

Mutual Matters

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Fall & Winter

Happy
Halloween



Billie Jo Dougherty, Deborah Telpner, Debbie Risinger, Kevin Hatcher, Kristina Edinger



Back row: Kris Westlake, Heather Naughton, Donna Sutton, Robyn Kalb, Bob McFayden, Mary Hupp, Allison Dokter
 Front row: Andrea Clark, Billie Jo Dougherty, Mary Karnish, Jill Noble, Margie Boyer, Carrie Leahy, Cindy Swiercek, Lori Kortright, Sherry Steyskal, Keri Rheinfrank



The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure® Series, the largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks in the world, raises significant funds and awareness for the fight against breast cancer, celebrates breast cancer survivorship and honors those who have lost their battle with the disease. These men and woman from CMG joined the race for the cure this past October.



WHAT'S NEW

Claims

Cindy Swiercek has been promoted to Senior Claims Representative II

Member Services

Sara Intrieri has been promoted to Member Services Representative I

Rebecca Bryant has been promoted to Member Services Representative IV/Business Analyst

Member Benefits

Annette Radde has been promoted to Member Benefit Services Specialist II

Risk Management

Chad Abraham has been promoted to Loss Control Representative II

Seattle Service Office - Melanie Tyree has been promoted to Claims/Risk Manager

Peoria Service Office - Congratulations are extended to Melissa Block A.R.M., Claims/Risk Manager, for recently earning her AIC (Associate in Claims) designation

Atlanta Service Office- Alex Hagan



Rick Cavallo, center, is accompanied by Marist Father James Duffy, pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Church, left, and Alex Hagan, Claims/Risk Manager for the Catholic Mutual Group.

Rick Cavallo, the facilities manager at Our Lady of the Assumption Church and School, Atlanta, is the recipient of the 2011 Risk Management Award. Catholic Mutual Group presented the award during the Oct. 27 meeting of archdiocesan facility managers at the Chancery in Smyrna.

Cavallo, a native of Newark, N.J., has been the facilities manager for seven years. His brother, **Father Joseph Cavallo**, served in the Atlanta Archdiocese for more than 20 years until his death in 1990.

The award is given annually to recognize individuals for their personal attention to parish/school maintenance, protection of property and safety.



WHAT'S NEW



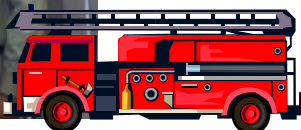
Saint Paul and Minneapolis Service Office - Dave Waller

As you probably know, the DFMC was hosted by the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis in September. I took some pictures at the dinner sponsored by Catholic Mutual. The dinner was held at the McNamara Alumni Center on the University of Minnesota campus. Thought you might be especially interested in a couple of the photos of CM staff with "Goldy Gopher", the U of M mascot.



Beaumont Service Office - Garland Sonnier

Recently, I developed a new Emergency Fire Evacuation Plan for the employees of the Pastoral Center. During December, I presented the plan to the employees. Part of the presentation acknowledged those that volunteered to be "Fire Wardens" in the event of an evacuation of the building. Each volunteer was presented with a "Fire Warden Hat" as a token of appreciation. After the meeting, we took the attached photograph of our "Fire Wardens". Meet our FEARLESS Fire Wardens (not pictured – Msgr. Michael Jamail, Marilyn Price).





WHAT'S NEW

Risk Management - Randy Parks

Catholic Mutual Group participated in Catholic Charities' Christmas Assistance Program this past year. Twenty gifts were delivered to Catholic Charities in time for them to be given to parents to give to their children. Through the generosity of many here at Catholic Mutual, many children had a brighter and happier Christmas. This program also gave dignity to some parents by them giving the gifts you had donated to their children. Two gifts for the price of one, not a bad deal.

From the Executive Director of Catholic Charities:

Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity!!! I have been hearing about the terrific support you have provided to our families since we met this summer. Your contributions of diapers and infant formula and now with the Christmas gifts have been truly heartwarming. Our staff and our clients are extremely grateful for your support. Please share our gratitude with your team.

Wishing you a blessed and joyous Christmas season!!!



Home Office - All employees, a big THANKS for turning in **225** Pink Labels for Breast Cancer with Yoplait Yogurt.



Carrie Leahy, Kathleen Wilwerding, Travis Unzicker, Keri Rheinfrank, Dennis Damm



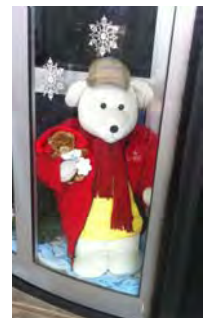
Claims

We would like to thank everyone for helping with our holiday donation project. We had a great response from everyone and appreciate everyone's donations. Rob Harding from Children's Hospital was very appreciative that we chose their organization to spread some holiday cheer.

A special thank you for Janet Cooper, Katie Cox, and Barb Getzschman for shopping for the great toys and Carrie Leahy, Kathleen Carper, Travis Unzicker and Dennis Damm for delivering the gifts. A special thanks also to Laura Snere for her consult!!

Happy Holidays everyone and Merry Christmas!!

Katie Cox and Keri Rheinfrank



BITS & PIECES



Madison Service Office - Janet Montgomery

I had a great time with Ryan Dallan's friends at their tailgate party in Lot 60 in Madison, Wisconsin on October 1, 2011 for the football game!



Hartford/Norwich Service Office - Ellen Peterson

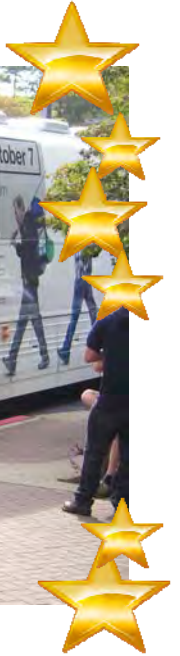
I am proud to submit a photo of my son, PVT David Peterson, USMC. David recently became a United States Marine when he graduated on October 21, 2011 from the USMC Recruiting Base in Parris Island, South Carolina. He will be continuing his training as a PVT 1st Class in the Naval School of Aviation located in Pensacola, Florida. David will be working with helicopters and aspires to someday becoming a Crew Chief.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Yonkers Service Office - Emily Rodriguez

Emily has now officially become Emily Bendler. She was married on Saturday, October 29, 2011 in the middle of the giant snowstorm that hit New York. When planning her outdoor fall ceremony, snow was not even a consideration... The event itself, although moved indoors, turned out great! The Halloween themed reception included masks, carved pumpkins, a cardboard cutout of Mr. and Mrs. Frankenstein, a trick or treat bar and a corpse bride cake topper. Memorable moments include two of the bridesmaids getting out of the limo to help the limo driver move a fallen tree limb that blocked the road, the groom whipping out his iPhone during the ceremony to read his vows, and one of the groomsmen wearing the detachable bottom portion of one of the bridesmaids dresses as a skirt. All in all it was a fantastic day!!



Atlanta Service Office - Alex Hagan

These photos were taken when Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez visited the Diocese while promoting their new movie, "The Way". My wife is in the photo with Martin Sheen. The photo of Emilio was taken by the bus they were traveling in.



Joliet Service Office - Diane Schultz

I just wanted to share that my youngest daughter, Kelly, earned her Baking & Pastry AAS (now a Pastry Chef) but is continuing her education for a Bachelors in Hospitality Management at Kendall College in Chicago. She was recently selected (after 5 interviews) as one of the few Americans (Disney takes only 24 students a year) to take part in a 7.5 month comprehensive internship with Disney at Walt Disney World. She'll be down there from 1/30/12 to 8/15/12 working in one or several sit-down restaurants in the parks and/or resorts!



So, if any Catholic Mutual folk are heading down to Florida and Disney World during this time period – look for Kelly Schultz of Chicago, IL as your hostess, mixologist or whatever else they'll be having her doing and say "HI!" She'll be sure to give you a big Disney smile and great service that you naturally expect from Disney!

p.s. In the picture, Kelly is in the middle



Toronto Service Office - Monika Slomczewski

Our wedding was held on December 5th, 2011 in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

We spent one week on a resort with family and friends (December 1-8).

Weather was absolute perfection and we were wed by a Catholic priest outside.

The entire ceremony was in Spanish, and although neither of us knew what he was saying, I'm sure it was beautiful!

My husband, Sean and I have been together for seven years now (so it's about time we tied the knot).

CONGRATS!!

Member Benefits - Sherri Otten



Celebrating Christmas with Jakob, he will be 2 in February.



Seattle Service Office - Jill Ott



My kids Drew (7) and Aubrey (4) finding their Christmas tree.

Belleville Service Office - Bill Johnson

Our son, B.J. was married to Beth on September 30th at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in St. Louis. As the "deacon dad", I had the privilege of witnessing their vows and exchange of rings. The wedding was extra special to our family as B.J. had a serious health crisis earlier in the year. He made a remarkable recovery thanks to his skilled doctors and the many prayers of family and friends. He and Beth danced all evening at the reception!



Administrative Services - Tracie Erlenbusch

Taylor had a really good high school season this year. Her high school team played 32 games and her record was 23-3. Her high school team went to state ranked No. 1 and ended up winning. She made the All Nebraska Softball Team, Class A First Team and the All Metro Conference Team. She was chosen as the Honorary Captain for all three teams. She also was chosen as the Metro Pitcher of the Year. She was also honored at a luncheon at the Double Tree downtown chosen by the Greater Omaha Sports Committee as the Fall Scholar/Athlete winner for the fall sport of softball. We are very proud of her. She has made a decision as to where she will be going to college. She will be attending Hastings College to continue her education and playing softball.

All-Nebraska captain went 23-3 and batted clean-up

By STEVE BEIDECK
WORLD-HERALD CORRESPONDENT

It's an almost brand-new crew of players — a nice blend of seniors and youngsters — that make up the 19th World-Herald All-Nebraska softball team.

Ten of the 13 players honored — eight from Class A and five from Class B — are being honored for the first time. The two repeat selections are University of Nebraska recruits — Papillion-La Vista sophomore outfielder Gina Metzler and Beatrice senior infielder Alicia Armstrong.

Lincoln Southwest's Tania Carroll also is being honored for the second time as an outfielder after she was an All-Nebraska pick in 2009.

Just more than half of the first- and second-team selections — 14 — are from Class A, with Class B landing 10 spots and Class C the other two.

Seven seniors, three juniors and three sophomores are honored on the first team, which is based on nominations by coaches and observations of World-Herald writers.

There were four solid candidates for honorary captain — pitchers Taylor Erlenbusch of Millard South and Kaylan Jablonski of Omaha Skutt, Armstrong and Lincoln Southwest infielder Liz Dike.

Erlenbusch was selected because when she was asked to do even more than she had the past two years, she simply led the Patriots to their second Class A state title.

"That's what puts her over the top," Millard South coach Steve Kerkman said. "If we didn't have Taylor, we wouldn't have had the season or success we had. Instead of being the co-No. 1, she had to be the No. 1 pitcher for us."

The Patriots (29-3) won 25 of their final 26 games and went undefeated in six postseason games. It's well-documented that Erlenbusch would be responsible for almost all of Millard South's innings because Chrissy Harris was sidelined until the final week of the season with an injury.

Erlenbusch was 23-3 with a 0.87 ERA. She had 12 shut-outs, four one-hitters and a perfect game against Omaha Westside in the first round of the Class A state tournament in Hastings.

In the Class A championship game, Erlenbusch allowed just one earned run in the Patriots' 6-2 victory over Southwest.



CHRIS MACHIAN/THE WORLD-HERALD

Millard South pitcher Taylor Erlenbusch was 23-3 while leading the Patriots to their second state title.

Kerkman said he realized just how much this season meant to Erlenbusch when she took a no-hitter into the seventh inning of a 1-0 victory Sept. 22 over Papillion-La Vista South. She had 15 strikeouts to lead the Patriots in avenging one of their three losses.

"You kind of got the feeling at that point that if she can persevere, we've really got a good shot (of winning state)," Kerkman said.

Erlenbusch battled back problems and migraine headaches through her high school career, Kerkman said she never used those ailments as an excuse.

"The ability for her to play well was never a question," Kerkman said. "You just never knew when her back would hurt or a migraine would flare up. Even when they did, you could never tell."

As the Patriots' clean-up hitter, Erlenbusch also did plenty to help her pitching performances. She hit .410 with an on-base percentage of .438, but teams still occasionally would intentionally walk catcher Blake Ringle to get to her.

"There would be a few teams not pitch to Blake in the three-hole," Kerkman said. "She took that personally."

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State title is Patriot redemption

By STEVE BEIDECK
WORLD-HERALD CORRESPONDENT

HASTINGS, Neb. — Millard South softball players have a stockpile of sayings they like to call Kerkmanisms.

These gems of wisdom from Patriots coach Steve Kerkman have found their way onto a team T-shirt.

After Friday's 6-2 victory over Lincoln Southwest in the Class A state softball championship game, Patriots pitcher Taylor Erlenbusch has another one to add to the collection.

"We never let a team beat us twice," Erlenbusch said. "What a way to go out, redeeming ourselves like that."

The Silver Hawks defeated the top-ranked Patriots 4-1 on Oct. 1 at the Millard South Invitational. Both Kerkman and Erlenbusch said the team was timid at the plate that day.

There was nothing passive about the way Millard South's offense attacked the 38-7 Silver Hawks in Friday's title game at the Smith Softball Complex.

After second-ranked Southwest went up 1-0 in the top of the first inning — two Millard South errors helped shortstop Liz Dike score that run — then left the bases loaded without scoring again in the second, everything started to go the Patriots' way beginning in the bottom of the inning.

The 29-4 Patriots took the lead for good when left fielder Meg Mumaugh ripped a two-run double to left field after Rachel Kubik started the inning with a single. But Kerkman said his team wasn't completely comfortable until the later innings.

"We were down 1-0 in three straight games so we were OK," Kerkman said. "In the middle in-

nings, they didn't want to be the one to make the mistake. In the last couple of innings, they got after it and were more comfortable at the plate."

Erlenbusch also settled into her groove in the circle and cooled off the Southwest bats that had scored 28 runs in three elimination-bracket games after a 9-8 loss to Papillion-La Vista on Thursday.

Southwest earned its berth in the championship game with a 13-5 victory over Papillion-La Vista. Dike had a grand slam in the second inning and a two-run home run in the seventh to lead the Silver Hawks' 11-hit attack.

"We got a run early and got off to a good start," Southwest coach Mark Watt said. "They made their own offense after that and just swung the bats better."

Not only was Erlenbusch the pitcher Millard South leaned upon the past two months, she also came up big at the plate. Her double to lead off the fifth inning led to the Patriots' fourth run, and a sixth-inning single led to Millard South's last run.

That's what Kerkman said his ace has been doing all season.

"She proved it," Kerkman said. "She carried it all the way. She's a student council kid, she's in honor society, she's just a leader."

Erlenbusch said this title — Millard South's first since 2005 — was a complete team achievement.

"We faced a lot of adversity this year," Erlenbusch said. "We redeemed every loss and came in and took control when we needed to."

Lincoln Southwest (38-7) — 100 010 0-2 7 3
Millard South (29-3) — 021 012 x-6 11 3
W: Taylor Erlenbusch, L: Tania Carroll, 2B: LSW,
Taylor Rowlett; MS: Erlenbusch, Meg Mumaugh.

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MARK DAVIS/THE WORLD-HERALD

Millard South coach Steve Kerkman hugs Taylor Erlenbusch, who was the pitcher the Patriots leaned upon the past two months. Erlenbusch also came up big at the plate, with a double and an RBI single in the title game.



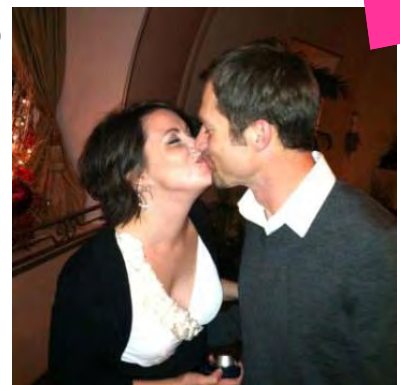
Administrative Services - Dawn Clark

In May, my family threw me a surprise 40th birthday party. They had it a week before my birthday and my kids even kept it a secret for months! I had been so wrapped up in my tryouts for Wheel of Fortune, I sort of blew off my birthday which is UNHEARD OF. That next week I got the call that I had made it through the tryouts and I was going to Los Angeles to tape WOF on August 17th! I had the absolute time of my life! When I found Pat Sajak's star on the Walk of Fame, I about cried. (YES I AM A COMPLETE DORK)

When I got back, my family started planning a big WHEEL party for my TV debut on October 6th. Everyone made snacks in the shape of a wheel and they had a Walk of Fame heading to their front door, and a huge wheel to pose by. I ended up solving 3 of the puzzles and winning \$6,000! It was an awesome experience and my family really made it special for me. After coming off of that whirlwind, on December 7th, my boyfriend, Nathan, proposed to me!! (Bob McFayden introduced us a year ago.) What a year! I don't know how I could possibly top that in 2012.

Oh and to answer the most popular questions:

Yes Vanna is as hot in person (about 30 of the male employees asked me that one), **Yes** Pat Sajak is short, No, I have no idea if he has a toupee, **Yes** the wheel is heavy but very very small, and the studio was super small too, **No** they don't pay for the hotel or trip out there, and **Yes**..I was scared, but I would do it again tomorrow.



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I'd like to buy a vowel

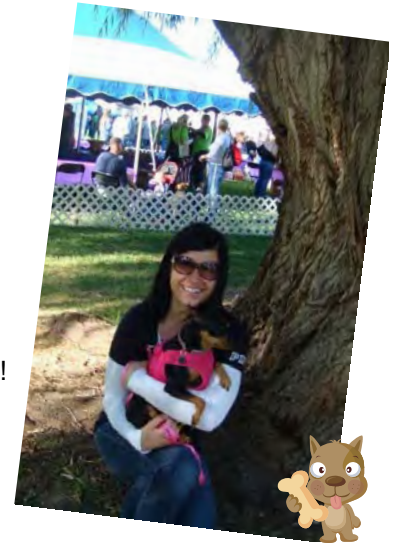
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Risk Management - Lori Kortright

I had an exciting 2011. I got to walk with my mom in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. We did the 5K in less than 40 minutes this year!!

I participated (with my dog Vegas) in the Nebraska Humane Society annual walk to raise money for under-privileged animals.

My niece and God-child, Lily, was baptized at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church on November 5th. Lily actually smiled and giggled the entire time! I love being an Aunt and Godmother!



One of the most exciting things I did this year, with my husband Scott, was build our dream home. From start to finish, we were the general contractors (and laborers) for the project. We designed the entire house and are already thinking of new projects to do on our 3 1/2 acres.



Claims - Tony McLaughlin

My daughter, Brenna, is a senior at Elkhorn South High School this year. She has competed in show choir competitions since she was a freshman. This photo is from a competition they recently performed that involves over 30 schools from 6 different states. Their high school, that split from another high school two years ago, has never made it to the finals of this competition, but did this year. After they performed their 15 minute routine for the second time in the finals round, they received the best chorography award and 3rd place overall. Quite an accomplishment for a group and school that is only in its second year of existence. Brenna is also a member of the National Honor Society and is rehearsing for the lead role in the spring musical – Footloose.



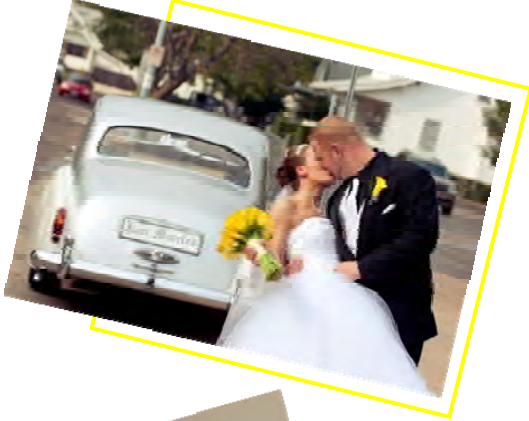
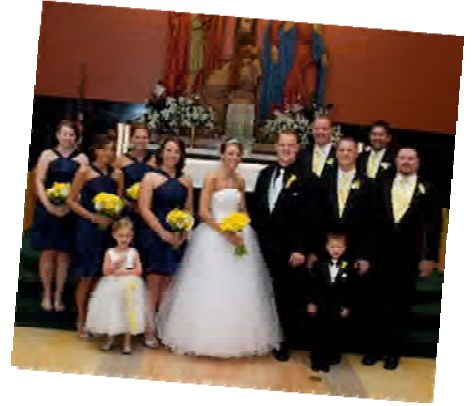
Administrative Services - Debbie Risinger

Our Granddaughter, Evelyn Rose, turned 1 year old on October 18th. We ate out for dinner and Grandma Debbie made homemade ice cream and Mommy Brandy made cupcakes with candy buttons for dessert which was enjoyed at the other Grandparents' house after dinner. There were a few gifts to open!!!

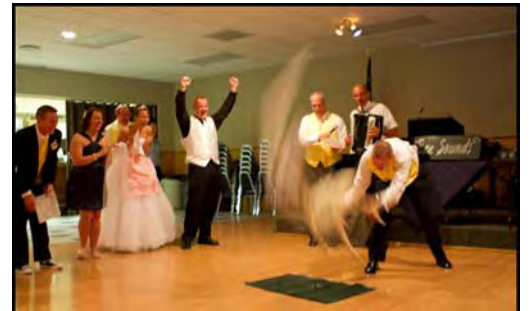
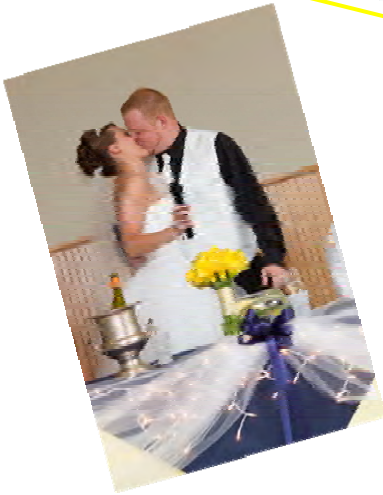
On Halloween, we had 2 Lady bugs and a Bug catcher come to our house for Trick or Treating. Our Son Ryan, wife Brandy and Granddaughter Evelyn.



Human Resources - Mary Karnish



In the most beautiful wedding ever, Courtney Karnish married Andrew Frederick on September 2, 2011. Proud parents are Ed & Mary Karnish.



The Polish tradition of the "Breaking of the Chair"



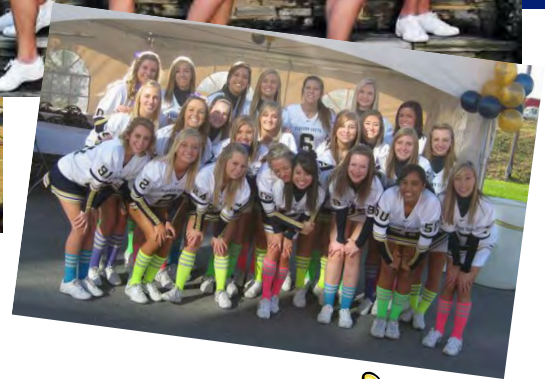


Risk Management - Mary Hupp

My daughter, Briana is a junior at Elkhorn South High School and this is her second year as part of the Varsity Cheerleading Squad (Storm).



In 2010 the ESHS cheerleaders brought home the 1st State Championship trophy for their new high school. They recently competed at Millard West Cheer Premier on January 29th with a flawless performance and are set to perform their routine at the 2012 State Cheer Competition being held in Grand Island on February 18th.



Risk Management - Teresa Ullrich

Our son, Trevin, made the Omaha Millard Mini Singers group, he is a 4th grader and is 10 years old. He got picked out of over 100 other 4th graders in the Millard school area to compete for a spot in the Millard Mini Singers Higher learning group. He had an audition in December and we found out the great news before Christmas that he made the group. We are very proud of him, it is a great honor. He will have two huge concerts in March with the other 4th and 5th graders. He also belongs to Bravo's, which is a music group in his school. They have sung the National Anthem at a UNO hockey game, and have done other little concerts in his school. He is also a member of the Orchestra and plays the Bass.



Congrats!!

Kathy Mussman

15 years with

Catholic Mutual Group!



Ray Miller, Kathy Mussman

Congratulations!!

PAM PURCHASE ON

25 YEARS WITH

CMG!!



Mike Intrieri, Pam Purchase, John Gorski

CONGRATS!!

Carrie Leahy

on **10** years with

Catholic Mutual Group!



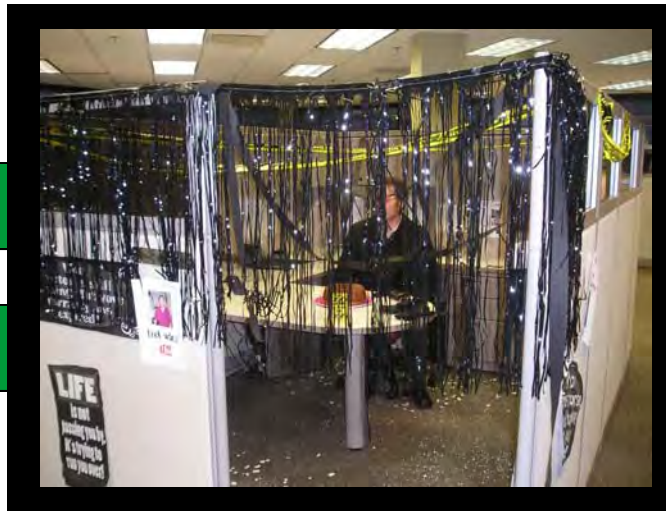
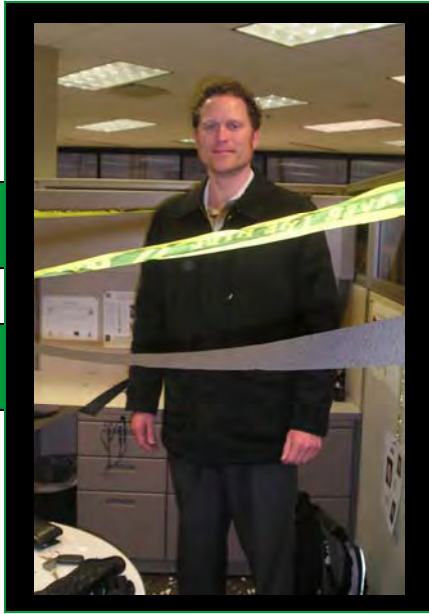
Carrie Leahy, Rod Oligmueller

HAPPY RETIREMENT!!

Jim Kubu 15+ years

Congratulations Jim. You will be missed!





LOOK WHO'S 40!!!

Happy Birthday Chad Abraham



Happy 50th Birthday!

Dennis Damm



FRESH FACES

Please Welcome Our New Employees



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Member Services Assistant



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Member Services Assistant



Home Office

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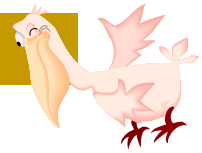


Winona Service Office

Ann Zeisel

Service Office Secretary

Where in the World is Pedro the Pelican?

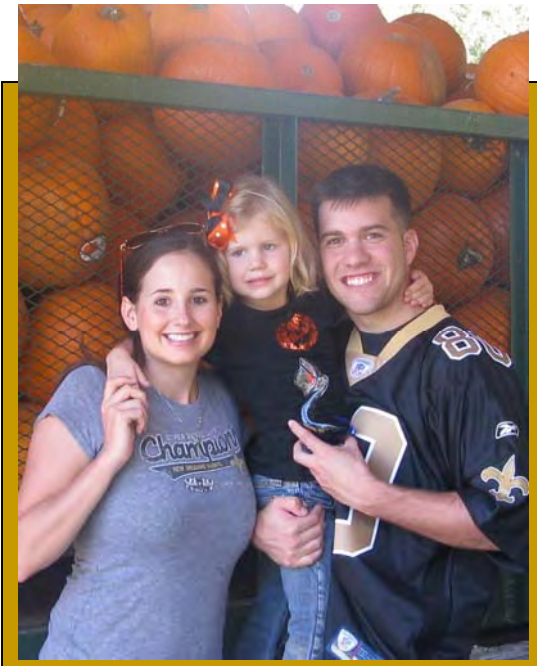


Found out Pedro made his way to New Orleans and did some running around with Jimmy Rumney. Who knows where Pedro will end up next!

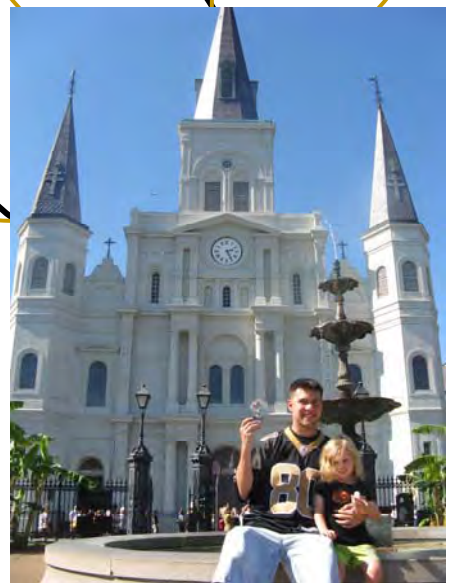
NEW ORLEANS!!



NEW ORLEANS!!



Valarie, Reese and Jimmy Rumney & Pedro



Jimmy, Reese and of course Pedro

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Donnie & Andrea Clark



Kevin O'Neil & Sara Intrieri



Mark & Kathy Greenwald



Ken & Margaret Winters

The Home Office held their annual Christmas party at Champions Club on December 2nd.



Andrea Myers & Ryan Dallan



Randy & Terri Park



Patty & Terry Miller



Emmy Torson, Mitch Baier, Paula Aguilar



Mary & Ed Karnish



Robin & Mike Olmstead



Karen & Tim Klusaw



JoAnn & Terry Anderson



Dennis Damm, Rick Gianficaro



Brian & Britta Durow



Emily & Cecil Cole



Ashley & Broc Blanchard



Elaine & Steve Culhane



Jill & Mark Noble



Leanne Rangel & Andrea Clark



Audrey Kraus, Rebecca Bryant, Stacy Trede



Tom & Debbie Risinger



Carol & Arlin Kirchevel



Janet & John Dueling



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Sherri & Cory Otten



Julie & Kevin Hatcher



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Pam Purchase, Allison Dokter



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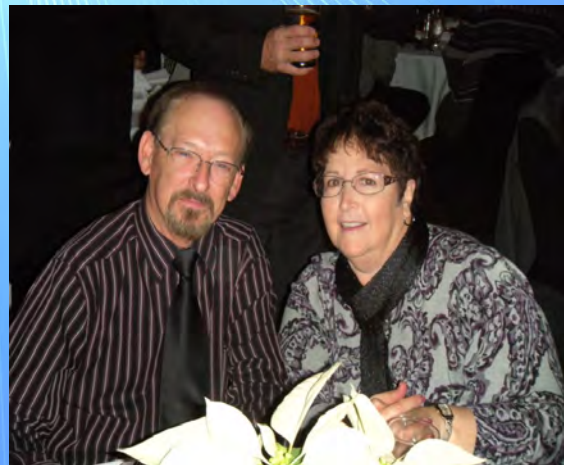
Joe & Mary Beveridge



Ann & Paul Peterson, Ann is having a little fun with Paul!!



Bob & Gail McFayden



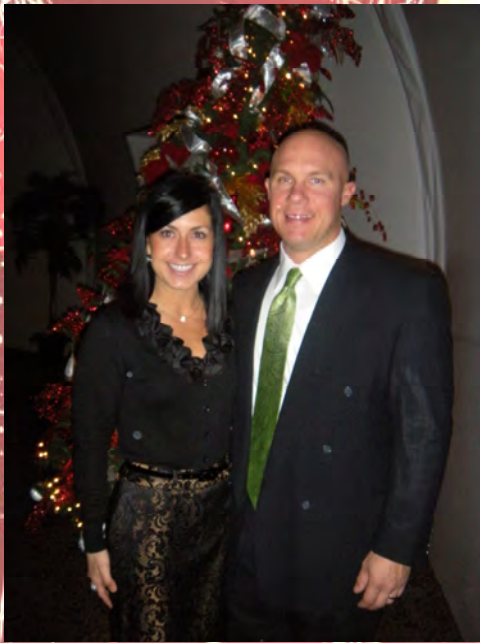
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