# Happy Holidays from the Heisel Family

Another year of milestones for the Heisel family, Rachel graduated from high school, Paul and Deb have been married 20 years, and we had another addition to the family. No, not that kind. The furry kind that fetches stuffed animals and does the ham dance.

# Paul (45 – loves baseball, writing, and NHL11 – cell phone 214-763-1380)

Paul still works for FM Global as an account manager, his day job so to speak. He's still writing quite a bit and is editing his latest book. Highlights for this year was attending the Cowboys/Saints game at the Death Star with his brother Jeff and coaching Joe's baseball team. For 2011 their 13U baseball team is called the Texas Velocity. Upcoming project for the house is a new fence, but he'll leave that to the professionals.

#### Deb (?? - having fun volunteering and loves to read - cell phone 214-803-0672)

Deb kept busy with being the PTA President for Allen Elementary, Libby's school. She is getting an iPhone or equivalent for XMAS so she can keep pace with communications while she is being the Heisel Taxi Service. Highlights for her were going to the Texas PTA Convention in Austin, and heading on vacation with the family to San Antonio. She volunteers for the kids' schools and the sports teams, always appreciated for her efforts. If you need a ride, give her a call because she's probably taking the kids there anyway.

#### Rachel (18-1/2 – loves anime and Japanese food – cell phone 214-763-1384)

Rachel attends Collin County Community College getting her core classes out of the way before moving on in a few years to a larger school where she wants to pursue Japanese and business. Her goal is to combine the two into a future job. Currently she is working at Babe's in Frisco, a family oriented fried chicken place. Rachel can text faster than she can talk. For 2011, she's looking forward to attending anime conventions and at some point, use of a family car to be purchased in 2011.

### Robbie (17 - loves Gears of War, could be a movie critic, and graduates 2012 when the world ends)

Remember those days when you told your child that he couldn't watch something or have something because you needed to be 17? Well, they will remember that (not that they have homework or that hamburgers are not made out of deer) and hold you to it. Rob is doing well in school and is taking a couple normal classes outside of special education. Rob had us laughing nonstop in San Antonio when he saw a kitten outside of our hotel and said it was a "kitler", a cat that looks like the infamous WW II German leader.

#### James (15 – learning to wrestle, enjoys Starcraft 2, and loves chicken fried chicken – cell phone 214-763-1383)

He sprouted up this year, is very tall and skinny. So naturally when you are that way you join wresting. Yes, the kid we used to call Stick Boy is hammering it out on the mat, and he won his first JV match recently. He's a freshman and learning the sport, and we hope he sticks with it. Grades have been good and he got his braces off, he still loves his computer, and girls can't be far behind. May need to invest in a cow with the amount of milk he drinks.

# <u>Joseph (12-1/2 – loves all sports, is growing, eats tacos like there is no tomorrow – cell phone 214-620-7498)</u>

More sports and braces off. Joe had a successful baseball season with the Spartans (now called Texas Velocity) and is currently playing 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball for his middle school, Hunt. He did manage to play football as well for Hunt on the B team, getting experience on the defensive line and at wide receiver. One of the more interesting hobbies he has is air-soft rifles, and don't worry, the plastic ammunition (balls) don't completely bleep up the pool filtration system.

#### Libby (7-1/2 – enjoys buying clothes, bossing around her siblings, and falling asleep on the floor)

She's a second grader that does well in school and has had her first taste of soccer this year. The last game she finally scored a goal, so we celebrated with Dairy Queen Blizzards. She enjoys the Wii and doing the more girly things that Rachel never was interested in, so her room is full of Barbie castles, hair clips, Polly Pockets, and clothes. The girl loves to buy clothes, god help us I need to win the lottery or get a second job. Her favorite movie is Forbidden Kingdom – she says she loves the Kung Fu.

#### Brodie (5-1/2 - chases squirrels and rabbits, is scared of his own shadow though - no cell phone yet)

On Feb. 13, 2010 we adopted a Lhasa Apso dog named Brodie from a shelter. After the initial shock wore off, he realized he was in our home to stay and really became part of the family. What a wonderful pet. For some reason he loves ham, and he does a dance whenever we offer him a slice. For an older dog he is still playful and healthy, and he loves to chase squirrels and rabbits. You'll notice some pictures of Brodie on the next page.



# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE HEISEL FAMILY













