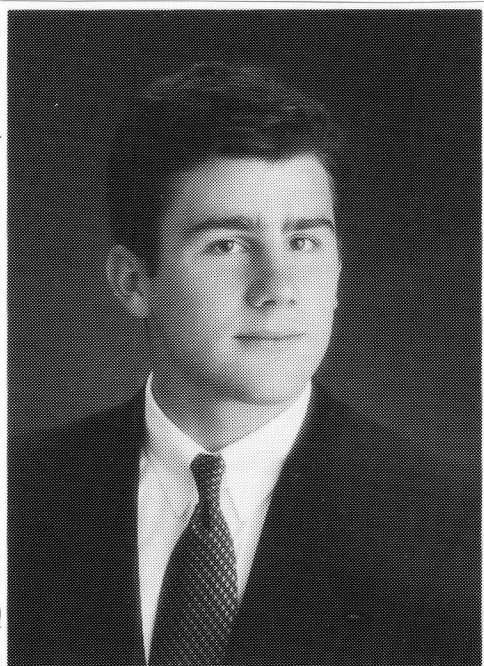




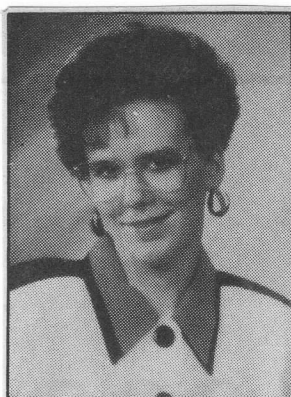
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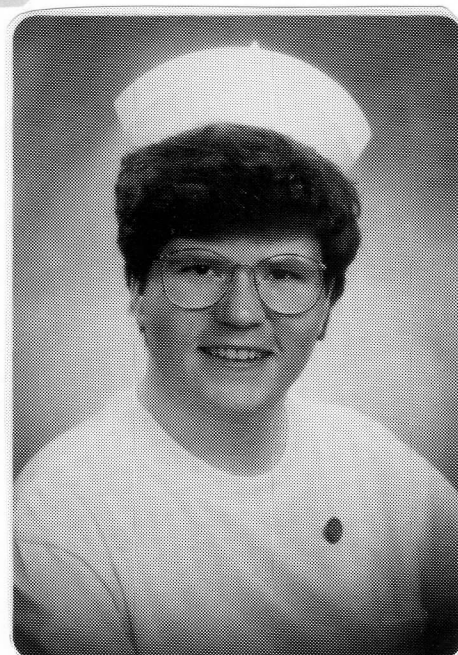
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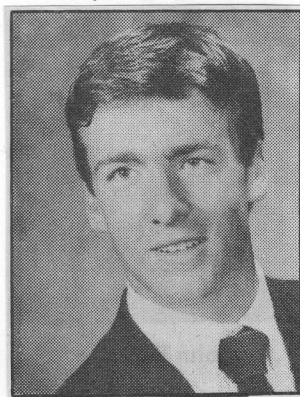
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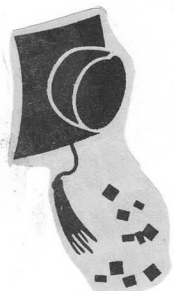
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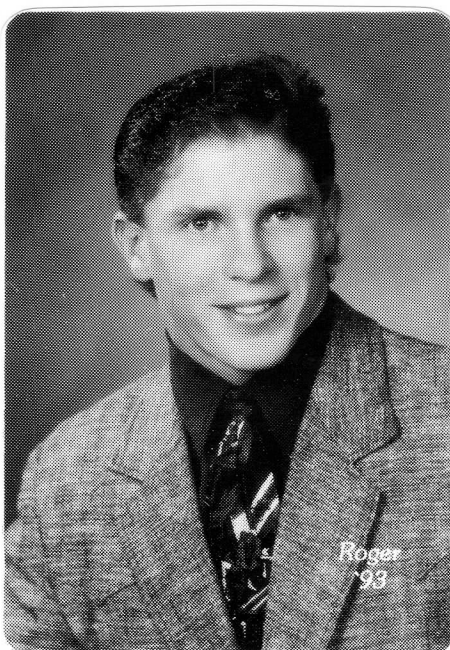


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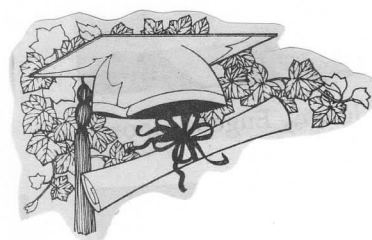


ROGER SMITH
Shelby

Class of 1993

RYAN WOLF
Millard High School
Omaha

LORI GROSCH
Georgia



1992 Grads

-MEET THE GRADUATES-

TY WILLIAM GABRIEL, son of Dian and Dr. William Gabriel and grandson of Art and Irene Kresha, graduated from "The Thatcher School" in June, 1992. Ty was on varsity LaCrosse of which he was captain of the soccer and track teams. He also won ribbons for his horsemanship. During his Junior and Senior years he was a member of the Chamber singers, a select group of twelve. As a Senior he was selected by the faculty to be a prefect in charge of 20 boys. With other prefects and faculty he was in charge of discipline in the dormitory. Ty is a Freshman at St. Olaf College near Minneapolis, Minnesota where his brother Ross is a Junior.

GREG GROSCH, son of Kathy and Wayne Grosch, and grandson of Adolph and the late Rose Kresha, graduated in June, 1992. Greg is attending the University of Georgia, majoring in business. (No picture available)

MATT HILGER, son of Bob and Sue Hilger, and grandson of the late Bernard (Bud) and Rose Hilger, graduated from David City Aquinas, David City, Nebraska, in May, 1992.

DANIEL M. KRESHA, son of Patricia and the late Adrian Kresha, graduated in May, 1992, from Brighton High School, Brighton, Colorado. (No picture available)

JODI DELPHINE KRESHA, daughter of Gregg and Denice Kresha, and granddaughter of Glenn and Ila Kresha and the late Delphine Kresha, graduated from Silver Creek High School, Silver Creek, Nebraska, in May, 1992. Jodi is a Freshman at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

JOLENE MARIE KRESHA, daughter of Martin and Elaine Kresha, graduated in May, 1992, from the College of Saint Mary, Omaha, Nebraska, with an Associates Degree in Nursing. Jolene is a Registered Nurse in the Medical/Surgical Unit at Lutheran Hospital, Norfolk, Nebraska.

RITA A. KRESHA graduated June 13, 1992 with a Bachelor of Theology Degree from The School for Deacons. At the same time, she also graduated from Hospital Chaplaincy. (No picture available)

LORI GROSCH, daughter of Kathy and Wayne Grosch, and granddaughter of Adolph and the late Rose Kresha, graduated in June, 1993. Lori will attend college and pursue a career in Pharmacy. (No picture available)

ROGER SMITH, son of Ronnie and Romona Smith, and grandson of Adolph and the late Rose Kresha, graduated in May, 1993 from Shelby High School, Shelby, Nebraska.

RYAN WOLF, son of Bobbi and Mark Wolf, and grandson of Art and Irene Kresha, graduated from Millard North High School, Omaha, Nebraska, in June, 1993. (No picture available)

1993 Graduates



Happy Holidays!!

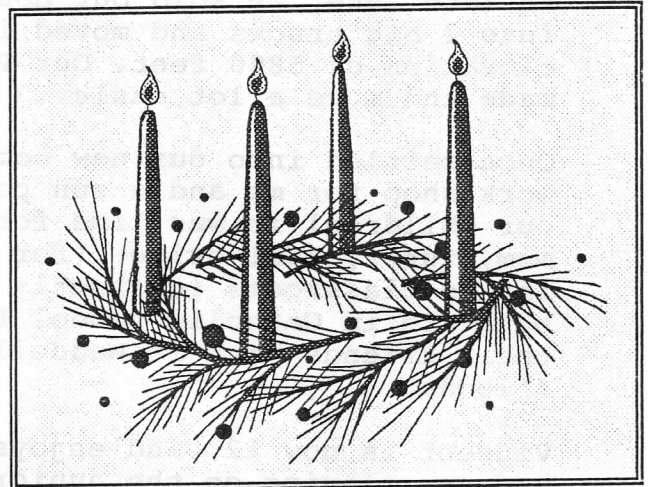
Christmas 1992

Dear Family and Friends,

Season's Greetings from the Kresha's! We hope that everyone is happy and healthy in this joyous holiday season. It seems hardly possible that the Holidays are again here! Watching the excitement and anticipation of Christmas for Autumn and Megan makes this holiday season an extra special one.

Megan, our youngest, is almost two, and has the energy and curiosity of twins! She spends most days tending to her "dollies" and "babies", climbing anything that she can get a toe-hold on (cabinets, shelves, ladders, tables, swingsets, etc.) and generally showing us how unkid-proof our house is. Megan is starting to talk, and is very interested in "Baby Gee (Jesus)" and "the Beast", after watching the "Beauty and the Beast" movie (only about 50 times and counting). She also enjoys being read to, and playing outdoors in the sand.

Autumn, now five, is growing into a young girl, and anticipating starting school next fall. This past year, we got Autumn her own computer and she has learned alot about simple spelling, counting, and computers! This past summer she spent many hours learning to swim and playing on the "Tort and swingset" that Tony built. Autumn is now in sunday school, enjoys coloring and practicing her letters and numbers, playing with "Barbies" and the "Little Mermaid", being read books from the library, and watching cartoons on the "Disney" channel. Autumn say she wants to be a ballerina when she gets big, so we thought we would take her to see a real ballet "The Nutcracker" in Omaha later this month. She has had us read her the story over and over - she's pretty excited - so is Kathie! Autumn's pet cat, "Miffens", had kittens this fall, and she got to see one of them being born! Now she has more cat chores. Sounds like a rough life!



Tony is still owner and manager of Connecting Point Computer Center and Radio Shack in Columbus. He finally finished our "barn" apartment and garage across the street from our house and made Autumn and Megan a Wooden Rocking Horse. He hopes to do more wood work this next year!

Kathie is home with Autumn and Megan, keeping quite busy with the daily responsibilities of a domestic engineer! She works with maintenance and management of our rental properties, is involved in La Leche League, takes the girls to a weekly play group, and has been doing some genealogy work on her family tree.

This past year we did have an opportunity to do a little more traveling. In February, we went to Disney World, and in April we took a Caribbean Cruise on the "Love Boat" on a Radio Shack incentive trip. This summer we got some camping in and family reunions, and this fall, we went to Montana to visit Kathie's brother. With no major undertakings, we also enjoyed the lake and home life.

As another year passes, it seems as though we haven't been able to keep in contact with friends and family like we would like to, but our thoughts are with you often. We all hope that everyone has a safe and joyous holiday season and healthy and prosperous new year!

Tony, Kathie, Autumn & Megan Kresha

December, 1992

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU FROM THE KRESHAS!

This winter, we want to let you know that we are thinking of you and praying for you. Even though it is hard to write a personal letter from beginning to end, we hope you know that we are not great writers but do care a lot!

This past 15 months has been a transition time for all of us. I've been commuting on weekends from Prescott to Phoenix until July. Last November I started a job as Director of Human Resources (personnel) in a mountain town of 35,000 people. I rented an apartment during the week and worked with Vickie to sell our house in Waddell.

In late June, we sold our house (third try), packed everything into 2 big trucks and moved into the "cool pine forests" at an elevation of 5800 feet. Our Phoenix friends and neighbors truly made the move a lot easier.

Once settled into our new home (one that finally has a garage and work shop for me and a sun porch and big back yard for Vickie and our children) it was time for school. Vickie is again volunteer mom, tutor, taxi driver (for extra-curricular activities), and aid in the classrooms (currently Kindergarten). Vincent and Carmen both are in Catholic school for the first time. They really missed their friends back in Waddell, but fairly quickly have added new friends.

Vincent is now 12, and enjoys math, bike riding in the forest, and now playing on the junior high basketball team. The girls are starting to call him....they grow up too quickly for us!

Carmen is 10 and getting tall. She is slowly putting away dolls for reading, letter writing, gymnastics and singing. Both Carmen and Vincent will have parts in the Sacred Heart school Christmas play. Carmen has 15 songs to learn, with one as a trio. Vincent is a "wise man".

Vickie is really enjoying the mountains. She has dreamed of living in the forest, high in the mountains. She regularly takes our yellow lab or dashound for long hikes into the wild. We've found an old-fashioned swimming hole that is perfect in the mild summer weather for splashing and diving. We live within 100 feet of a seasonal stream and just outside an extended National Forest. Vickie is also finding time to volunteer her energies to helping the poor and homeless in numerous ways.

I'm find a lot of "ministry" in working at the community hospital. In personnel matters, I find myself a peacemaker between disputing employees and managers. It is a challenge also to create equitable pay, benefit, and policy structures for our 600 employees. I'm pleased that the wholistic healing vision of our hospital encourages prayer, the spiritual aspects of healing, and high standards and values.

*Wishing you the SPIRIT OF CHRIST this Christmas,
Andy + Vickie & Vincent & Carmen*

December 1992

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO YOU ALL:

Here in western Nebraska we are having snow several times a week. Must keep the snow shovel handy by the door. The past few years winter has been so mild, we are a bit spoiled.

This year has been very exciting for our family. In April Dave and Trish Lockwood were married, and are living on the home place. They each enjoy horses and have competed in shows this past summer. Trish has a full time job with Kimball Computer Service.

In May, Marty and Barb Quiring were married at York. Marty is employed by Sargent Irrigation as a diesel mechanic in Broken Bow, NE. Barb is employed at the nursing home there. They both enjoy gardening and have "put up" alot of veggies for winter use.

In late October I spent a week in Minnewaukan, ND. with Chris and Josh Saunders and their baby girl, Ella Rae, who was born Oct. 24. She joins sisters Thea (3½) and Julia (2), Chris is a very busy Mom. Josh is a rangeland management specialist for the USDA at the Devils Lake office.

Patsy and John Bauman on the ranch at Carpenter, WY sent daughter, Kassi off to kindergarten this fall, making a change in their life. Their son, Chance, is doing well, he didn't have any trouble getting used to his glasses this summer. He will be 3 in January and enjoys his tractors and trucks.

Bob and Wanda Toombs live at Ft. Collins, CO. Bob is on staff at the college and also does consulting. Wanda is employed in the nuclear medicine lab at the college. Kelly and Lindsey enjoy school and going to the ranch on weekends. The Toombs lease a ranch where they have cattle and sheep, they all like riding the range on horse or on the three wheeler.

Tom and Nadine live at Byers, Co. Tom commutes to Denver where he works for AT&T. Nadine is employed part time at the Byers school. Their daughters are, Haley, Laureen and Whitney. Whitney is in kindergarten. Haley and Laureen are at the age that they make monthly trips to the orthodontist.

My house and the yard keep me busy. I bowl on a team once a week and do volunteer work at church and for the Eagles. My next sewing project is to make pillow quilts, maybe after the holidays.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!



Mary
MARY LUKASSEN

December 8, 1992
Feast of the Immaculate
Conception

Dear Family:

CHRISTMAS is soon upon us and I wish to say during my Christmas Mass I'll ask the Infant Jesus, to bestow his choicest blessings upon you and your families. May you have good health and happiness in the new year.

The good news in Bakersfield we received 1" rain the 7th- L.A. and parts had 4" and lots of snow in the mountains. But it will take 40 days and 40 nites to replace six years of overuse of the under ground water. Another storm in Sept brought us 1" also - more is predicted this week.

The snow in the mountains will make it cold and freezing. Jerome already has his trees covered - I still have a tree of oranges to pick.

Jerome had good luck with his trees again this year - in fact he has about 1/3rd more than previous yrs. And most of them already sold to be picked up in Feb or March.

Jerome had San Quacken fever this summer - affects the lungs and body, He ran temperature for weeks but fortunately they now have a special pill for that disease. Its common here in the valley and come from some bacteria in the soil. He is now feeling better but has to rest frequently. Rosa and girls are well, Ruth 4½ yrs is in preschool and Elizabeth is walking and very BUSY.

The Chaisson's are doing great, Diane substitute teaching and keeping busy. Donald is happy with his work and enjoys what he does - Pharmaceutical. Marie and Mark attend the same High School- She is Junior and Mark Freshman.

I am doing O.K. its very lonely at times. Plan to go spend Christmas with the Chaisson's - going by train few days early and JK will drive up.

I had our two front lawns renovated- the thatch was so thick. The soil was already so cold it took 10 days for seeds to germinate and come through. We had a high wind storm preceding the rain and it sure brought the leaves down off the trees and mixed them up.

I must add I was over whelmed with the response of sympathy from our families- brothers, sisters, Neices and Nephews and friends with the great number of Masses, flowers, Memorials - four different memorials in George Memory. And the cards are still coming. I THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR KINDNESS.

God Love you,

Margaret Kresha



December 26, 1992

Dear Family,

It has been a very long time since I wrote a letter for the Kronicle. I'll do my best to fill you in on our past year or so. To start, we all had a very nice Christmas. We were all together Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Dan, Andy, Aaron, and I went to my sister's for dinner. The other two had Christmas Day at their future in-laws. The time has come for mom to share her family. I had a really nice surprise on Christmas Eve. All of the kids got together and took some of their inheritance money and bought me a different car. I knew nothing about it so it was quite a surprise. It is a Honda Civic. It needs some body work, but it has a new engine and has been completely gone over. The interior is in real good shape. Now I will sell my old car and take that money for a paint job. I have been having a lot of trouble with the old one, but Dan is going to fix it up a little so I can sell it.

Now on to the family. Pam is doing pretty well. Still working at the auction. She is very busy making wedding plans. She has a lot done already, but after the first of the year we will really buckle down to get the rest done.

Andy is doing pretty good. He got custody of Aaron, so the two batch now. He does real well with him. Andy is still working at Storage Tech. He really likes it, but with the budget crunch, he will have to take a cut in pay after the first of the year. They are doing this to try to prevent a big lay-off. Aaron is growing like a weed. He's 4 years old now and really looking forward to going to Kindergarten next year. He spends a lot of time with Grandma, which I really enjoy!

Tom is doing OK, too. He is going to be married in June of 1994. When things happen around here, they really pop. He has a really nice girl. Her name is Andrea Lamb. Same last name as my ex-daughter-in-law, but no relation at all. We all really like her. Tom is still working for Wayne's Automotive.

Dan is still living at home. He was working for the trailer court where we live, but he got laid off in November. Not enough work for 3 people, so he is still looking for work. Hope he finds some soon.

As for me, I'm still at the school, this year, anyway. Who knows about next. If they do all the cuts they say they are, my job will be one of them. I hope not, but, I'm keeping my eyes open anyway. I was elected to be on the Pastorial Council for the next 3 years, so that, plus choir, is keeping me busy. I'm still doing the after school day care and also doing mending for the Adams County Detention Facility. In my spare time, I try to keep my house clean, wash and cook.

This past year has not been very good for my family. My brother-in-law, Ken, fell and broke the femur in his left leg. (Jan. '92) He was laid up for some time, then in April, my sis, Audrey had cancer surgery for the second time. She was on chemo for 6 months. Now she is back on chemo again as the lymph nodes in the area she had surgery started growing. She is also on morphine for the pain. She is doing better, but we are really hoping and praying that the chemo does the trick. Their daughter, Donna, is not doing well at all. Last August the Doctors gave her 6 months to live. (She also has cancer.) She is a very strong-willed person and told me last week that she made it to Christmas and she's going to make it to next Christmas, too. I was real glad that I was here to help them all. I would like to ask all of you to remember them all in your prayers. They really have had their share. It's time for things to lighten up a little.

Well, I guess I don't need to write a book, right?! We would like to wish each and everyone of you a very Happy and Blessed New Year.

Lots of love,

PAT KRESHA AND FAMILY



CHRISTMAS 1992



Dear Friends and Relatives,

1992 has been a mixed year for me. On the negative side, my mother died in July and my brother, Curt, died in October (neither death totally unexpected, but not so easy to accept nonetheless), and Karen and Shawn are splitting up.

On the positive side, I bought the old theater building in Fruita in January and have made a little headway in fixing it up, although this is pretty slow. Karen and I bought the Li'l Town Panhandler Antique Store in June, changed the name to Carousel Antiques and moved it across the street into the theater building and Karen is now running it. Things are going pretty well with the newspaper and we will move that to the theater building some time in 1993.

Karen, Donegal and Colleen are just this week getting settled into a house in Fruita. Joe is still in Sacramento, Teri is still in Belmont CA, and Gloria and Brett are still in Marshall MO where they have moved into a new house.

I'm looking forward to 1993, but it promises to be busy. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Gene Thomas



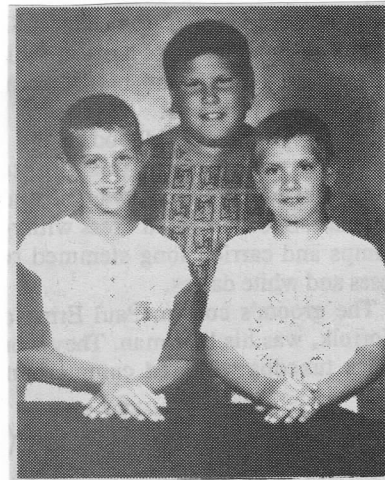
MAY THE JOY AND PEACE
OF CHRISTMAS
ALWAYS BE WITH YOU

A Happy New Year, too! I'm now in residence at St. Agatha's, a Benedictine Parish, but I'm still Chaplain at Good Samaritan Hospital.

FATHER MATT BURGER
1992



MARTIN AND ELAINE KRESHA
October 1992



OSCEOLA RECORD
11-12-92

**Brian 11, Thomas 9, and Mike 7,
children of Pat and Chris Gabel**

OSCEOLA RECORD 4-2-92

Jodi Kresha Is Regents Scholar

Jodi Kresha, a senior at Silver Creek High School, has been awarded a Regents Scholarship to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the 1992-93 academic year.



Jim Fucze
© Portraits

Jodi Kresha

Regents Scholarships are renewable annually if the recipient maintains a 3.5 cumulative grade point average by the end of each spring semester. They provide resident tuition and are awarded on the basis of high school rank, as well as ACT scores.

Jodi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Kresha and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kresha.

Christmas 1992

At this joyful Christmas season,
When hope is born anew,
May God grant His richest blessings
And much happiness to you.

BOBBI, MARK, AND RYAN WOLF

We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year! I'm still collecting recipes, so please note our new address and send away. I'd love hearing from all of you.

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Omaha, NE 68144-2120



Christmas 1991
THE GLENN KRESHA FAMILY
l-r: Andy, Glenn, Ray, Gregg (back)
l-r: Chris Gabel, Ila, Michelle
Berlin, Tony (front)



Autumn, Tony, Kathie, Megan Kresha
Christmas 1992

1992 **First Appleton
Columbus
Employee Retires**



Rosalie Gabel, Panelboard Assembler in Department 822L, retired June 8th, the first vested Columbus facility employee to do so.

Rosalie joined Appleton in December, 1986, as an Assembler, was promoted to General Assembler in August, 1987, and was awarded the Panelboard Assembler position in January, 1990.

Said Rosalie, "I really appreciate everything Appleton did for me. It's been a good place to work, and I'm going to miss everybody. I will definitely recommend Appleton to others."

We wish Rosalie a much deserved relaxing retirement.

BIRTHS

BIRTH

Fred and Rhonda Simpson of Hickman are parents of a daughter, Tori Marie, born Aug. 6 at St. Elizabeth Community Health Center in Lincoln. She weighed eight pounds, 14 ounces. She was welcomed home by brothers Travis and Taylor. Grandparents are Virgil and Marie Simpson of Falls City and Ronald and Romona Smith of Shelby. Great-grandparents are Roderic and Martha Smith of Shelby and Adolph Kresha. 1992

REBECCA ANN KOBZA--born Nov. 7, 1991 to Edward and Kathy Kobza. Grandparents are Hank and Bonnie Kobza.

A daughter born on August 5, 1992 to Julie (Kobza) and Chris VANDENBERG. Grandparents are Hank and Bonnie Kobza.

ELLA RAE SAUNDERS--born Oct. 24, 1992 to Chris (Lukassen) and Josh Saunders. Ella has two sisters, Thea and Julia. Grandparents are Mary and the late Howard "Jim" Lukassen.

GREGORY ROBERT KOBZA--born Dec. 16, 1992 to Bob and Laura Kobza. Grandparents are Hank and Bonnie Kobza.

AMANDA MARIE KOBZA--born May 11, 1993 to Edward and Kathy Kobza. Amanda has a brother, Mitch, and a sister, Rebecca. Amanda weighed 8 lb, 13 oz at birth. Grandparents are Hank and Bonnie Kobza.

Sarah Jarecke

COLUMBUS — Gregory and Kimberly (Vogt) Jarecke of Columbus are the parents of a daughter, Sarah Kimberly, born Feb. 1, 1992

Grandparents are Jerome and Florence Jarecke of Columbus, Don and Lori Vogt of Kearney and Susan Ashworth of Kearney. Great-grandparents are Frances Jarecke of Columbus and Charles and Rose Vogt and Dale and Dorothy McCammon, all of Kearney.



Sarah Kimberly Jarecke



Michelle, Mary Jane, Dan, Marcus Hilger June 1992

Happy 25th Anniversary.



Daniel and Mary Jane Hilger will celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Michelle & Marc would like to invite you to an informal open house on Sunday June 14 at Marrietta Hall Presentation Parish, Bellwood, starting at 4 p.m. Friends & relatives are invited to attend without further invitation. Your presence is a cherished gift, they request no other. June 10, '92





Trish Lockwood and Dave Lukassen married in Catholic ceremony

St. Joseph's Catholic Church was the setting for the April 25, 1992 wedding of Tricia Lockwood and Dave Lukassen, both of Kimball. Parents of the couple are Alvin and Beverly Hisey and Mary Lukassen, all of Kimball.

Monsignor Carl Hayden officiated at the 4:30 p.m. double ring ceremony. The church was decorated with Easter lilies.

Cynthe Staehr of Kimball was organist and Paul Schadegg of Kimball and Sheryl Keane of Sidney were vocalists.

The bride, escorted by her parents, wore a tea length handkerchief hem bridal gown of ivory lace with sequin applique and Venice lace trim. The cascading hair piece was made of brocade flowers and accented with seed pearls. She carried an arm bridal bouquet.

Matron of honor was Linda Moser of Kimball. Junior bridesmaid and ring bearer was Taren Lockwood, daughter of the bride.

Mike Moehr of Kimball was best man. Usher was Marty Lukassen of York, Nebr., brother of the groom. Scott Rasmussen and Steve Schadegg were altar boys.

Special guest for the wedding was Martha Lukassen, grandmother of the groom.

A reception and dance was held at the Holiday Restaurant. Rick and Janice Henderson took the bride and groom to the reception with their horse and buggy team. Hosts were Leo and Sharon O'Hare. Servers were Wanda Toombs, Nadine Timmons, Patsy Bauman and Chris Saunders. Deb Bartels and Kay Petersen took care of the gifts.

The couple took a wedding trip to Montana and Canada.



Mr. and Mrs. Stopak

Kush-Stopak

GENOA — Donna Kush of Monroe and Scott Stopak of Silver Creek were married May 16 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Genoa. The Rev. Jim Tiegs officiated at the ceremony.

Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Kush and Mr. and Mrs. John M. Stopak.

Honor attendants were Denise Nordeen of Columbus, sister of the bride, and Craig Strong of Lincoln. Bridesmaids and groomsmen were Jolene Jarecki of Kearney, Staci Stopak of Silver Creek, Corrine Bozza of Marysville, Calif., Dennis Yrkoski of Omaha, Ryan Heiden of Silver Creek and Randy Kush, of Monroe. Junior bridesmaid was Amy Kush of Monroe.

Ushers were Rich Kush of Monroe and Jeff Jones of Silver Creek.

Flower girl and ring bearer were Chantelle and Clayton

Kush, both of Platte Center.

A reception at Loup River Inn in Fullerton followed the wedding.

The newlyweds live in Hastings. The bride is advertising manager for Allen's of Hastings. The groom is the program director for the Hastings YMCA.

1992



PAMELA ANN KRESHA, daughter of Patricia and the late Adrian Kresha, and LESLIE DALE TALMADGE, were married on May 22, 1993, at Morningside Manor, Arvada, Colorado.

Barb Quiring and Marty Lukassen were married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in York, Nebr. on May 23, 1992. Father James Dives officiated at the 2 p.m. ceremony. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Don Quiring of Bradshaw and Mrs. Mary Lukassen and the late Howard Lukassen of Kimball.

The bride, escorted by her father, chose a white sparkle satin gown featuring a high neckline with wedding band collar and basque bodice. The full skirt had a Cathedral length train with schiffli lace appliques and sequins. Her veil, made by her mother, featured a headband with baby rose and pearl clusters and a pouf of illusion.

Michelle Van Housen was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Christy Slepichka, cousin of the bride and Denise Carmichael.

Pat Parsons was best man for his cousin. Groomsmen were Dave Lukassen, brother of the groom and Jeff Quiring, brother of the bride. Ushers were Josh Saunders, brother-in-law of the groom, Randy Modlin, Dan Buck and Kevin Quiring, brother of the bride.

Flower girl was Kassi Bauman, niece of the groom and ring bearer was Patrick Quiring, cousin of the bride.

Following the ceremony a reception and dance was held at the Bradshaw Community Center. Hosting the event were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowman, aunt and uncle of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. John Bauman, sister and brother-in-law of the groom.

Special guests for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Bowman, grandparents of the bride and Walt Epp, great uncle of the bride.

After a wedding trip in Wyoming and Yellowstone National Park the couple is living in Broken Bow, Nebr.



Barb Quiring and Marty Lukassen wed in Catholic ceremony in York



Mr. and Mrs. William Rombach

Kresha-Rombach wed

Lois Elaine Kresha became the bride of William Louis Rombach, both of Columbus, in a 2:00 p.m. ceremony at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Columbus. The Rev. Joseph Miksch officiated at the August 29 nuptial.

Parents of the couple are Martin and Elaine Kresha of Columbus, Shirley Jenkins of Glenwood, Minn. and Paul and Jane Rombach of Ogallala.

Brenda Arnone, friend of the couple was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Colleen Kresha and Jolene Kresha of Norfolk, sisters of the bride, Tina Sander of Grand Island, friend of the couple. Personal attendant of the bride was Sherry Rombach of McCook.

Wayne Breyer of Lincoln, friend of the couple was the best man. Groomsmen were Tim Kush of Columbus, Jeff Johnson of Columbus and Steve Sander of Grand Island, all friends of the couple.

Ushering the guests were Tim Long and Tom Arnone both of Columbus and Kurt Cockson of Bellwood, all friends of the couple.

Ring bearer was Andy Rombach of McCook, nephew of the groom. Flower girls were Katie Rombach of McCook and Kathleen Sikes of Hastings, both nieces of the groom.

Candle lighters were Patia Heieie of Glenwood, Minn. and Nadia Sikes of Hastings, nieces of the groom.

Carrying offertory gifts were Kenneth, Star and Kristi Kresha of Genoa, brother, sister-in-law and niece of the bride.

Diana Thalken of Columbus was organist. Dawn Svoboda of Columbus was vocalist. Paula Kneifel of Bellwood, cousin of the bride, pinned flowers. Chris Rombach of McCook and Casey Sikes of Hastings, both nephews of the groom, passed out programs.

A reception and dance followed the ceremony at Wishbones Dance Hall in Columbus. Host couples were Jerry and Janet Kneifel of Bellwood, uncle and aunt of the bride, and Tom and Sherry Rombach of McCook, brother and sister-in-law of the groom.

Cake attendants were Mary Lukassen of Kimball and Betty Jolkowski of Grand Island, Godmothers and aunts of the bride and groom. Punch and coffee attendants were Patia Heieie and Nadia Sikes. Gift attendants were Jackie Rombach of Ogallala and Wendy Cole of Minnesota, sisters of the groom.

The Rombachs will reside in Columbus. The bride is employed at Appleton Electric and the groom is an automotive technician for Center 66.



Kresha-85th

OSCEOLA — An open house for Adolph "Doc" Kresha's 85th birthday is Sunday, Sept. 22, from 1-4 p.m. at St. Vincents Parish Hall, 631 South St., Osceola.

All relatives and friends are invited without further invitation. No gifts please. 1991



KRESHA PICNIC June 1992

Charlie, Lillian Witulski, Martin, Adolph, Bill, Mary Lukassen

Dunekacke wins writing award

RISING CITY — Jennifer Dunekacke of **Rising City** was named a district winner in the fifth annual RespecTeen "Speak for Yourself" letter writing contest.

Dunekacke is an eighth-grader at Rising City Public School and the daughter of Lee and Mary Lou Dunekacke. She wrote a letter concerning conservation to U.S. Rep. Douglas Bereuter.

She was among 12,000 students from across the United States who entered letters they wrote to U.S. representatives, stating their views on youth-related public policy issues.

COLUMBUS TELEGRAM 5-17-93

Acolytes and Lectors instituted

Members of Sacred Heart Parish, Charles Micek, Sr., Leon Eller, Eugene Gabel and Patrick Gabel, Osceola were instituted as Acolytes on Sunday at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. John Messing and Thomas Bougger, Rising City, were instituted as Lectors. Most Rev. Fabian W. Bruskwitz, Bishop of the Lincoln Diocese, officiated at the 3:30 p.m. ceremony. Father Maurice Current and family members of the ministries candidates attended the services.

Becky Kresha Is In CCC Honors Chorus

(Columbus, Neb)--An Osceola student is one of about 150 musicians who have been selected to participate in the High School Honors Band and Chorus November 29 and 30 at Central Community College - Platte Campus.

Becky Kresha will sing soprano II in the honors chorus. The local choral director is Pam Mashek.

Becky is the daughter of Joe and Lou Kresha

Kresha to teach in Costa Rica

ST. CLOUD, MINN. — Ronald Kresha of Columbus is one of six St. Cloud State University students who will be doing their student teaching in San Jose, Costa Rica as part of their preparation to become teachers.



Kresha

Kresha, a senior English major at St. Cloud, and the other students, will complete six weeks of student teaching in the United States before traveling to San Jose. Kresha is the son of Dennis and Carolyn Kresha. 4-12-93



Joe Kresha, Mary Lou Dunekacke, Rosalie Gabel, Rose Kresha, Adolph Kresha, Kathy Grosch Romona Smith, Bettian Witulski --- Sept. 1991



New owner at antique shop

New owner of the antique shop at 210 E. Aspen Ave. in Fruita is Karen Thomas. She purchased the business from Terri Schafer who ran it as Li'l Town Panhandler Antiques and Treasures and is renaming it Carousel Antiques. Thomas plans to keep the store open from 12

noon to 5 p.m. each day, Wednesday through Sunday, and be closed on Monday and Tuesday. Thomas is the daughter of Fruita Times publisher Gene Thomas and the two help each other some in operating the newspaper and the antique business. Karen is living at

Grand Junction at present but plans to move to Fruita as soon as possible. She is a native of Fruita and has two small daughters. Tentative plans are to move the shop to the Majestic Bldg. across Aspen Ave. when the current lease runs out next fall. Photo by Gene Thomas
June 1992



SOPHIA C. KRESHA

A funeral Mass of Christian Burial for Sophia Cecilia Kresha, 94 of Mitchell, will be held Wednesday, February 26, 1992 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Theresa Catholic Church in Mitchell with Fr. Gerald Harr officiating. A rosary will be recited at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, February 26, 1992 in the church, with Jones Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

A second Mass will be celebrated Friday morning, February 28, 1992 in St. Isidore Catholic Church in Columbus, Nebraska at 10:30 a.m. CST with Fr. Rod Kneifl officiating. A Rosary will be recited Thursday evening with McKown Funeral Home in charge of arrangements there.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Theresa Catholic Church in Mitchell.

Sophia passed away Monday morning, February 24, 1992 in the Western Nebraska Nursing Home, where she had resided for the past several months.

Sophia was born June 13, 1897 in Osceola, Nebraska to Adolf and Sophie (Kropatsch) Kresha. She received her early education in Polk County District #30 Schools and attended a course at Omaha Business College. She was employed by Polk County Extension offices, and was a Deputy County Clerk for 13 years. She then went to work for Farmers Home Administration in Osceola and Valentine. She was transferred to Mitchell in 1949 where she has since resided.

Sophia was a life-long member of the Catholic Church and a member of St. Theresa's in Mitchell; the Legion of Mary; and was a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. She had dedicated her life to the veneration of the Virgin Mary. For seven years she operated a second hand clothing and rummage sale in Mitchell, with the proceeds used for the building of the present church. She had been church organist for some 30 years prior to her part in the completion of the new church.

Survivors include brothers Adolph Kresha of Osceola, George Kresha of Bakersfield, California, Martin Kresha of Osceola and Arthur, Charles and Wilfred 'Bill' Kresha all of Columbus; sisters Ann Hensel of Reseda, California, Lillian Witulski of Beatrice, Mary Lukassen of Kimball and Rita Kresha of Mesa, Arizona, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; by brothers Frank, Leo, John, Garhart, Walter and Adrian Kresha; by sisters Cecelia Smagacz, Rose Hilger, Amelia "Millie" Lukassen and Patricia Thomas.



In Loving Memory Of

SOPHIA C. KRESHA

June 13, 1897 February 24, 1992
Osceola, Nebraska Mitchell, Nebraska

Mass Of The Christian Burial

St. Theresa Catholic Church, Mitchell, Nebr.
Wednesday, February 26, 1992

10:00 A.M. (MST)

Celebrant

Fr. Gerald Harr

Organist: Mary Neu

St. Isidore Catholic Church, Columbus, Nebr.

Friday, February 28, 1992

10:30 A.M. (CST)

Celebrant

Fr. Rod Kneifl

Organist: Eldora Schrad

Songleader: Ed Cerny

Escorts

Dennis Kresha

Larry Kresha

Allen Kresha

Greg Kresha

Dan Hilger

Bob Hilger

Interment

St. Andrew's Cemetery
Rural Osceola, Nebraska



*The family of
Sophia Kresha*

*acknowledges
with grateful appreciation
your kind expression
of sympathy*

Thank you for the mass offering.

Rose Kresha

Rose M. Kresha, 76, of rural Osceola, died Saturday, April 25, 1992, at Butler County Health Care Center in David City.

Funeral services were Wednesday morning, April 29, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shelby. Celebrants were the Reverends Maurice Current, Edward O'Leary and Peter Gadiant.

Lee Nicolas was acolyte and the lector was son-in-law Steve Witulski. Mass servers were Michael Prosocki, Kelly Logan and grandsons Jim Kresha and Matt Witulski. Offertory gift bearers were granddaughters Rhonda Simpson, Julee and Jennifer Dunekacke. Avis Rathje was organist and the vocalists were Judy Vrbka and granddaughter Becky Kresha.

The pallbearers were her grandsons, John and Steve Gabel, Dan and Brad Kresha, Randy and Roger Smith. Honorary pallbearers were her grandsons Greg Grosch, Thomas Dunekacke, Jim Kresha, Matt, Eric and Tyler Witulski.

Mrs. Kresha was born Dec. 30, 1915 in Genoa to Joseph and Valeria (Prosocki) Kielian. She was a 1935 graduate of Silver Creek High School. She married Adolph Kresha Oct. 23, 1935 in Silver Creek.

She was a charter member of Wesley Chapel Club and a member of the Shelby American Legion Auxiliary, Osceola Senior Citizens Center and St. Andrew's Altar Society. She was a member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church in rural Osceola.

Survivors include special friend Adolph Kresha of Osceola; two sons, Larry of David City and Joe of Osceola; five daughters, Rosalie Gabel and Romona Smith, both of Shelby; Kathy Grosch of Dublin, GA, Mary Lou Dunekacke of Rising City and Bettian Witulski of Cincinnati, OH; 19 grandchildren, Maxine Goeltz, John and Steve Gabel, Dan and Brad Kresha, Rhonda Simpson, Randy and Roger Smith, Pam, Greg and Lori Grosch, Julee, Jennifer and Thomas Dunekacke, Becky and Jim Kresha, and Matt, Eric and Tyler Witulski; 12 great-grandchildren, Clinton, Christopher and Scott Goeltz, Abbie and Cassandra Gabel, Amanda and Jessica Gabel, Brandon, Brittany and Breann Kresha, and Travis and Taylor Simpson; eight brothers, Tony of Columbus, Stanley of Aurora, CO; Louie and John of Greeley, CO; Bob of Tacoma, WA; Alfred of Wahoo, Dick of Silver Creek and Joe of Sidney; five sisters, Sophia Brewer of Dolan Springs, AZ; Irene Kava of Fullerton, Mary Ann Bartusiak of

Morton Grove, IL; Theresa Tarnick and JoAnn Placzek, both of Columbus.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Andrew.

Mom and roses are much the same,
Both are God's masterpieces, each with a different name.

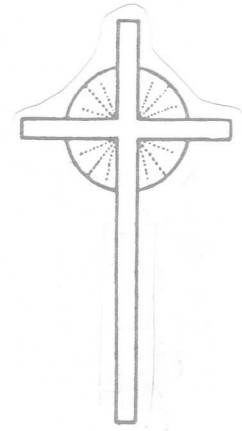
God looked around his garden and found an empty space,

Then he looked down upon the earth and saw her tired face.

He put his arms around Mom and lifted her to rest.

He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb,

So he closed Mom's weary eyes and whispered, "Peace be thine."



THANK YOU

A Very Sincere "THANK YOU" to all of you who in any way conveyed to us your acts of sympathy and love.

Thanks to the KRESHA FAMILY for the flowers. God bless you all!

THE FAMILY OF ROSE KRESHA

DEATHS

MARTHA

"PAT"(MRS. CLARENCE) KROPACH--died of cancer on August 17, 1989. Clarence is a cousin to the first family of Kreshas.

MARIE M. SCHOLZ--wife of Milton Scholz.

Marie died January 20, 1992. Milton was a first cousin to Eva Kresha.

CLARENCE W. SCHOLZ--died Sept. 10, 1992.

Clarence was a second cousin to Eva Kresha.

EVA KOTLAR--died Jan. 1, 1993. Eva was the daughter of Oswald Kropatsch. She was a first cousin of the first family. She and Sophia Kresha were born on the same day.

LOUIS "MAC" IWAN--died on Jan. 21, 1993.

He married Alda Kropatsch. He was a first cousin to the first family.



OBITUARY

George A. Kresha Bus driver, 81

A funeral Mass will be at 9 a.m. today for George A. Kresha, a retired bus driver known for his friendly customer service in Bakersfield during a career that spanned more than 30 years.

The Revs. Mark and Daniel Seiker, Kresha's nephews, will officiate the services at St. Francis Catholic Church, 900 H St. and the interment at Greenlawn Southwest Cemetery.

Kresha died Tuesday in a local hospital. He was 81.

A former co-worker remembered Kresha as a dedicated and very accommodating driver.

It was normal for Kresha to drive in front of each home, toot the horn and offer curbside service. Often he would go grocery shopping for his customers.

There also were instances when Kresha would turn the sprinklers on for vacationing customers during his route and shut them off on a return trip.



"He was definitely one of a kind," said Golden Empire Transit District driver Bill Pierson. "We all gave him some good-natured kidding about the way he conducted himself on the bus line. ... He had customers spoiled."

Kresha moved to Bakersfield in 1937 from Nebraska. He is believed to be the last streetcar driver who made the switch to buses. He started with streetcars before World War II. He served in the Army as an anti-aircraft gunner.

Kresha drove a transit bus from 1945 until his retirement in 1975

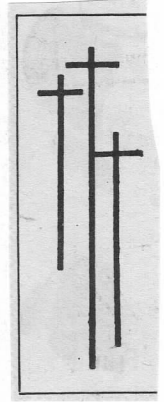
He is survived by his widow, Margaret and their adult children, Jerome Kresha and Diane Chaisson.

*Put in paper by
Bus Co.*



KRESHA, GEORGE A.—Rosary will be recited Friday at 8:00 P.M. with Mass of Christian Burial celebrated Saturday at 9:00 A.M., both at St. Francis Catholic Church for George A. Kresha, 81, who passed away October 13, 1992 in a Bakersfield hospital. Mr. Kresha's nephews, the Reverends Mark and Daniel Seiker will officiate and interment will follow at Greenlawn Southwest Cemetery.

Mr. Kresha was born January 31, 1911 in Osceola, Nebraska. He farmed in Nebraska for several years during the Depression. In 1937 he moved to Bakersfield working two years as an orderly for San Joaquin Hospital. During WWII, he served his country with pride as a U.S. Army anti-aircraft gunner in Honolulu. Prior to WWII he drove a streetcar for MIC Transit Company. George was the last streetcar operator to make the transition to buses in Bakersfield. He drove a transit bus from 1945 until his retirement in 1975, with an accident-free record. He was a devout member of St. Francis Church, and a kind, gentle man who enjoyed his family, his neighbors and his books and garden.



He is survived by his wife, Margaret; son, Jerome G. Kresha of Bakersfield; daughter, Diane Chaisson of Saratoga, CA; granddaughters, Marie Chaisson, Ruth and Elizabeth Kresha; grandson, Mark Chaisson; daughter-in-law, Rosa Elia Kresha; son-in-law, Don Chaisson; sisters, Ann Hensel of Reseda, CA, Lillian Witulski and Mary Lukassen of Nebraska, Rita Kresha of Arizona; brothers, Adolph, Martin, Arthur, Charles and Wilfred "Bill" of Nebraska; nephews, Michael and Richard Kresha of Bakersfield, and other nephews and nieces outside of Bakersfield. He was preceded in death by six brothers and five sisters.

Visitation will be Friday from 9:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. at Doughty-Calhoun-O'Meara. The family requests that donations be made in his memory to St. Francis

School or the American Heart Association, Kern Co. Chapter.

**Doughty-Calhoun
O'Meara
Funeral Directors**



ADOLF KRESHA

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David City Banner Press June 18, 1992

Sisters selected to attend summer science institutes

Jennifer Dunekacke of Rising City is attending a summer science institute at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Jennifer, a seventh grader, has been chosen for the Young Scholar's Institute WISE project, and is completing her final week of her three-week session this week.

Participants attend one three week session, each of which provide a variety of hands-on experiences in exploring environmental sciences and applying research techniques. With the help of professors and other professionals from several areas of science, the girls work on challenging science projects that involve field trips as well as work in laboratories and with computers.

In addition to the academic focus, the participants experience college life, living in dormitories and meeting girls from throughout the state. Recreational activities, career awareness, and problem-solving workshops are part of the experience.

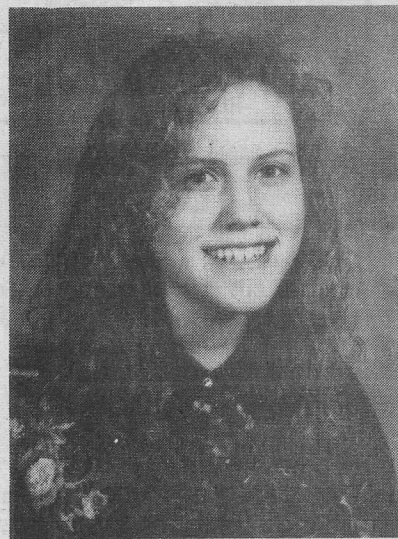
Julee, a freshman at Rising City High School, will attend the Georgetown College Pre-College Academic Experience in math and science in Georgetown, Kentucky. She has been awarded a full scholarship from the Raymond B. Preston Foundation for the sessions beginning July 12 and ending July 25.

Enrollment in this institute is limited to 20 students. The PAEMS program will feature forensic chemistry, DNA analyses, computer applications, environmental issues, chromatography, electrophoresis, and a nocturnal field trip to the Cincinnati Zoo.

Julee also was a two-year recipient of the UNL WISE project. The girls are the daughters of Lee and Mary Lou Dunekacke of Rising City.



JENNIFER DUNEKACKE



JULEE DUNEKACKE

COLUMBUS TELEGRAM 1992



Hernbloom



Smith

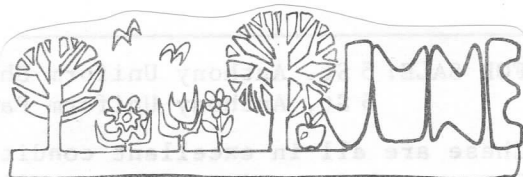
Shelby juniors picked for state

SHELBY — Two Shelby High School juniors have been selected to attend the 1992 Cornhusker Boys State and Girls State June 7-13 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Amy Hernbloom will represent the auxiliary unit of the American Legion Frank McMillan Post 296. Roger Smith will represent American Legion Frank McMillan Post 296.

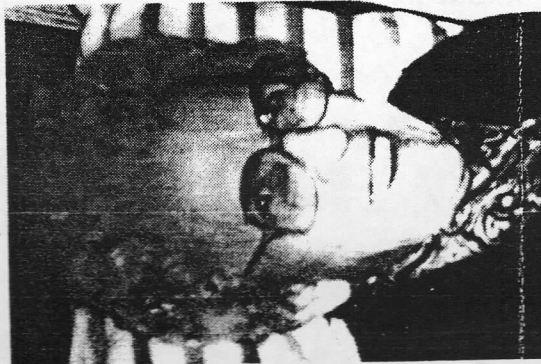
They will join other Nebraska high school juniors at Boys and Girls State, where they will participate in a mock state government.

Smith, son of Ronald and Romona Smith, is an honor roll student and has been recognized for perfect attendance at Shelby High. His school activities have included football, basketball, track, band and music. He is also active in 4-H and American Legion baseball.



FRUITA (CO) TIMES
Friday, July 24, 1992

DEATHS

**Marjorie Estellene Thomas**

Marjorie Estellene Thomas, 81, of 306 Pine St., Grand Junction CO, died Tuesday, July 21, 1992, at Family Health West Nursing Home in Fruita CO. Death was due to natural causes.

Mrs. Thomas had been a resident of the nursing home since February, 1992.

She was born June 18, 1911, at Russell KS to John Burrell Morrow and Margaret Adelphia Gibbs Morrow.

The family lived at Russell for a time, then at Castile NY, Conway Springs KS, and the Cripple Creek Victor CO area.

In 1918 they homesteaded at New Liberty, northwest of Mack CO.

Estellene attended school briefly at Conway Springs. Then, after the

family moved to New Liberty, she went back to Salina KS and went to school as there was not yet a school at New Liberty, staying with an aunt during that time.

She completed her schooling at New Liberty, from the second grade on, and graduated from Fruita Union High School, Fruita CO, in 1929. She attended Ross Business College in Grand Junction for a time.

She was married to Floyd Rush Thomas, another New Liberty homesteader, on Dec. 20, 1930.

The Thomases lived on the New Liberty farm until 1955 when they moved to a small farm north of Grand Junction. The house at that location burned in 1956, and they moved to Orchard Mesa a few months later. They lived in three different locations on Orchard Mesa, and were at 306 Pine St. from 1969 on.

During her time at New Liberty, Mrs. Thomas was active in community affairs, the New Liberty Sunday School, the Sorosis Club and the New Liberty Dance Club which had Saturday night dances at the New Liberty School hall.

She served on the Lower Valley Hospital Board in the late '40's and early '50's when the new hospital was being planned.

She was a member of Silver Bell Rebekeh Lodge at Fruita CO for more than 50 years.

She was an attendant at the State Home and Training School at Grand Junction (now Regional Center) in the 1950's and took medical retirement after being hurt on the job.

Mrs. Thomas liked to cook, sew and do various kinds of craft work and was known for making fancy Christmas tree ornaments.

After moving to Orchard Mesa she became a member of the Colum-

bus Evangelical Free Church and was active in the church.

Survivors include two sons, Eugene Thomas of 308 Pine St., Grand Junction CO 81503, and Curtis Thomas, a resident of the Family Health West Nursing Home, Fruita; one daughter, Kathleen Pershing and her husband, Jay Pershing, of 44252 Homestead Rd., Elizabeth CO 80107-9309; four grandchildren, Joe Thomas of Sacramento CA, Teri Thomas of Belmont CA, Karen Thomas of Grand Junction and Gloria Thomas and her husband Brett Beckfield of Marshall MO; two great-grandchildren, Donegal and Colleen Higgins; two stepgrandchildren, Cheryl Cassily and her husband, Gary, of Evergreen CO and Jim Pershing and his wife, Hope, of Lakewood CO; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 1989, three brothers, Thomas, Edward and Lawrence, and one sister, Elizabeth.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 25, at 10 a.m. at Martin Mortuary Chapel in Grand Junction with Pastor Eldon Coffey officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Grand Junction. Visitation will be Friday, July 24, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the mortuary.

Silver Bell Rebekeh Lodge #115 will conduct services at the graveside.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Columbus Community Church, 2711 Unawee Ave, Grand Junction CO 81503, or Family Health West, PO Box 130, Fruita CO.

FRUITA (CO) TIMES
Friday, Oct. 23, 1992**Curtis Emerson Thomas**

Curtis Emerson "Curt" Thomas, 54, of 531½ Placer Dr., Grand Junction CO, died Monday, Oct. 19, 1992, at Family Health West Nursing Home in Fruita CO.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Grand Junction with Rev. Eldon Coffey officiating.

Visitation was to be held at McLean Funeral Home Chapel in Fruita from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22.

Mr. Thomas had been a nurse and a nursing home administrator. His most recent employment was as a nurse at La Villa Grande Nursing Home in Grand Junction. He had been a resident of Family Health West Nursing Home for the past year due to disabilities that followed his going into an insulin-shock coma on Sept. 1, 1991.

He was born March 27, 1938, at the Maude George Maternity Home in Fruita to Floyd Rush Thomas and Marjorie Estellene Morrow Thomas. He grew up on the farm in

New Liberty, northwest of Mack CO. He graduated from New Liberty Elementary School and attended Fruita High School in Fruita.

After leaving high school, he lived in the Grand Junction area for a time, then served in both the US Navy and the US Air Force, being stationed at various times on Guam and in England and Germany.

After leaving the Air Force in 1966, he lived in the Denver CO area most of the time until moving back to Grand Junction in 1988. He received training to become a licensed practical nurse from the Emily Griffith Opportunity School in Denver, then went on to become a nursing home administrator, working at several nursing homes in the Denver area. He left the nursing profession briefly in 1977 and 1978 and was co-publisher of the weekly newspaper at Johnstown CO with his brother, Gene. He was well-liked by his associates in the nursing field.

In his younger years, Mr. Thomas enjoyed drawing, painting, playing the piano and interior decorating. He enjoyed country and western music and was a Slim Whitman fan. He also enjoyed recalling local history, and particularly reminiscing about the good old days at New Liberty and visits with relatives in Kansas and eastern Colorado.

Mr. Thomas never married. Survivors include a brother, Hubert Eugene Thomas of 136 E. Aspen Ave., Fruita CO 81521; a sister, Alice Kathleen Pershing of 44252 Homestead Rd., Elizabeth CO 80107, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Family Health West, PO Box 130, Fruita CO 81521.

McLean Funeral Home, Inc., of Fruita is in charge of arrangements.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Dear Kresha Family,

It hardly seems that it can be June already. Time certainly has a way of swooshing by. We are all pretty much the same around here. We get a little older (and sometimes slower), but we are hanging in there, and I guess, that's all that matters.

I have been requested, in the name of the Kresha Family, to ask for help with the KRONICLE. I realize that I am not doing the Kronicle justice, but I am doing the best that I can under my circumstances. If there is anyone "younger" that is willing to take over this job, I will be happy to relinquish my job. If no one is willing, then the next best thing that I have to offer is to put out a paper one or two times a year and see how that goes. If I would do it one time a year, about December 1, and send out a REUNION notice, like I did this year, in mid-May, perhaps that would work. What does anyone think? Until we get things worked out, please don't send any more dues to me. Those of you who are on the mailing list and have paid in the last two years will continue to get the paper until the money runs out, or until some decision is made. As of May 14, our account balance was \$346.00. After this printing and postage, our balance should be about \$275.00.

Please send your favorite recipes to Bobbi Wolf. She is trying to compile a Kresha cookbook. Her address is: 14131 Cedar Cr. Omaha, NE 68144-2120

Lillian also asks that if anyone picked up a plastic 3 cup Foodkeeper container at last year's reunion and later realized it wasn't theirs, to please return it to her.

Happy Summer!

Elaine

May, 1993

Dear Kresha Family,

Hope this letter finds everyone doing fine. Bill and I are both doing well.

This last April we bought a house near Platte Center, NE. It is in the country. It has 2 acres of land that the house sets on. We love it! It is so much better than the apartment that we had in town. There's nothing like the peacefulness of country living. We were even able to get a dog. He's half lab and half Chesapeake. We named him Dempsey. He's just a pup, but he is growing like a weed.

We've both been keeping pretty busy with the house and still trying to get everything situated. Bill still works at Center 66 and has been keeping busy with a mowing service after he gets off work. I still work at Appleton Electric here in Columbus, do chores around the house and make it to my aerobics class 3 times a week. Over all, we keep ourselves busy. Adjusting to the driving distance is a bit unusual. We just can't leave at 6:45 AM anymore for work. And if any errands need to be done around town after work, they have to be done before heading home. . . A small price to pay for what we have in return, though. Well, take care everyone. Hope you all enjoy your summer.

Love,

BILL AND LOIS ROMBACH



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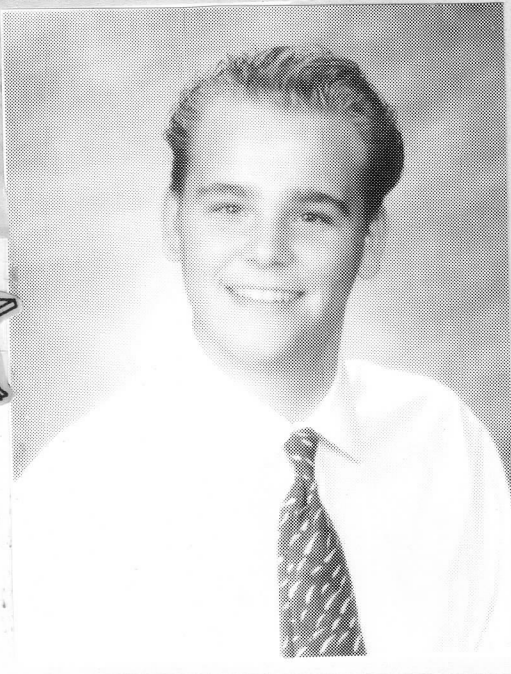
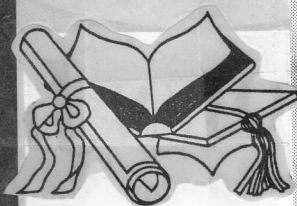


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RYAN PATRICK WOLF, son of Bobbi (Kresha) and Mark Wolf and grandson of Art and Irene Kresha, graduated May 21, 1993 from Millard North High School in Omaha, Nebraska. He was an active member of the Advanced Biology Club.

Ryan is attending the University of Nebraska, Lincoln and is affiliated with the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. His major is Biology/Zoology. He is studying for a career in Marine Biology with a specialty in Ichthyology.



REUNION--June 13, 1993

L-R Kathie and Tony Kresha; Pat and Chris (Kresha) Gabel



The annual Kresha Family Picnic was held on June 13, 1993 at the East Shelter in Pawnee Park, Columbus, NE.

Those attending were: PAT KRESHA, Brighton, CO; MARY LUKASSEN, Kimball, NE; COLLEEN KRESHA, Norfolk, NE; FRED, RHONDA, TRAVIS, TAYLOR and TORI SIMPSON, Hickman, NE; HAROLD and LILLIAN WITULSKI, Beatrice, NE;

LARRY KOSCH, ROSE PORTER, Lincoln, NE;

MICK, NANCY, ROSS, KRISTEN and JENNA BENDER, Humphrey, NE; BONNIE KOBZA, Bellwood, NE;

ROGER SMITH, AMY CYZA, RONNIE and ROMONA SMITH, Shelby, NE; KENNETH, STAR, and KRISTI KRESHA, GREGG,

DENICE, CONNIE and APRIL KRESHA, ADOLPH KRESHA, CHRIS, PAT, BRIAN, TOM and MIKE GABEL, GLENN and ILA KRESHA, Osceola, NE; BILL and URSULA KRESHA, MARTIN and ELAINE KRESHA, CHARLIE and LUCY KRESHA, TONY, KATHIE, AUTUMN and MEGAN KRESHA, DOLORES and MELVIN WETGEN, and KIM KRESHA, Columbus, NE.

Births were:

Sara Kimberly Jarecke, born Febr. 1, 1992, to Greg and Kimberly (Vogt) Jarecke Daughter, August 5, 1992, to Julie (Kobza) and Chris Vandenberg

Tori Marie Simpson, born Aug. 6, 1992, to Fred and Rhonda (Smith) Simpson

Ella Rae Saunders, born Oct. 23, 1992, to Josh and Chris (Lukassen) Saunders

Gregory Robert Kobza, born Dec. 16, 1992, to Bob and Laura Kobza

Amanda Marie Kobza, born May 11, 1993, to Edward and Kathy (Fleeman) Kobza

Paige Katherine Dunkle, born June 7, 1993, to Katie (O'Brien) and Scott Dunkle

Marriages were:

David and Trish (Lockwood) Lukassen--April 23, 1992

Donna (Kush) and Scott Stopak--May 16, 1992

Martin and Barbara (Quiring) Lukassen--May 23, 1992

Lois (Kresha) and Bill Rombach--Aug. 29, 1992

Pam (Kresha) and Les Talmadge--May 23, 1993

Martin and Nicke (Charbonneau) Kobza--July 3, 1993

Deaths were:

Marie M. Scholz, 1-20-1992

Sophia C. Kresha, 2-24-1992

Rose M. Kresha, 4-25-92

Clarence W. Scholz, 9-10-1992

George A. Kresha, 10-13-1992

Eva Kotlar, 1-1-1993

Louis "Mac" Iwan, 1-21-1993

The Committee for 1993 was Sister Dolores Smagacz and Melvin and Dolores (Smagacz) Wetgen.

The Committee for 1994 will be descendants of Leo Kresha:

Allan and Loretta Kresha,

Gregg and Denice Kresha

Paul and Teresa Kresha

Tony and Kathie Kresha



Obituary

Adolph Kresha

Adolph "Doc" M. Kresha, 86, of rural Osceola died Wednesday, July 21, 1993 at the Good Samaritan Center in Osceola. Funeral Services were 10 a.m. Mon., July 26, 1993, at St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Osceola. Celebrants were the Reverends Peter Gadiant and Edward O'Leary. Lector was son-in-law Steve Witulski.

Avis Rathje was organist and vocalists were Rita Houdersheldt and granddaughter Becky Kresha. Pallbearers were Jim Kresha, Greg Grosch, Roger Smith, Fred Simpson, Bill Pliefke, Matthew Witulski, Randy Smith and Steve Thelen. Honorary Pallbearers were Allan Kresha, Charles Kresha, Dennis Kresha, Tony Tworek and Charles Lockard. Interment was at Sacred Heart Cemetary in Shelby, Ne.

Adolph was born Sept. 19, 1906 at their home in Valley Precinct of Polk County to Adolph and Sophie (Kropatsch) Kresha. He attended District No. 39 and graduated from the eighth grade. Adolph married Rose M. Kielian on Oct. 23, 1935 in Silver Creek, Ne. He was a retired farmer, a member of the Knights of Columbus, District #63 School Board and an original trustee and member of the St. Andrews Catholic Church in rural Osceola.

Survivors include five daughters and two sons: Bettian Witulski of Cincinnati, Oh., Joe Kresha of Osceola, Kathy Grosch of Dublin, Ga., Romona Smith of Shelby, Mary Lou Dunekacke

of Rising City, Rosalie Gabel of Shelby and Raymond Larry of Osceola. Four brothers: Arthur, Charles, Bill and Martin, all of Columbus. Four sisters: Ann Hensel of Reseda, Cal., Rita Kresha of Mesa, Ar., Lillian Witulski of Beatrice and Mary Lukassen of Kimball. 19 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by Rose, one infant son Andrew, seven brothers and five sisters.

"Just a farmer," they said,
And we laughed because we knew
All the things that farmers
Must be able to do.

To till and to plant
To buy and to sell,
To go to the market
With livestock and well.

You know the books
that farmers must keep,
To pay all the taxes
And be able to sleep.

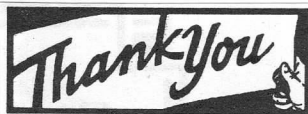
I guess when God needed
People to care for His earth,
He chose "just farmers"
Because He knew their true worth.



CARD OF THANKS

God saw he was getting tired
and a cure was not to be
So he put his arm around him and
whispered "Come with me."
With tearful eyes we
watched him fade away,
Although we loved him dearly,
we couldn't make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands put to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to all,
He only takes our best.
We would like to express our deepest
gratitude for all the kind expressions of
sympathy. Be it memorials, masses,
flowers, food, visits, cards or prayers, it
was greatly appreciated. Your
thoughtfulness will always be
remembered. May God bless each of
you.

The Adolph Kresha Family



sympathy and love.

A big thank you to the KRESHA FAMILY for the beautiful flowers.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!

THE FAMILY OF ADOLPH M. KRESHA



Osceola Family Gains French Connection

The Greg Kresha's Host Exchange Student

OSCEOLA--Shifting gears.

Nebraska is a long way from France, as anyone can tell you, and the differences between the two cultures and their languages can seem just as wide.

But hoping to bridge that gap is Frank Toulgoat, a foreign exchange student from Cannes, France. Toulgoat is staying with the Greg Kresha family of rural Osceola.

Staying For One Month

Encouraged by his English teacher, Frank (pronounced Fränk) was linked up with the Kresha's through the NACEL foreign exchange service. Toulgoat arrived in Nebraska for a one month stay July 5th. He is scheduled to return to France August 4th.

It is not the first trip to the U.S for the 15-year-old student, who has previously visited California and New York.

However, Toulgoat says he hopes a prolonged encounter with the English language this time will help him to become more affluent within it.

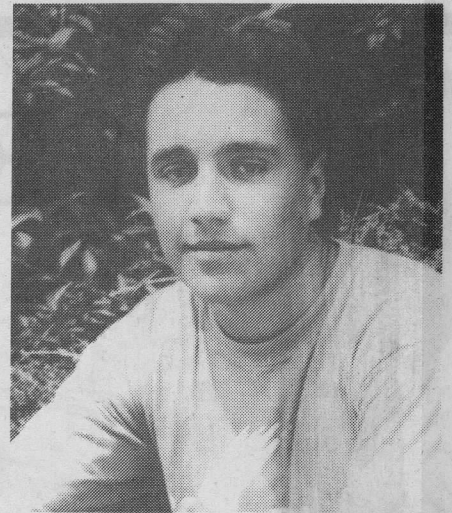
"My teacher told me that it would be good for me to come here for my English," stated Toulgoat, who added that he has a better time understanding the language than speaking it.

"I explained the program to my parents and they decided that I should come here."

Adapting To A Different Culture

Toulgoat, an only child, has had to adjust to more than just the language during his educational excursion to the midwest. A resident of Cannes (located along the coast of the French Riviera), Frank has had to adapt to a rural setting where less people live in the community than attend his private school (2,000).

"Here there are people that live in different places, but in France it's all in the same place," stated Toulgoat, who added that he believes there are benefits to liv-



Frank Toulgoat

ing in either a rural or urban setting.

"I'd rather live in France, but I like the United States."

Pleasant Memories Instilled

Despite the high humidity, Frank said he will take home pleasant memories from his stay in Nebraska, including: shopping in Omaha; learning to drive a tractor; visiting the Osceola pool; encountering fast food; and experiencing life as a member of a farm family.

Denise Kresha added that she and her family have benefitted from Frank's visit to the U.S.

"We've enjoyed him," added Mrs. Kresha, who pointed out that Frank has also had to put up with her three daughters during his stay.

"He's been a very nice young man. I think we've all learned a lot from his stay with us."

Osceola Record July 29, 1993

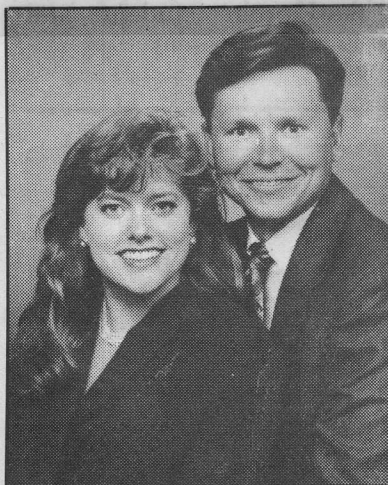
Kulesher-Jarceke

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A July 31 wedding ceremony is being planned in Alexandria, Va., by Kate M. Kulesher of Arlington, Va., and David A. Jarceke of Lincoln.

Their parents are Susan L. Kulesher and the late Thomas H. Kulesher of Arlington, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome F. Jarceke of Columbus.

The bride-to-be received a bachelor of arts degree in professional writing for Wheeling College, Wheeling, W. Va., and is manager of state government relations for American Home Products Corp.

Her fiance graduated from Scotus Central Catholic High School in 1982, received a bachelor of arts degree in polit-



Kulesher-Jarceke

ical science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and graduated Cum Laude from Creighton University Law School. He is an attorney with the law firm of Sherretts, Smith & Gardner in Omaha.





KRESHA REUNION--June 13, 1993
L-R Ronnie Smith, Romona Smith, Amy Czya, Travis Simpson, Adolph Kresha, Taylor Simpson, Roger Smith, Rhonda (Smith) Simpson holding Tori Simpson

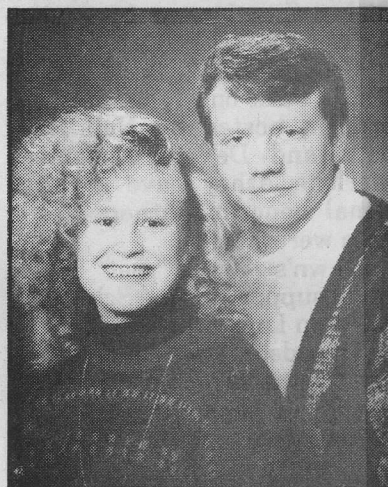
Schneider-Kresha

WINONA, Minn. — Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona, Minn., will be the setting for the Aug. 7 wedding ceremony of Wendy Lynn Schneider and Ronald James Kresha, both of St. Cloud, Minn.

Parents of the couple are Richard and Mary Schneider of Winona, Minn., and Dennis and Carolyn Kresha of Columbus.

The bride-to-be graduated from Cotter High School and attends St. Cloud State University.

Her fiance graduated from Scotus Central Catholic High



Schneider-Kresha

School in Columbus and also attends St. Cloud State University.

BD promotes Jarecke to coordinator

COLUMBUS — Becton Dickinson Co. recently promoted Greg Jarecke to hypodermic products cell coordinator.



Jarecke

Jarecke has a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He joined Becton Dickinson in May 1992 as an SAG operator. He was an Interlink set-up operator with the HYPAK group before being promoted.

Before joining Becton Dickinson, he was assistant manager of Tradehome Shoes and an account executive at the Columbus Telegram.

Jarecke, his wife, Kim, and their daughter, Sarah, live in Columbus.



KRESHA REUNION--June 13, 1993

L-R Charles Kresha, Bill Kresha, Lillian Witulski, Adolph Kresha, Mary (Kresha) Lukassen, Martin Kresha

Dunekacke completes engineering program

LINCOLN — Julee Dunekacke, a junior at Rising City High School, recently completed an engineering internship at the Nebraska Research Initiative program, developed by the Nebraska Legislature at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



Dunekacke stay.

She did most of her work in the Center for Communication and Information Science, spending time with mathematics, computer programming, electrical engineering and computer science professors. Highlights of the program included

working in the Computer Vision Laboratories and doing activities designed to enhance logical problem solving.

The internships are educational programs designed to expose high school students and teachers to activities in the center.

Columbus Telegram--
August 16, 1993



Births

Summer Rose Kresha

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kresha of Columbus are the proud parents of a daughter, Summer Rose, born August 15, 1993 at Annie Jeffrey Memorial County Hospital in Osceola. She weighed 7 pounds, 15.5 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ted Dittmer and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Kresha of Osceola. Great grandmother is Mrs. Otto Dittmer of Stromsburg.

Scott and Kate (O'Brien) Dunkle are the parents of a Daughter, Paige Katherine, born June 7, 1993. Grandparents are Tom and Mary Lou O'Brien. Great Grandparents are Harold and Lillian Witulski.



Mr. & Mrs. Kresha
Schneider-Kresha

ST. CLOUD, Minn. — Wendy Schneider and Ronald Kresha, both of St. Cloud,

Minn., were united in marriage on Aug. 7 at Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona, Minn. The Rev. Timothy Reker officiated the 3 p.m. ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Richard and Mary Schneider of Winona, Minn., and Dennis and Carolyn Kresha of Columbus.

Honor attendants were Linda Witt of Winona, Minn., friend of the bride, and Jeff Kresha of Ft. Bragg, N.C., brother of the groom. Bridesmaids and groomsmen were Molly McNiff and Stephanie Jost, both of Minneapolis and Terri and Jennifer Kresha, both of Columbus, Don Riesterer of Lakeville, Minn., Jeff Niedbalski of Lincoln, and Bill and Peter Schneider of

Winona, Minn.

Ushering the guests were Matthew Schneider of Winona, Minn., Chris Kudron of Lincoln and James Ryba of Columbus.

Flower girl and ring bearer were Crystal Hurt of Mason City and Adam Heidemann of McHenry, Ill. Personal attendants were Sarah Heidemann and Karen Heidemann of Sheboygan, Wis.

A reception was held at St. Mary's College following the ceremony.

Host couple was Tom and Rose MrKuicka of Farwell.

Another reception was held on Aug. 21 at Knights of Columbus Hall in Columbus. The couple will live in St. Cloud, Minn. where they both attend St. Cloud State College.

Kulesher-Jarecke

OMAHA — Kate M. Kulesher of Arlington, Va., and David A. Jarecke of Lincoln exchanged wedding vows July 31, 1993, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Alexandria, Va.

Their parents are Susan L. Kulesher and the late Dr. Thomas H. Kulesher of Arlington, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Jarecke of Columbus.

Honor attendants were Meghan M. Kulesher of Alexandria, Va., sister of the bride, and Dave Kantor of Chicago, Ill., friend of the groom. Bridesmaids and groomsmen

were Christine Fargo of San Diego, Calif., Maureen Maher of Pittsburgh, Pa. and Rebecca Hunt and Catherine Leongini, both of Alexandria, Va., Tom and Greg Jarecke, both of Columbus, Greg Ernst of Omaha and Kevin Joseph of Washington, D.C.

Flower girls and ring bearer were Karla Jarecke of Columbus and Kathleen and Claire Harper of Alexandria, Va. and Scott Jarecke of Columbus.

After a trip to Mexico the couple will live in Omaha.

A reception will be held in honor of the couple in Columbus Sept. 5 at the Izaak Walton League at 3 p.m.

JOE AND LOU KRESHA HOST FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

This week I would like to introduce you to one of our Foreign Exchange Students. Henning Habedank who is 16 years old comes to Osceola from Germany. His mom's name is Inge Habedank and his dad's name is Peter Habedank. He has one sister named Insa who is eleven. Henning is staying with Joe, Lou, Becky and Jim Kresha. His home town in Germany is Bremen with a population of 550,000 people. His school at home is much bigger than here with about 750 students. Henning had completed the tenth grade.

He decided to become a foreign exchange student because in Germany they hear a lot about the United States. Henning wanted to find out if it was all true and he wanted to know about foreign culture and countries. It was his dad's idea at first, but then he had to convince his mom. It was hard for her to let her "DICKIE" (nickname) come to America. Henning said Osceola is quite a bit smaller than Bremen, but it is quite nice here.

He commented "I think it is really nice that the Kreshas and the people of Osceola let me spend a school year here in Nebraska." He hopes people don't get mad at him, because he still doesn't know all of the United State's customs.

WEDDING

Martin and Nicke (Charbonneau) Kobza were married July 3, 1993. Marty is the son of Hank and Bonnie (Hilger) Kobza.



Kresha Kronicle

NOVEMBER 4, 1993

DEAR FAMILY,

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE KRONICLE HAS NOT DIED, TONY AND KATHIE KRESHA HAVE AGREED TO HELP WITH IT, IF I GET IN A BIND OR GET BOGGED DOWN.

THERE WILL BE AN ISSUE OUT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, PLEASE HELP US OUT BY SENDING YOUR CHRISTMAS LETTER OR CHRISTMAS GREETING TO ME BY NOVEMBER 23.

THANK YOU!

ELAINE KRESHA
2503-8-STREET
COLUMBUS, NE 68601



Happy Holidays

Kresha Kronicle



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November 15, 1993

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO THE KRESHA KLAN:

We are well and enjoying retirement. All the odd jobs put off for the last ten years have been completed.

We are looking forward to the entire family being home for Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 21st. Connie's family from Scottsbluff, Mike from Lincoln, Debbie and Joyce from Columbus, and Jim and family from Omaha. Jim and Shari are expecting in February.

We wish the best of everything to you in the New Year!

BILL AND URSULA KRESHA



May the Glory of Jesus' Birth
Bring You Joy and Love and
May the Blessings of the Holy Family
Be Yours as You Celebrate this
Holy Season.

In Christ's Peace and Joy,

KRESHAS

Florence, Kenny, Lisa and Kim



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Hi! Our little addition to the Kronicle:

The love of Christmas
sets no limits,
knows no bounds...
and can live in our hearts
every day of the year.

A most Blessed Christmas
from our house to yours.

TOM AND NADINE,
HALEY, LAUREEN AND WHITNEY
TIMMONS

P.O. Box 508
Byers, CO 80103

Hello Dear Ones,

Here comes a MERRY CHRISTMAS from 540 Hawkeye St., Osceola, NE 68651.

We are both in good health. We have been busy all summer with flowers, lawn, and working at the Senior Citizen's Center. We wake up in the morning with nothing to do and go to bed without finishing our job. With this, we will wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A JOYOUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

GLENN AND ILA KRESHA



November 19, 1993

Dear Family,

Better get this on the road. Haven't written in such a long time, I'm not sure where to begin. We are all pretty well except for a few colds and sinus problems. Pam got married in May. She had a beautiful wedding and is so happy. She and her husband bought a home in Arvada, CO, and are so happy fixing it up. Andy bought a new home in Eric, CO. He is happy being a first time home owner. They have not moved in yet as they are painting and shampooing carpets, etc. Aaron is 5 now and in Kindergarten this year. He loves it and is doing great. Tom is still with Wayne's Automotive. He is living back home again. For how long, who knows? Dan is back working as maintenance for the trailer park. He is not real happy with his job, but it is a job. He is hoping to go on to school as soon as his surgery on his mouth is over. We are hoping that it will be sometime this month, but we are still waiting to hear from his insurance. They are not in a hurry.

This past year has been a long, hard one. I hope 1994 is better. In May Pam got married. Right after the wedding, my sis, Audrey gave up her fight with cancer. She passed away July 15th. That was a hard time for us all. Then Danna, (Audrey's daughter) who also had cancer, kept getting worse. She put up a good fight until October. In October she passed away. The past 6 months have been pretty stressful. Ken (Audrey's husband) is doing pretty well, but I'm sure the Holidays will be rough. We will try and spend as much time with him as we can. Steve (Danna's husband) is planning on moving in with Ken for awhile. I think that it will help them both.

I am still working at school. I am also the new director of the day care program at the school. It keeps me very busy.

We all want to wish you a VERY BLESSED AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.

All our love,

PAT KRESHA and family



November 20, 1993

FAMILY GREETINGS TO YOU ALL,

It's time for me to catch everyone up on our family. KRISTINA is a Sophomore in college at CSU in Fort Collins (Colorado). We are anticipating a wedding in June, 1994. KORI is a Senior in high school. She just finished the fall play, "Meet Me in St. Louis". What a wonderful part! and we were so proud. JENNIFER is 15 and a Sophomore in high school. She's our cross-country and soccer player. She's also a 4.0 student. JESSICA (our youngest) is almost 12 and is in the 7th grade. She is also a 4.0 student and a good basketball and soccer nut. JOHN is still ranching and putting up 150 acres of hay. I, (CONNEY) am manager of a year-round campground. It is a challenge, but a lot of 16 hour days. Our winter is really rough, so we're used to stock-piling. John is my right hand electrician and plumber when things go wrong. We're hoping you are all happy and healthy for the Holidays. We need to have Peace and Prosperity in 1994.

Our best,

John and Conney (Lukassen) Palmer
and Girls





Christmas letter, 1993

Dear Kresha family,

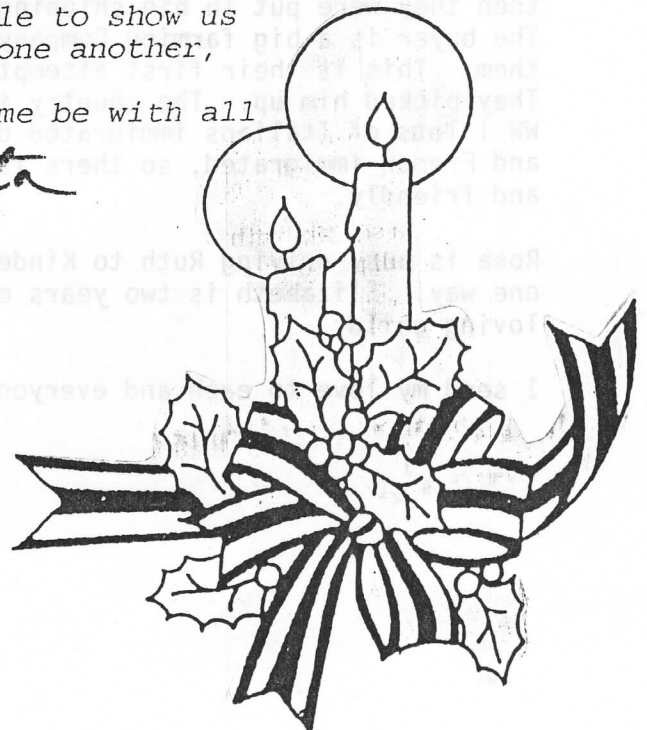
This Christmas is my fourth, and last, in Arizona. My life partner, Susan, and I have decided to heed the claim of California upon our hearts, and plan to move back there in early 1994, probably to the East Bay Area (Oakland, etc.). The heat and intense sun exposure in this lower sonoran desert has been very unpleasant for six months of the year, and we have promised ourselves that our next summer will be in lovely Northern California.

During this past year I have finally had enough "free" time to experience more fully the impact of all the changes in the past five years: Retirement, change of professional identity, getting a theology degree and hospital Chaplaincy training, allowing myself to come out of my lifelong living "in the closet", and identifying myself as a lesbian woman, denial of ordination to the Episcopal Diaconate solely on the grounds of gender orientation, and working as a hospital Chaplain without pay. Much of my energy has been directed toward wrestling with the hard questions, "who am I, really, now?" and "what work is mine to do now?" As I prepare to celebrate my sixtieth birthday in several months, I am hounded by the existential questions of what leads me to healing and wholeness. I found out that the first step toward wholeness is to be truthful about who I have always been.

I hope that sharing my gender identity and religious affiliation will be as prayerfully received as it is offered to all of you. I have chosen the sacred season of Christmas to become vulnerable to all of you. Jesus took on our humanity and became totally vulnerable to show us how much God loves us. "Let us love one another, for love comes from God." 1Jn.4:7

May the blessings of this holy time be with all of you!

Love,
Rita



Merry Christmas

November 21, 1993

Dear Family,

I'm writing to wish you a joyous Christmas, health and happiness throughout the coming year.

All is well at the Kresha homefront. I find plenty to do around here--the yard and the house. I also find time to attend some daily masses. At best, life is short, you know.

We had a cool summer with occasional heat days. Our fruit trees produced almost nothing. The spring rains were late and fouled up the pollination process. However, my Pecan Nut tree is just loaded this year.

On October 1-12, I joined a group of 39 local people and went on a 12 day tour of the Midwest. We flew "American" out of Bakersfield to Tulsa, OK. There we were met with a new 45 passenger bus with the driver and a tour guide from the Kaplan tours. It was a fabulous trip. Each day was jam-packed with sights, good meals, and a very compatible group. Tulsa, OK is a beautiful city, thanks to the oil glut money years ago. The area is also beautiful. After 2 days there, we motored on to Missouri, taking in historical sights along the way. At Carthage, MO we spent half a day at the "PRECIOUS MOMENTS" Chapel, factory grounds, etc. I'm sure some of you have had the pleasure of visiting there. Then on to Branson, MO. We took in 6 shows--2 a day. It was very enjoyable. Then on to Eureka Springs, MO. There we saw the Passion Play. We motored back to Oklahoma City, and the sights around there. I didn't know that they had a space museum there. There was much to see. At all the large places we had a local guide. From Oklahoma City, we enplaned back to Bakersfield. We arrived tired, but happy. It was a beautiful trip and I really needed the experience.

The Chaisson's should write so I will leave the details to Diane. She is teaching. Donald is going full speed ahead with his job. Marie is a Senior this year. Mark is a Junior.

The Jerome Kresha's are O.K. Jerome will soon be covering his trees each cold frost night to prevent frost on the trees. That is quite a job. He recently shipped 3,000 grafted trees to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Preparation for shipping was quite an ordeal. He gave a shot of zinc to shed the leaves, then they were trimmed, taken out of the pots, had their roots washed to get the soil out, and then they were put in big shipping boxes for air freight. Jerome took them to L.A. The buyer is a big farming Company. They wanted Jerome to fly down and advise them. This is their first attempt at growing pistachio nut trees. He flew down. They picked him up. The country is beautiful and so are the people. After WW I lots of Italians immigrated down to Argentina and after WW II, the Germans and French immigrated, so there is quite a mix of Nationalities, each so gracious and friendly.

Rosa is busy driving Ruth to Kindergarten, to St. Francis, which is about 11 miles one way. Elizabeth is two years old and already is bilingual. She is such a loving child.

I send my love to each and everyone of you. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

MARGARET KRESHA



November 21, 1993

Dear Family and Friends,

In this year of 1993, the Lord has been so good to us with giving our family good health, a new grandson, and a good wheat crop.

Our wheat crop this year was the best in at least 10 years. Quality, yield, and protein content was exceptional. Because of the early September frost, the corn harvested was poor quality, the bean yield was low, but we're glad for what we harvested. Many beans didn't mature and had to be tilled under.

On October 29, son Marty and his wife Barb had a baby boy. His name is Preston James. He did spend some time in the hospital as a newborn with jaundice. He is doing fine now.

This month we are in the process of closing Sophia's estate. Those of you who have previously received a distribution check will soon get a final settlement check. Before you cash the check, PLEASE, sign and return documents that the lawyer asks of you! Please don't throw the letter on the cupboard and forget about it. It has happened. It is necessary that you all cooperate so this estate can be completely liquidated by year's end. Thanks.

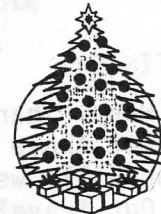
I talked with the priest at St. Theresa's Church, (address: 1715-17th; Mitchell, NE 69357) this past week. The Parish has chosen a Yamaha keyboard to replace the old organ, using the memorial gifts given in Sophia's name. He expressed his sincere thanks to you all that have given. So far, \$1,129.00 has been donated. Of course, this is a small amount when you consider the size of her estate. If some of you wish to give a tax deductible donation this year, please send it to St. Theresa's at the above address and designate for: Sophia Kresha Memorial Fund. Thanks.

About a month ago I was called to help at the Senior Nutrition Center, so I thought that I would give it a try. My job description is baker and cook's helper. The senior citizens really enjoy and appreciate the daily meal. Many come with their Doctor's orders as they don't eat properly when living alone. I hope I can keep up with the job. Sometimes I find that my mind is much younger than my body.

May the blessings of Our Lord and His Holy Mother continue to shine on each of you. MERRY CHRISTMAS !!

As always,

MARY LUKASSEN



My wish for the Kresha family is that the peace of Jesus be yours throughout the coming New Year.

Merry Christmas to all of you. Lovingly, Sister Dolores

Christmas, 1993

Dear Family,

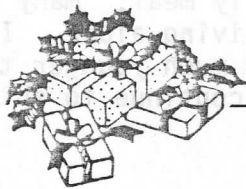
We're glad to hear Aunt Elaine will have some help on the Kresha Kronicle. Bravo to Tony and Kathie for volunteering to help her! I hope Aunt Elaine knows how much we all appreciate her time and devotion to the Kronicle. Personally, I don't know how she managed till now with her busy schedule!!!

This year has been a very busy one with the Dental Lab, Ryan graduating and off to college in Lincoln. His mother was a basket case when he left for college. Ryan is finding college challenging and really enjoys his fraternity brothers. Thankfully, they don't HAZE like the fraternity who had a pledge fall from a third story window during hazing. We all hope for a full recovery for him. Meanwhile, that Frat Charter is closed down pending an investigation into the accident.

On September 21st I turned 16 years old Post Bone Marrow Transplant. I feel very grateful for my sister Dian's sacrifice and love in giving me a Second Chance at life so that I could watch my son grow up and so I could celebrate my 20th Wedding Anniversary with Mark. This is a very monumental year for me to reach 16. I'll never be able to thank Dian enough for her great gift...

On another note, I've received a few more recipes. Thank you! Aunt Mary Lukassen was sweet enough to send me a recipe book that she put together with a group and gave me the suggestion to ask for specific categories. Unfortunately, I've received so few recipes that I need all categories. Also, I'd like a personal note or stories of growing up in the Kresha family or the extended families. Funny stories or memories. I know I must sound like a broken record, but I am really interested in this concept. Any help would be appreciated.

Much love to all and a Healthy New Year,
BOBBI (KRESHA) WOLF--and GUYS, (MARK and RYAN)



November 22, 1993

GREETINGS !

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you.

For those of us who live in the Midwest, farming was a challenge again. Crops in the hills were better than in the valley where the water level affected the crops.

Our travels took us in many directions, taking the off-roads, so we could be close to farming operations. We could see that everyone's yields were going to be way down.

January found us heading south to Tyler, TX where Melvin took his Basic Training, on to the Gulf and Brownsville. Over to El Paso, Tucson, Phoenix and Las Vegas. On the way home we got in a blizzard south of Denver.

In May we went to Pella, IA for the Tulip Festival. After planting, we took the week-end off to go to Colorado. We took in the Rockies 6-Phillies 2, baseball game. The side roads to Breckenridge had lots of snow. The spring flowers were peeking through the snow. This was my first trip to Royal Gorge.

In September we headed north to Mackinaw Island, Mich. You need to take a ferry to get there. Horses are the only transportation permitted on the Island. At Sault St. Marie, we saw a ship go through the Locks from Lake Huron to Lake Superior. The Ford Museum at Dearborn is where we saw the car in which President Kennedy was shot 30 years ago today. We lucked out because that day they had a parade of cars from 1909-1935. We went to the Sky Dome in Toronto, Canada. Yes, Niagara Falls is prettier on the Canadian side.

November 3 was our 5th wedding anniversary. We were busy harvesting then so we delayed a trip. We have booked a Caribbean trip on December 12.

May your Holidays be filled with Peace, Love, and Joy and may the New Year bring you Health and happiness. Love,

DOLORES AND MELVIN WETGEN



Seasons Greetings

CHRISTMAS 1993

Dear Family,

With Thanksgiving upon us, Christmas isn't very far away. The weather is growing colder--brr-r-r! 'Tis the season to be jolly as they say. Not overly, though. Ho! Ho! It's time to count our blessings. We are most grateful for all bestowed upon us.

This has been quite a trying year for farming. We received upwards of 44 inches of precipitation since March '93 and more on the farm at Humphrey. The crops were just average or below in some fields due to flooding out. The harvest weather was O.K. though. The grain prices have finally responded to the short crops so that should compensate for lower yields, mucho.

Our family is doing fine and all are busy with their work. Our daughter, Kristi Becker, of Madison is expecting in January '94, with her third child. This new arrival will make 16 grandchildren--whew! We enjoy them more all the time as they grow up and become more mature. There are 8 girls and 7 boys now. So it goes.

In mid-October I was hospitalized for an ulcer episode in my lower stomach and duodenum which resulted in a blockage in my stomach which resulted in acute abdominal pain. I have a history of this from 1975 on. I'm O.K. now. My Doctor put me on aspirin--1 a day--which is a no-no for my condition. Eating tomatoes didn't help, either.

We went to Phoenix, AZ after Easter to visit daughter, Kathy Mausbach, and family. The weather was fine (hot). It was a welcome change from cool, damp weather, here. We visited Rita at Mesa and took in the sights. Rita has a nice home, pool and lots of shade trees with a lake--lots of ducks, geese, and birds of many types, plus plants, etc. The temperature was 105. We went to Laughlin, NV for a few days R & R. We enjoyed the casino atmosphere. We arrived home in time for corn planting.

Elaine asked for some input on the Kresha Kronicle. Due to the rise in postal rates (third class) and the amount of work involved, I submit that once a year is sufficient for our family letter. Any response(s)?

We extend our best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year 1994 with good health to all. May God bless you and yours and keep you in His care always.

Love to all,

CHARLIE AND LUCY KRESHA

Dear Family,

The cold weather and dangerous highways kept us from getting to Nebraska for Thanksgiving. So, we had to unpack our bags, and we are just doing fun stuff around home.

Well, the Nebraska Cornhuskers got lucky this year against CU. We have to let you win some years, so you don't just lose heart. ☺

This August, it was wonderful to have Pope John Paul II come here to our area. We were so proud of the Catholic youth who came and behaved so well, and were such an inspiration. We felt bad that so many got sick from the heat, exhaustion, and not drinking enough water. If it was a rock concert, they'd all gotten sick from drugs, drinking alcohol, and been in fights.

We felt like Jesus himself had come to see us, since the Pope does represent Christ on earth, until He comes back. Unlike the politicians, who "play to the crowds", the Pope seemed to care about each individual person. We saw him at the big McNichols auditorium in Denver, and he was delightful. He criticized the media in America for encouraging immorality, then he laughed and said, "Here I am talking on the TV!" It turned out that we saw Aunt Mary Lukassen and daughter Nadine sitting only a few seats in front of us.

The next day we stayed overnight in Denver at Murl's uncle's house, then got up at 3 am to catch a shuttle bus to the papal mass. We could hardly see the Pope there, but there were large video screens and loudspeakers. We met people from all over the world, and we really felt like we were part of the universal church and Body of Christ. Aug. 15 was also the Feast of Mary's Assumption into heaven. When we got off the shuttle at Cherry Creek Park, we could smell the sweet scent of roses, although there was only dirt and weeds, as if our Heavenly Mother was welcoming us.

Zach is in 5th grade now, doing great, and learning to play the piano. Murl coached his Little League Baseball team this summer. Jennie fly out to visit us this summer, and we had a fun trip down to southern Colo. together. She is now studying for her Master's in anthropology at Wash. State in Pullman. This June we have reservations at a time-share condo in Blanchard, Idaho, so hopefully we can see her and meet her boyfriend. She may be gone, as she wants to study the women in Napal for her thesis.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, and Christmas, we will thank God for all our blessings, and pray for all your families too, as well as for our government leaders and an end to the violence in America.

Love,

Murl, Marcie
Zach Etter



And so Joseph went from the town of Nazareth to David's town of Bethlehem

November 27, 1993

Holiday Greetings to All of You!

As I write this, my Thanksgiving turkey is history. Those of the family that could, were here for Thanksgiving dinner--Kenneth, Star and Kristi Kresha, Bernard Kresha, and Bill and Lois Rombach. The rest of the family was here in Spirit--Patrick, in Nevada, and Jolene and Colleen, in Norfolk.

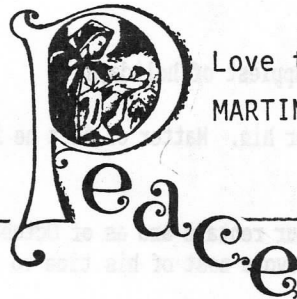
Christmas will soon be here. Advent starts Sunday. Where does the time go? I do have most of my Christmas shopping finished.

In looking at my last year's letter, I see that only a few things have changed. Martin had a pace-maker put in on July 2, 1993. He is getting along "pretty good". (Not good, not bad)--Martin's words.

Bill and Lois are expecting a baby at the end of January (1994). We are all excited and happy. It's been 4 1/2 years since there has been a baby in our family.

From reading all the other letters, I see that there are lots of babies either recently born, or going to be born. Congratulations to all the new parents!! (and Grandparents)

Our wish to you is for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR filled with Peace, Love, Joy, and Hope.



Love to all,
MARTIN and ELAINE KRESHA and FAMILY

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Thanks to everyone who responded with a Christmas letter. Those that arrive after today will be printed in the next edition. (Whenever that might be)

Please read Bobbi Wolf's letter, if you haven't already done so. She really would like more recipes and would be most grateful if you would take the time to send her even one of your favorites.

May the blessings of Christmas be with you throughout the New Year!

Love,
ELAINE

Elaine



Dear Family,

Happy Holidays to all from Mike, Michelle, Joel, and Jenna Berlin.

It has been a great year! Joel, who will be eight in January is in the second grade. Jenna is five and is in Kindergarten. They will go to St. Vincent de Paul School after the semester break in January. Our new school and church will be finished in March.

Mike is very busy with his Physical Therapy Company, EXCEL, and I am working with the same OB/GYN group that I started with 15 years ago.

We are moving before Christmas to a house near Boys Town. Our new address will be: 1206 No. 138th Circle
Omaha, NE 68154

MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE BERLINS



December 1993

Holiday Greetings:

Christmas time once again and time to wish you all the happiest of holidays.

Clarence's first year of retirement was a very busy one for him. Matter of fact he is wondering how he ever worked his 40 hours or more a week.

Clarence spent a good deal of his time remodeling one of our rentals and as of October 15 we have renters in it that we feel are going to take good care of it. Clarence is now able to devote most of his time to things around our home, and we are planning on doing a lot of remodeling in the next year.

We had a sad early summer. My Sister, Bernadine (Kmiecik) Podraza in Hitchcock, SD passed away June 17 from complication of breast cancer. I was fortunate enough to go there and spend sometime with her and her family before she went into the hospital. My Brother-in-law, Frank did a marvelous job caring for her. I am very proud of him.

Matthew and Clarence did take time out for a trip this summer. They flew to Washington D.C. in July for David and Kate Jarecke's (Clarence's Nephew) wedding on July 31st. Christine and Brian Tighe met them there and after the wedding they spent a couple of days and did some sight seeing in D.C. and then went home with them to Waldon, New York.

Christine flew with them to Minneapolis on the 6th of August to another wedding of Ron and Wendy Kresha's (another Nephew). They came home on the 8th after leaving me alone for about 10 days, but I survived. They said they had a wonderful time on the whole trip.

Matthew is in the eighth grade at Carden School this year. He is also preparing for Confirmation. He will be going to high school next year. We are presently thinking of sending him to Jesuit High School. He will be taking the entrance examination in February. The high school will be on my way to work so will once again be convenient for us. If he decides not to go to Jesuit we will probably send him to Elk Grove High School where Chris and John graduated from. Whichever we chose it will be a big adjustment for him as he is used to a private school.

John is still with MCI in Sacramento and enjoys his job very much. I am still working for the Bureau of Reclamation. Sounds like we are in for some major changes in the next couple of years. Will try to hang in there until I can retire like Clarence.

Hoping this letter finds you all well and have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

God Bless You All,
Clarence, Marge, and Matthew Kresha

