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## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Welcome to the 2004 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.



## WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING FOR EMILY

Emily and Matthew Whitbeck have announced that they will be married. The date is Friday August 5th, 2005. The location is Silver Falls State Park (about 25 miles from Salem). Emily and Matt have been together for about 18 months now. They plan to change their name to Whitebrook once married (that is the English translation to Whitbeck).

Matt works at Borders Books. Emily has been going to Chemeketa Community College. She recently got a job at Circle-K. Soon she will be on her own...

## KAVANAGH 2004 TRIPS

No big family trips were made in 2004. Mark & Cyn did go down to the SF bay Area for an extended weekend in March. In December they made a trip to Chicago for a weekend. Mark made two weekend trips to New York to visit family, and attend NY subway events. The NY Subway turned 100 years old in October, and Mark had to be there at least for part of it! There are no big plans for trips in 2005, at least at the moment.

## CYNTHIA'S YEAR

Cynthia continues to work part time at Keizer Stretch & Sew/Bernina. She is learning to repair the sewing machine now, which makes commissions on the repairs. There is a chance that she will be attending Bernina University in the Spring in Chicago.

Cynthia did more work on the house, see home remodel update for details. She has made some great garments/costumes for family and friends on her Bernina sewing machine.

She continues to shed pounds and inches. This year she joined Curves, a women's only workout place. She goes several mornings a week to Curves, plus goes to swim class at the city pool 3-days a week, and to top it off goes to Weight Watchers on a weekly basis.

## MARK HAPPENINGS

As reported last year, Mark was made into a Salesman with Metron Technology. He did enjoy the traveling part of the job, going to various customers in the western-half of the US. However, the job of being a salesman is not in his blood. He didn't feel like he was contributing anymore.

At the end of June, Mark quit Metron to start work at ASM America. ASM is another Semiconductor equipment supplier. ASM, like Metron/TAZ, is also based in Phoenix (can't get away from the desert). However, ASM's mother company is based in Holland. Mark's job is Site Project Manager. He manages a product line at Intel in Hillsboro. The job is more in-line to his talents. The only drawbacks are no more travel, and a 58mile commute one-way everyday, plus Intel can be a bit demanding. But again, the job involves Mark's talents in tracking tool uptime, and fixing issues, and delivering customer satisfaction.

Outside of work, Mark continues to sing in the St. Paul's Church choir. He started taking voice lessons, to become a more confident singer. The voice teacher has told him to thank his parents many time for creating such a wonderful instrument to work with.

## RICHARD'S ROAMINGS

Richard continues to do well at Chemeketa Community College. It is anticipated that he will receive his Associates Degree in 2005. He is planning on continuing his education at either Seattle Pacific Univ., or Oregon State Univ. in Corvallis, OR.

Richard's main focus outside of school is playing role playing games like Dungeon and Dragons, or playing on-line RPG's like World of Warcraft.

One big accomplishment Richard made this year is getting his Drivers License. He now regularly "borrows" the car to visit friends and such. He has turned out to be a pretty good driver. He is not a speed demon like most young men. It is hard to believe our youngest is 19, soon to be 20!



## OTHER FAMILY INFO

### Teresa and Erik:

Teresa lost her job at Petsmart, but that maybe a blessing in disguise. She is now looking into a career of being a Veterinarian Technician. She is on the waiting list for a program at Linn-Benton Community College. Erik continues to work for Supra, a division of GE

### Neil and Kelsey:

Neil got his Masters Degree and teaching certificate this year. He is currently a substitute teacher, and is hoping to become a elementary school teacher at the first opportunity. Also, Neil & Kelsey have purchased their home they have been renting in Portland, and made a trip to Paris (Neil's first trip outside North America).



## 865 "D" ST REMODEL

The kitchen has not been finished yet, but it is closer, the only thing remaining is trim work and building a window seat. The delay was due the back door.

The rear sliding door was replaced with new French doors. That project turned ugly. The door was ordered from Home Depot in late May. It arrived in July. We had many issues with it. It was not the door we thought we had ordered, but the paperwork said it was. The lock did not work and one door was damaged. The lock was fixed in late July. In August the defective door was replaced, but its replacement had issues with the lock. Another replacement door finally arrived in October. The grill inserts have been replaced twice, the second set arrived in December. The door, looks nice, but still not 100% happy. Moral of the story, do not custom order from Home Depot, or get doors from Atrium doors. Home Depot did refund 10% of the costs, but Mark will still write a nasty letter to the corporate offices of each company.

The kitchen itself is 98% complete (the back door delayed things). The back deck was torn down, and simple steps put in its place.

The next project has been started. Layers of paint and wallpaper has been removed from the foyer, and up the main stairs to the second floor foyer.

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