

This has been another great year at the Obrin household.

Nick continued his studies at Metropolitan State College of Denver, where he is studying Business Information Systems. The other big change is that he has a part time job at Walgreens. Between work and school, he is pretty busy, but still finds time to enjoy himself.

Joe's business (Four Point OH Consulting) is doing well. 2011 was a great year, and 2012 looks bright. The major client from last year was fully funded in 2011, and it looks like they will get another round of funding in early 2012, which should last for 18 more months. This client is keeping Joe busy enough right now that he is not even looking for other clients.

Debbie continues her service for the Department of the Interior (MMS--no, wait, ONNR). She is working as a Business Systems Specialist. She has become quite comfortable in this position. The big news, though, is that the countdown is closing in fast. She will be retiring in August of 2012. Then what?

We made our annual trip to the Rainbow Weekend balloon festival in Steamboat Springs. We have not missed a Rainbow Weekend since Nick was born. This year we were accompanied by the (3) Allard girls, and Jolynne's young child, Bella. The weather was not very cooperative, with a limited launch Saturday, and even fewer balloons going up Sunday. But, we did a little hiking on Saturday, and had fun just spending time with our friends.

In October, we went back to Blizzcon. This is our fourth year at this conference, which is a massive celebration of the games of Blizzard Entertainment, including the horribly addictive World Of Warcraft (which we all 3 play). There were 26,000 attendees at this year's event, and they had major release announcements for WoW, Diablo, and Starcraft. It was quite a show!

Since the convention is held in Anaheim, we snuck over to Disneyland for a few hours the day after the conference. It was our only Disney theme parks time this year, and it was short but sweet. We did make a point of catching the new Star Tours, which has not changed (until now) since it opened, back when Debbie and I were still dating.

Chromaggus continues to be a bundle of energy.

Happy Holidays to all of you, and best wishes for 2012.