



Happy Holidays

2024

Jim & Shirley Johnson and Family



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Through the years,
we realize more each day that “The best things in Life” are
the people we **LOVE**,
the **PLACES** we’ve been
and the **MEMORIES** we’ve shared with you along the way.

May peace be our gift this Christmas Season and our treasure throughout the year: We had thought that 2024 was going to be a quieter, more relaxing year than years past. But, it turned out to be even crazier and busier with more challenges than ever. I’ve been working on finding ways to switch those challenges into opportunities. Now, we’re looking forward to 2025 to be that quieter, more relaxing year. We certainly can’t complain though, as we have our health and we have you, our amazing friends and family. We know so many of you have suffered illness and the loss of loved ones. You are certainly in our thoughts and prayers and we remember & honor those no longer with us. Even though it was a crazy year for us, we decided not to skip the fun and following is some of what we accomplished:

Viper Fun: 2024 was no exception when it came to Viper fun with great friends. We enjoyed a Hammond’s Candy Factory Tour; Wild West Party & Bonfire at the Branding Iron Saloon; Weisbrod Air Museum & staying overnight in a jail cell at The Station on the Pueblo Riverwalk, a boutique hotel; BBQs; Old Fashioned Picnics; Parties; Awards Banquet; Estes Park Autumn Gold Festival; Chatfield Farms Pumpkin Festival; and Toy Run to Children’s Hospital. We also spent a few days at the Wine Country Inn in Palisade, CO; a long 4th of July weekend in Grand Lake; a long weekend at Campbell Creek Ranch; and eight days Discovering Yellowstone & The Wonders of Idaho.

Other Fun Times: Jim and I headed to Arizona for a few days at the beginning of April to soak up the sun with friends, and then to the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs for three days to spoil our Lubbock granddaughters, while Braden & Ashleigh attended a conference. The Cheyenne Mountain Zoo – Jaxon and parents also joined us there, Garden of the Gods and simply rolling down the grassy hills at the resort were so much fun! Summer months were beautiful and exciting, but also hard work, as we landscaped and mitigated our property.

August was a very busy month at our house. Derek and I finished a landscape project; Jim continued to find more antique yard art; Braden and family were here for several days; Tom & Amy, Jim’s brother & wife, were also here with friends, all from Tennessee. We went with them to Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park and even the Beetle’s Tribute Band Concert at Red Rocks. That was a “blast from the past!” We invited several family members and friends up to see everyone and we hosted a Sertoma Picnic, and a Conifer Area Council picnic at our house. Of course, we couldn’t miss Denver Zoo Lights and The Magic of the Jack O’ Lanterns later in the year.

We had tickets to the Texas Tech / CU Football Game in Lubbock, Texas in November. Unfortunately, the biggest November snowstorm in thirty years kept us stranded at home as roads in every direction to get to Lubbock were closed. The worst part of missing that trip was not being able to see our four grandchildren in Lubbock. But, Braden’s entire family was able to go to the game and that’s where their picture was taken for our Christmas card.

Speaking of CU Football, what a year it has been! We had to wear comfortable shoes to the games as everyone stood for most of the games. And, my watch kept telling me the decibel level of 90 was reaching dangerous levels. Between the football team, awesome band, CU buffalo mascot Ralphie, cheer squads, poms and fans, Folsom Field has been “electric” this year. And Bo Nix and the Broncos aren’t doing too bad either – excitement all around!

Jim worked really hard on wildfire mitigation last spring and summer. Derek and I both helped a lot, but nothing compared to what he did. We probably were able to get rid of at least 350 cubic yards of limbs and slash, just from our property. Cutting and hauling is hard work, but so satisfying when you see the results. He loves to get out on the property on either his Polaris or his Can-am UTV, both used and purchased for snowplowing. But they work even better without the snow and are more fun in the warmer months. Jim continues to stay busy with his Sertoma Club, his Leads Group and as President of our Regional Viper Club. He is semi-retired, still working for Movement Mortgage, and ready to help clients make the best life decisions when it comes to home loans. Email him at jim.johnson@movement.com or call him at 303-883-5336 with questions or just to "catch up." He'd love to hear from you. Grandkids are his first love and he really enjoys having them around. He will admit, though, that having just one around at a time is much easier than all five grandkids at the same time.

Shirley: I stay really busy all of the time, it seems. I have a hard time giving up on projects and efforts that I love. As Community Ambassador, I'm a volunteer liaison between the area fire departments and residents. I've helped with several open houses and projects. My neighborhood, just 11 houses, cut, hauled and got rid of about 500 cubic yards of limbs and slash, an amazing community effort this last summer. Conifer Area Council, of which I'm still President, updated our website, talking about what we do and what we've accomplished in our 22-year history. Go to www.coniferareacouncil.org, if interested. Being Event Coordinator for the Viper Club has been lots of work but so much fun, since I get to enjoy all of the fun things that we do. I've been working 4 months every year during tax season for Financial Security Management. The people I work with are awesome. I also work part time from my home office, year-round. At the beginning of this letter, I said we'd like to relax more in 2025! Hopefully, things will settle down and we'll have more time to talk to and spend time with many of you in the next few months!

Braden, Ashleigh, Braleigh, Charleigh, Adaleigh and Ashden: You may notice that Ashden was added to the family. I drove to Lubbock in June to be there when he was born. His three sisters and his grandparents adore him! Braden, still home based out of Lubbock, TX, is After Sales Metro Manager of the Mopar Brand of Stellantis, working with 19 larger Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge Ram Dealerships in West Texas. Ashleigh stays extremely busy homeschooling the girls and taking care of four, ages 9, 5, 3 and 5 months. The girls love their trampoline, gymnastics, bicycling, The Sound of Music and Mary Poppins. Ashden is getting quite good at entertaining the girls in his baby jumper.

Shaunelle, Derek & Jaxon: Shaunelle works at Conifer Physical Therapy, where she loves her job as she has a perfect work/life balance. Her favorite things are Jaxon, her pets and her adult dance class. She drops Jaxon off at Kindergarten in the mornings and Derek picks him up after school and then to the park or after school activities. He works from home as a Mortgage Auditor for Metasource. Jaxon is a Cub Scout and is in the 100 Mile Run Club at school. He has already run well over 25 miles during planned events this school year. Since Jaxon shares Papa's birthday and Daddy's half birthday, he enjoys many birthday parties with his friends and family.

**May you always be blessed with the warmth of friendship,
the music of laughter
and the love of those you hold dear at Christmas!**

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