

Kresha Kronicle

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Class of 89

LISA KRESHA--Graduate of
Scotus Central Catholic High
School--Columbus, Nebraska

Daughter of Florence and the
late Edwin Kresha



LISA KRESHA



Kresha to attend Westmar College

LE MARS, Iowa — Scotus Central Catholic senior Lisa Kresha has signed a letter of intent to attend Westmar College on a volleyball scholarship next fall, according to Westmar Coach Mike Meyer.

Meyer said Kresha is one of five new players who will be donning Westmar uniforms next season. The others include Meg Welch of Lansing, Iowa, Paula Hart of Plainview, Pamela Brunsting of Hull, Iowa and Kimberly Kummerfeld of Peterson, Iowa.

Kresha, a 5-6 setter, was a two-year letterwinner for Scotus and earned All-State honorable mention status last fall. She was a first-team All-Centennial Conference selection last year, helping the Shamrocks to a 17-5 record.

Kresha is also a two-year basketball letterwinner, and plans to participate in that sport on the college level as well.



AARON FREDRICK KRESHA--born March 14, 1988 to
Andy and Becky Kresha--5 lb. 14 oz. 19" long--
Grandparents--Patricia (and the late Adrian) Kresha

KRISTI RHODELL KRESHA--born March 5, 1989 to
Kenneth and Star Kresha--6 lb. 15 oz. 21" long--
Grandparents--Martin and Elaine Kresha

THEA LEIGH SAUNDERS--born March 22, 1989 to
Josh and Christine (Lukassen) Saunders--
Grandparents--Mary (and the late H.J.) Lukassen

SCOTT MATTHEW JARECKE--born April 22, 1989 to
Tom and Joanna Jarecke--8 lbs.
Grandparents--Jerome and Florence (Kresha) Jarecke

AMANDA ROSE GABEL--born to Steve and LaDonna Gabel
Grandparents are Max and Rosalie (Kresha) Gabel



February 13, 1989

Dear Family,

I guess I'd better get a letter in the Kronicle this time or you all may think we don't exist anymore. Well, we do. Guess Pat is just getting lazy in her old age. She doesn't seem to have the umph anymore.

Pat has been sick for a while with the crud, sinus infection and laringitus. She's a whole lot better now and hopes to stay that way. Right now she is sitting in the Lodge at Winter Park writing this letter. It is once more time for the Handicapped Ski Program at the school she works at. Every Monday morning at 7:30 A.M. she climbs into the van with the kids and heads for Winter Park. A 1½ hour drive. She sits in the Lodge while the kids go out on the slopes with their instructors. She needs to be here to watch everyone's belongings and for bathrooming and lunch. Sometimes the days get long, but she usually writes letters, reads, or crochets all day. What a job, hey! The vans usually get back to Brighton about 5 or 5:30 P.M..

Since the last letter was written, Pam moved into her own apartment again. She is living back in Aurora again. She is still working at the Auto Auction, plus part time at Target, so she is very busy. Last Friday she went for her yearly check-up, since her thyroid surgery. Everything looks good but the Dr. did take some blood tests which we won't know for a while for the results.

Andy, Becky and Aaron are living in Lafayette, CO in a mobile home they bought. Andy is working at Storage Tech and Becky is working part time at a hotel on UNC Campus. She cleans rooms. I think she's looking for something full time, though. Things get pretty tight for them. Our little Aaron is growing like a weed. He is his Grandma's pride and joy. He will be a year old the 14th of March, has 5 teeth and is trying real hard to walk. He's taken his first few steps alone now a couple of times, so it won't be long.

Tom is living on his own now. How long, I'm not sure. The guy that he is sharing a house with is getting married soon, so I think he will be moving back home unless he can find someone to share an apartment with. General Motors sent him to school to get his certification. Now he is a certified Delco Technician. They hadn't been real busy, but business seems to be picking up a bit now.

Danny, of course, is still in High School. He is a Sophomore this year. He is really struggling with his grades. He's missed a lot of school again this year so far. I think we have finally conquered the sinus problems though. We have taken him off all dairy products, sugars and caffeine. He has been off these for about 3 months now and has not had 1 sinus infection since. So we are really hoping this will take care of it. He sprained his ankle really bad a couple of weeks ago and is really having trouble with it now. Keeps turning the same ankle all the time. The doctor has him wearing an ankle brace all the time now. I imagine he'll have to do some exercises with it to get it strengthened up again.

Danny and Pat are going to take a trip to Nevada during spring break. (Last week in March). We will go by train to Las Vegas and then rent a car and drive to Beatly where Pat's niece lives. They will spend some time sight-seeing and just playing, then take the train back to Denver. Danny has never ridden on a train so he is really looking forward to it. It should be fun. Just spending some time together will be nice.

Everyone here is happy that our cold spell is over. Hope it doesn't get that cold again for a long time. We had a water pipe freeze up in the upstairs bathroom and break. Lost some tile when they had to remove it to get at the pipes. Also part of the ceiling in the downstairs bathroom and some carpet and paint damage. Pat is hoping her Homeowners Insurance will cover most of it. But now she has to hire a carpenter to replace it all. She's going to have more insulation put in that wall too, so it doesn't happen again.

All of us Kresha's want to wish everyone a Blessed and Holy Easter.



All our love,
PATRICIA KRESHA AND FAMILY



May 17, 1989

Dear Kresha Family, Relatives, and friends:

The book, "The Kresha Families In America" has gone to press and is being printed by Maverick Media, Inc. of Grand Island, Ne. There will be 70 pages of pictures and 146 pages of history. The cost is more than anticipated, but it is an excellent quality book that all of us will proudly enjoy. The cost is \$38 a book. If the book must be mailed to you, the postage will be extra. There is no sales tax for you, as we have paid the sales tax to Maverick Media. One half of the order must be paid now, and the balance is to be paid when printing is completed. The books will be available at the Kresha Family reunion at Pawnee Park, East Shelter, on June 11, 1989.

This is a "one time thing" and I'm sure no one will be printing another book for a long time. Much thought and research has gone into this family history book. It will be a starting point for your personal history.

May the Risen Christ bless each and every one of you.

Love,

Harold and Lillian Witulski

Please, if you have ordered books, send us the check for the balance, so we can obtain the books and give them to you on June 11.

Mr. Anthony Kresha, Editor
2365 39. Ave.

Columbus, Ne. 68601

or

Lillian Kresha Witulski, Author

Route #2 Box 181

Beatrice, Ne. 68310

February 1, 1989

Dear Family,

January has been quite hectic for us. Mark has been really busy with a lot of dental cases sent by dentists. Plus, he caught a terrible cold and sinus infection which spread to his neck, chest and back. I'd never seen him so sick and disabled. He was home most of the first week of January. Then, my mother, Irene Kresha, fell down the basement steps taking the Christmas tree down. She tore all the ligaments in her foot, ankle and lower leg. So, I went to Columbus and brought her back to Omaha to the doctor. He put a splint on for a week and then a cast. It really looked bad and was so swollen. She stayed with us for a week and then I commuted back and forth to help clean, run errands and make sure everything was available during the week while I was gone. Dad had surgery the beginning of December, so Mom and Dad were both in bad shape. Mom got her cast off the 29th of January and will not require surgery. She will have to go to a Physical Therapist for awhile to strengthen and mend her foot. She was relieved that she won't have to have surgery and will soon be back to her old self.

I am thinking of engaging in a project that involves all of our relatives. Since I like to cook (and I have the weight to prove it) I would like to make an appeal to all of you! I would like all of you to take a few minutes and jot down some of your and our parent's and grandparent's favorite recipes! Also, memories of your growing up in times past (funny or otherwise). I am interested in any or all recipes and thoughts that you have to share. I don't know just how far and how quickly I will get them organized. If nothing else, I will have a lot of family treasures--good food with a special past to our grandparents, parents and children to pass on to our kids. I hope to hear from all of you and will try to keep you informed on how well it is going.

Our son, Ryan, is now 14 and in the 8th grade. He is enjoying school and doing well. He was confirmed December 4th and was relieved that the two-year preparation finally paid off. We had a really nice day that Sunday. There were about 150-200 kids in his class. St. Leo's could barely get all the parents and relatives in the church. Kevin Wibbels (my sister, Linda's husband) was his sponsor.

I am doing fine and keeping really busy with Ryan's activities, the house, doctor's appointments and doing end of the month billing for the Dental Lab. I was a caretaker for Pets Are Inn, which I really enjoyed! I would care for people's pets while they were gone on vacation, business or family matters. I would follow the same routine that his/her owner had and pamper them as much as possible. I had a Cocker Spaniel that loved cucumbers, asparagus, and broccoli--more than his dog food. Or the Maltese that loved coffee. It was funny and fun! Someone is in the works of taking over the franchise so I haven't had any for a couple of months. We have a zoo of animals here anyway. Ryan got a spiny-tailed Iguana, which he named "Eddie", in December. He will grow to be 3-3 1/2 feet long within 2 years. It took a lot of convincing to get me to agree for Ryan to buy him. He makes funny noises which really bothered me. I kept thinking someone was in the house when I was by myself during the day. Ryan can't wait until he gets bigger so he can put him on a leash and walk him!

As you can tell, life is never dull in our house! We hope all of you are well and have a great 1989.

BOBBI, MARK AND RYAN WOLF

Our address for you to send recipes and thoughts is:

2329 North 143 Ave.
Omaha, NE 68164

Rose A. Hilger

DAVID CITY — Rose A. Hilger, 76, of David City, died Thursday, April 6, 1989, at the Butler County Hospital.

Services will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Church in David City with the Rev. A.J. Lisko officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Visitation will be 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday at Roberts David City Chapel and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. There will be a 7:30 p.m. wake, with PCCW rosary at 8 p.m.

She was born Sept. 21, 1912, at Osceola, the daughter of Adolf and Sophie (Kropatsch) Kresha.

On June 8, 1937, she married Bernard V. Hilger at Osceola. They lived in Butler County. Mr. Hilger died in 1977.

Mrs. Hilger was a housewife, a member of St. Mary's Church, PCCW and a board member of the David City Senior Center.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Hilger of David City and Daniel Hilger of Bellwood; one daughter, Bonnie (Mrs. Henry) Kobza of Bellwood; seven brothers, Adolph "Doc" Kresha of Osceola, George and Gerhart "Mike" Kresha, both of Bakersfield, Calif., and Martin, Arthur, Charles and Wilfred Kresha, all of Columbus; five sisters, Sophia C. Kresha of Mitchell, Ann Hensel of Reseda, Calif., Lillian (Mrs. Harold) Witulski of Beatrice, Rita Kresha of Sacramento, Calif., and Frances Lukassen of Kimball; and 12 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one grandson, Michael Hilger; five brothers; and three sisters.

Memorials are directed to the donor's choice.



Your kind expression
of sympathy
is deeply appreciated and
gratefully acknowledged
by the family of
Rose Hilger

DEAR KRESHA FAMILY:

Our families would like to say how much we appreciated the cards, memorials, food, thoughts and prayers extended to us before and since Mother has passed away. So many of you have told us that she had a special place in your hearts. She was really a special lady. We will all miss her very much.

BONNIE AND HANK KOBZA AND FAMILY

BOB AND SUE HILGER AND FAMILY

DAN AND MARY JANE HILGER AND FAMILY

May 22, 1989

DEAR FAMILY,

I think that by now my name is MUDD. I honestly planned to get this issue out of the typewriter and into your homes before Easter. I will be pushing to have it in your mailboxes before Memorial Day.

I have been burning the candle at both ends! I took 9 graduate hours of college work this past year. (6 hours this last semester). I am finished with that now for a few days. On Tuesday of next week I will start a 10-week summer session at Kearney State College. Hopefully, I will be able to arrange to take 12 graduate hours during that time. If I can, I will have only one more class until I am eligible to take the comprehensive exams for my Master's Degree in Elementary Education.

Teaching has gone well this year. It was quite a switch to jump from fifth to third grade. I think I have adjusted. We will be getting out of school for summer vacation on May 26th. I have lots to do before the end of school. Report cards are to be made out, grades to be recorded on permanent files, etc., etc. I know if I take just one thing at a time that everything will fall into place and the tasks will be completed.

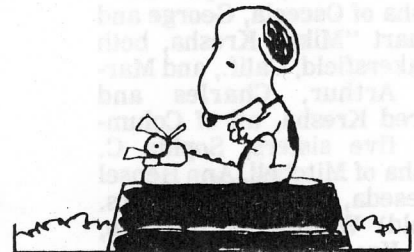
Please read Lillian's letter on page 3. It contains some very important news about the family history book.

The Kresha reunion will be held on June 11, 1989 in the East Shelter of Pawnee Park in Columbus, Nebr. A potluck dinner will be served at 12 Noon. Orange drink will be provided by the committee, Ronnie and Romona Smith and Alan and Loretta Kresha. Congratulations to the graduates!!! Is LISA KRESHA the only one in the whole family who is graduating this year?

Bobbi Wolf will appreciate getting your recipies as soon as possible. Some forms have been included for your convenience.

The flower fund is depleted. Send your donation to CHARLES KRESHA, 6168 Country Club Drive, Columbus, NE 68601, or bring it to the reunion on June 11.

HAPPY SUMMER!!

Elaine

NEW ADDRESSES:

PAM KRESHA
100 So. Dahlia #206
Aurora, CO 80011

ANDY AND BECKY KRESHA
11990 So. Boulder Road #190
Lafayette, CO 80026

Happy**FATHER'S
DAY**



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Reunion

KRESHA REUNION

The annual Kresha reunion was held at Pawnee Park in Columbus on Sunday, June 11. There were over 90 relatives present.

Happy Birthday was sung to Sophia Kresha of Mitchell who was 92 on June 13. The Kresha family history books were on sale.

The committee for this year was Allen and Loretta Kresha of Osceola and Ronnie and Romona Smith of Shelby.

Those in attendance were Rita Kresha of Sacramento, CA; Sophia Kresha of Mitchell, Mary Lukassen of Kimball, Harold and Lillian Witulski of Beatrice, Gene Thomas and Joe Thomas of Denver, CO; Teri Thomas of San Francisco, CA; Shawn, Karen and Agave Higgins of Olympia, WA; Adolph and Rose Kresha, Joe, Lou, Becky and Jim Kresha, Allan and Loretta Kresha, all of Osceola; Art and Irene Kresha, Bill and Urs Kresha, Martin and Elaine Kresha, Jolene, Colleen and Lois Kresha, Bernard Kresha and Carmen Church, Jerome and Florence Jarecki, Debbie and Joyce Kresha, Dennis, Carolyn, Terrie and Jennifer Kresha, Melvin and Delores Wetgen, Charles and Lucy Kresha, Alma Hasselbalch, Tony, Kathie and Autumn Kresha, all of Columbus; Paul and Theresa Kresha of Omaha, Tom and Mary O'Brien, Beth, Ben, Kelly and Andy of Plattsmouth, Mary Lou, Tom and Jennifer Dunekacke of Rising City, Dan and Mary Jane Hilger, Michelle and Marcus of Bellwood, Ken, Star and Krestie Kresha of St. Edward, Bob Kobza, Bob and Matt Hilger, all of David City; Julie, Joey, Matt and Todd Preister, Michael and Nancy Ross and Kristen Bender, all of Humphrey; Jim, Kristi and Jennifer Becker, Andrea, Regina, Jackie and Nicole Preister of Madison, Fred, Rhonda, Travis and Taylor Simpson of Hickman, and Ronnie, Romona, Randy and Roger Smith of Shelby.

Dear Folks,

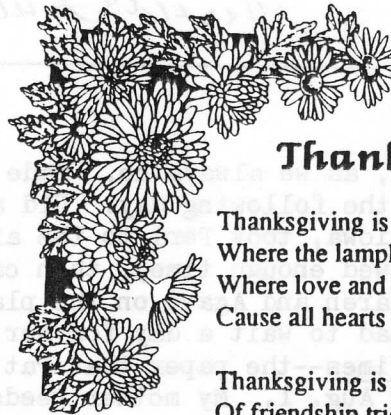
A year ago, we were in Nebraska and ready for the big reunion. It doesn't look like we well get out this summer, although I don't give up hopes. Hope this finds everyone OK.

Our summer here is slow in getting here, then when it does show up, it gets so hot. Last summer it was just awful.

So sorry to hear cousin Rose (Hilger) passed away. May her soul rest in peace.

With love,

ANN SERIO



Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a cozy home
Where the lamplights shine,
Where love and understanding
Cause all hearts to entwine.

Thanksgiving is the golden bond
Of friendship tried and true,
Giving strength and courage
And happiness to you.

Thanksgiving is hope and faith
Throughout the passing years,
And though your plans sometime fail,
Smiling through our tears.

Thanksgiving is acceptance of
The tasks we have to do,
And being grateful for each date,
With special dreams in view.

Thanksgiving is a silent prayer
We say on bended knee,
To thank God for the blessings
He bestows on you and me.



July 31, 1989

Dear Family and Friends:

The June 11 Kresha Reunion was wonderful. It was such a cool day. All the ladies prepared their best recipies and the abundant food was delicious.

We all missed Rose Hilger, but when our journey on this earth is completed and the Good Lord beckons to us, we'll be so happy to join Him.

Bobbi Wolf has asked for your favorite family recipies, especially the old recipies of your parents. So, please copy them and get them in the mail, pronto!

Last week I made choke-cherry jelly. I copied Mama Eva's idea and transplanted some bushes near the house--in the orchard where the center pivot would water them. Choke cherry jelly reminds me of home. Our daughter, Mary Lou O'Brien, picks wild choke cherries and makes her family some jelly, too. It is an old family tradition.

On Monday, Harold started the center pivot, because the milo leaves were starting to curl. We're glad that we didn't plant corn, as it takes more water. Last night we received .50" of rain, so irrigation stopped for a day or two.

I am writing this letter outdoors as I watch the spring chickens fly up into a tall bush to roost for the night. There are 24 chicks this summer that were hatched by "cluck" hens. In October, there'll be a nightly ritual of catching the chickens in the bush and carrying them to the coop.

Best wishes for a safe and a happy vacation.

Love and prayers to all of you,

HAROLD AND LILLIAN WITULSKI

Harold & Lillian Witulski

July 4, 1989

Dear Family,

We enjoyed the reunion, as we always do. Made it to Ogallala (NE) after we left Columbus, then into Denver the following day. Did a few things there, then had dinner at my sister's place near Kiowa, took Teri to the airport (and came very near to missing her flight--hadn't allowed enough time), then came to Grand Junction (CO) the day after that and got Shawn, Karen and Agave on the plane here. All made it home and to work on time, though Teri had to wait a day for her luggage.

I may buy the Fruita Times--the paper that Pat and I started on in 1957--and if so, will probably take over Aug. 1. My mother needs help in getting her medicine taken, meals on time, etc., but can stay by herself for several hours at a time. I'm going to try to make arrangements with a neighbor to check on her sometimes during the day when I go back to work. Neither she nor my dad is in good shape. My brother and I have a schedule sort of worked out wherein we bring Dad out to the house (from the VA Nursing Home) about once every couple of weeks, and take food and have a meal with him in weeks when he doesn't come out. His condition is such that it no longer works very well to take him to a restaurant.

I have enclosed all of our current addresses. Hopefully, they will remain current for awhile. I think Teri is giving some thought to moving again, but the rest of us should be staying put.

Much love,

GENE THOMAS

Congratulations

to Gene Thomas on his purchase of
the FRUITA TIMES--in Fruita, Colorado.. . and GOOD LUCK!



WEDDING OF
GLORIA JEAN THOMAS
and
BRETT LOYAL BECKFIELD

June 10, 1989
Cedar Crest Farm
Fonda, Iowa

New Addresses

GENE THOMAS
308 Pine St.
Grand Junction CO 81503
303-242-2292

JOE THOMAS
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Denver, CO 80222
303-756-7715

TERESA THOMAS
1545 Hampshire St. #6
San Francisco, CA 94110
415-695-9410

ANTHONY SHAWN AND KAREN HIGGINS
AND AGAVE JADE
3301-46th St. NE
Olympia, WA 98506
206-352-5618

GLORIA AND BRETT BECKFIELD
825 Ave B
Ft. Madison, IA 52627
319-372-2667

ADOPTIONS

Connie (Kresha) Schwab, formerly of Columbus, and her husband, Danny Schwab, are the parents of an adopted son, Jared Daniel, born July 7.

Jared, who weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces at birth, joined his parents and older brother, Jeff, in their Gering home July 13.

Grandparents are Bill and Ursula Kresha of Columbus.



Death Notice

John Kresha

ANDERSON — Services for John Glenn Kresha, 84, of Cottonwood will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at Anderson's Chapel.

The Rev. Michael Tamburi of Sacred Heart Catholic Church will officiate.

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post-7141 in Cottonwood will serve as honor guard.

Visitation will be from 12 to 6 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. to time of service Monday at Anderson's Chapel.

Interment will be at Cottonwood District Cemetery.

Mr. Kresha died Friday at Mercy Medical Center in Redding.

Born Sept. 16, 1904, in Silver Creek, Neb., he moved to Shasta County in 1962 from Napa.

He was a machinist for 30 years with the U.S. Navy shipyard on Mare Island in the Bay area.

He was also a member of the VFW Post 7141, the National PT Boat Association and the Shasta County Sheriff's Association.

In World War II, Kresha served on the U.S. Navy PT Boat 107, and received a Purple Heart while serving at Guadalcanal.

He is survived by wife Ines; son Frank of American Canyon; daughter Irene Pritchard of New York; brother Glen of Santa Rosa; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

11-11-89

Dear Family,

This year has gone by very fast. Before you know it, it will be Thanksgiving, then Christmas, then 1990. WOW!!!

We have been very busy. Elaine teaches third grade at St. Isidore School in Columbus. It seems unreal that this is her 7th year teaching there. Jolene is attending Platte College in Columbus, majoring in Nursing. Colleen is attending Creighton University in Omaha. She will have one more year before getting her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree. (1991) Lois works at Appleton Electric in Columbus. Patrick is leading CADs man (Computer Assisted Drafting) at Hoover Dam in Boulder City, NV. He would be more than happy to arrange a personal tour of the Dam to anyone who might be interested. Kenneth is still working as a Diesel Mechanic for Mahoney Sales and Service in St. Edward, NE. Star, Kenneth's wife, works at B-D in Columbus. They live in Genoa, NE. Bernard works as a mechanic at Bill's Volume Sales in Central City, NE. Martin tries his hand at farming. He is a little retired and sometimes quite a little tired. Healthwise, we are all pretty well. A few aches and pains here and there, but nothing major.

We are thankful for the good weather so far. Sounds like it might change.

Have a good Thanksgiving! We love you.

MARTIN AND ELAINE KRESHA AND FAMILY

THE KRESHA FAMILIES IN AMERICA BOOK

What a pleasure it was to get all the family statistics together, research our ancestors, and collect all the beautiful pictures of the Kresha relatives.

When I started to remember incidents about Papa Adolf, the thought occurred to me that no one knows that fact, so I wrote it down. One memory helped recall another memory. So that is the way it goes. You try it and see. Your Grandchildren will treasure your stories. It is a legacy.

As you look through the Kresha history book, please remember to say a prayer for our relatives who have passed away. They need our prayers.

Thank you, each and every one, for your cooperation and patience with the author, editor, and printer. As amateurs, we did the best that we could. The mistakes prove that we are only human! 225 books were printed.

What a nice Christmas gift the Kresha book would make.

Here are some comments that were written to me:

"The Kresha Book is magnificent."--Margaret Kresha

"This is a great book. I got everyone's autograph (Adolf's children) at the beginning of their chapter. I'm so glad we came to the Kresha Reunion."--Mary Lou O'Brien

"This is a very good book to use on our own family geneology."--Will Frye

"It is so well structured. I want to copy the format."--Father Anthony Trausch
When Mike Kresha saw the book, he said, "I changed my mind. I want a book for myself."

"Thank you for the many hours, days and years that you spent to put the Kresha book together. I'm going to look at it for a long time."--Sister Dolores Smagacz

"I purchased a Kresha book for each of our grandchildren."--Irene Kresha

"Now I can use the Kresha book to learn the names of all my Aunts, Uncles and Cousins!"--Marcie Kosch Etter

+++++ Look At This +++++



Glenn Kresha's new house on Hawkeye, just west of the off-street parking area, appears ready for occupancy on the outside. However, finishing the interior takes time and manpower, and the Kreshas were fortunate to have had both this summer. The inside work developed into a family project when his sons and daughters staggered their vacation times so that there were always some able and willing hands to help sand, stain, paint or varnish, etc.

It is a good sight to see new construction so close to the square, and by this time next week the Kreshas hope to be moved and settled in their new home.

Osceola Record 9/14/89

Deer causes stir inside convent

A stray deer caused quite a stir Saturday when it crashed through a window at the St. Bonaventure Convent.

The young buck had been reported running through east Columbus Saturday evening, according to Columbus police, and at about 8:10 p.m. broke through a plate glass window on the north side of the convent at 1572 16th Ave. and ran down a flight of stairs to the basement.

Columbus Telegram 5/23/89

Police Chief David Purdy and Officer Terry Ross were called in to catch the animal. After about 15 minutes, Purdy and Ross were able to subdue the frightened deer by using a rope to catch its legs, wrestling it to the ground and covering it with a tarp in an attempt to calm it. A veterinarian was called in to put the animal to sleep.

No one, including the nuns who live at the convent, was injured and little damage was caused aside from the broken window.

Sr. Dolores Smagacz was one of the nuns living here.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Please take note of some very important things in the KRONICLE this time:

1. If you haven't ordered your copy of KRESHAS IN AMERICA, or if you would like more copies, do it now! There is an order blank on the back page for your convenience.
2. Near the back of this issue are some corrections to be made in the Kresha Family History Book. Are there any others? If so, please send them to Lillian Witulski or Elaine Kresha.
3. Bobbi Wolf is still waiting for your favorite family recipe to include in her upcoming recipe book. Her address is: 2329 No. 143rd Ave, Omaha, NE 68164
4. If your subscription to the KRONICLE is due, or past due, please remit your \$5.00 to Elaine.
5. The deadline for the Christmas issue is Thursday, Nov. 30. I will be typing it to get it in the mail by Dec. 4.
6. Our sympathy to the family of Cousin John Glenn Kresha. We would appreciate knowing the date of his death.
7. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!!

Elaine



Fruita Times staff

The Fruita Times staff gathered for a photo earlier this week. From left are advertising man-

ager Mary Koziol, editor and publisher Gene Thomas, newly-appointed news editor

Gayle Reuss Meyer, and office, circulation, and classified advertising manager Ada TenEyck.

Dan Hilger faced an inhuman job: detoxify his addicted farmland from dependent chemicals and

then face the social consequences.

"Some call me a guinea pig. You could call me an idiot," the Bellwood farmer says, "but it works for me."

Hilger is now raising and selling potatoes to area supermarkets that are untouched by herbicides or insecticides. He uses what he calls probiotics. "They proliferate the natural life of the oil and plant," he says. "The natural system produces nutrients from old plant matter and if these nutrients aren't readily available or are out of balance, the plant's natural resistance to insects and disease is greatly reduced."

His farmland was gasping four years ago after he planted PIK acres into alfalfa, but the herbicide carryover killed the crop.

"I decided there had to be a better way," says Hilger. "I dug and dug from there."

He got the information himself. No one — including the extension service, according to Hilger — seemed interested.

"The difficult part is people putting you down," he says. "But if I'm making a profit and putting money in the bank, I don't care. But it is one of the things that bothers you at first."

Healthy Spuds

Bellwood man raises chemical-free potatoes for sale in area markets

Probiotics uses 16 nutrients to create a balanced level of nutrients naturally.

He began rebuilding his soil. "You try to rebuild about two inches a year going down," he says, "and use good cultivating practices."

Hilger uses leaf, root and soil testing to plan his system. He is testing 29 different varieties of corn to see how well they work with the probiotic system.

Some hybrids have a great deal of resistance, but some varieties are born addicted. "They can't survive without chemicals," he says.

Certain practices work on certain soil types, he says. "People see something work one place and they tried it and it did not. Things have to be adjusted to in-field conditions."

"A lot of people look at different systems. They are looking for a miracle. There are no miracles."

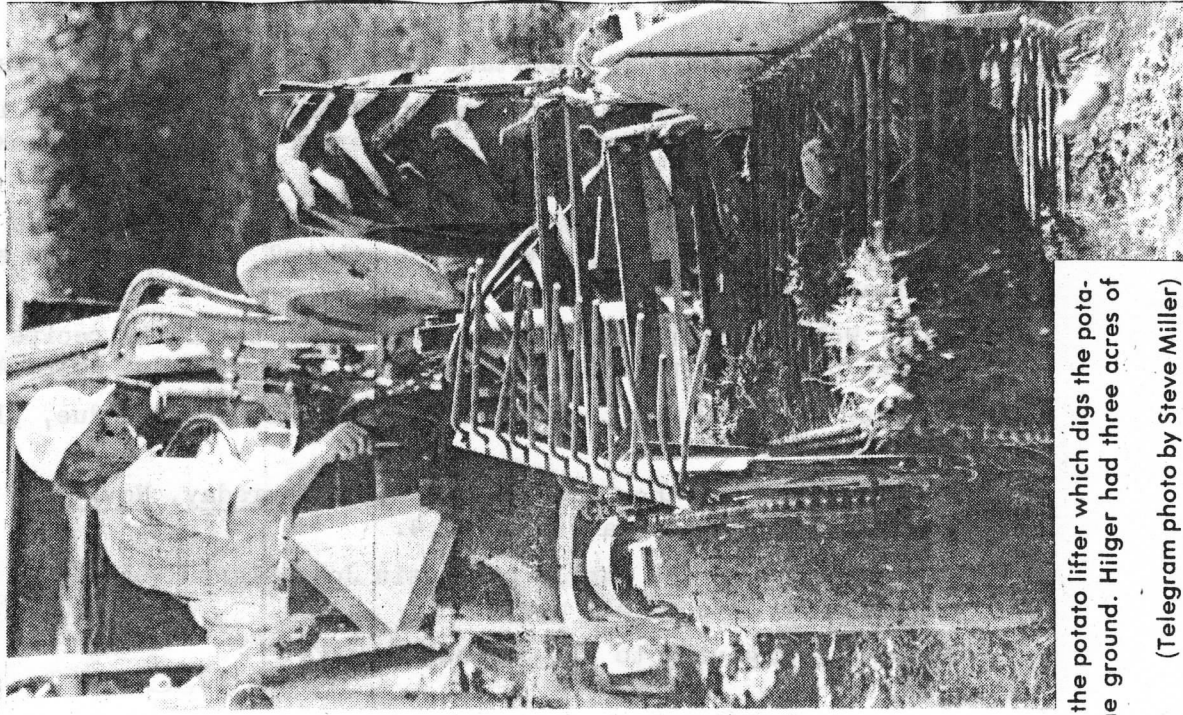
Hilger decided to grow potatoes because they are not real perishable. Almost everybody eats them, and there is a market window from July 1 to Sept. 1 when the Idaho and Wisconsin potatoes haven't hit the market.

Hilger's 10 pound-bags are in four stores in Columbus, plus one store in Bellwood, Schuyler and David City.

Store owners were hesitant at first. "But it didn't take them long," he says. "They became very receptive over the quality of the potatoes and the response of the people coming back for more."

The Higlers averaged about 11,000 pounds per week. Hilger's wife and son, Mary Jane and Marcus, bag the potatoes in their air conditioned garage. "We feel it's been very successful," said Mary Jane. "We jokingly talked about it, and thought we'd give it a try."

"You can tell there is a better taste," says Mary Jane. "One compliment we get from grocery stores is that there is less black in them and less hal-low centers. For being a fresh potato, you can bake it and it doesn't shrink."



LIFTER — Dan Hilger operates the potato lifter which digs the potatoes and deposits them on the ground. Hilger had three acres of potatoes this year.

(Telegram photo by Steve Miller)

KRESHA FAMILY HISTORY BOOK

The following corrections need to be made on the Daniel Hilger family page:

Dan graduated in 1964.

Dan and Mary Jane got married June 10, 1967.

Michael was born February 24, 1968.

KRESHA FAMILY HISTORY BOOK

CORRECTIONS Chapter 18

MARTIN OSWALD KRESHA

page 96

Elaine's maiden name KNEIFEL, not Kniefel

Colleen's name misspelled (not Colene)

Kenneth and Star's daughter KRISTI (not Kristine)

Born March 5, 1989

Martin and Elaine moved to Columbus in the fall of 1986 (not 1987).

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Martin Kresha Family Picture

Correct names:(L-R Front) Colleen, Martin, Lois in front, Elaine, Jolene

(L-R Back) Bernard, Kenneth, Patrick

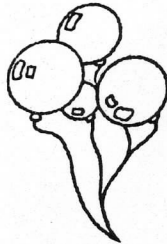
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to

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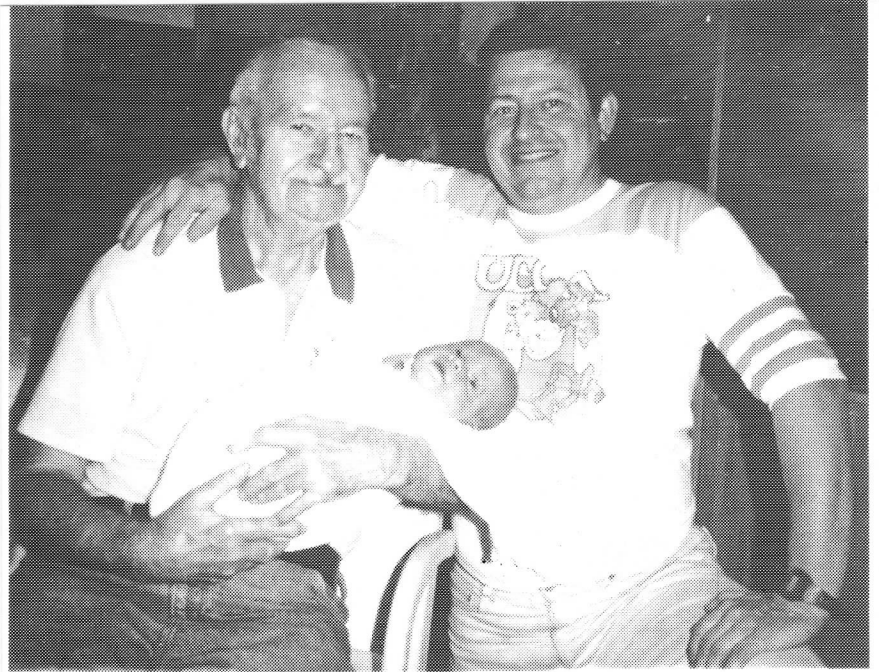
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This is a picture of a couple of happy and proud people, Lester and Bill Kropach, with baby John Lester Kropach. John was born on January 17, 1989 to Bill and Milena Kropach.

Lester was afraid that the Kropach name would die out. Bill got married at 45. John Lester is his first child.



Nov. 29, 1989

Dear Family and Friends,

It was about Oct. 1 that I moved into Kimball and now have a new address, 404 So. Howard, Kimball, NE 69145. In April of this year, my mother-in-law, Martha "Mike" Lukassen went to live in a retirement home in Pine Bluff, Wyoming. I have a purchase contract to buy her house. During the summer the rooms on the main floor were painted and varnished, also some carpet was replaced. Haven't gotten every thing moved to town, but am doing it in installments, as what is left isn't in the boys' way. Dave and Marty are living in the house on the farm.

In mid-September Martha "Mike" Lukassen fell and broke her leg, so she was hospitalized for two months. She is not able to walk with a walker and is back at the retirement home.

We had a nice Thanksgiving holiday. Chris, Josh and baby Thea were home from Atwood, Kansas; also Patsy, John and Kassi Bauman from Carpenter, Wyoming and Nadine, Tom, Haley, Laureen and Whitney Timmons from Hugo, Colorado. Tim Lukassen and daughters Mandy and Kasey joined us for the day.

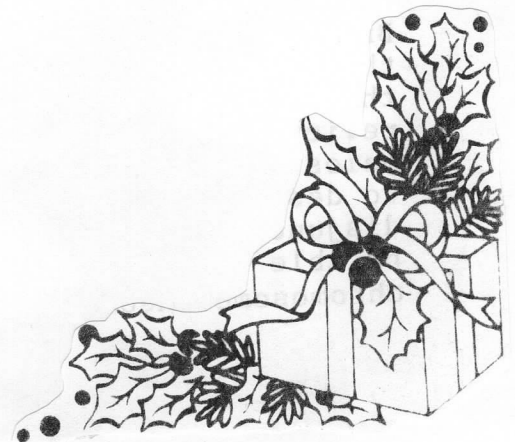
Our wheat crop was about average this year, but corn and sunflowers suffered from weather. We have cattle in the feed lot so there are always chores to do.

May you all enjoy the blessings of the Christ Child at this Christmas season!

Love ya',

MARY LUKASSEN

A Merry Christmas



Nov. 9, 1989

Dear Family,

This year has gone by very quickly. It seems when you become a senior citizen, you shift into "accelerated time". We will celebrate our 44th wedding anniversary this week. How time goes!

At present we are enjoying good health. George seems to be receptive to bronchitis, then a series of antibiotics brings him back to health. At present he is able to do all his yard work. The exercise is good for him.

Bakersfield didn't really feel the strong earthquake that hit the Bay area. Donald and Diane now live up near San Jose, and their home really swayed with the earth. It knocked a lot of their furniture over.

Jerome moved his nursery across town to his 20 acre ranch. It's so much nicer to live right next to your work. The nursery and farm buildings take up about 4 acres. A cotton farmer leases out the rest. It has excellent soil.

Our weather is still very dry. In spite of the drought there was a good cotton crop and large oranges because of the seasonable summer. This is our third year of drought and the rivers and reservoirs are getting dangerously low.

We really enjoy The Kresha Families in America book. It was a great job of putting it together. THANKS TO ALL WHO WORKED MANY LONG HOURS ON IT. Marcie Etter sent me a video tape of the Centennial celebration. It made good viewing for the California Kreshas who were unable to attend.

God love you all,

GEORGE AND MARGARET KRESHA

(Editor's note: The above letter from George and Margaret was intended for the last issue, but came after I had everything all put together.)

MERRY CHRISTMAS 1989

Dear Family,

Those of you who get the KK can follow our family news, so at the risk of repeating myself, I'll keep this short.

George and I continue well. He stays in the house in the AM reading papers until the weather warms up. The past two weeks our night temps have been freezing. That's not so bad if we don't have the cold fog. That's hard to take day after day when the fog gets trapped in this valley.

Mike seems to be doing OK. He has slowed down. Michael still works for the Bank of America repossessing cars. He works a large territory. Richard is still at the Pool Hall. He has the same customers so it's kind of a homey place. Gale is teaching third grade and loves it.

In California the State Superintendent extended the school year 2 or 3 weeks and in a few areas is trying the year round school. I believe that the children attend school for 9 weeks and then are off 3 weeks. The parents object to that system more than the students do.

The Chaissons will drive down for Christmas on Saturday and leave Tuesday AM. The family has been invited to spend three days at a cabin East of Fresno. If they are lucky the children can sled in the snow--if it snows.

I have many chores to do yet. We also want to have our rental terminated before Christmas--before the weather turns colder.

We will include you all in our prayers over the Christmas season. May the Infant Jesus bless you.

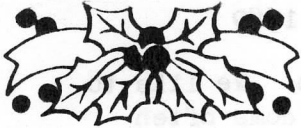
Love always,

GEORGE AND MARGARET KRESHA

JOY



TO THE WORLD!



St. Mary's Cathedral

1716 N. W. DAVIS STREET
PORTLAND, OREGON 97209

December 4, 1989

To All the Kreshas:

Greetings for a blessed and merry Christmas of 1989! The world has much to be thankful for this Christmas. Oh, we've had disasters: Hurricane Hugo and the San Francisco earthquake, to name just two. But who would have ever dreamed last year that we would see the evil empire of Communism in Europe, founded on terror and fraud and oppression, crumble to pieces. What a thrill to see the Berlin Wall come tumbling down, and the Cold War at an end. But the biggest thrill of all was to see the Communist leader come to visit the Pope. Surely the Blessed Mother has chosen this year to answer, or to begin to answer, all those millions and billions of Hail Marys we've been saying for years. Now let us all continue to pray that all those people in eastern Europe, many of them our own ancestral countrymen, will be able to set up just governments, respectful of human rights and geared to workable economic systems. But let us rejoice in the gains made so far.

Father Matt Burger, O.S.R.
(an Olbrich relative)



12-4-89

MERRY CHRISTMAS. . .

Some things never change. .
like the excitement
Christmas brings!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU ALL!!

TOM, NADINE,
HALEY, LAUREN AND WHITNEY
TIMMONS



THE GLENN KRESHAS

Wish each and every one a very merry
Christmas and a Happy, prosperous
New Year.

(In September we joined the
realm of the city slickers.)

We wish you all
a joyful Christmas
and a Blessed New Year- -

KENNETH, STAR AND KRISTI KRESHA

November 28, 1989

Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you, Elaine, for the fine family newspaper that you publish. We like to hear from everyone to find out what they are doing. The issues don't come often enough. Please, you California cousins, write, so we can become better acquainted with you. We look forward to every issue.

After some nice showers in September, one would think that the drought has ended, but that was just a brief intermission. When I dug a trench to plant tulips recently, the soil was "bone dry" just 8" deep, so I had to water the row before planting the bulbs. I've been watering the trees in our yard. I remember the tall trees on the south side of our home that died in 1936. Another drought is predicted in 1990.

We were thankful for the milo and hay crops that we received. Disaster payments from the Government will help.

All my exotic chickens are gone. I gave them to another chicken lover! It has become a chore for me. I need to eliminate some of this work. If I want more, I can always order chicks from the hatchery again.

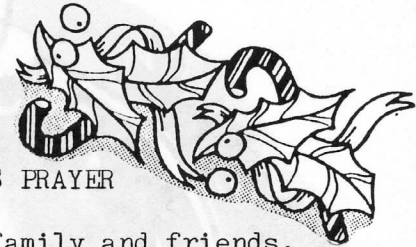
The highlight of the year is the 4-point white-tailed deer that Harold bagged. We have lived on this farm for 25 years and fed the deer. This year Harold applied for a resident license. When Harold was hunting, he got tired of standing up in a tree, so he climbed down and sat on a pile of leaves to wait. That's when the buck came in to range. Needless to say, Harold got it. We made small steaks and roasts. The rest of the venison was made into slim weiners and summer sausage. We had pork added to it.

We are both fine and having fun. My arthritic knees slow down my dancing, but I can still waltz.

We send to all of you our Blessed Christmas greetings. May the newborn Christ Child smile upon you and bless you. May the New Year hold for you, good health, happiness, and some wealth, too. Take time out to live, love one another, and have some fun. Life is too short.

Greetings!

HAROLD AND LILLIAN WITULSKI

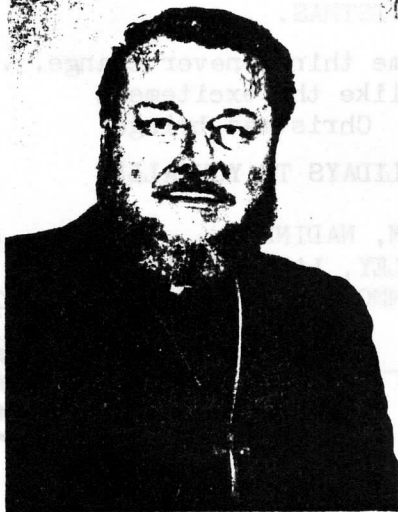


FATHER MESSING'S CHRISTMAS PRAYER

I will remember each of you, my family and friends, in a special way during this Advent and Christmas season. I pray that God will shower you with choicest blessings and grant you every spiritual success. I especially pray for you the blessing of good health and loving friends so you will never lack for someone to share your life and love. In return I ask again that you please remember me in your talks with God.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary,

FATHER FRANCIS A. MESSING



Without the love of Jesus Christ and the power of His Holy Spirit and without your love, support and prayers I can do nothing.

*My prayer for you is
I Cor. 1:3-11*

(Ed. note--Father Messing's family were members of St. Andrew's Church, rural Osceola, NE, for many years. The family later moved closer to Shelby, NE where they became members of Sacred Heart Church in Shelby.

Father Messing was ordained a priest on June 13, 1959. He is now serving God's people in the Archdiocese of Mobile, Alabama.)

Father Francis A. Messing
2048 W. Fairview Ave.
Montgomery, AL 38108

Nov. 26, 1989

Hello Kresha Kin!

Hasn't 1989 been an amazing year? The tragic drought, hurricanes, earthquakes, and plane crashes remind us how fragile life is and how we all depend on each other. The wonderful TV news of freedom in the Communist-Bloc countries has left tears in my eyes. Especially watching the Czech. people celebrating freedom with polkas in the streets! So appropriate since we just celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Kresha immigration from Austria (now Czechoslovakia). Keep up all the prayers for peace, first in our hearts, then in the world.

My parents, Lillian and Harold Witulski, will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary. (Dec. 26) I know they'd be tickled to receive a card from you for their memory scrapbook. (Rt.2-Box 181, Beatrice, NE. 68310)

Zachary is in 1st grade now and has finally lost 2 teeth. He asked me today (Nov.26) if there were any Christmas presents he could open early!! I think we are in for a very long month... We plan to be in Beatrice and we hope to stop in for a visit with you, Grandma Eva. Jennie will fly in to Lincoln from Seattle to join us.

Here is a "photo" of Jesus I want to share, in the season of His birth. It turned up about 2-3 years ago on an Ohio person's film on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Then, different parts of it turned up on film from 3 separate people, in tour groups from 3 countries, visiting Medugorje, Yugoslavia. The negatives were put together and this photo is the result.

We wish you all: joyous holidays, and many blessings!
Love,

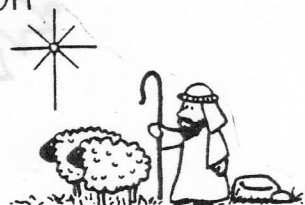
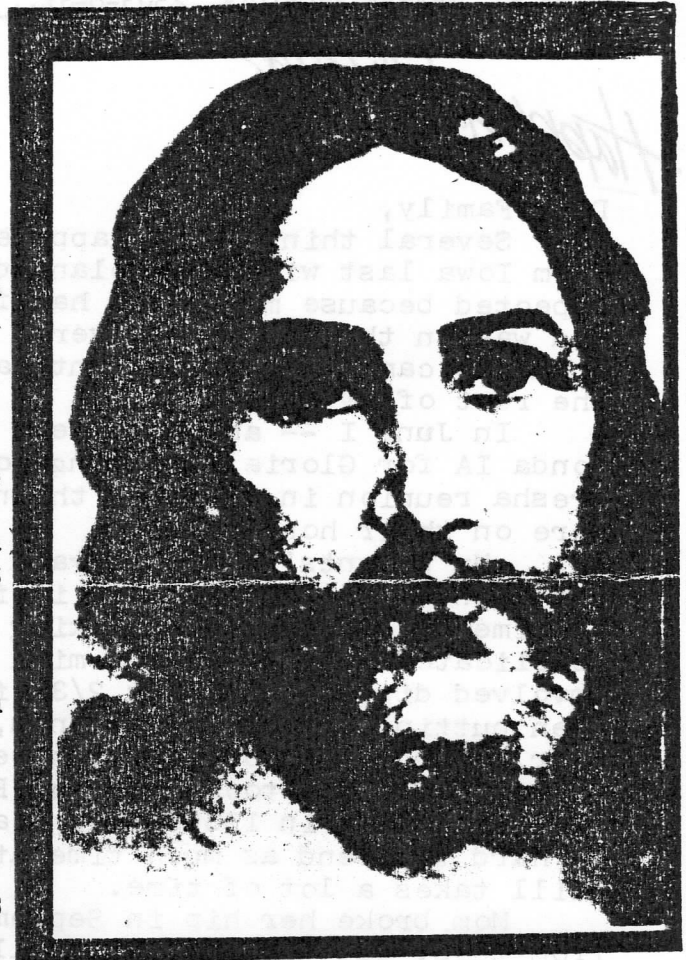
Murl & Marcie Etter
Jennie & Zachary



Wishing you a happy Holiday Season
and a wonderful New Year

My love to you all!

ANN HENSEL



Happy Holidays

Dec. 3, 1989

Dear Family,

Several things have happened in the past year. I moved to Colorado from Iowa last winter as planned, but came a little sooner than I expected because my mother had fallen and hurt her shoulder in January and was in the hospital several weeks. I came out to be with her when she came home, then went back to Iowa at the end of February for the rest of my stuff.

In June I -- and Joe, Teri and Karen and her family -- went to Fonda IA for Gloria's wedding to Brett Beckfield, then we went to the Kresha reunion in Nebraska the next day (all but Gloria and Brett, who were on their honeymoon).

My parents' home and yard here needed a lot of work as they had not been able to do much on it for several years, and I have spent a lot of time since I arrived working on it and still am not done. It was complicated by the uranium mill tailings removal project in June which involved digging up about 2/3 of the yard and hauling in new topsoil, then putting in new sod, plants, etc. I'll still be working on it next year, though not so hard, I hope.

On Aug. 1 I took over The Fruita Times, the newspaper that Pat and I first bought in 1957. Things are going pretty well with it now, but it is hard to spend as much time at it as I need to as helping my parents still takes a lot of time.

Mom broke her hip in September. She has made a pretty good recovery from this, but we want to do all we can to make sure she doesn't take any falls, so have hired a neighbor lady to stay with her when I am not here. She is not functioning at all well mentally. Her doctor does not think the problem is Alzheimer's but I wonder if it isn't.

Dad is still in the VA Nursing Home and we bring him out home for a visit about once a week, but he seems to be getting a little weaker along and this gets harder and harder to do. He turned 94 Aug. 29.

Joe is still working at the optical lab and is also working on a science fiction short story that he hopes to get published at some time in the future.

Teri survived the earthquake in San Francisco, intact but a little "shook up." She is now working at a retail furniture chain as an advertising copywriter. Also she has moved and her new address is 989 Flying Fish, Foster City CA 94404.

My married kids -- Gloria and Karen -- indicated they would write their own letters for this issue of the Kronicle.

I had an interesting phone call recently from G.A. Siren, a longtime resident of Grand Junction who was a schoolmate of Fr. Anthony Trausch in Nebraska. I plan to get together with them for a visit sometime shortly after the first of the year.

I hope all the Kreshas and kin have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Love, GENE THOMAS



Dear Kreshas,

Hello! We loved hearing from everyone at the time of our wedding. Our trip to Cancun, Mexico was great. The ocean was beautiful, and the Mayan ruins were fascinating.

My new job as a reporter at the Fort Madison DAILY DEMOCRAT is going well. I'm learning a lot. Brett is an engineer at the Dial Corporation here--where they make 'lunch buckets', not soap.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all!

Love,

GLORIA (THOMAS) AND BRETT BECKFIELD

Nov. 29, 1989



Dear Kresha Family:

Greetings from Northern California. We have moved back to just about where we were 13 years ago. But life in the San Jose Area most certainly has changed.

In June, Don accepted a new job with his former employer, Alza In Palo Alto, a pharmaceutical company. He enjoys his new job but was most grateful to spend this summer living with his mother in her last few months of illness. His mother passed away on October 2nd after a diagnosis of colon cancer 2 years ago. We miss her happy presense.

The October 17th earthquake struck just 2 weeks after we moved into our Saratoga townhouse. Saratoga is up against the Santa Cruz Mountains, only a 20 minute drive from the quake's epicenter. Just imagine taking hold of a small bush and shaking the stem as hard as you can. That's what our upstairs looked like. The townhouse was built only 10 years ago, so constructed to withstand quakes. We suffered a few foot-long plaster cracks, and lost 2 goldfish, their tank, and a cereal bowl. My good stemware was safely in the moving boxes, still unpacked. The next morning I drove about 6 miles into San Jose and was surprised how little damage was visible--only a few broken store windows. Don's lab, about 20 miles north, appeared to be trashed--broken glassware, fallen instruments, and fallen ceiling tiles. No one there was hurt and, after the cleanup, the repair bill was less than expected. Mark was so upset by the quake plus all the preceding turmoil in our lives that he refused to sleep upstairs for five nights.

We are looking forward to a quiet Christmas in Bakersfield with Mom and Dad and Jerome's family. We wish you all the same, a Blessed Christmas with your loved ones.

DON, DIANE, MARIE AND MARK CHAISSON

Nov. 27, 1989

I wish all of my family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God bless you all and keep you in His love and care.

SOPHIA KRESHA

Dear Kresha Family,
May the Spirit of Jesus
fill you with joy this
Christmas time.

MRS. EDWIN (FLORENCE) KRESHA
KENNY, LISA AND KIM



SEASON'S GREETINGS!

We hope this finds you all in good cheer. Enjoy the holidays with your loved ones. Patrick is coming home from Nevada for Christmas. He will arrive on Dec. 21 and plans to stay here for 2 weeks. Jolene and Colleen are counting the days until Semester break. One bleak note--3 girls--Jolene, Colleen and Lois--will be getting their wisdom teeth extracted during their Christmas vacation.

On a happier note--Elaine will graduate on Dec. 22 from Kearney State College, Kearney, NE with a Master of Arts degree in Education.

May the Infant Jesus be with you not only during this Advent and Christmas season, but throughout 1990!

Our love and best wishes,

MARTIN AND ELAINE KRESHA AND FAMILY



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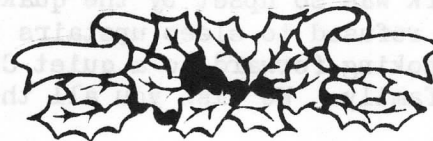
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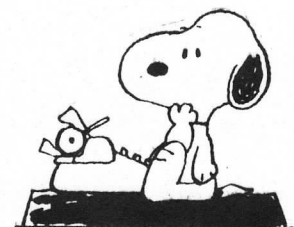
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Editor's Note:

1. Deadlines for the KRONICLE for 1990 will be--
February 20, May 20, August 20, November 20
Publication will be on or about the 10th of March, June, September and December.
I will put an issue out whether I have one letter or fifty letters.
2. In the March (next) issue of the Kronicle, I will publish a list of people whose \$5.00 subscription has been paid.
3. I have more corrections to the Kresha Family Book, which I will include in the next issue.
4. Thanks for the cooperation with letters, pictures and contributions.
5. MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to each and every one of you!

Elaine



Nov. 25, 1989

Dear Relatives of the Kresha Kronicle--

With Thanksgiving behind us, we can turn our attention towards Christmas. How quickly the year has rolled around. So much has happened to us since our marriage a year ago, November 3.

We spent two restful weeks in Hawaii touring 5 islands. Melvin had made arrangements to have the honeymoon suites along the beach at each island we stayed at. Each place had beautiful fresh bouquets of flowers and a bottle of champagne. Every evening the bed covers were turned back. On the pillow was a small orchid and a mint.

Once we got home there wasn't a dull moment. The big task of getting the Christmas cards off early so everyone would know my new name and address. Then we had a furniture sale as there was no need to bring my stuff up here as Melvin has a lovely home fully furnished.

The holidays flew by with Jan. 15th our next big date--our reception and dance at Wishbones. The weather cooperated and we had a big turnout--700 guests. I really was disappointed that very few of the Kresha relatives showed up. I hope this wasn't a sign that you didn't approve of my marriage. You missed a good time. Those of you that did come, I really appreciated it.

In February we took a trip south, stopping first in Missouri to visit two army buddies of Melvins. On to Memphis where we visited Elvis Presley's home, etc. It was more interesting than I thought it would be--all his old cars and planes. We spent some time in New Orleans and once again the weather wasn't favorable. Back in 1972 Dick and I met Aunt Rose and Bud Hilger and Charles and Lucy Kresha. They got there the day before we did. They had been in Mexico City. Anyway, during the night after we got there they had snow which took care of the beautiful roses, etc. Traffic was at a standstill because they aren't prepared for sanding, etc. So both trips (1972 and 1989) limited our touring of the city. We went on to Houston to see Richard Torczon, a first cousin of mine through my Dad, plus, related to the second family of Kreshas through Eva. He is in a wheelchair now. For years he has been fighting Lou Gehring disease and seems to have it under control with diet. He took an early retirement from the Oil Company.

From there we went to Brownsville to see Harold Hersey, my brother-in-law. His wife Nadine (Nyffeler) passed away 9 years ago. Harold has remarried. His wife Garland had several of her oil paintings on display at the huge art show they were having in the city.

When we headed north to come home, we had to go west of Dallas 100 miles as Dallas had the same ice storm Nebraska had for 3 days in February. I'm sure you all remember it. We lucked out and missed the only 2 major winter storms last year. The blizzard was while we were in Hawaii and then the ice storm when we were in the south.

For those of you that don't live in Eastern Nebraska, it really was a challenge farming in '89. Without irrigation the yields of the crops really took their toll because of the second year of drought. We still haven't received measurable moisture so the soil is going into winter very dry.

The farm where I lived was sold so this helped me to go into retirement as of Nov. 1st, plus Nov. 24th I turned 62. Of course, Melvin was very pleased because he wanted me to quit farming as soon as we got married, but you all know it takes time to dispose of a farming operation. Edwin Schacher who has worked for us 35 years is going to take over the other farms that I had rented.

November 10th we flew to London via TWA 767--a very comfortable plane with more leg room, head room and storage above. It was a 9 hour flight over, via St. Louis. We went over to see Dianna and Leonard Walters. They are the couple we met in Hawaii who were on their honeymoon, too. To our surprise they flew over for our reception and dance in January. They had been bugging us to come over there, so we decided we better go over there before they came here again. We stayed in their home which is in a newer section north of London. All the homes are either brick or stone. In 1970 when I was in Europe and England we saw the things tours want you to see, but this time we got to do and see the things an average London person does. It was fun to go to the pubs where the beer is served warm, lots of

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tea and tasty food. The Walters were disappointed because they wanted to get a flight for the 4 of us to go to Paris, but all the hotels were booked, so they made train reservations to go to Edenbou, Scotland. The trains go 125 mph; a very smooth trip. One never had to worry about the food sliding off the table in the diner. We had no idea that so much wheat was raised over there. The hills were full of sheep grazing. We had 2 excellent meals of lamb. They hadn't had frost yet, so the roses werestill beautiful. The temperature was between 50-55 degrees day and night. There were only two mornings of fog. It takes awhile to get used to seeing cars drive on the left hand side of the road while the steering wheel in the car is on the right. I would say 65% of the cars are Ford Escorts (and that is considered a big car.)

Melvin got me a 1990 Lincoln for my birthday. This definitely wouldn't be handy to get around in in London. Even his two door Buick Riveria is a bigger car than they have over there.

Guess this up-dates the past year except to mention that we really had a nice turn out for the family picnic in June. Hope more of you can come next year. God's blessings be with all of you during this Holy Season.



DOLORES AND MELVIN WETGEN



GABEL: John and Mary Ann Gabel of Lincoln are parents of a daughter, Abigail Marie, born Nov. 16 at St. Elizabeth Community Health Center. She weighed eight pounds, eight ounces. Grandparents are Phil and Rosaline Yrkoski of Silver Creek and Max and Rosalie Gabel of Shelby. Great-grandparents are Valeria Smolenski of Silver Creek, Rose Gabel of Shelby, Rose Kresha and Adolph Kresha. Eva Kresha of Columbus is the baby's great-great-grandmother.



Witulski anniversary

Harold and Lillian Witulski of Beatrice will be honored with an open house reception for their 25th wedding anniversary from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23, 1989, at St. Joseph's Parish Center, 612 High St., Beatrice.

Their children are: Marcie and Murl Etter of Lafayette, Colo., Mary and Tom O'Brien of Plat-

smouth, Leon and Sharon Kosch of Tacoma, Wash., and Larry Kosch of Lincoln.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend. They request no gifts.

Harold and Lillian Witulski were married Dec. 26, 1964, at Blessed Sacrament Church in Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Witulski

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