

We wish all of our friends and family a Very **Merry Christmas** and a Very Happy 2026

So on 12/5/25, we ordered our custom cards from Amazon & paid expedited shipping to have them by 12/12/25. They never arrived. Turns out, Amazon sourced them from China. Go figure. They arrived on 12/24/25, hence the late arrival to you!

2025 has flown by and it has been a strange year, especially weather wise. Wide temp changes (oh right, this is Texas!). However, much, much lower than normal rainfall. Dry pastures and yard. The long range water supplies are concerning, given the area's growth.



We continue to do the things we enjoy. In February we hosted our 28th annual Super Bowl Party. It was lovely to see everyone again and enjoy visiting and eating. We celebrated Valentine's Day at our favorite restaurant Pappadeaux.



Sophie, our German Shepherd, is doing well and celebrated her 10th Birthday this year. She is such a smart and wonderful doggie and we love her dearly. Going for rides is her passion! She has a suite in the back 1/3 of our SUV. She loves ice cream breaks and treats, however not TV, and strangely not playing ball. She has a wonderful collection of dog toys.



My horse Sable is doing better with her hoof problems (which were due to neglect from the previous owners). Now she's developed a muscle problem called Fibrotic Myopathy. It mostly affects horses used in rodeos, which have to stop and turn sharply and put excessive



pressure on their hind muscles. I'm not sure if she will get better, but the vets say it's not painful. On December 17 while grazing Sable in our yard, I stepped in a hole & fell. Sable was scared, jerked away and dislocated my right shoulder. Very painful and folks say it will be a slow recovery.



I hosted a horsey party (left) in April.

We built our home in 2002 and it was time to do a little renovation. We had a company work on the outdoor stone, the indoor trim and some doors replaced, or adjusted. Of course, there is always work to be done, but we love this house and are very happy we came to this area.



We also upgraded Martin's Studio/Museum acoustics (right). He receives 10K visitors a month to the Studio/Museum web sites. He still manages the EveryChildTexas account for Phantom Productions.



This coming March, Martin will have volunteered with the Bastrop Sheriff's Office for 9 years. He patrols regularly and I've ridden out several times. He's assisted with traffic accidents, however mostly provides an extra presence in the County.



Martin's 79th Birthday was in April and to celebrate we went to the Paul Simon Concert in Austin. It was a great show. Paul looks as spry as ever. We took our first Uber ride and it was good not to have to worry about parking and walking.



Also in April, Anthony flew to Texas to visit his Dad in Lockhart and came to our home for a nice visit (right).



In June, I flew up to Seattle to attend our Grandson Julius' High School Graduation. Julius is now attending Washington State University (in the Honor's program), is in the ROTC and loving it. It was so lovely to spend time with Anthony, Sharon, Julius and Rowan. Rowan will be 16 at the end of December; He is growing up very fast and getting involved in activities such as water polo, hiking and research projects.

