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Behind the HRMS Expert: Julie Lewis on cats, music, & sports

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Here's the inside scoop about Julie Lewis, Sage HRMS Specialist, MicroAccounting Solutions:

CAT MAMA

While Julie is helping a client input the right tax codes in Sage HRMS from her home office, she is likely in the company of a cat. She says she has a large yard in the country that comfortably provides her hand of cats "room to roam," yet they usually return to sleep at night.

It seems she has a reputation in the Pekin area as feline nurturer, as she says, "People tend to drop off their cats and I end up keeping them. I couldn't get rid of them if I wanted." Even when not delivered by concerned or fed up humans, cats show up. She says, "They find my house."

One local cat must have sensed she would be well taken care of at the Lewis home, as on a freezing cold day in January, a little white cat walked right into her door. She grew rather quickly and soon gave birth to five kittens! After the subtraction of giving away most of the babies, and the addition of the mama and one kitten, now they are five.

How well does the man with whom she shares her life and home embrace the clowder? "My husband just rolls his eyes. I'm a crazy cat lady."

BASEMENT SINGER

Perhaps her husband doesn't mind the cats too much because can he easily shut them out when he retreats to his rock basement. The bottom floor of their house is set up with drums, a PA system, and microphones, and is the official rehearsal space for the band with whom he's played for 41 years—since he was 14!

She says they play southern rock like the [Allman Brothers](#), and also the [Grateful Dead](#). While she likes the songs frequently played in the home, she prefers the 80s. Also, [rumor has it](#) she

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will occasionally bust out an Adele tune. When this urge arises, her husband obliges by playing the song over and over again on the guitar. *Perhaps her vocal allure is what makes the cats say, I'm [crazy for you](#)?*


SPORTS FAN

Julie is a self-proclaimed "sports freak" and says she goes through withdrawals after both the NFL and NCAA basketball seasons are over, in that dark sliver of time before the crocuses pop up and baseball players return to the field. Her alliances are the Seattle Seahawks, the Green Bay Packers, and the Chicago Cubs.

The unusual combination of these last two choices causes those of us in the Chicago office to scratch our heads. No judgments here, but we are rather perplexed! She must know how Packers season ticket holder [Jason Berken](#) felt when he wore that Cubs uniform on the pitcher's mound. One can't help but wonder, did goading Bears fans drive him to San Francisco after just one year in Ditkaville?

GOLFER

On a vacation last year, Julie, her husband and brother were introduced to golf. She says they all "hit the ball pretty well," and liked it so much that the very next day purchased clubs. Now, she is hooked, and plays four times a week, while her retired husband golfs every day. She says, "I'm horrible. I have had a couple of pars. I haven't had a birdie yet. Best score was 93. I think it was a fluke." *We think Julie is quite humble!*

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