



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE HEISEL FAMILY



This year we have much to be thankful for in wake of the WTC events. Debbie lost her father suddenly this past October, and we will miss Robert Bednarski. He was a great husband, father and grandfather. We wish everyone good fortune for 2002, health and prosperity too! There are pictures of the kids on back.

Paul

Well, this year has gone quickly. Paul is now a Senior Information Technology Specialist at FM Global (it still means computer geek, no matter how you slice it). Paul continues his writing career and now is the Managing Editor for <http://storitime.com>, is a mentor for other writers, and edits for authors when he has time. He spends much of his free time writing and working on "the tee shirt business" (Internet based) with his brother, Jeff. He did his first ceramic floor tile job in the laundry room and installed a freezer there this year, even though the freezer wouldn't fit through the door. If you can figure out how Paul got it through the door, e-mail Paul at lpheisel@earthlink.net to leave instructions on how to get it out because he doesn't remember.

Deb (24)

Deb's age keeps going down, if you didn't notice. Last year she was 25. If you didn't know, she's actually older than Paul by a few days. This year she's undertaken the difficult task of getting her Doctorate in Pharmacy. So you can call her Dr. Heisel soon. She's still busy with the kids, working at their school, and volunteering at church. Deb keeps in touch with her friends by participating in book clubs and church groups, and still doesn't have much spare time. With all of the kids in school, though, she does have a few hours of sanity (but limited to Tuesdays and Thursdays). If you want to get a hold of her, the best way is to e-mail her at daheisel@earthlink.net.

Rachel (9-1/2)

Fourth grade now! The onslaught of homework and reading is never ending. Rachel does very well in class and enjoys school. She loves to swim, rollerblade, ride her bike, and ride her scooter. Rachel is getting interested in the helping Paul cook and is learning to sew from Grandma Heisel. Rachel is still inquisitive, but quiet at times. This year she wanted to know when we were adopting out the boys. She's full of hugs, affection, and smiles. Except for her brothers.

Robbie (8)

He graduated from first grade and in second now. He's reading very well and retaining what he reads, but handwriting is still a challenge. Math is no longer a struggle, so he's learning more and more. Dinosaurs still rule in Robbie's book, and he's really into Spongebob Squarepants. He loves swimming. Eating Popsicles, we think, is one of his hobbies. He got in trouble the other day and asked if he had been "voted off the family". I think he had immunity that week.

James (6)

James is in Kindergarten now and is very active with all his little friends. He loves baseball and basketball, and has told Paul that he can't wait to play soccer. Sportsnut – yes! He's a daredevil on the scooter and his new bike. There is no fear of speed and he told his parents that he wants to ride a motorcycle when he grows up. James has also become the video game "guru" of the family and is really good at some of the games. He tortures his Dad by kicking his you-know-what at racing and battle games. Paul just needs more practice, that's all. He does have a temper to manage, but is a really lovable kid. Swimming is a favorite now that he's learned how to do it, whereas before he wouldn't even go in the water. It had to be that 1-minute clip of JAWS that he saw...

Joseph (3-1/2)

Joe is in preschool at Red Gate Farm, and he was ready months and months before we even enrolled him. We told him that he couldn't go to preschool until the previous school year was over. On the first day of summer vacation, Joe grabbed his backpack and told his parents he was ready to go to preschool. He is close to riding a two-wheeler and has worn out his bike and training wheels twice. Like James, he rides like a bat out of you know what. Like James, Joe has picked up the video games, except he likes sports games – hockey of course. When he scores a goal he dances and celebrates like the pros. We're steering him toward the lesser of the contact sports, let's see, golf maybe? As the other three do, he likes to swim. Everyday he's been asking if Santa has come yet. Oh, and he loves the movie Shrek.



Season's Greetings

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year From the Heisel Family

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Notice the innocent headlock disguised as a hug. That angelic smile is so contrived. Give her the Oscar.

Notice the dinosaur given to lull the boy into a stupor and lower his defenses. He's as helpless as a slug.



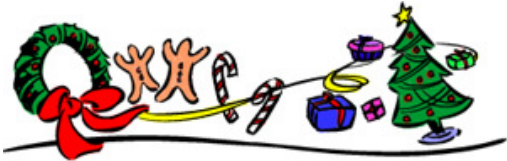
See the little boy struggle as he tries to get away from the Kung-Fu grip.



Notice the young one being stealthily pushed out of the picture. The anguish on his face is apparent. The smile of fear.

We love you Grandpa Bob

Merry Christmas



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