



# Happy Holidays from the Heisel Family 2024



Paul traveled extensively for work, while Deb visited Ohio, Colorado, and Tennessee. Rachel explored Greece, Rob spent time with family in Ohio, James kept busy working at H.E.B., and Joe traveled to Colorado and Ohio. Libby is preparing to graduate from Mines with a degree in Civil Engineering. Sadly, we said goodbye to our beloved dog Brodie, who is missed every day.

## **Paul (Dodgers – WORLD SERIES CHAMPS, TV Series Silo and Dune: Prophecy, Dune Part 2, Writing – cell phone 214-763-1380)**

Paul hit the road again for work, including a teaching trip to Singapore and visits to Rhode Island, Boston, Cleveland, Chicago, New York, DC, Phoenix, and Philadelphia. Spent much of the year writing, with two books in the *Keeper of the Deer* series nearly done. The Alaskan got stuck in a Kansas blizzard and was rescued by state police. Enjoyed the eclipse in Conway, Arkansas, and hosted several memorable dinners with friends from work.

## **Deb (Medical City Plano, reading lots of books, fun in the sun, travel 3x this year – cell phone 214-803-0672)**

Deb continues to enjoy her part-time clinical pharmacist role at Medical City Plano. Summer was fun with warm, bath-like pool water and great music. She and Paul are into sci-fi shows *Silo* and *Dune: Prophecy*. Travel highlights included a trip to Phoenix with Paul while he worked, celebrating Dianne’s surprise 80th in Ohio, visiting her sisters and mom in Nashville, and seeing Libby at school in Colorado. In October, Deb happily reclaimed her Lexus GX 460 Blackline Edition with all the bells and whistles.

## **Rachel (went to Greece for a wedding, house is fine, in market for a different car – cell phone 214-763-1384)**

Rachel continues to thrive at FM Global while keeping busy on weekends at First Watch. She balances work with travel, concerts, weddings, and family visits. A highlight was attending a family wedding in Greece and exploring Crete, where she had an amazing time. She also spent a day in Frankfurt, enjoying local food and museums—and was even mistaken for a native German! Seeing *The Princess Bride* with Cary Elwes was a memorable experience.

## **Robbie (politics is his new passion, loves horror games and manga – cell phone 469-980-9716)**

Rob is always up for a political chat—consider yourself warned! He made it to Ohio this year to see family, his one big trip outside Texas. He enjoyed the eclipse with us from a Walmart parking lot—prime viewing! Still passionate about anime and manga, he’s also learning Japanese with flashcards. A familiar face at Kroger, he voted for the first time this year, where election volunteers recognized him—he felt like a rock star!

## **James (new job at H.E.B., exploring paralegal jobs, expert at the air fryer, cell phone 214-763-1383)**

James works overnight at H.E.B., a well-known Texas grocery chain, prepping the store for the day ahead. He enjoys computer games, anime, and devoured most of the *Sword of Truth* series this year. Currently reading *Emperor’s Fury*, he often chats about it with the author (I wonder who that is?) over the morning meal at the kitchen island. Fascinated by the legal process, he’s eager to pursue a paralegal career and build a future in law, with a focus on criminal law.

## **Joseph (traveled to Ohio and Colorado, writing, looking forward to movie camera for Christmas – cell phone 214-620-7498)**

Joe returned to Campisi’s, the Italian restaurant he’s worked at on and off for years. His passion for filmmaking continues, and he’s excited to use a “real” camera soon. He enjoyed family trips to Ohio and Colorado to see his grandmas. When not studying films or reading about Stanley Kubrick, he spends time with friends. He even picked up some cooking skills from his dad. A devoted soccer fan, he’s already counting down to the 2026 World Cup!

## **Libby (loves fantasy and science, graduation in May, on the hunt for her job after school – cell phone 214-449-9097)**

Libby will graduate from the Colorado School of Mines on May 9, 2025, and we couldn’t be prouder! She co-founded a diabetes awareness club and serves as technical director for Mines Little Theater. Her hydrology and pipeline internship was a great experience—especially learning the reality of a daily commute. She’s also the proud owner of a Jeep Wrangler Willys, earning plenty of compliments. We’re excited to see what the next chapter holds after graduation!

## **Brodie and Flynn (loved dearly, and Brodie is dearly missed)**

We said goodbye to Brodie in March after 15 wonderful years. Though he rallied toward the end, he eventually stopped eating, and we knew it was time to let him go. He’ll always be remembered with love. Flynn has stepped into the role of alpha dog, proudly sitting in the red chair by the front window, keeping watch. He enthusiastically chases bunnies by the house—though we’re pretty sure they’re outsmarting him. Flynn is one happy pup!

We love you Grandpa Bob

We love you Grandpa Jim



