



KEEPING UP WITH THE STOFFEL'S

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Home Sweet Home

2023 started off a bit rough. We all finally caught covid for the first time, but got over it real quick. Had several friends and family members visit. Chased Hot Air Balloons. We did a wonderful cross country vacation. We enjoyed our wildlife and once again had some baby fawns born on our property. We can't wait to see what 2024 will bring us.



2023 Picture with Santa



Calvin, Hallabong and Solo are ready for Christmas too!



Kristi's 30th Chatfield High School Reunion

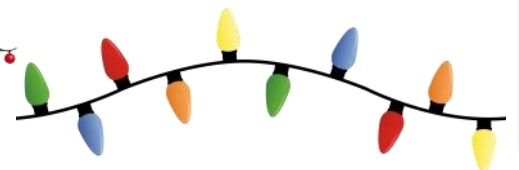
The Chatfield High school Class of 1993 celebrated their 30th reunion this year. Kristi hosted an event for those that couldn't make it to the reunion at Prost and also attended her reunion at Attimo. The Prost reunion had a bunch of her childhood friends attend, some from Normandy Elementary, Columbine High School and even girl scouts. It was so great to see her friends again.



Chatfield Class 1993 Reunion



Prost friends get together. I had so much fun with this group!





What's New



Chris receiving his 10 year award and pin for working in the government as a civilian for 10 years



Chris's security team won best security team of the year.



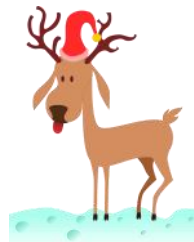
Kristi did some latch hooking this year



That's one big turkey



Chris playing with his metal detector. That's how he found the cannon ball



Our house decorated for the holidays Thanksgiving and Christmas





Country Life



Kristi ready to mow the yard



We were Big Footed



Hallabong talking to his friend. That's Luke, one of the twins from last year



Chris using his machete



Chris's new wood chipper



This is Poopy's Baby. So cute



Chris found a cannon ball on our property



Bunny stopping by to get some water



Lots of new babies added to the herd this year

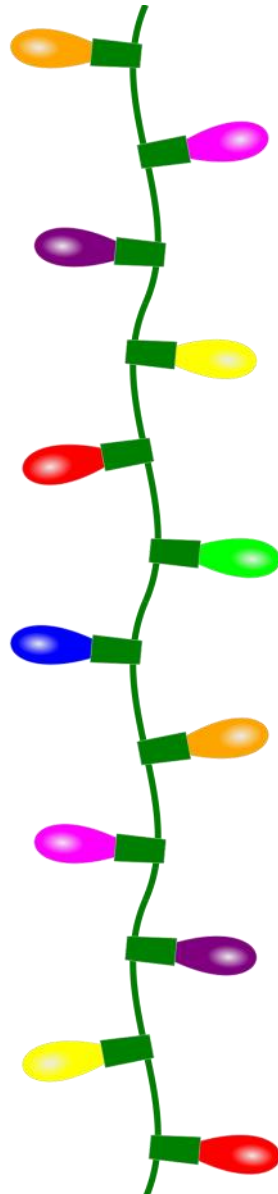
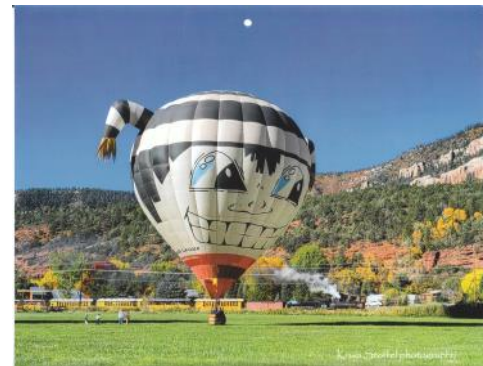
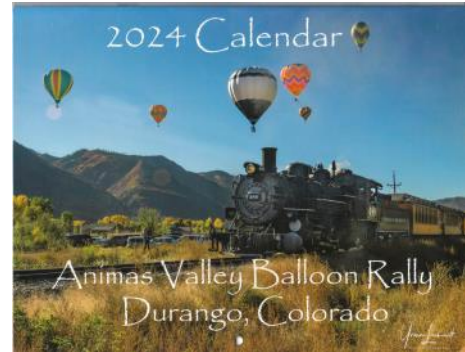
Caught in the act. Sneaking bird seed





Chasing Cosmos and Foxtrot

We had a lot of fun chasing our friends' hot air balloons. We had several fun flights in Edgewood and Moriarty, and of course we attended the 51st Balloon Fiesta. We also spent some time in Durango for the Animas Valley Balloon Rally. Chris and Kristi also found out that they had 3 pictures each in the Animal Valley Balloon Calendar. Below are our pictures that were selected for the calendar.





51st Balloon Fiesta and Eclipse



Chris and Kristi



Chris with Debbie on their flight



Kristi with Yoda



Mom had fun at Shapes Day



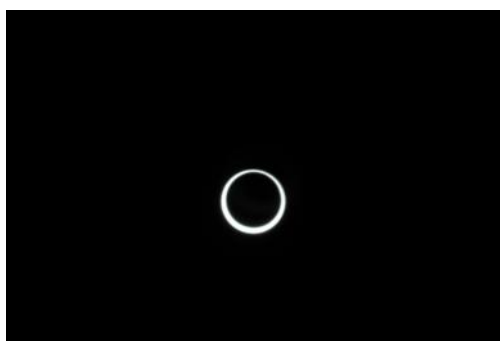
The Crew



I've got the whole world in my hand



The crew watching the eclipse



The Eclipse

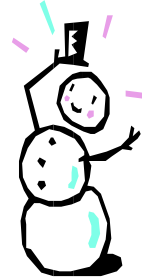
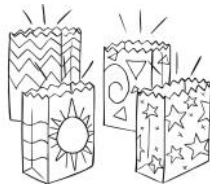


Mom And Kristi





Family and Friend Who Visited Us In New Mexico



Our Friend Jessica Hall stopped for a visit



My high school friend Katie and her family met up with us



Chris' mom at the Sandia Tram



Chris and his mom at Tinker Town



Both Moms joined us for a fun trip to the top of the Sandia's



We Celebrated Chris' Dad's birthday while he was visiting



Chris' Dad and Linda and us at the Sandia Tram



Kristi's high school friend Christie met up with us for a dinner as she passed through



Our Furry Babies



All our babies fast asleep



When you have the heated blanket you get the kitties



It's not easy trying to latch hook with Hallabong around



We are not doing anything mommy



It's a cat Christmas tree



Solo loves snuggling with Daddy



When you find Hallabong's balls



You know when Calvin is happy. He's always belly up



Solo trying to play with his deer friend



Road Trip

Colorado



Kristi visited her Dad



Fun with the family at the Renaissance Festival



Lunch with the family



Some family fun



Kristi reuniting with classmates and her reunion



Pre-reunion get together



Nebraska



The Archway Pioneer Museum



Omar the Bridge Troll



Chris is in Iowa and Kristi is in Nebraska



Road Trip Continued

Iowa



Us with world's largest Bull



Visit with the Woerdehoffs



World's largest wooden nickel



Future birthplace of Cpt. Kirk



Star Trek Museum



World's largest truck stop

Michigan



Windmill Island, Holland, MI



Us in Lake Michigan



Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn and restaurant



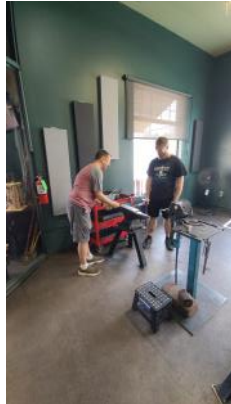


Road Trip Continued

Michigan Continued



Bronners World's
Largest Christmas
Store



Chris at
Blacksmith
workshop



Us at Lake Erie



Us at Lake Huron



Pennsylvania



Breakfast with the
Lomax's



Chris and Jim chilling



Penn's Cave



Swimming in the
Susquehanna River



Making our own Hershey's
chocolate bar



Hanging with Ray In
Hershey's, PA.



Road Trip Continued

Pennsylvania Continued



Intercourse, PA



Amish Buggy Ride



Chris enjoying some great Amish Food



Dinner At Dobbins Tavern, Gettysburg



Double-Decker Bus Tour Gettysburg



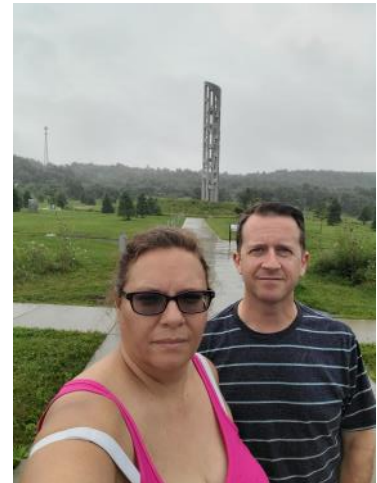
Gettysburg Battlefield



Jennie Wade house



Flight 93 Memorial



Flight 93 Memorial





Road Trip Continued

Kentucky



Clay's Ferry Overlook



The Ark Encounter



Kristi petting a Kangaroo

Missouri



Taste of Saint Louis



Chris and Kristi at the Saint Louis Arch



Cooking with Kera



Dinner with the Pepperdine's



Spending time with Kristi's best friend

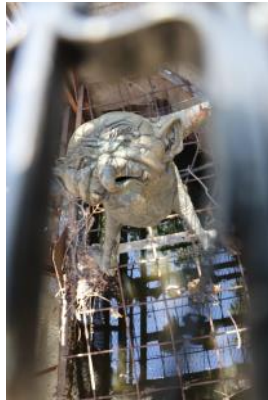


Road Trip Continued

Kansas



Coke Silo in Emporia, Kansas



Wichita Troll



Us at Truck-henge, Lessman farm in Topeka,



The very first Pizza Hut in Wichita, Kansas

Oklahoma



Bricktown boat ride



Oklahoma City National Memorial Museum



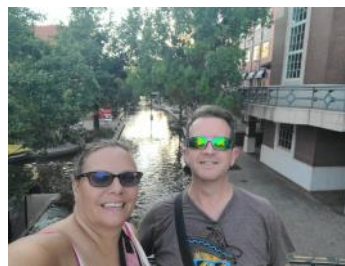
Desert at the Rodizio Grill



Kristi with a bison



Cherokee Trading Post



Walking around Bricktown



Oklahoma City National Memorial Museum



Road Trip Continued

Texas



Tower Conoco Station
Route 66



Cadillac Ranch



This giant gun is actually a
BBQ grill



Tower Conoco
Station



Ozymandias on the
plains giant legs



Second amendment
cowboy

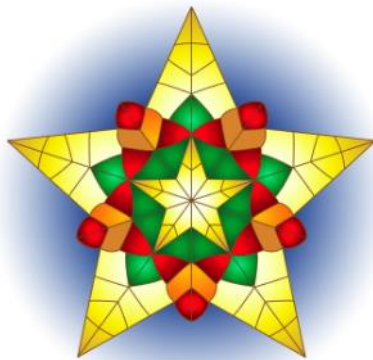


Cadillac Ranch

New Mexico



Route 66 monument
Tucumcari , NM



It has been a wonderful year. Lots of adventures. We enjoyed the time we spent with family and friends. We are excited to see what 2024 has in store for us. We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Chris and Kristi Stoffel 2023