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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Welcome to the 2005 edition of the *Kavanagh Gazette*. The purpose of this newsletter is to give you an update on our family out here in Oregon. This is really important since a good portion of our family is on the east coast.



ANOTHER ONE OUT OF THE HOUSE...

Friday August 5th: Emily and Matt tied the knot, literally, as it was a Celtic wedding ceremony. It was a wonderful ceremony under the tall trees at Silver Falls State Park. The weather was wonderful! Fun was had by all at the reception held at the North Falls Lodge.

Emily & Matt have moved into their own apartment in Salem. Matt works at Border's Books and Emily at a Café in a local bowling alley.

Their first marriage test happened just two months later when Emily went into the Emergency Room in October. She had Pancreatitis, caused by gall stones. After an overnight stay at the hospital, they sent her home, only to return 2 days later to have her gall bladder removed. Matt was at her side as much as possible. She is doing much better now.



The Happy Couple on their Wedding day!

Never get between a bride and her creme puffs (Emily is to the right)



A BROOKLYN GROWS IN PORTLAND

Tuesday Oct 25th 3:37am: Kelsey and Neil (Mark's brother) had their first child. A healthy boy weighing 7lbs, 14 oz. They baby's name is Brooklyn McAllister Kavanagh. Brooklyn was a bit stubborn (as most Brooklynite's are) coming into the world, he was a week late. Mom and baby are doing great.

Neil continues to be a substitute teacher, and is looking for a permanent position in elementary school in the Portland Metro area.

KAVANAGH 2005 TRIPS

As the kids are older now, Mark & Cyn take trips on their own more frequently.

In April, Cyn attended a convention/classes for Bernina in Chicago. Mark went with her. As Cyn learned more about Bernina products, Mark went riding and photographing the Chicago 'L' system and other commuter lines of the Windy City. From Chicago it was off to NY to visit Mark's Mom (Josephine) for her birthday. They drove up to Boston to visit Josephine's sister Katy (who has since moved to NYC).

Over Memorial day, Mark's church choir went on a mission trip to San Francisco to sing. Cyn went as a choir "groupie". The choir sung at Mission Dolores (the mission is the oldest structure in SF, it survived the 1906 earthquake & fire), a church in Menlo Park, and Grace Cathedral. The choir quickly figured out that Mark knew his way around SF via buses, trains, & streetcars. Mark led them on several of the side trips around town. Cyn & Mark also had the opportunity to walk across the Golden Gate Bridge, highly recommended to everyone!

In October Mark & Cyn went to Mark's 20 year high school reunion in Nyack, NY. It was much better than they thought it was going to be. Met a lot of people that Mark hadn't seen for 20 years. Then there were some, that he didn't remember at all...

For 2006 the plan is to go on a Caribbean cruise on March with Cynthia's sister, Cara's family

MARK HAPPENINGS

2005 will be the first year in sometime that Mark will receive a single W2 form at tax time. He wasn't transferred, nor was his company sold to another. He continues to work for ASM America as a Site Project Manager based at Intel in Hillsboro. The commute is a bit much, 1hr in the morning (leaving at 6:10am), and 1hr 15~30 minutes in the evening (55 miles one-way).

Mark did get a new car this year, a 2005 Grand Prix. Richard really needed a car with school and work, so Richard got the Intrigue. The GP has proven to be a great car.

Mark is still part of the St. Paul's Episcopal Trinity Choir, and is taking voice lessons. He is still active with the local trolley museum, and even put on it's annual banquet in November.

RICHARD'S ROAMINGS

Richard continues to attend Chemeketa Community College. He is one class short of getting an Associates degree in Network Technology, but that class is not offered until the Spring of '06. In the meantime, he is taking Calculus and Pottery classes.

Richard is working near full time at Big Town Hero, a local sandwich shop. He is a baker on weekends (leaving the house at 6:30am), and sandwich maker/counter during the week.

Richard is driving his own car now, Mark's old Oldsmobile Intrigue. Now we hardly see him anymore...

OTHER FAMILY INFO

Teresa & Erik continue to maintain their household with their friends in West Salem. Teresa and Cyn have been going to swim classes and working out at Curves on a regular basis. It is great to see Mother & Daughter getting along again.



865 D Street in 2004

CYNTHIA'S WORKINGS

Cynthia decided to leave her part-time job at Keizer Stretch & Sew Bernina in August. She had fun working there, and even went to Bernina University in Chicago. But, she wanted to concentrate on working on the house again.

She has done a great job working on the house. She hung wall paper in kitchen and completed many of the finishing touches there. She then tackled the front entry. She had Richard, and his friend Ben, remove all the layers of wallpaper and paint from the entry, up the stairs to the 2nd floor landing. She got insulation blown into the walls around the stairs window, around the front door, and in the walls of Emily's old room.

The next step was patching cracks and prepping the walls. She put textured wall paper from baseboard to chair-rail height in the entry and up the stairs. She is currently 80% done adding special wallpaper from the chair rail to the ceiling in the entry and up part of the stairs. This wallpaper gives a faux finish as you rip the wallpaper and put it up in random pieces.

Cyn ran into some health concerns in August that required two out-patient surgeries. Luckily the small items removed proved not to be cancerous, with much relief.



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