, been active in student government and professional activities."

WARR ACRES LIBRARY

From Warr Acres we learn that Margaret R. Peters, sister of Tech Assistant **Charles L. Peters**, will be graduating from the University of Central Oklahoma with her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology on May 4th, 2007. Thanks to a proud brother for letting us know.

And again, our thanks to everyone who

took the time to let us know about the graduates from their libraries or their families. As library employees, we may take education for granted, but we shouldn't. It takes dedication to a task and determination to succeed to make it through school, and we appreciate anyone who has what it takes to stay the course.

If we inadvertently left someone's name off the list, please forgive us. (We haven't been to school in a very long time.) Let us know about it and we'll rectify the omission next month.

Congratulations to All!





All STRESSED Up With Nowhere to Go

It was reported by the British Broadcasting Corporation (the BBC) so it must be true, and the headline says it all: "Fighting fires may sound taxing, chasing criminals demanding, but a new study says that working in the library is the most stressful job of all."

The study was conducted by psychologist Saqib Saddiq, who found that one in three library workers suffer from poor psychological health.



considered possibilities for high and low stress professions.

"Librarians complained about their physical environment," the BBC report stated, "saying they were sick of being stuck between book shelves all day, as well as claiming their

skills were not used and how little control they felt they had over the career."

stress can be, and how it can have an unhealthy impact in any organization," he said.

"Firefighters and police are trained to deal with the stresses that their jobs undoubtedly entail; librarians and school teachers are less likely to have these support systems in place.

"In addition, stress impacts different personalities in different ways, and different personalities may be drawn to different roles."

So if you're feeling stressed out on the job, maybe you should look for a stress-reducing hobby—like joining a volunteer fire department or becoming a bounty hunter. . . or, hey, read!

The study surveyed nearly 300 people drawn from five occupations: firefighters, police officers, train operators, teachers and librarians. The list of jobs was intended to include what were

Mr. Saddiq urged all employers to tackle the problem of stress.

"Although these findings seem strange at first, they actually show how insidious

Mea Culpa: *Baby Shower Invite Redo*

ShelfLife's illusion of perfection has been shattered. We made a mistake last month.

The invitation to **Melissa Weathers'** baby shower had an incorrect name attached to the RSVP.

Please contact **Crystal ROPER**, at 606-3278 (or Linda Jameson at that same number.)

The baby shower is May 20, 2 - 5 p.m. at the Del City Community Center.

RSVPs were supposed to be in by May 1, but maybe, due to our error, you can still be included in the festivities if you respond ASAP.

Thanks Crystal for letting us know.



Another Long-Overdue Story

As a follow-up to our April story about the copy of *The Haunting of Hill House* that was turned in at The Village and was 40 years overdue, Administrative Specialist **Francie Pendleton** writes that the "longest long overdue book to be returned to our system was in 1957, 47 years overdue. The book titled *The Truth* has a check out card stamped with a return date of 'August 13, 1910' (OT) Oklahoma Territory."

I guess it takes longer to figure out *The Truth* than it does to read a ghost story.



What's in a Name?

There are who-knows-how-many prizes awarded each year for literature but undoubtedly one of the most prestigious is *The Bookseller* magazine's Bookseller/Diagram Prize for the Oddest Book Title of the Year. Writers have been vying for this coveted honor for around 30 years now—well, maybe not so much “vying” as “hoping to avoid”—and recent winners have included *Proceedings of the Second International Workshop on Nude Mice* (beating out *Big and Very Big Hole Drilling* and *Oral Sadism and the Vegetarian Personality*) and the 2005 winner, *People Who Don't Know They're Dead: How They Attach Themselves to Unsuspecting Bystanders and What to Do About It*.

This year's short list was made up of the following titles:

- *Tattooed Mountain Women and Spoon Boxes of Daghestan*
- *How Green Were the Nazis?*
- *D. Di Mascio's Delicious Ice Cream: D. Di Mascio of Coventry, An Ice Cream Company*

of Repute, with an Interesting and Varied Fleet of Ice Cream Vans

- *The Stray Shopping Carts of Eastern North America: A Guide to Field Identification*
- *Proceedings of the Eighteenth International Seaweed Symposium*
- *Better Never To Have Been: The Harm of Coming Into Existence*

The winner was announced on April 13, and the prize went to *The Stray Shopping Carts of Eastern North America: A Guide to Field Identification* by Julian Montague.

“It started when I noticed stray shopping carts lying around,” Montague said. “There's an intersection where I live and there are shopping carts everywhere - in strange positions in people's lawns, abandoned in bushes. So I created a language to illuminate this peripheral phenomenon. People who have read the book tell me they now notice shop-

ping carts where they never would have done previously.”

“People who have read the book . . .”? Now that's funny.



Wanted: A Home (No, not the baby!-The dog.)



P.D., (the big dog, not the baby), needs a good home; her family is going on the road to become missionaries. P.D. is probably a border collie/black lab mix, extremely intelligent, doesn't require a lot of attention and is very low maintenance. She is the best guard dog I have ever seen (she would definitely scare me if I was a burglar!). She is totally house broken and content staying inside or outside all day by herself. P.D. would be happiest with adults or older kids. Her shots were updated last fall. If you can provide a home for P.D., please call Karen Bray at 606-3732

Car Seat for Sale

Child car seat for sale. Asking \$10. Please call Lisa Walker, Business Office, 606-3792.





News ... People ... News ...

Benefits Fair—*Was held Thursday, April 5.*

This year's Benefits Fair was held at St. Luke's Methodist Church at 15th and Harvey on April 5th.

"We had representatives for the benefit plan," writes Benefits Specialist Denise Courts, "retirement, Vision, Short Term Disability and Long Term Disability, CareMark, DN College Consortium, Rose State. We also had three screenings--Vision, Hearing & Body Composition with Blood Pressure Check."

If you missed it, the Benefits Fair is an annual event. If you can't wait that long to get an answer to your benefits questions, call Denise at 606-3742.

Door prizes were also distributed to 41 attendees, too many to mention by name here, but it's something to keep in mind for next year.

And on another subject related to health care, did you know that you can send free e-cards to people in Integris hospitals?

"What a neat way to send someone a get well card in the hospital," Denise suggested. "My understanding is volunteers will deliver your e-card to your loved one."

So let your loved ones know you are thinking about them while they are in the hospital by sending a free E-card greeting. You can select from cards tailored for an adult, child, or someone having a baby. E-card web site: <http://www.integris-health.com/INTEGRIS/en-US/getWellGifts/>

These are the hospitals that are listed.

INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center
INTEGRIS Southwest Medical Center
INTEGRIS Bass Baptist (Enid)
INTEGRIS Baptist Regional Hospital (Miami)
INTEGRIS Blackwell Regional Hospital
INTEGRIS Clinton Regional Hospital
INTEGRIS Grove General Hospital



Candace McDaniel, DN, hosting the Safety Training table.



Jana Hausburg, CAT, getting ready to have her blood pressure checked.

People

HELLO TO

Jeffrey Fredericks.....	Page, ED
Benjamin Mount.....	Page, MC
Beverly Cunningham	Librarian, SO
Alysha Edwards	Page, DN
Chelsie Roland (no photo)	Page, MC
Denise Ryan.....	Acct. Payable Tech, Bus. Ofc.
Julie Gathright.....	Page, ED
Rebecca Mason	Circ Clerk, WA
Shayla Wright.....	Page, DN

PROMOTION

Elizabeth Kessler	From Mat. Sel. Tech, to Human Res. Spc.
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TRANSFER

Ann Aliotta.....	Asst. Mgr. of LO, from ED to SO
Tim Fisher	Asst. Mgr. of LO, from BI to DN
Jack Kinzie.....	Asst. Mgr. of LO, from SO to ED
Debbie Robertus.....	Asst. Mgr. of LO, from MC to BI
Fariba Williams.....	From Asst. Mgr. of LO, DN to Mgr. of LO I, RE (temp)
Christy O'Brien.....	From Accounts Payable Tech., Bus. Ofc., to Data Proc. Tech, TP

GOODBYE TO

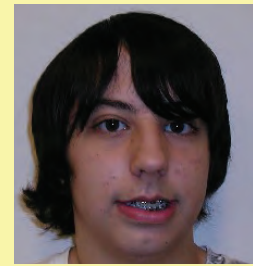
Michael Guard	Page, ED
Marcus Harman.....	Page, BE
Kathryn (Elise) Barger.....	Page, CT

SYMPATHY

To Mary Ann Johnson, BI, whose husband Richard passed away April 5.
And condolences to Karen Kruse Lehr, ED, whose brother Bill Kruse died April 4.
Sympathy also to Priscilla Doss, BI, whose father passed away April 10.
And sympathy to Sharon Nolan, BE, whose husband John passed away April 24.



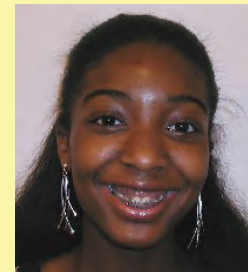
Jeffrey Fredericks



Ben Mount



Beverly Cunningham



Alysha Edwards



Denise Ryan



Julie Gathright



Rebecca Mason



Shayla Wright

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Karen Bray, Const., whose son Sean Shannon married Heather Taylor on Friday the 13th, in April, their favorite day of the year, Karen says.

May Birthdays

SUSAN E. RYAN	5/5
JOANNE E. HENRICKSON	5/2
MICHAEL A. BAUGHMAN	5/2
SAMUEL G. WEEHUNT	5/4
ROSEMARY STAFFORD	5/6
DEBBIE E. ROBERTUS	5/6
SAMMY LOPEZ	5/8
ANNE G. FISCHER	5/9
MARY L. DAUGHERITY	5/11
CHERYL A. MANN	5/12
RICHARD E. REA	5/13
MELANIE DIANE LEVICK	5/14
STEPHANIE D. GERLING	5/15
MARY ANN JOHNSON	5/15
KEVIN D. COLWELL	5/16
SHARON G. BISH	5/16
ELIZABETH M. NEWLAND	5/16
LISA M. WOOD	5/18
SUSAN J HUTCHINS	5/18
CHERYL E. CHERRY	5/18
REGINA D. KIRKHAM	5/19
JOSHUA N. SCHELL	5/21
LINDSAY E. JONES	5/21
TRACY C. STONE	5/21
AARON G. KILLOUGH	5/22
LAURA PARKER	5/22
FREDERICK R. WILSON	5/22
REBECCA D. PRINCE	5/23
LOGAN J. RIGGS	5/29

Employee's Date-of-Hire for May

EVELYN K. DAVIS	5/27/1980
JESSIE C. BISHOP	5/13/1981
FRANK C. RAY	5/21/1984
COLLETTE HANKINS	5/6/1985
MARILYN E. BACKUS	5/21/1987
REGINA M. WOLFINGER	5/29/1990
HELEN J SHELTON	5/12/1992
HEIDI A. PORT	5/12/1997
TINDLE J. ARNOLD	5/27/1997
GENE E. CHAPPELL	5/26/1998
LISA E. MYERS	5/5/2000
MEGAN E. SMITH	5/30/2000
TERESA GOGGINS	5/7/2001
CHRISTOPHER LARWIG	5/28/2002
DIANNA L. RUPP	5/28/2002
MARCUS J HARMAN	5/3/2003
MARY J. SHOLLY	5/18/2003
MARY ANN HUGGINS	5/29/2003
RENA M. GIBSON	5/16/2005
KENNETH DANIEL HAGY	5/21/2005
DANA M. PHILLIPS	5/26/2005
FELICIA ANN HAYES	5/8/2006

Employee's Date-of-Hire for June

CONRAD J. DOTY	6/1/1968
DONNA L. MORRIS	6/1/1969
CHERYL A. MANN	6/21/1973
BARBARA J. WILLIAMS	6/3/1974
LAURIE F. MACK-CLARK	6/9/1975
SELMA ZUHDI	6/17/1977
SUSAN A. STINSON	6/25/1980
EBRAHIM EJTEHADI	6/24/1982
SHEILA D. FIXEL	6/7/1983
ANN G. ALIOTTA	6/4/1984
DEBORAH MONTGOMERY	6/2/1986
LANNY B. MYERS	6/8/1987
RANDY L. KNUTSON	6/25/1990
JULIE A. SCHOFIELD	6/24/1991
ABOLGHASEM SIAVASHI	6/27/1994
PHYLLIS A. DAVIDSON	6/27/1995
JEAN E. JOHNSON	6/10/1996
CHARLEEN K. MILLER	6/23/1997
KIMBERLY A. EDWARDS	6/14/1999
PATRICIA A. MARABLE	6/4/2001
TREVOR L. DAILEY	6/3/2002
STACY G. SCHRANK	6/7/2004
DANIELLE D. WALKER	6/8/2004
TERI LYNN WOOLEY	6/10/2004
CHARLA RENE AUCONE	6/21/2004
CRYSTAL DAWN ROPER	6/28/2004
MARILYN CONLEY	6/6/2005
KIMBERLY ANN TERRY	6/20/2005
BRANDI E. GAY	6/27/2005
ROSA ELVIRA CANTU	6/5/2006
AUDREY MANRIQUEZ	6/12/2006
FRANCES K. SAMARIPA	6/19/2006
CANDACE MCDANIEL	6/26/2006

June Birthdays

SALLY A. GRAY	6/6
KENNETH DANIEL HAGY	6/9
TERRIE LUCILLE THOMAS	6/10
GALEN R KURTH	6/11
CLYDE D. HERROD	6/11
SHAYLA DAWN WRIGHT	6/11
JEAN E. JOHNSON	6/11
SHARON GAYE MAY	6/13
JESSICA HEITMAN	6/14

LOUISA M. SMITH	6/14
MATTHEW G. COTTER	6/16
MARILYN E. BACKUS	6/17
STORMY DAWN LEE	6/17
CONRAD J. DOTY	6/19
DANA L. MORROW	6/20
PATRICIA A. MARABLE	6/23
WIMFORD MARTIN	6/23

CANDELARIA NUNEZ	6/23
PAULA A. HANNAPEL	6/25
DAVID L. CALHOUN	6/25
CHRISTINE R. BASSETT	6/25
DARCUS D. SMITH	6/25
TAMERAT ATLABACHEW	6/28
JIMMY C. WELCH	6/28
D. DIANE SHARP	6/28