

# Kresha Kronicle



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## Congratulations

### GRANDDAUGHTER AT LEADERS CONFERENCE

Jodi Kresha, a Silver Creek High School junior, is one of 350 high school students from across the nation selected to attend the 1991 National Young Leaders Conference Feb. 26-March 3 in Washington, D.C.



Jodi Kresha

This year's theme is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today," and throughout the conference the scholars will meet with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

The conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, founded in 1985 and committed to recognizing outstanding youth and providing them with a "hands on" civic learning experience in the nation's capital.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Kresha of rural Osceola, Jodi is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kresha of Osceola and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Donelson of Stromsburg.

OSCEOLA RECORD 2-21-91

### Vogt-Jarecke

COLUMBUS — Kimberly Vogt and Greg Jarecke, both of Columbus, were married Dec. 1 at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Columbus. The Rev. Jerry Coneally officiated the 1 p.m. ceremony.

Their parents are Don and Lori Vogt and Susan Ashworth, all of Kearney, and Jerome and Florence Jarecke of Columbus.

Honor attendants were Misty Vogt of Kearney, sister of the bride, and Jeff Podraza of Columbus, friend of the groom. Bridesmaids and groomsmen were Sara Blevins, Claressa Millsap, Rhonda Snider and Robyn Miller, all of Kearney, Tom Jarecke, Jerry Jarecke and Dave Jarecke, all of Columbus, and Tim Vogt of Kearney.

Ushering the guests were Mark Krings, Todd Peterson and Paul Shotkoski, all of Columbus, and Jim Houser of Omaha.

Flower girls and ring bearer were Karla Jarecke of Columbus and Katie Vogt of Kearney and Corey Muller of Kearney.

Candlelighters were Lori Jarecke of Grand Island and Terri Kresha of Columbus.

Personal attendants were

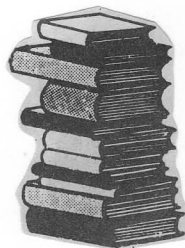
Nicole Vogt of Kearney and Joanna Jarecke of Columbus.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The Jareckes will reside in Columbus where the groom is employed at Tradehome Stores and the bride is employed at CBS, Inc.



MR. AND MRS.  
GREG JARECKE



Raymond Kresha, son of Glenn Kresha, received a master of education degree with a major in counseling and guidance from Southwest Texas State University at winter commencement ceremonies Dec. 21 in San Marcos, TX.

1990

# OBITUARIES



## Gayhart Kresha

Gayhart "Mike" Kresha, 76, of Bakersfield, CA died Jan. 4, 1991 at his home.

Funeral services were held Jan. 8 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Bakersfield.

Mr. Kresha was born May 27, 1914 to Adolf and Sophia (Kropatsch) Kresha at their home in Valley Precinct, Polk County, Osceola, NE. He received his elementary education at rural school District #39 in Polk County and attended Osceola High School.

"Mike" left Polk County Dec. 26, 1937 and, along with Ernest Gabriel and Henry Blessen, moved to California. His first job was working in a gas station. Later he became co-owner of the same station. In time, he worked for the City of Bakersfield, driving a bus for nearly 26 years. He retired from that job in 1979.

He married Lavoda Bates Sept. 5, 1938. The couple made their home in Bakersfield, CA.

Mr. Kresha is survived by two sons, Michael and Richard of California; six brothers, George of Bakersfield, Adolph of Osceola, Martin, Charles, Arthur and Wilfred (Bill), all of Columbus; five sisters, Sophia Kresha of Mitchell, Ann Hensel of Reseda, CA; Lillian Witulski of Beatrice, Mary Lukassen of Kimball and Rita Kresha of Mesa, AZ, and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Feb. 2, 1976; his father, Adolf; his mother, Sophia; his stepmother, Eva (Karges) Kresha; five brothers, Frank, Leo, John, Walter and Adrian, and four sisters, Cecelia Smagacz, Rose Hilger, Amelia Lukassen and Patricia Thomas.

Expressions of sympathy to the family can be sent to: Mr. and Mrs. George Kresha, 711 Loch Lomond Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93304-3334.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
GERHART "MIKE" KRESHA

BORN  
May 27, 1914  
Nebraska

PASSED AWAY  
January 4, 1991  
Bakersfield, California

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL  
St. Francis Catholic Church  
January 8, 1991 9:00 A. M.

OFFICIANT  
Msgr. Maurice Lahey

ORGANIST  
Walter Cool



## CASKETBEARERS

Tom Boyd  
Don Adams  
Chuck Wilson  
Dennison Coe  
Gary Valentine  
Hartzell Elkins

## INTERMENT

Evergreen Lawn  
Greenlawn Memorial Park  
Bakersfield, California



REMINDER ! ! ! !

The Kresha Family Reunion will be held on June 9, 1991 (the second Sunday in June) at Pawnee Park East Shelter, Columbus, NE.

The 1991 Reunion Committee is Tony and Kathie Kresha and Bonnie and Hank Kobza.

Each family is to bring a covered dish and table service for their family. Plan to eat at 12 Noon.

# Births



## Girl first baby born in new year in Osceola

OSCEOLA — A daughter born Monday night to Anthony and Kathie Kresha of Columbus was the first New Year's baby at Annie Jeffrey Memorial Hospital.

The baby girl, who has not been named yet, was born 10 p.m. Monday. She weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. She has an older sister, Autumn.

COLUMBUS TELEGRAM 1-8-91

## Megan Kresha

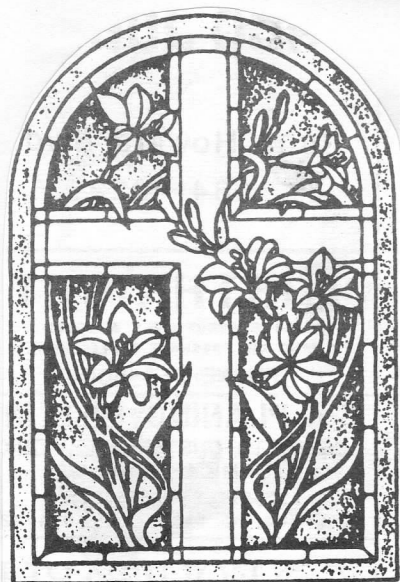
COLUMBUS — Anthony and Kathie (Dittmer) Kresha of Columbus are the parents of a daughter, Megan Delphine, born Jan. 7, 1991.

Grandparents are Glenn and Ila Kresha and Teddie and Mary Dittmer, all of Osceola. Great-grandmother is Mary Dittmer of Clarks.

## Breanne Kresha

DAVID CITY — Dan and Becky Kresha of David City are the parents of a daughter, Breanne Nicole, born March 14, 1991.

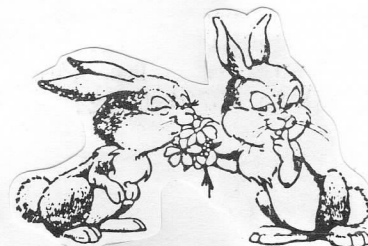
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Codr of Bee and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kresha of David City. Great-grandparents are Marie Codr and Josephine Hladky of Seward, Rose Kresha of Osceola and Mr. and Mrs. Roderic Smith of Shelby.



May our Lord  
and Savior bless you  
with all life's  
worthwhile things  
as we share  
the joy and promise  
His resurrection brings!

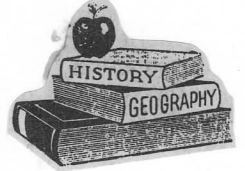
A JOYOUS AND HAPPY EASTER TO ALL

Martin and Elaine Kresha and Family



*He Is Risen!*

# Kresha Kronicle



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Chrissy Kosch



Chad Kosch

LEON AND SHARON KOSCH have adopted CHRISSY and CHAD, who are biological brother and sister. Chrissy is now  $4 \frac{3}{4}$  years old. Her birthday is Jan. 4. Chad will be 4 years old on October 28, 1991.

Chrissy has been in the family since the summer of 1988 and Chad joined them in the winter of 1989.

The pictures were taken May 25, 1990. The adoption took place in October or November, 1990. Grandparents are Lillian and Harold Witulski.

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Daughter, JULIA ROSE SAUNDERS daughter of Josh and Chris (Lukassen) Saunders, born October 12, 1990. Grandparents are Mary Lukassen and the late Jim Lukassen.

Daughter, ASHLEY ELIZABETH, born December 6, 1990 to Bob and Laura Kobza. Grandparents are Hank and Bonnie Kobza.

Daughter, JENNA KRISTINE, born May 30, 1991, to Mick and Nancy (Kresha) Bender. Grandparents are Charles and Lucy Kresha.

Son, Son, MITCH THOMAS KOBZA, born August 28, 1990, to Ed and Kathy Kobza. Grandparents are Hank and Bonnie Kobza.

April 24, 1991

Dear Family,

Hello from Colorado! It has been way too long since I've taken the time to tell "my family" about "my family".

Krista is 17, Kori is 15, Jennifer is 13 and Jessica is 9. There is never a dull moment in our house. Krista just finished the musical of "Annie". She was Miss Hannigan (a big part) and did a superb job. Kori worked behind the scenes as Actor's Asst. She is the artist in our family and just had some of her art work in a Colorado Springs Arts Festival. Jennifer is on the girl's traveling soccer team. This is our first year with this sport so all the girls are learning. Jessica is in the Rec. Dist Soccer league and loves it. She is crazy about sports.

John is busy farming. We have alfalfa and cattle. Now that Dad (Dale Lukassen) bought a 600 Acre ranch by Boone, CO John has been traveling back and forth planting and doing ditch work. It's only April and he's already behind.

As for myself, I am busy managing the campground. These 10 hour days will be 14 hour days as we get busier. Our fears of the war made us wonder about tourism in Colorado. This April has been good. Come visit us!! We sure enjoyed seeing Charlie and Lucy at Curt's wedding in December.

We're hoping everyone is ready for springtime and sunshine.

JOHN, CONNEY AND GIRLS  
(LUKASSEN) PALMER

June 24, 1991  
Milwaukee, WI

Dear Cousins,

Time goes too fast for me anymore. It will be fall and I'll be wondering where summer is. May was an awfully hot month. Right now we are in a cold spell.

Hope you are having a nice summer vacation. Hope you had a nice day for the reunion. Everything is about the same back here. Everybody is busy! We enjoy reading about all the relatives. We wish you all the best.

Will close with love,  
ANN SERIO

June 24, 1991

Dear Relatives,

Just a few bits to let you know about us.

Brett has decided to join ConAgra at Marshall, MO where they make Banquet frozen dinners and other things. He's already working there, but we'll be moved down by July 3. I won't be working for awhile because I'm going to finish my MA in literature this fall at the University of Missouri--Columbia, about 45 minutes from our home.

Our address is: GLORIA AND BRETT BECKFIELD  
Route 4 Box 2065 B  
Napton, MO 65340





# GENE'S JOTTINGS

Gene Thomas

## TRIP TO MISSOURI

I spent most of the between-paper time this past week visiting my daughter, Gloria, and her husband, Brett Beckfield, in Missouri.

Gloria lived in Fruita between the ages of 1 and 2 when we had the Fruita Times after Darrell Conant had it from 1963 to 1965, and before we sold it to Mike and Maxine Bonan in 1966 and moved to Boulder.

After a slow start we had a nice visit. I had made a plane reservation for the trip about May 1 and was to fly to Moline IL which was the closest airport to Ft. Madison IA where they lived then. Rather unexpectedly, Brett got a job offer from Con-Agra at Marshall MO where he is now an industrial engineer, and they moved to Napton, a tiny town near Marshall. We had plans worked out for them to meet me at Moline, take an all-day cruise on the Mississippi (something I've had in mind for a long time), and visit friends in Iowa as well as Missouri. Then Gloria came down with appendicitis and had to have surgery, which made that difficult if not impossible.

I changed the flight plans to Kansas City, about two hours from Marshall, and for last week. Then the flight out of Grand Junction was cancelled because they couldn't get the plane there from Denver, so I got re-booked for Thursday. I had about concluded that maybe the Lord didn't want this visit to take place, but things went great Thursday through Sunday and I came home Sunday night.

We did take a one-hour cruise on the Mississippi, and Brett and I got pretty good sunburns, so maybe it was as well that we weren't out there all day. We rode the riverboat Mark Twain at Hannibal and it was a nice experience, part of which was calliope music with the pipes lined up on the boat's pilot house, powered by a somewhat noisy compressor, but probably not as noisy as the steam engines that were once used at that, and when the music was playing you couldn't hear the compressor — in

fact you couldn't hear anything but the music, unless maybe they would have blown the boat's whistle at that time. Come to think about it, I don't know where they came up with enough air, in the absence of steam, to blow that whistle, which they did a few times and about knocked everybody off the boat.

We toured Mark Twain's home and the Twain Museum and Tom Sawyer's cave. These are interesting sites because Twain used them in "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn," and also based the books' characters on Hannibal people, with little change in some instances.

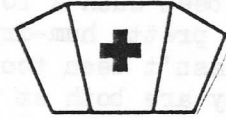
I thought they are doing a good job of entertaining and informing tourists at Hannibal and picked up a few ideas that might eventually be of use here at Fruita.

Gloria and I visited my cousin, Sarah (Madge) Howie Howard and her husband, Roy, at Lee's Summit MO (Sarah, whom we've always called Madge) lived and went to school at New Liberty for a short time in the '20's when her mother (my great-aunt), Sarah Gibbs Howie (later Galbraith, then Thomas), lived there.

We also visited Pleasant Hill MO where my late wife, Pat, and I published the newspaper from 1969 to 1976, and where Gloria and our other kids attended school during that time. We went to the paper office first and discovered the present publisher, who has had the paper the past two years, was an acquaintance, having been editor and then publisher of neighboring papers while we were there. We had a nice visit, but didn't get away from the paper office to visit any other friends as we had planned. Before I left for home Sunday we did visit Carol Terry and her family at Lee's Summit. Carol helped us at the paper in several capacities while we were at Pleasant Hill.

Things working out as they did, I missed some of Dinosaur Days here, but that is my only regret about a great mini-vacation.

FRUITA (CO) TIMES  
August 1, 1991



Mary Reid, RN, was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor sorority of nursing, on May 9 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha where she has been primary care nurse for the past four years. The daughter of the Allan Kreshas, she was accepted into Gamma Pi chapter of the sorority, which recognizes academic excellence and professional leadership.

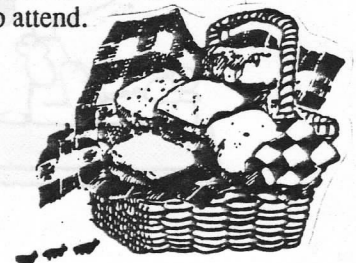
OSCEOLA RECORD  
Osceola, NE  
June 6, 1991

## FAMILY PICNIC 1991

The annual Kresha Family Reunion was held in the Columbus Park Sunday, June 9. In attendance were:

Hank and Bonnie Kobza, Tony and Cathy and Dan and Mary Jane Hilger and Marcus, all of Bellwood; Martin and Elaine Kresha, Colleen Kresha, Lois Kresha, Dolores and Melvin Wetgen, Tony and Kathie Kresha, Autumn and Megan, Bill and Ursula Kresha, Charlie and Lucy Kresha, all of Columbus; Bernard Kresha of Central City, Bob and Matt Hilger of David City, Larry Kosch, Rose Porter and Michelle Hilger, all of Lincoln; Paul and Theresa Kresha, Diana, Don and Molly of Omaha, Romona Smith of Shelby, Harold and Lillian Witulski of Beatrice, Rose Kresha, Adolph Kresha, Chris, Brian, Tom and Mike Gabel.

The reunion picnic is held each year on the second Sunday in June. All relatives far and near are invited to attend.



August 15, 1991

Dear Family,

It has been such a long time since I've included a letter in the Kronicle. Our life seems pretty hum-drum, but at least you will know we are still alive.

There hasn't been too much change in Patrick's or Bernard's lives since I wrote last. They are both at the same jobs that they have been--Patrick at Hoover Dam, and Bernard at Bill's Volume Sales in Central City, NE.

Kenneth has taken a new job as a mechanic at Behlen Mfgr. in Columbus. He started in July. He had been employed as a mechanic full time at Mahoney Implement in St. Edward, NE (days) and full time at Behlen Mfgr. in Columbus, NE (nights). This schedule, plus travel time left him very little time to sleep, eat, or enjoy his family.

Star, Kenneth's wife, is a part-time student at Platte College in Columbus. She is working on an Associate Degree. She has a part time job in the office at Behlen's. She and Kenneth work the same hours. This is a real plus, since it saves on gas and increases the time she and Kenneth have together.

Kristi, age 2 years, 5 months, is a real go-getter. She doesn't miss a thing. She is pretty grown-up for her age, and has Grandpa Kresha wrapped around her little finger.

Jolene will be starting back to school very soon. She will be attending College of St. Mary in Omaha, working to fulfill the requirements for her nursing program. In May, 1992, she will graduate with her RN degree. She has been working at Columbus Community Hospital all summer--alternating between Med-Surg and the Skilled Nursing Unit. She likes it and says she is learning a lot.

Colleen graduated from Creighton University School of Pharmacy in May. She has taken a job at a Pharmacy in Norfolk, NE. She is living in an apartment in Norfolk.

Lois is still at her job at Appleton Electric in Columbus. She is very much into fitness and spends a lot of time working out at various activities. Seems she is always busy with something. I get tired just hearing about her schedule.

Martin and I don't change much. We just get older and slower, with more aches and pains. Martin goes out to the farm several times a day, doing chores, field work, and irrigating. We communicate mostly via notes left on the kitchen table.

I am trying to get organized for another school year. I will have 27 students this fall. It will seem like an awfully lot compared to my 19 last year. I think that I will have a rough year. (Just knowing about how the kids were last year as second graders) I have spent several days at school already--running off papers, putting up bulletin boards, etc., etc. School starts on August 26 with the kids. We teachers have 2 days of inservice August 22 and 23.

I don't need to tell everyone how hot it has been the past month. Before then, we were deluged with rain. Oh, what we wouldn't give for some of that rain now! It looks promising this afternoon. I even heard some thunder rumbling in the distance. I hope everyone's summer was great. Take care.

Love,

MARTIN AND ELAINE KRESHA AND FAMILY

EDITOR'S NOTE:



This issue will be a no excuses, no-questions-asked issue. For whatever the reason, there was no Christmas issue last year. Because of this, some of the letters are old, but still of interest, so I will include them this time.

The 1991 Christmas issue deadline will be December 1.

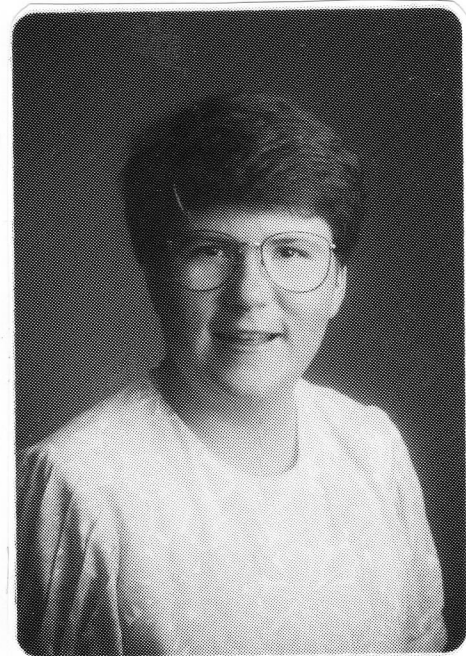
Thanks!

*Elaine*



JOLENE M. KRESHA

Jolene Kresha graduated July, 1990 from Central Community College, Platte Campus, Columbus, NE from the Practical Nursing Program. In August, 1990, she passed State Boards and became a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). She then enrolled in the Nursing Program at College of St. Mary in Omaha. She tested out of the first semester so she worked at Columbus Manor from August-December, 1990. In January, 1991, she began classes in Omaha. This summer she worked at Columbus Community Hospital on the Medical/Surgical and Skilled Nursing Unit floors. She will attend College of St. Mary this 1991-1992 school year. She will earn her RN degree in May, 1992.



COLLEEN M. KRESHA

Colleen Kresha was one of 32 Doctor of Pharmacy students who graduated from Creighton University School of Pharmacy in Omaha, May 18, 1991. She has taken a job at Alexander's Pharmacy in Norfolk, NE.

Colleen's new address is:

609 Blaine Apt. 3  
Norfolk, NE 68701



Chance and Kassi Bauman  
Picture taken Sept. 1990  
Chance was 8 months and  
Kassi was 3 1/2 when this  
picture was taken.

Chance and Kassi are children  
of John and Patsy Bauman.  
Mary and the late Jim  
Lukassen are maternal grand-  
parents.

(See Mary Lukassen's letter  
dated 11-22-90)





**Jodi Kresha - Reserve Champion Advanced Home Environment, Champion Public Speaking Contest Senior.**



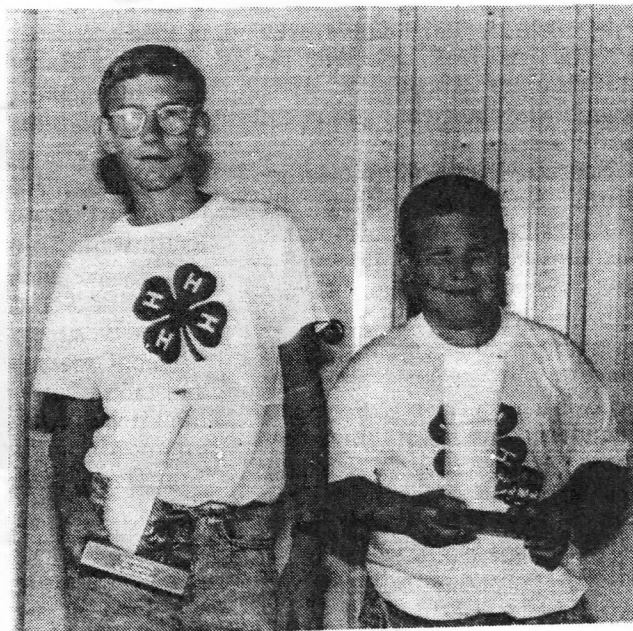
**Becky Kresha - Champion Senior Presentations Contest, Reserve Champion Public Speaking Contest Junior, Champion Rabbit, Reserve Champion Senior Rabbit Showmanship, Reserve Champion Advance Horse Showman, Champion Senior Reining, Champion Senior Trail; Katie Kamrath - Reserve Champion Senior Presentations Contest; Joni Rief - Reserve Champion Senior Presentations Contest, Reserve Champion Senior Sheep Showmanship.**

## TROPHIES FOR THE 1991 POLK COUNTY FAIR.

JODI KRESHA is the daughter of Gregg and Denice Kresha

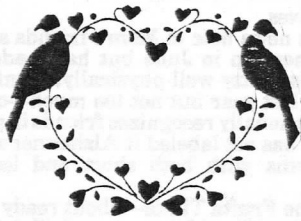
BECKY KRESHA is the daughter of Joe and Lou Kresha

BRIAN GABEL is the son of Pat and Chris Gabel



**Jason Sunday - Reserve Champion Swine Showman; Brian Gabel - Reserve Champion Jr. Swine Showman.**





### Boyd-Kush

CEDAR RAPIDS — Tammy Boyd of Omaha and Richard Kush of Monroe were united in marriage in a July 6 wedding ceremony at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids. The Revs. Theodore Richling and John Straska officiated.

Their parents are Arnold and Karen Boyd of Omaha and Louis and Dorothy Kush of Monroe.

Honor attendants were Sandy Mulholland, sister of the bride, and Marti Lehmann, both of Omaha, friend of the bride, Doug Schmidt of Platte Center, friend of the groom and Randy Kush of Monroe, brother of the groom. Bridesmaids and groomsmen were Lori Cody of Kearney, Jane Swanson of Genoa, Donna Kush of Lincoln, Sabra Schmidt of Platte Center, Larry Seiler of Monroe, Bill Swanson of Genoa, Todd Boyd of Omaha and Jeff Connelly of Columbus. Junior bridesmaid and junior groomsmen were Sara Mulholland of Omaha and Anthony Kush of Monroe.

Ushers were Doug Boyd of Omaha and Dave Mulholland, both of Omaha, Bob Kush of Monroe and Terry Shank of Lindsay.

Flower girl and ring bearer were Lindsay Jones of Shenandoah, Iowa, and Zachariah Boyd of Omaha.

Candlelighters were Eric Kush of Monroe and Scott Mulholland of Omaha.

Honorary personal attendant was Julie Silverberg of Genoa.

A reception and dance followed the ceremony at Loup River Inn.

The Kushs will make their home in Monroe. The bride is employed by Ray Pilakowski at Nebraskaland Insurance Agency in Genoa. The groom is self-employed with Kush Brothers in Monroe.



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD KUSH



### Jeffery Kresha

COLUMBUS — Jeffery A. Kresha of Columbus recently enlisted in the Army's Delayed Entry Program.

Kresha, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Denis Kresha of Columbus, will leave May 28 for basic training at Ft. Benning, Ga., and will then report to Ft. Lee, Va., for advanced individual training. He will be trained to be a material storage and handling specialist.

Kresha is a 1990 graduate of Scotus Central Catholic High School.

## Obituaries

### Eugene F. Kuhnel

LINCOLN — Eugene F. Kuhnel, 63, 2719 Arlington Ave., Lincoln, died Tuesday, April 23, 1991.

Survivors: wife, Bonnie (Gartner) Kuhnel; son, Gary of Richard, Va.; daughter, Pat Schnell and husband Jack of Crete; grandchildren, Spencer and Darin Schnell of Crete, Andrea Kuhnel of Texas; sister, Dorothy Mencl Doerr of Virginia. Preceded in death by parents, Frank and Marge Kuhnel; daughter, Pamela Jean Kuhnel.

Funeral: 10:30 a.m. Friday, Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home, 6800 S. 14th St., Lincoln, the Rev: Myron Pleskac. Visitation until 9 p.m. Thursday, and from 9 a.m. Friday until service time at the funeral home. Memorials established to the family. Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home.

7-13-90

Dear Family,

The family is all doing well. Andy, Becky and Aaron are still living in LaFayette. Andy is going to school again through his job at Storage Tech. He goes 2 nights a week for 2 years. It will mean another promotion when he's done. Becky is not working at the moment. Just staying home and being a mommy to my grandson, Aaron. He is 2 now and learning so much. He's so much fun to have around.

Pam is still at Colorado Auto Auction. Although she did quit her part time job at Michaels. It just got to be too much. She had no free time. Her brace has really been doing the right thing for her back. It looks like she will be wearing it for the rest of her life, but she has adjusted to it well.

Tom is still living at home and still working at Wayne's Automotive. He's been pretty busy there, so doesn't have much social time. No girl friends. Anyway, none that I know of.

Dan will be a Senior this year. Doesn't seem possible. He is thinking of going to American Automotive and Diesel College. It seems to be a very good school. I hope it will work out for him.

We've been working on the house, trying to get it ready to put up for sale. Decided that would be best. It's just getting to be too much for me to handle. I'm not sure just what I will do when it sells. But for now, there is a lot to do here to get it ready.

I have one more week of vacation left, then it's back to work. The summer has gone too fast. We did get to Wisconsin this summer for my family reunion. My sis, Audrey, her husband Ken, and I went. We spent 2 weeks there. It was really nice.

Hope this letter finds everyone doing well. Lots of love and prayers to all.

Love,

PAT KRESHA AND FAMILY



**CHRISTMAS 1990**

Dear Friends and Relatives,

I'm sending this year's news note to Mom's friends as well as mine. She broke her other hip in June but has made a good recovery from that and is pretty well physically. Mentally, she has slipped a little from last year but not too much—can write hardly at all and only occasionally recognizes friends in person or on the phone. Her doctor has not labeled it Alzheimer's, but she does have grave problems with both short and long term memory.

I'm still on the job at the Fruita Times—about ready to get to work in earnest on historical files of the paper. Still doing some work on the house and yard here on Orchard Mesa.

Joe moved here (308 Pine St.) from Denver in September with the idea of working on his science fiction writing. He got a new computer and is getting it set up for word processing. He looks after Mom during the day while I'm at work.

Teri moved from San Francisco to Foster City at the beginning of the year (989 Flying Fish St., Foster City CA 94404). She got laid off as advertising copywriter at Breuner's as part of a corporate cutback—is now doing some temporary work and looking into employment possibilities in book publishing.

Karen and Shawn had another daughter—Lily Coleen—on June 5, so I now have two granddaughters, Donegal and Colleen. They bought a mobile home and moved to Tumwater at the edge of Olympia in September (2110 54th Ave. SW Sp. 43, Tumwater WA 98502). I went out and spent Thanksgiving with them and with other members of the Higgins family.

Gloria and Brett are still at Ft. Madison. Gloria is still a reporter for the daily paper and Brett is still an engineer for the Dial Corp. He has been doing graduate work at Western Illinois University and received his Master's of Business Administration degree Dec. 15. They moved to a different house: 1328 Ave. C. Ft. Madison IA 52627.

The kids lost another grandparent. Pat's mother—Eva Kresha—died last spring at Columbus NE.

Joe will be my only kid home for Christmas. He, Mom and I plan to spend it at my brother Curt's place at Fruitvale.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Gene Thomas*

Estellene Thomas and Joe Thomas

11-29-90

Dear Family,

Thanksgiving has just passed and we had so much to be thankful for. After the 19" of rain in one week with hail causing Melvin and his son to replant 3 times, the dear Lord spared us of an early frost so we did have a good harvest.

We are still traveling a lot whenever we aren't needed on the farm. Everyone is so concerned what I do with all my time now that I retired a year ago November from farming. Would you believe I am busier than ever, but in a different way? I have just as much yard work to do so this has helped me to adjust to living on "the Hill", but I miss my sandy soil compared to this clay.

First part of August we went to the Black Hills. It was 40 years since I was there so it was nice to go back. Of course, now the roads are paved so we were able to drive up to the "Famous Faces". The roads were too muddy and the faces were in the fog 40 years ago so we didn't see them. On the way home we stopped in Mitchell, SD and saw the "Corn Palace". It's interesting the pictures they created from kernels of grain. Oh, yes, the slot machines in Deadwood didn't impress us--gambling doesn't bother us. We can take it or leave it.

End of August and part of September we went to Glacier National Park in Montana and continued north into Canada. They say this is prettier than the Rockies in Colorado. I have to agree. I thought the town of Baniff was quaint. A trip in that part of the country means you must stop and see the World's "Largest under one roof" shopping mall. It is the size of 115 American football fields. It has 800 stores, 110 eating places, the world's largest indoor amusement park, Ice Palace approved for NHL Hockey, 18 hole miniature golf course and more. We arrived in Minneapolis Labor Day night. It was bumper to bumper traffic from Duluth down to Minneapolis. The whole town must have left for the weekend of camping and fishing from their boats. We tried to call Donna Kresha Block, but she has an unlisted number.

For our Second Anniversary we went to Cancun, Mexico, but the weather didn't cooperate. The winds were so strong we didn't get to enjoy their beautiful white, sandy beaches, but enjoyed going to a colorful Mexican Ballet and also the Mayan Ruins.

Now we are looking forward to going to Kansas City December 7 and 8 to see the Christmas lights and will tour the Hallmark Card Factory and a candy factory.

DOLORES AND MELVIN WETGEN

December 1990

Dear Family,

The passing of Eva Kresha during the past year was a major event for us all, as she was the last member of that generation. Her grandmother, Anna Olbrich Scholz, was a sister of my grandfather, John Olbrich, so that makes us 2nd cousins. I'm sorry I never had the chance to meet her. I surely remember her at Mass.

Another major event for me this past year was my move back to Mt. Angel Abbey, from St. Mary's Cathedral in Portland. I am still Chaplain at Good Samaritan Hospital, however. But I commute from the Abbey every day (40 miles each way).

A blessed and prosperous year 1991 to all!

FATHER MATT BURGER  
Mt. Angel Abbey  
St. Benedict, OR 97373



# 4-H



**Jodi Kresha, 1990 Polk County 4-H Queen, Reserve Champion Sheep Showman, Champion Public Speaking Contest Senior.**

Roger Smith is the son of Ronnie and Romona Smith.

Jodi Kresha is the daughter of Gregg and Denice Kresha



ROGER SMITH JODI KRESHA



**Shelly Carlson, Reserve Champion Horticulture; Roger Smith, Champion Horticulture, Champion Swine Showman.**

# 1990

November 3, 1990

Dear Family:

We have finished with milo harvest and Harold is discing the stubble and applying anhydrous. We've had such a nice Indian summer and late fall.

A few weeks ago the Extension Club ladies went on a field trip to Jamesport, MO where the Amish live. Fifteen years ago 7 families moved there from Penn. to establish a Colony. Now there are 165 families and over 1000 people in this Colony. It is governed by 4 Bishops in Penn. They farm with horses, build their own homes, have no electricity, and are just now permitted to have running water. Houses are large and behind every house is a "Grandparent's" house. The babies are all born at home unless a complication arises. Since they are not permitted to have a telephone, the phone company installed a pay phone every 2 miles. Every 2 miles they have their own school house, too. They have a small church, but rarely use it. Families take turns having Sunday services in their homes. That day, every piece of furniture is carried out of the house and stored in the barn. Then benches are placed in the home for seating. We went through one home and there was a gallon jug (of kerosene) lamp on the kitchen table. Lamps were mounted on the 4 walls of the living room. Women dress in black and do not have buttons on their clothing. (buttons are adornment) They use stickpins to hold their dresses shut! After some accidents, men were permitted to have plain buttons on only their work shirts. Until recently, women couldn't have curtains on the window--just shades, but now they can have plain white or blue curtains tied back (no ruffles). If the Colony purchases another farm and it has electricity, the wires are cut off just outside of the house. One summer, when the women were canning peaches in the hot kitchen, someone devised a way to run an electric fan on an air compressor. So they had to vote on the fan and if the vote wasn't 100%, permission was denied.

Heart attacks and strokes are unknown in the Colony. In 15 years, there are only 37 people buried. Five young people were killed in a buggy when a car hit the buggy at night. Some babies don't survive. Women are supposed to bear as many children as possible (as late as the middle and late 40's). Because of this, there are more than average retarded children. The Amish believe that they are following the Holy Bible to the letter! The only mirror in the house has a curtain around it, so it can be covered. (graven image)

When a girl becomes engaged, the future bridegroom stops shaving for the rest of his life. The girls never cut their hair. One lady is said to have hair that trails along the floor when she "lets it down". On the wedding day, a gift is given to the bride and groom separately. Men and women never marry closer than 3rd cousins.

The Amish are not allowed to go into business in town, but they can have a store on their farm. We saw a Leather goods Store, visited a Quilt Shop (it was dark inside--no lights). At Anna's Bakery I purchased a loaf of sourdough bread and rye bread. She had baked on propane and kerosene stoves. We 42 women "cleaned out" her bakery. Anna knew the bus tour was coming, so she had made plenty to sell.

Jamestown is only 2 or 3 blocks long. In every alley there is a hitching post for the black buggies. Women drive the buggies. They wear white bonnets indoors and a black bonnet when they go somewhere.

Amish pay into Social Security because the government says so, but they refuse to cash any Social Security checks.

Can you believe there are such people living in our United States? I'm glad I'm not Amish. In Ohio there is a Colony of Amish that totals 350,000 people. The Amish split from the Mennonite Religion more than 100 years ago. There isn't anything backward about the Menonites in our neighborhood. They have 2 churches in this area and if you drive past on Sunday morning you would see that all the cars parked by the church are less than 3 years old.

We wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving Day.

God Bless.

HAROLD AND LILLIAN WITULSKI



# Happy Holidays!!!!

Dear Family and Friends,

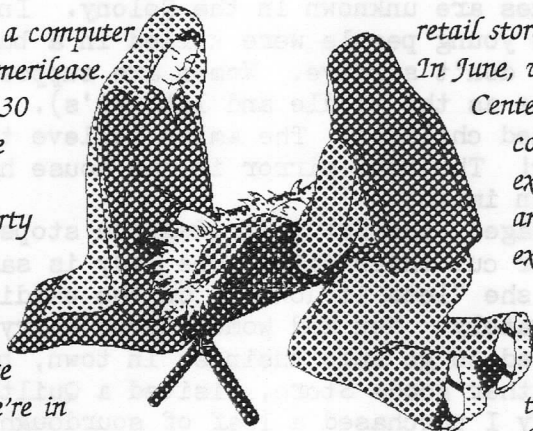
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We hope that this letter finds everyone experiencing the joy of this holiday season. As usual this past year has been once again a busy, hectic & exciting year for us.

Autumn, now three, continues to give us "on the job training" in parenting. This past year for Autumn has been one of potty training and tantrums, learning and growth. She has learned her ABC's pretty well and counts to ten pretty well, and is Dad & Mom's little helper - even when we don't need it. We can hardly remember not having her joy around.

This past year, we also took our yearly ski trips to Colorado, going to Steamboat Springs and Breckenridge with Tony's brother, sister and spouses - no broken bones once again. Business travels took us to the "Broadmoor Resort" in Colorado Springs in the spring and New Orleans this past fall. The summer allowed us a couple of weekend camping retreats and an occasional beach fire at home.

Tony still owns and manages a computer computer leasing company, Amerilease. the store location, to the US 30 renewed. This was both time new location offers increased quite a bit about rental property rental properties - what an



retail store, Connecting Point, and a In June, we had an unexpected move of Center Mall, as our lease was not consuming and expensive, but the exposure. We have also learned and being landlords, managing our experience!

We still live out at the lake, fall. No more pumping dredge the lake make it seem like we're in building a garage/apartment, across

which was finally finished this and pipe, and new paving around the "city". This fall, we started the street from us. It is patterned

after a barn design, and we will use the lower part for storage and shop and rent out the apartment above - it might have made more sense to just have a garage sale!

Kathie is at home, raising Autumn, and is "rental property manager". Those responsibilities and the household chores keep her busy, as well as preparing for the arrival of our new addition to the family in January. Autumn is excited and anxious for the "new baby" to arrive but not nearly as much as Mom and Dad. We look forward to the joy and wonderment a new baby brings, especially at this time of year.

It has been another great year for us. It seem hardly possible that another year has passed. Time continues to pass so quickly, with never enough time to spend with all our family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all this holiday season and we wish you a blessed and joyful holidays and healthy and prosperous new year!

## Tony, Kathie, & Autumn Kresha

November 22, 1990

Dear Relatives and Friends,

This past year two grandchildren were added to my family. On January 20, Chance James Bauman was born, he weighed  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. He spent 4 months in Childrens hospital at Denver and came home May 11, his due date was May 8. Needless to say the prayers of many and the special acts of kindness have helped Chance and his family. He weighs about 16 lbs and can do almost everything a 6 mo. old can. John and Patsy Bauman are his parents.

On Oct. 12, Julia Rose was born to Chris and Josh Saunders. Julia has a sister Thea Leigh. The Saunders live at Atwood, Ks. but are preparing for a move to Devils Lake, N.D. after Jan 1. Josh is employed by USDA.

In June several of us widowed from town went on a motor coach trip to the Pacific northwest. Highlight of the 2 wk. trip was the Portland Rose Festival. We had a grand time.

Summer kept me busy with garden at the farm and yard work here in town. All the fall harvest is in. This year beside corn to harvest we had pinto and great northern beans and sunflowers, the variety for oil.

Best wishes to you all for a Blessed Christmas and a happy healthy New Year!

Love you all,

*Mary*





12-06-90

Dear Family,

The past 4 months have been a wonderful whirlwind for me: I retired from a 35 year career as a nurse anesthetist, sold my house in Sacramento, and bought a house in Mesa, Arizona (suburb of Phoenix) where I plan to live for a few years.

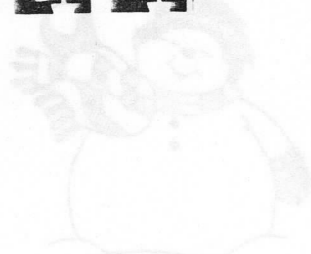
My second career is to be a hospital chaplain--there is a great need all across the country, with 13,000 hospitals without a chaplain. One of the requirements is a theological degree, and that is "hard to come by". About a year ago, I began studies at the Episcopal School for Deacons, to fill that requirement. The school is in the bay area, and so I travel to California twice a month for a weekend of school. The hospital chaplain school is in Phoenix, and I will begin one year of training in the Spring. I'm also "learning the ropes" of social advocacy, and un-learning some misconceptions about homeless persons, by volunteering one day a week at a homeless shelter.

Arizona is very dry--about 7-10" rainfall a year in this area, and very hot! Anyone who wishes may come to visit and stay awhile (after ascertaining that I will be available). However, I surely do not recommend coming to AZ. anytime between June and October!

As you celebrate the miracle of Christmas, may God's blessings be with you this season and into the coming new year. Warm regards and love to all,

*Rita*

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**Hello to All:****December 1990**

Christmas time once again--it doesn't seem possible. This was really one fast year.

Since Brian is a pilot with American Airlines, Christine and Brian visited us several times this year. Christine and Brian joined us for our fourth of July party this year and Christine stayed here for her ten-year high school reunion.

I spent a lot of extra time at work this past year. I think the drought here in California played a hand in all the extra work--we are all praying for plenty of rain this year. I did receive a bit of recognition for once. In May I received "employee of the month" for the Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, mainly for all the drought work and a court litigation that I worked on.

Clarence has been working hard all year. He is involved in the building of a new Postal Vehicle Maintenance Facility in West Sacramento, California. When completed, it will be one of three Postal garage facilities he will be responsible for. The majority of vehicles serviced at this garage will be of the tractor/trailer type.

Matthew is in fifth grade this year. He is doing real well. He is still going to Carden School, a private school. There are only 11 students in his class and he loves his school very much. His school only goes through the eighth grade, so we will have to find a new school in a couple of years.

John has been working for the Sacramento Bee newspaper for the past four months. He seems to like it. He is a route coordinator for the circulation department, which oversees the delivery of over 250,000 papers every morning. The hours are rough working mainly nights and early mornings.

We met Dennis and Carolyn Kresha and family in Reno in July and spent a few days there. After we returned home, our family and Dennis's made a trip to San Francisco via Sausalito and Muir Woods. We took a bay cruise and then had dinner on Pier 39. We all really enjoyed their visit.

In August, John wanted to take a short vacation. Clarence wasn't able to go, so Matthew and I went with John. We went to Magic Mountain, an amusement park in Southern California. We spent another day driving up California along the coast through Santa Barbara to San Luis Obispo and onto Hearst Castle. The third and final day we spent in Monterey where we visited The Monterey Bay Aquarium. These were all places in California we hadn't really spent any time in before.

Chris and Brian surprised us in September. They were vacationing in Hong Kong and returned through Los Angeles. Rather than continuing on to New York as originally planned, they flew up to Sacramento and payed us a surprise visit. A friend of theirs picked them up at the airport and brought them to our house. They just walked in and said helloooo!

We were all reasonably healthy this year so we can thank God for that. Hope this letter finds everyone in your family well and that you have a Blessed Holiday Season.

God Bless You All,

Clarence, Marge, John, and Matthew Kresha



Dear Family and Friends,

1990 Christmas

Christmas greetings to you!

It has been a busy and prosperous year. Vickie recovered from her broken arm. Andy is still employed! Vincent and Carmen are full of energy and life.

Winter in the Southwest has been very mild. Very little rain and high temperatures in the 70s and 80s. We're hoping for a white Christmas, so we will probably have to go to Flagstaff (90 miles north) to see the white stuff.

Let us give you the 'scoop' on our kid's growing lives. Vincent is ten and still dreaming about becoming a pro soccer player. (Just what we as parents always wanted!) we just ended soccer season with his team receiving the third place trophy in his 16-team division. His coach encouraged us to have Vincent try out for the all-star soccer team. Well, he tried out and was delighted to make the team. So here we go. More soccer, harder work, and more traveling are in store. He loves the sport and is really good at handling that darn ball as a forward. Vincent joined band in school and so far has chosen to play trumpet. So we have more "music" in the house... He's also on the high honor roll with straight "A"s.

Carmen is 8 and seems to keep up with whatever Vincent is doing. She is also an honor roll type: straight "A"s. She really enjoys spelling and art. She prefers dance to soccer...and she's trying very hard in her weekly tap and ballet dance lessons. Carmen's class is working on a spring dance recital with great anticipation.

Our children also have Prince (our Daschund) and Crystal (our silver-gray cat) to keep them company. No horse or cow yet in the pasture, but someday.... 4-H is big out here in the country.

As for mom in the home, I feel as if I had a full-time job when I was a nurse, but now I realize what busy is like. I run to practices with the kids, tutor them after school, and spend two days a week as a volunteer mom in their school and lunch committee. Andy bought me a 1965 John Deere mini-tractor with a 46" mower deck to help keep all this grass cut. We irrigate so we can mow (doesn't that make sense?) Actually this lawn tractor has become Andy's toy instead of mine as he likes to play farmer. We planted shade trees, citrus trees, and numerous bushes this spring. Our place does not look like the desert. When we want to see the desert we hike our desert mountain, 2 mi. away.

Andy is another year with Valley Bank, enjoying his work doing recruiting, training, employee relations and compensation "stuff". We are still the parish team couple for Baptismal preparation classes and we teach CCD. Andy is still volunteering at the prison with prayer, scripture study, and song for the inmates. Yes, the guitar gets used at least once a week!

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas, full of the love of Jesus, our brother, Savior and God.

*Hope you enjoyed our "NETWORK" Have a great new year!*

*Andy Vickie*

*Vincent Carmen*

# Becky Kresha Participates In Unique Computer Project

Becky Kresha, daughter of Joe and Lou Kresha, is one of 80 Nebraska girls, age 11-13, participating in a University of Nebraska-Lincoln project, funded by the National Science Foundation, to encourage young people to consider careers in physics and mathematics.

Participants were chosen from small Nebraska school districts. Their selection was based on qualifications which included an inquisitive nature, motivation, at least a C grade average and a teacher's recommendation. Each nominee was also required to write an essay explaining why she wanted to be in the program.

The idea for this type of enrichment program utilizing computers in a summer camp setting was developed by Nancy Lindsey-Griffin, associate professor of geology at UNL. The project was approved, including matching support funds which supplied a computer for each student.

The computers, in addition to giving the girls a chance to process the results of their research, will also give them a way of communicating with professors and other teachers who will serve as mentors during the next several years. Once school starts this fall, the girls will use their

computers and the problem-solving skills gained this summer to work on science projects from their homes, communicating by modem with university faculty members.

Becky was in the group which spent from July 17 through 20 at Kearney State College in computer workshops. After a week-end at home her group began a two-week study of physics and the environment. Their first week's itinerary included Scotts Bluff (Chimney Rock, Scotts Bluff Monument and Agate Fossil Beds), Chadron, Hot Springs, SD; Fort Robinson and Toadstool Park, UNL Trialstide Museum (fossil collecting) and Niobrara (canoe trip).

This week they studied principles of relativity at Wayne State College before going to UNL where their schedule includes the study of pollen, parasitology, virology, UFOs, physiology of the arm, nutrition, flint knapping, nuclear physics, atom smashing and plant science.

UNL professors and high school science teachers across the state hope that excitement about the new computers and the variety of exploratory experiences will continue and motivate the girls toward careers in the sciences.

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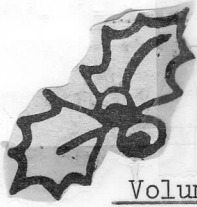
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*Merry Christmas*

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Holidays 1991

Greetings from the Wetgens,

With the ground cover of snow and the cooler weather, makes you realize the Holidays are around the corner. Again, the year has rolled by quickly. Farming was a challenge with the extreme drought. Once again, irrigation made the difference for good yields.

Our travels this past year have been far and wide. We can now say in our three years together that we have been in every state west of the Mississippi River, Scotland, England, Hawaii, Canada and twice to Mexico.

Last January we went to Oregon for the 60th wedding anniversary of Elton and Aullie Kuper, Melvin's cousins. There are several Kuper and Wetgen cousins living in Oregon. It was so good to visit with them all. The last time Melvin was out there was in 1946.

In June we spent a few days traveling through Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, just to see how the crops looked. Many places it was too wet to plant.

In July we made our yearly trip to Metro Dome to see the Twins play.

September found us in Durango, Colorado and Mesa Verda where the Cliff Dwellings are.

For our anniversary this year we went to Puerto Vallianta, Mexico. We left in zero weather. Five hours later we experienced 90 degree weather with extreme humidity.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

DOLORES AND MELVIN WETGEN



**May your Christmas be filled with happiness  
and your New Year blessed with peace.**

*Sister Dolores*

Dec. 1, 1991



Dear Family,

We hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving and will have a wonderful Christmas and 1992. I think the economic squeeze this year may help to make Christmas less materialistic, for a welcome change.

I have enclosed some photos, compliments of Mary Lukassen, from our enjoyable Kresha "Western Cousins" Reunion, held in Sept. at Aunt Pat Kresha's in Brighton, CO. Our families are all growing up and so far apart that it is a real effort to try to stay in touch.

I was never able to verify whether that photo of immigrants in LIFE magazine showed our Adolf Kresha or not. The Director of the photo company wrote to me that there was no information on the photo, which came from the collection of his late father. (Who did collect photos from other's collections, etc.) So, there is a very good chance that it could be him!

I attended a wonderful Marion Peace Conference in Oct. at Pueblo, CO. The next one will be in Denver, next year on Dec. 4-6, 1992. People come from all over the world, about 5,000, with many inspirational speakers and prayers. Joseph Terelya of Russia, said that The Mother Cabrini Shrine near Golden, CO. would become like Fatima in America. In less than a month, Our Blessed Mother did begin to appear there. There has been several messages and some special things, like seeing 2 suns. On Nov. 10, 590 people saw Mary there, and a little boy was healed of blindness. Now there are messages that Mary is calling us there to celebrate her feast-day on Dec. 8--"we will receive many special blessings". So, I am planning to go. She also asks for some prayers between 12 and 1 on that Sunday. We certainly need prayers for the state of the world.

Our daughter, Jennifer, will graduate from Washington State University in Dec. with a major in psychology and minor in Anthropology. She plans to eventually get a Master's degree. Zachary is in 3rd grade now and active in scouts, soccer and baseball.

We pray for your good health, and peace in your hearts, and families..

Love, *Murd, Marcie & Zach Etter*  
*Lafayette, Co.*



Daughter--Rebecca Ann--born November 7, 1991  
to Edward and Kathy Kobza  
Grandparents, Hank and Bonnie Kobza

Daughter--Elizabeth Annette--born September 14, 1991  
to Jerome and Rosa Ella Kresha  
Grandparents, George and Margaret Kresha

December 2, 1991

Dear Kresha Family,

George joins me in extending our best wishes for a very HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS. Much good health in the new year.

Well, it is a few days after Thanksgiving and the Christmas spirit is just dawning. Since we are older, I think it's a carry-over from the past not to start Christmas until after Thanksgiving.

The California Kreshas are in pretty good health at this writing. George is eating well and has gained some weight. I'm feeling much better since September, after a miserable summer. Doctor thought I had some sort of virus that left me bone tired all the time. Plus, I had a tired heart.

Jerome and Rosa Ella are the proud parents of a new daughter--Elizabeth Annette Kresha, born September 14, 1991. She is a beautiful, healthy baby. She looks like the Kreshas. She had a little colic, but is outgrowing it. She was baptized on a Sunday when Donald and Diane (Chassion) were down. They were her sponsors. Rosa prepared a very tasty Mexican dinner for both families.

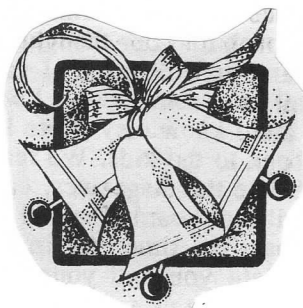
The Donald Chaissons keep very busy. Donald is still with his company. He enjoys his work. Diane is finishing two classes that are requirements for her degree. She is teaching two days a week. Marie is a Sophmore. She was recently put on the Varsity Soccer team at her school. Last year she was on a city team that won the State Championship and the cup for their division. She is also co-piloting the car for her driver's license. Mark is in the 8th grade and is doing super in his school.

Since Mike has passed on you might be interested to know that his boys are doing OK. Richard still has his business. His wife Gale teaches. They just celebrated another anniversary. Michael and Cindy are OK at present. Michael had by-pass heart surgery last spring. He recently had some shoulder surgery. He looks pretty well, but is not working. His two boys are still single.

We have had only .30" of rain since last April. All of California is dry, but Central and Southern California are the worst. We are having a very cold spell. Temperatures were down to freezing the last three nights. In fact, out where Jerome lives one night it was 22 degrees. Needless to say, he covered his trees with plastic sheeting. It's a real hassle until early February. California has recently been infested with the Poinsetta white fly. It nests under the leaves of the plants and kills the plant. It seems to kill most of the vegetables. Up here the frost should help to kill ours.

Keep Fr. Anthony Trausch in your prayers. He has been quite sick lately. Since his surgery he has been having problems with eating, so he is not too strong.

It was good to see you all last summer. We enjoyed our short visit. May God grant you all the grace of good health and happiness in the New Year.



Love and Prayers,

GEORGE AND MARGARET KRESHA

12-4-91

Dear Kresha Klan,

Summer was busy, "out our way." Yard work here in town and a garden at the farm kept me busy. The crops this year weren't the greatest. We had several hail storms that damaged the wheat and one circle of corn had to be cut for silage. Our Great Northern beans did very well, but the Pintos developed a blight which caused a poor yield.

Five of us women had a 2 day garage sale. It really was a lot of work, but we turned unwanted items into cash! The items that didn't sell were taken to the Goodwill store in Cheyenne. We are planning a repeat performance for this summer.

This fall Dave is overseeing a remodeling job at the farm house. Hopefully, this will all be done when he and Trish get married next spring.

Marty and Barb are planning to be married Memorial day weekend, May 23, at York, Nebraska.

I see Sophia about every 10 days. She does walk some with the walker. She takes part in the activities and I haven't heard any negative comments about the food lately. She is still making adjustments getting used to the care given by the employees. The nursing home where she lives was owned by a private concern and they were wishing to close it down, so the city of Mitchell purchased it and will operate it.

All my children were home for Thanksgiving. We had a grand time. The time was so short and the weather didn't cooperate. The kids will spend Christmas with their in-laws.

May you all enjoy a Blessed Christmas, and "don't forget the reason for the season"!

Love,

MARY LUKASSEN



Western Kresha Cousins Reunion  
Sept. 15, 1991

Held in Brighton, CO at Pat Kresha's  
Mobile Park Clubhouse

Mary Lukassen, 2 daughters and grand-  
children

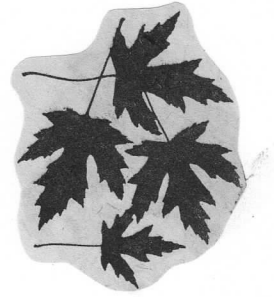
Top: Wanda and Kelly Toombs  
(Ft. Collins, CO)

Bottom: Patsy Bauman with Kassi and Chance  
(Carpenter, WY)

Mary Lukassen, Lindsey Toombs  
(Kimball, NE) (Ft. Collins, CO)



Western Kresha Cousins' Reunion Sept. 15, 1991  
Held in Brighton, CO at Pat Kresha's Mobile Park Clubhouse



Pat Kresha (Brighton, CO) holding grandson, Aaron Kresha, son of Andy and Becky Kresha (Lafayette, CO)

KRESHA 1st COUSINS

Top: Danny, Andy and Tom Kresha (Colo.), Joe Thomas (Calif.)

Bottom: Patsy Bauman, Marcie Etter, Wanda Toombs



December, 1991

Season's Greetings!

Before you know it, another year will be upon us. It's amazing how fast the years go by.

Patrick was out from Nevada in October. He brought his friend, Sandy, with him. Sandy is so sweet. We all like her a lot. She works in Nevada as an auditor for the IRS. While in Columbus, they attended a Taekwando Hall of Fame Banquet. Patrick was inducted into the Taekwando Hall of Fame. He was also one of the celebrity judges for some of the karate competition. While Patrick was here, we had a family picture taken. The pictures turned out rather nice.

Kenneth is no longer working in St. Edward, NE, at Mahoney Implement. He works at Behlen Mfgr. in Columbus, as a mechanic. Star is a part-time student at Central Community College, Columbus Campus. (Business) Kristi, 2 years, 9 months, is anxious for Santa's visit. This is her third Christmas, but the first one where she will actually know what is going on. It will be fun for us all.

Jolene is home for Christmas break from College of St. Mary in Omaha. Only one more semester left. She will graduate in May with her Associate Degree in Nursing. (RN)

Colleen is working as a Pharmacist in Norfolk, NE.

Bernard is still working in Central City, NE, as a mechanic at Bill's Volume Sales.

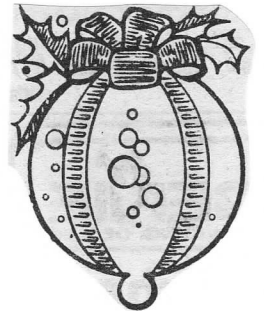
Lois works at Appleton Electric in Columbus. She is very much into physical fitness. She participated in an arm wrestling match this fall. She received 2nd place in her weight class and also earned a trophy. (This was her first ever arm wrestling match.) She lost to a gal who was National Champion last year.

Martin has slowed down somewhat this winter. His arthritis is raising heck with him.

Elaine has nearly finished 9 1/2 years at St. Isidore School in Columbus. She is anxiously awaiting two full weeks of vacation at Christmas time.

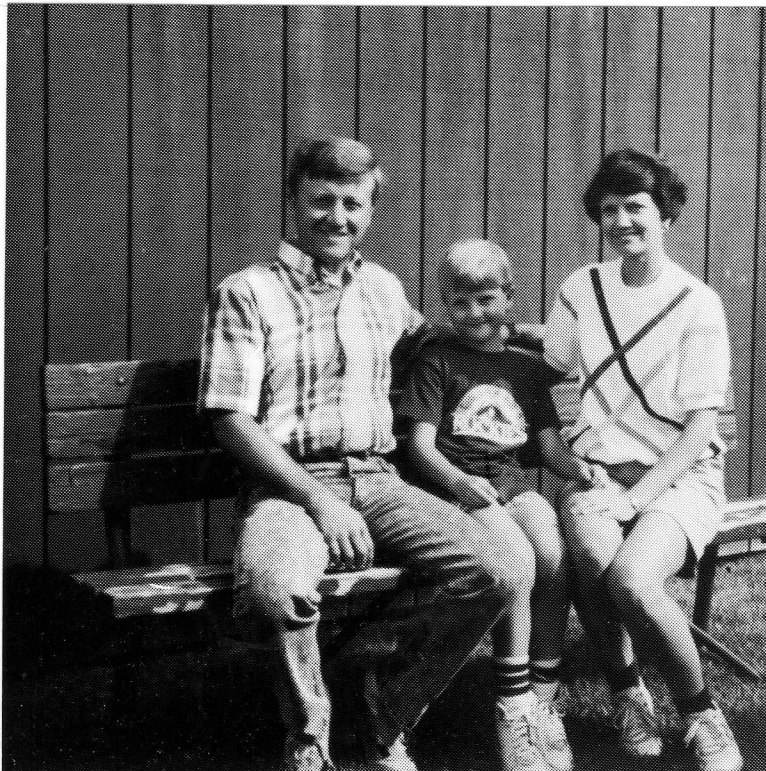
Guess no matter how you look at it, we are all busy. We would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very BLESSED CHRISTMAS and a very prosperous NEW YEAR. May the Christ Child be always with you in 1992!!

THE MARTIN KRESHA FAMILY



Western Kresha Cousins' Reunion  
Sept. 15, 1991 Brighton, CO

Murl, Zach and Marcie Etter  
Lafayette, CO



 Congratulations

JENNIFER STRAUSS  
Graduating in December from  
Washington State University,  
Pullman, WA  
(Jennifer is the daughter of  
Murl and Marcie Etter)