

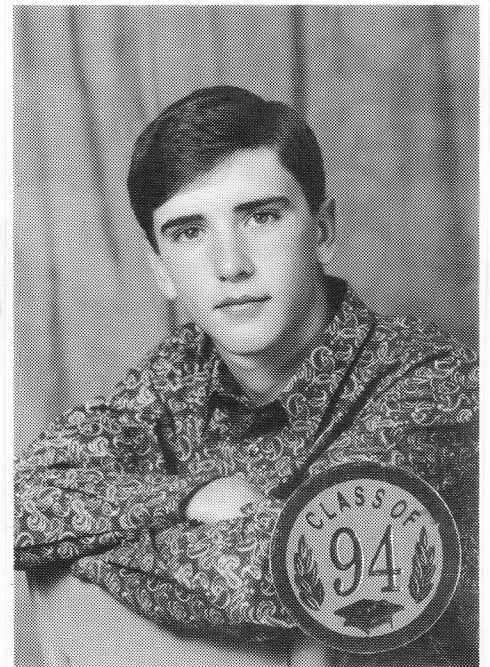
Kresha Kronicle

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KIMBERLEE ANN KRESHA

Kim graduated May 15, 1994 from Columbus Senior High School, Columbus, NE. She is the daughter of Florence Kresha and the late Edwin Kresha. Her grandparents were John and Caroline Kresha.



THOMAS EDWARD KOBZA

Tom graduated May 15, 1994 from Aquinas High School, David City, NE. His future plans are to attend Southeast Community College at Milford, NE, majoring in Electro-mechanics. Tom is the son of Bonnie and Hank Kobza. His grandparents were Rose and Bernard (Bud) Hilger.



BIRTHS - - -

KARSEN LEIGH ROMBACH William and Lois (Kresha) Rombach are the parents of a daughter, Karsen Leigh, born Jan. 31 at Columbus Community Hospital. She weighed 7 lb., 15 oz.

Her grandparents are Martin and Elaine Kresha, Columbus, NE Shirley Jenkins, Glenwood, MN and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rombach of Ogallala.

AUSTIN CHARLES BECKER Jim and Kristi Becker are the parents of a son, Austin Charles, born February 4, 1994, at Lutheran Community Hospital, Norfolk, NE. He weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces.

His grandparents are Charles and Lucy Kresha of Columbus, NE and Buster and Darlene Becker of Madison, NE.

ELLEN MARIE KRESHA Jim and Sharon Kresha are the parents of a daughter, Ellen Marie, born February 28, 1994. Her grandparents are Bill and Ursula Kresha, Columbus, NE

Christmas, 1993

Dear Kresha Family,

I hope everyone is doing as well as possible this holiday season and that it turns out to be a happy one for all of you.

Not too much has happened to me the past year. I have kept busy working on the newspaper and on my building here. Progress on the building is very slow, but it is visible, I have put in several pieces of printing equipment and will start getting them into production in the next few months. I put in quite a little time during the year working on local history and putting a lot of it in the paper.

Karen works along at the antique store, but that, too, has not gone as well as we had hoped, but we're not ready to quit either, and hope things will pick up in the next year. Karen's girls, Donegal and Colleen, are coming along okay. They have been going to Montessori School three days a week and their dad looks after them some of the time. Karen's address is 313 N. Peach St., Fruita CO 81521.

Things are going pretty well for my other kids at the moment. Joe is working as a certified nursing assistant at Sutter Oaks Alzheimer's Center in Sacramento. He is still in the Navy Reserves and has one weekend a month on duty, plus a two-week session every year. His address is 4169 Justin Way, Sacramento CA 95826.

Teri recently started a job as production editor for Benjamin/Cummings Publishing Co., publisher of college and professional textbooks, at Redwood Shores CA. Her first project was a nursing textbook. Her address is 2165 Carlmont Dr. Apt. 307, Belmont CA 94002.

Gloria and Brett (Beckfield) are still at Marshall MO. Gloria is now an editor at the University of Missouri Press, a book publisher at Columbia MO. Brett is operations manager at the Conagra Frozen Foods plant at Marshall. Their address is 909 Sandy Ln., Marshall MO 64340.

I am hoping all the kids will be here in Fruita for Christmas. Joe will be here Dec. 18-24, but has to be at work Christmas Eve so won't be here Christmas Day. Gloria and Brett will be here for sure, but Teri and her friend, Mike Mahan, are not yet sure if they will make it.

I enjoyed Lillian and Harold's brief visit here a few weeks ago, but was sorry when they told me Adolph had died.

I hope to get to the Kresha Reunion next June and will make every effort to do so.

Love, GENE THOMAS, 221 E. Aspen Ave. Apt. 4, Fruita CO 81521-2205.

May 10, 1994

Dear Kresha Kin,

We are glad spring is here, after a long, cold, snowy winter.

We are busy with our flowers, garden and lawn. We are getting over a bout of sinus problems.

Hope to see you all at the Family picnic in June.

Love,

ILA AND GLENN KRESHA



Dear Elaine and all the Kreshas,

My best wishes and prayers for a lovely Christmas season and a Happy New Year 1994 to all.

Hopefully, we will all get some better weather in 1994 than we had this past year. The floods you had in the midwest were terrible. Less dramatic, but just as destructive was the crazy weather we've had out here in the Pacific Northwest. It rained steadily all spring and summer until August, preventing pollination and even planting of many crops. Then, since August, we haven't had a drop of rain. So we are bone dry now almost Christmas time. Fall plowing and planting have been impossible. Bad year for farming and gardening. Nice for living, for city folks, however.

My biggest event of 1993 was a visit by an old classmate and friend from Minnesota (St. John's Abbey). We did the Oregon Trail, that is, the western half of it, in Idaho and eastern Oregon. The new Interpretive Center in Baker City, Oregon, is absolutely state of the art. It was especially interesting for me, as my grandparents (mother's folks) came West from central Nebraska to Baker City, Oregon, by covered wagon, somewhat later, around 1881. If any of you happen to drive West, don't miss Baker City.

The year 1994 will be the year of my Golden Jubilee of religious profession as a Benedictine of Mount Angel. It will also be 47 years of priesthood. Please pray for me in my remaining years. I am still on the job as hospital chaplain and parish assistant.

God's blessings on all of you.

If you come to Portland OR, be sure to give me a call.

FATHER MATT BURGER

St. Agatha's Parish
Phone (503) 236-4747



Happy Holidays from the Kreshas! We hope everyone is healthy and happy in this joyous holiday season.

1993 has been another exciting and busy year in the Kresha house. Most of our year has centered around the anticipation and arrival of our new daughter, Summer Rose, born in August. Now four months old, this dark haired angel has brought us great joy and happiness, with her bright smiles and mild temperament. Summer has discovered her hands and is busy touching and looking at anything and everything! With rolling over already mastered, she has her sights on crawling. She has been a near perfect babe and gives us calm amongst a two year old and a six year old!

Autumn, now six, has sprouted this year (or her pants really shrunk). She spent this year swimming, coloring, playing with her computer and GameBoy, swinging and playing with the neighbor kids, having Mom and Dad read her books, holding Summer and helping Mom, and sparring with her sister. Autumn anxiously began kindergarten this past fall, and is starting to write and read pretty well. We survived our first parent-teacher conference and School Christmas Concert - I guess we are real parents now!

Megan, our two year old (need we say more) has given us all a roller coaster ride this past year! She has spent most of the year about a half step behind her big sister. I think kids learn the most during their second year, as Megan went from no vocabulary to quite a conversationalist, and she perfected the cupboard drawer and lazy susan climbing technique! She has been reluctant to give up the role of youngest in the family, but having mastered potty training lately (our best Christmas present), we think she has adjusted to having a little sister.

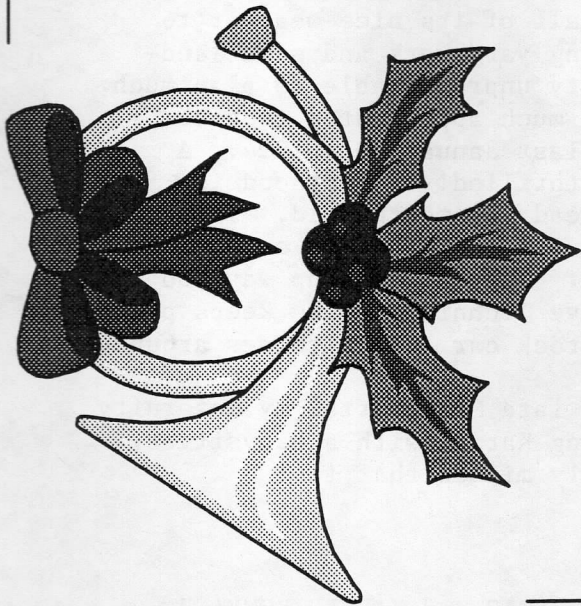
Kathie is a home, riding herd over the girls, and Tony is still owner/manager of Connecting Point & Radio Shack in Columbus. We both have limited our hobbies and activities - as the day to day experiences of child rearing leaves less time for woodworking, skiing, gardening, sewing, clubs, etc.

We still live at Clear Lake, near Columbus, but anticipate a move in 1994. With the expansion of our family came another decision - one to build a larger home for our kids and stuff! We own the lot next door to us, and this seemed to be the perfect place to build. Kathie found a two story Victorian house plan and we broke ground this past summer. We are looking forward to the addition space (and bathrooms), but we have a lot of work ahead.

We have stayed home a lot more this past year, but we did get to Disney World in January for a Convention/Vacation and a nice visit to Tony's brother in Prescott, Arizona in June.

As another year passes, we thank the Lord for his many blessings he has given us all. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Tony, Kathie, Autumn, Megan, & Summer Kresha



March 25, 1994

Dear Kresha Kronicle:

As our family reunion approaches, we are anticipating all the visiting and good food. Say, all you good cooks, fruit pizza and brownies are great for the kids, but we Senior Citizens like PIE. Both our cherry trees died, so Charlie, you don't have to worry about cherry pits in my pie!

On our summer vacation in August, we rode with Harold's sister, Alice, and husband, Harry. From Bill Cody's Ranch in North Platte, we headed N.W. to Thermopolis, Wyo. to see the Sulfur Springs, then on to Yellowstone Park. Making a wide circle through Fruita and Vail, CO we headed south to Salt Lake City. After seeing the salt flats, we visited the Mormon Temple and learned a few things about them. Harry missed seeing his cows. I missed my dogs, cats, flowers and homecooking. We were gone 10 days.

On our winter vacation in January, Harold and I headed southeast and toured Alabama and Georgia. The highlight of our trip was visiting the beautiful Grosch home in Dublin, GA. Kathy and Pam were home, but Wayne was attending to business in Silver Creek, so we really missed him. Kathy is such a gracious hostess and a good cook.

Harold liked the Space Center at Huntsville and I liked the Woolaroc Indian Museum at Bartelsville.

This past winter, Harold has been overhauling and painting his antique tractors. I work on my quilts and china painting. But, now it's time to get down to the business of farming.

Weather has been nice for a while, and Harold has been fertilizing the fields. I've planted the potatoes and onions in our garden. Another growing season has started.

Love to all,

HAROLD and LILLIAN WITULSKI



May 1, 1994

Hello Everyone!

I'm sure you all are anxious for summer and all of its nice weather to get here. I know we are. We've already been doing yard work and some landscaping. With it being spring and all, it's pretty unpredictable to plan much with the showers we've been getting. The rain is much appreciated though.

We've had a new addition to our family this last January 31, 1994. A sweet little daughter, Karsen Leigh. We're just thrilled! Parenthood is quite fulfilling. It's hard to believe she's already 3½ months old. It's so precious to see her smile and giggle. She loves us to hold her up so she can stand. Before we know it, she'll be rolling over. They do grow up way too fast.

Bill still works at Center 66 as an Automotive Technician. He keeps pretty busy there. With that, helping his friend on a stock car, doing things around the house, and hunting, his days are kept full.

I returned to work, at Appleton Electric, in late March after my maternity leave was over. It was hard going back and leaving Karsen with a babysitter. I also returned to my step-aerobic class. I really missed that too!

Well, take care and God Bless You.

BILL, LOIS and KARSEN ROMBACH

May 5, 1994

Dear Family & Friends:

May is such a busy fun month with graduation, weddings, farming, yard and garden work.

The cows and calves are out to summer pasture. Corn planting is in full swing, and beans will be planted the later part of the month.

I've been trying to get my flower beds groomed and planted before next week. I'll be having surgery (May 10th) on my shoulder rotatory cuff repair. Activities with my right arm will be limited for a while.

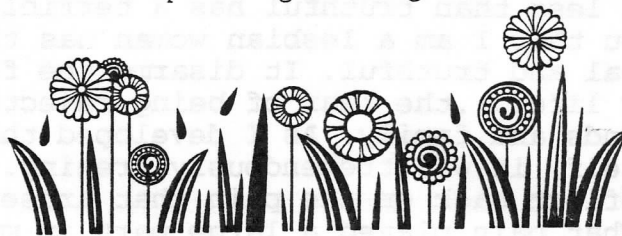
A thought I would like to share:

Perhaps it was because we are all in danger of judging people that Jesus warns us several times in the gospels: "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgement you make you will be judged." (Mt 7:1-2)

So be an Alleluia person! With compassion, open your heart to the joy and peace that can be God's special gift of grace.

God Bless!

MARY LUKASSEN



May 9, 1994

Dear Family:

Thanks to Elaine's reminder I'm here for a chat with my Kresha family. My family and I are all well and I hope all is well with you all.

We are enjoying a prolonged spring with threatening showers--amount depends on the cloud you are under...not much. Two days straight we had funnel clouds down, but they didn't quite get down on the ground--they went back to the cloud they came from. Occasionally there are tornadoes in CA, but they don't do much damage.

1994 looks like another dry year for us. Northern CA is faring a little better.

Farmers are getting started seeding cotton. My fruit trees have a good fruit set this year. With the winds, lots of apricots are falling.

Jerome has 1994 tree crop sold out and men are busy potting next year. They're about half done with that.

Diane is teaching 5th grade. Donald was made a vice president; rather I should say one of the VP of company--Pharmaceutical Co..

Marie will graduate June 9th. She has been accepted to the University of Arizona, Tuscon, AZ. It's the school of her choice.

The airlines recently had a special on a few days, so the kids talked me into visiting NE in June. Leaving June 14-29. Have hopes of stopping at the Kresha's first for a couple of days. Sorry, but I can't make the picnic; Marie will be graduating that week.

Joe Thomas and his friend, Cora, stopped by the other day. They were enroute to Disneyland. They both work at the same nursing home and same shift. I enjoyed seeing them.

I should say goodbye, with the hopes of seeing you next month.

Love and Prayers,

MARGARET KRESHA

Eastertide, 1994



Dear Family,

It feels so good to be back home in California! Susan and I moved from Mesa, AZ, to Oakland, CA, the end of January. We are blessed with a comfortable house which we are renting in a lovely, safe environment. It's close to our work. Susan is a Pastoral Counselor, and I am working with East Bay Hospice, using my skills as a nurse and gifts as a Chaplain. We have friends renting our house in Mesa, and so we can wait for an opportune time to sell there and buy here.

Many of you who read this newsletter may have wondered why I was so "self-disclosing" in the Christmas issue, and I want to tell you two reasons. The first is for my own integrity. Hidden secrets have a great power, and being less than truthful has a terrible psychological toll. Telling you that I am a lesbian woman has the primary value for me of being real and truthful. It disarms the fear that has controlled me all my life...the fear of being rejected and shut out of the lives of friends and family. As I developed the courage to become open about myself, it was tremendously freeing. Now that I am sixty years old, I reflect back on the pain that arose from this aspect of my identity. That pain played a large part in my leaving the church for many years, and becoming addicted to alcohol. Many of you may exclaim, "Oh, My! I never knew that!" My inner fears and conflicts made for a very private, concealed life. Now that I can talk about my sexual orientation, even if I get a bad reaction from other people, at least I feel that I am being myself. I have now been "clean and sober" for over 13 years, and "Justified by faith" (Rom.5.1) and "Saved by grace" (Eph.2.8) for as many years.

The second reason is to give a face (my face) to the issues surrounding homosexuality in our society. As long as you don't know any of "them" it is easy to have a "them and us" mind set. ("It's not my problem; let them burn in hell.") If you are going to be a decent human being, you can't just casually despise a huge segment of the human race. The overwhelming power of God's justice that reaches to all humans is dawning at this time, upon the hearts and consciences of God's people with respect to gays and lesbians. What matters morally and ethically is how we live our lives as faithful people, regardless of our sexual orientation. This social justice issue is being played out in many States where you live, where basic civil rights are being sought to be denied through legislation. I want you to know that I am one person who will be affected by laws that allow discrimination.

My photograph shows me holding our new grandson, David. Susan's two daughters each have new babies. David's parents live close enough for us to see them on a regular basis. This is our new address and phone number:

72 Gleneden Ave., Oakland, CA 94611
510/ 428-1543

May God's grace continue to transform us all!

Love from *Rita*



ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH

1403 S. E. NEHALEM STREET
PORTLAND, OREGON 97202

May 3, 1994

Dear Kresha Kronicle:

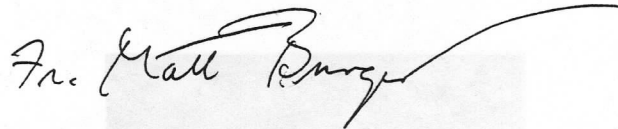
Greetings from your old distant cousin out in Portland, Oregon. I'm glad Elaine is keeping up the Kronicle. I would sure miss all the news about the Kresha branch of the family without it.

The biggest thing I did last fall was retrace, with a friend from the Midwest, the western part of the Old Oregon Trail. There is a marvelous new state of the art Interpretive Center near Baker City, Oregon, and it alone is worth the trip (300 miles from Portland). We saw a lot of other interesting features of the Trail -- Farewell Bend on the Snake River, and the Barlow cutoff (around Mount Hood), just to mention a few. Most thrilling was the sight of the canyon or gulch about 20 miles north of Baker City where my Olbrich grandparents homesteaded after making that covered wagon trip alone in 1881. The old homestead shacks are still standing there today. What incredible fortitude those pioneer ancestors had!

This year is my Golden Jubilee year of religious profession. 50 years a Benedictine! (but only 47 years a priest). About half of that time at home in the monastery and seminary, teaching theology. The other half out in parishes and as hospital chaplain. I hope I have done some good in all those years.

Best wishes for good health and good fortune to all.

If any one still wants to follow the Old Oregon Trail out west (it's the main highway west out of Columbus), be sure to give me a call when you get here. I'd love to meet you. And I'm sure you'd enjoy the trip.



May 1, 1994

Dear Family,

Our family has good news to share with everyone. Mike and I are celebrating our 17th year wedding anniversary in May.

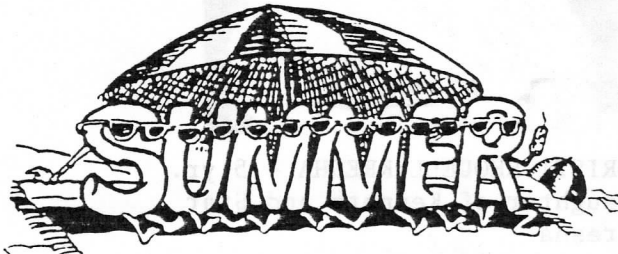
Joel, who is 8, celebrated his first Eucharist on April 17. We were fortunate to have most of our families attend.

We are also looking forward to vacation time this summer. We have plans to go to Disney World in Orlando.

Hope this note finds all in good health.

Love,

MIKE, MICHELLE, JOEL AND JENNA BERLIN



May 30, 1994

Dear Family:

Hope this finds each and every one of you in good health.

Seems like nothing really changes with us, but we will fill you in on the latest.

Martin goes back and forth between Columbus and the farm, doing so on a daily basis. All of the planting is done. Now, let's hope that this summer proves to be a good one for us.

Elaine just finished her 11th year of teaching at St. Isidore School. The kids are out for the summer. Elaine is still putting in a few days at school, getting her classroom ready for the summer.

Patrick continues to live in NV, working at Hoover Dam in Henderson, NV. If you ever go to NV and get an opportunity to tour the dam, look Patrick up. You couldn't ask for a better tour.

Kenneth, Star, and Kristi (now 5 yrs) live out on the farm. Both still work at Behlen Mfg. in Columbus. Kristi will be starting kindergarten in the fall. My, those years have gone by fast.

Bernard still works in Central City, NE but lives in Clarks. He is slowly remodeling his house. Hope he gets it done soon. He just came back from NV, visiting Patrick.

Jolene no longer works in Norfolk at the hospital. She moved back home to Columbus, and hopes to find a job there. She is taking a Spanish class for the medical professions here at Platte College.

Colleen will be going on her 3rd year working at Alexanders Pharmacy in Norfolk in July. She still lives in Norfolk.

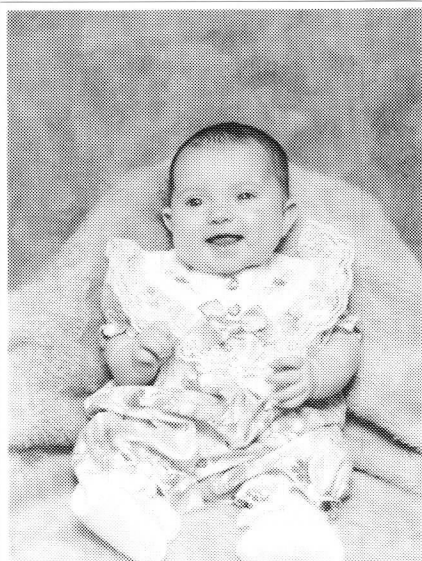
Lois and Bill live on a nice acreage north of Columbus. Bill continues to work at Center 66 in Columbus, and Lois works at Appleton. They had a new addition to their family. On January 31, Karsen Leigh was born. She is such a good baby. (That makes grandchild #2 for Martin and Elaine.)

See, what did we say--nothing really has changed here.

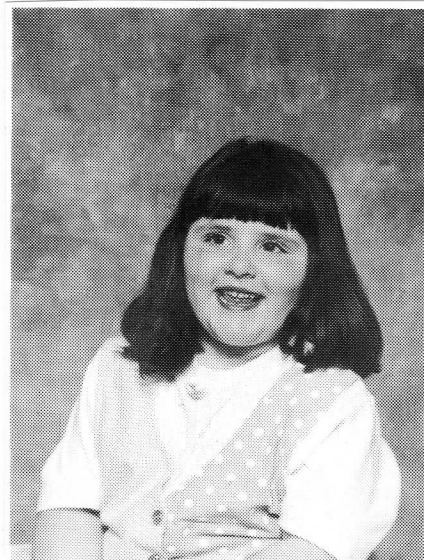
Hope to see many of you at the Kresha Reunion on June 12.

Love,

MARTIN and ELAINE KRESHA
and FAMILY



KARSEN LEIGH ROMBACH - 3 mo.
Daughter of Bill and Lois
(Kresha) Rombach



KRISTI RHODELL KRESHA - 5 yr.
Daughter of Kenneth and Star
Kresha

GIRLS STATE ALTERNATE

Osceola's representatives to the 1994 Cornhusker Girls State and Boys State have been chosen.

Alternate for Girls State is Becky Kresha, daughter of Joe and Lou Kresha.

The week-long sessions will emphasize the study of fundamental principles of American Government. Participants will serve in elective and appointive state offices, enact legislation, introduce and debate bills, conduct courts and enforcement agencies.



Rebecca Kresha

As a junior in high school this year, many of Rebecca's goals have been accomplished and many more have been set. This year she participated in her third year of volleyball, basketball, track and cheerleading.

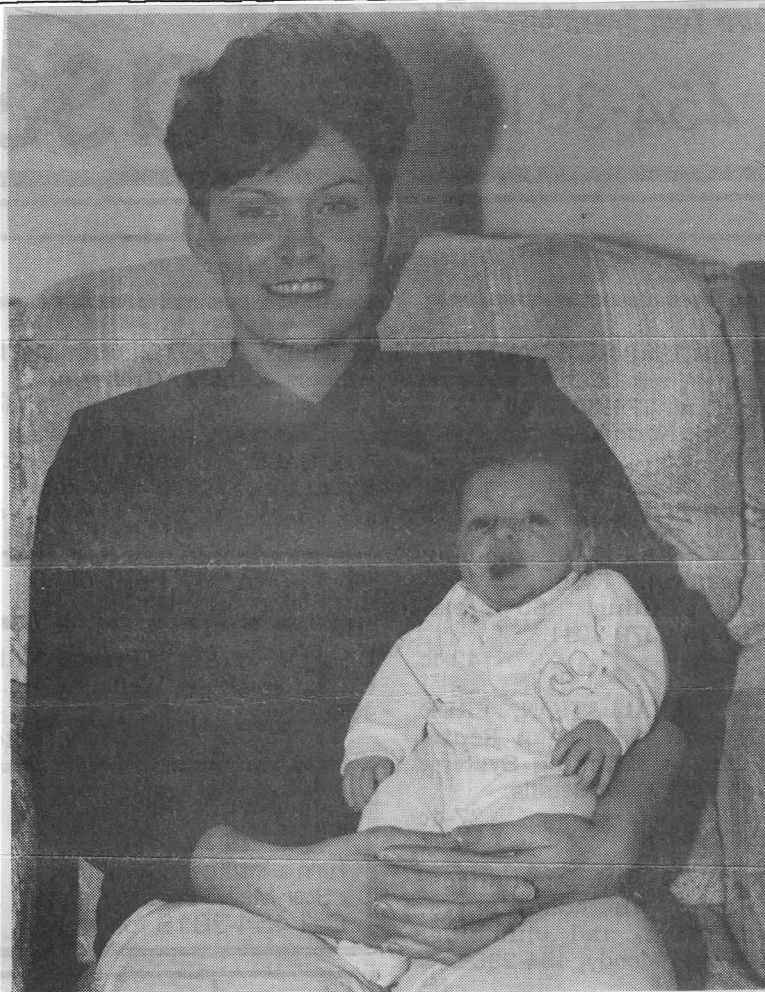
She is a member of O-Club and received Academic All-State in volleyball and basketball. She has been involved with the speech team since her freshman year and competed at state once with the OID.

Rebecca has been in one-act plays for three years and this year she had a part in the all-school play.

She has been a member of the band one year and chorus two years. She participated in the Kearney Festive Choir for two years and competed in districts.

Presently Rebecca is secretary of the student council and is a junior class representative. She is on the honor roll and a member of the National Honor Society.

She participated at HOBY as a sophomore and this year attended a Citizenship Seminar sponsored by the Farm Bureau and has been chosen to go back next year as a counselor.



Who's new

Jim and Kristi Becker are the parents of Austin Charles, born February 4, 1994, at Lutheran Community Hospital. He weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces. He has one sister, Jennifer, 5, and one brother, Derek, 3.

Grandparents are Charles and Lucy Kresha of Columbus and Buster and Darlene Becker of Enola. (Madison)

Kresha Selected For Farm Bureau Youth Seminar

Six high school students who attended Nebraska Farm Bureau's Youth Seminar in March have been selected for leadership honors and future seminar responsibilities.

The students were among 100 high school sophomores and juniors from across the state who attended the Nebraska Farm Bureau Youth Citizenship and Safety Seminar, held March 20-22 at the Youth Leadership Development Center in Aurora. The annual seminar is sponsored by Farm Bureau's Promotion and Education Committee.



Among the honorees is Rebecca Kresha of Osceola. She will receive a full tuition scholarship to attend camp counselor training at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp at Halsey in June.

Kresha, 17, is a junior at Osceola High School and is the daughter of Joe and Lou Kresha of Osceola. She will serve as a junior counselor for the 1995 Farm Bureau Youth Seminar. She was selected by Polk County Farm Bureau to attend this year's seminar.

Denise Kush Nordeen is the daughter of Louis and Dorothy (Kresha) Kush. She is the granddaughter of the late John and Caroline Kresha. (Columbus Telegram 3-20-94)



Telegram photo by Steve Wolf

STOCKED UP — Denise Kush Nordeen of Columbus is stocked and open for business at 2508 13th St. She said her new business, Victoria's Closet, features casual to dressy clothes for active people.

Store sells customers individuality

By **MICHAEL AVOK**
Telegram Staff Writer

COLUMBUS — Women looking for reasonably-priced clothes for many occasions should browse through Victoria's Closet, the owner of the new downtown business said.

Denise Kush Nordeen opened the store at 2508 13th St. on Feb. 28. The grand opening is set for March 26.

She said her store offers clothes with floral and tapestry designs modeled after styles from the Victorian Era.

"It was a period with a very



romantic look," Nordeen said. "I'd like to stick with that theme and just carry it through to clothing and accessories — feminine, romantic, one-of-a-kind type items."

The store, which targets cus-

tomers ages 22 and up, also features clothing appropriate to wear to work that isn't as "frilly," Nordeen said.

She said the downtown location has stirred up traffic in her store and business has been good during the past two weeks.

Nordeen said variety is one of the strong points of her store. She said she orders only two or three dresses or other items of a certain style.

"That is a big pet peeve with the women in this area," Nordeen said. "They really hate it when they go to a wedding and see their dress on two or three other people.

"That happens a lot here in Columbus. A lot of us are related and we end up at a lot of the same functions, graduations and weddings."

She said those situations can be avoided with variety.

"If we spent three months looking for a dress, we don't want to see it on someone else," Nordeen said.

Victoria's Closet is open 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Hours are extended from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays. The store is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. on Sundays.

Obituaries

Mary VanVelkinburgh

COLUMBUS — Mary VanVelkinburgh, 81, of 3600 30th St., died Saturday, Dec. 18, 1993, at Columbus Manor.

Funeral services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Bonaventure Church in Columbus with the Rev. Mark Tomasiewicz officiating. Burial is in St. Bonaventure Cemetery.

Visitation is until 9 p.m. today, with a 7:30 p.m. wake service and 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Gass-Haney Funeral Chapel in Columbus.

Mrs. VanVelkinburgh was born May 7, 1912, to Martin and Celia Karges in Duncan. She attended Duncan schools, Silver Creek High School and Midland College in Fremont.

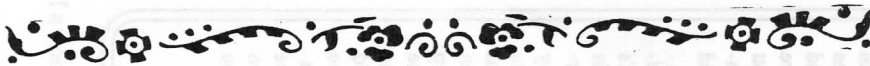
She married Charles M. VanVelkinburgh in 1936 in Fremont. She lived in the Schuyler, Richland and Columbus communities all of her life. She was a postmaster in Richland.

She belonged to St. Bonaventure Church.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Curtis of Lutz, Fla., and Keith of Silverthorne, Colo.; two sisters, Martha Zipper of Los Angeles, and Cielia of Omaha; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters. Memorials may be sent to donors' choice.

Mary was a half-sister to Eva (Karges) Kresha.



Helen Gabriel

OSCEOLA — Helen E. Gabriel, 84, of Osceola died Thursday, Jan. 6, 1994, at Annie Jeffrey Memorial County Hospital in Osceola.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent's Catholic Church with the Rev. Peter Gadiant officiating. Burial is in Osceola Cemetery.

Visitation is today until after a 7:30 p.m. rosary at Kepner-Roberts Funeral Home in Osceola.

Mrs. Gabriel was born March 18, 1909, in Polk County to Frank and Bertha (Kropatsch) Bernt. She lived most of her life in Osceola and worked 18 years at Good Samaritan Center in Osceola.

She married Albert W. Gabriel Nov. 24, 1931, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church near Osceola.

She was a member of St. Vincent's Altar Society, Osceola Senior Citizens and Heartwarmers Band.

Survivors include three sons, Donald of Osceola, Dan of Sargent and LeRoy of Laramie, Wyo.; two daughters, Eleanor McClain of Madison and JoAnn Martens of Rising City; one sister, Virginia Tomasevicz of Shelby; 23 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1969, two brothers and three sisters.

Helen was a first cousin to the first family of Kreshas.

REMEMBRANCES OF ANOTHER TIME

SIXTY YEARS AGO

April 12, 1934

Miss Rose Kresha, teacher in the Seberger school treated her pupils to a trip to the museum farm south of Duncan Tuesday and on the return trip stopped at the south channel and enjoyed a wiener roast.

A large crowd attended the free dedication at Eller's Hall last Wednesday night. Mrs. Eller now has one of the finest dance places in the country.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

April 27, 1944

Axel A. Anderson sold his improved 80, half-way between Osceola and Shelby, to Kenneth Mentink for \$115 per acre. A. J. Herrmann sold his unimproved 80 acres in the same general neighborhood to Adolph Kresha Jr. for \$120 per acre

The heavy rains this month have made many of the dirt roads impassable and mail is frequently relayed from box to box.

At the invitational track meet held at Columbus last Friday, Osceola scored seven points. Stanley Braithwait placed second in the pole vault; Parks was second in the high jump and Norton placed fourth in the discus throw. Wilfred Kresha placed fourth in the last heat of the 440 yard dash.

FORTY YEARS AGO

May 6, 1954

Miss Rita Kresha, who is in nurses' training at St. Elizabeth Hospital at Lincoln, is taking a two weeks vacation. While she is visiting her mother, Mrs. Eva Kresha, she is also working at the Osceola Community Hospital.



Things I remember about Grandma Helen,

A mother of five children, a grandmother to 23 grandchildren and a great grandmother to 18 great grandchildren. She was a neighbor to some and a friend to all. I think back to the fond memories we all must have of grandma. Here's one you might remember, a typical Gabriel gathering always had to review the most recent political decisions or political scandals. As you can imagine we all would not agree and as the discussion became louder, but never as threatening or argumentative. You might hear any of a number of different grandchildren say, "Grandma, the kids are fighten." This would always bring a smile to grandma's face and an appropriate response such as, "you are never to old for me to take you over my knee, Ben, Leroy, JoAnn, Eleanor or Don." Whichever kid at the time that needed some straightening out, grandma was there to straighten them out.

Or how about grandma in her rocking chair sitting there rocking and quietly dosing off and on. Let's also not forget how wonderful a scrabble player she was. There was nothing grandma liked better than a hard fought battle of scrabble at the kitchen table. We grandkids may remember the games of green ghost - hide and go seek we used to play, and when it was time to come in, which we would prolong as long as possible, Grandma would say, "you kids get in here." For some reason we would all question our parents when they told us to come in, but by gosh when grandma told us we had to move, because grandma said. Or how about grandma's old Rambler or the huge garden she always had, or the raking and burning of leaves in the fall and the hotdogs we would roast over the fire. Let's not forget the big wooden wagon, the burning can in the alley, the apple trees, canning, the one dollar bills she would send to us grandkids in our Christmas cards, her crocheting and who will ever forget grandpa's shop. Grandma, the fond memo-

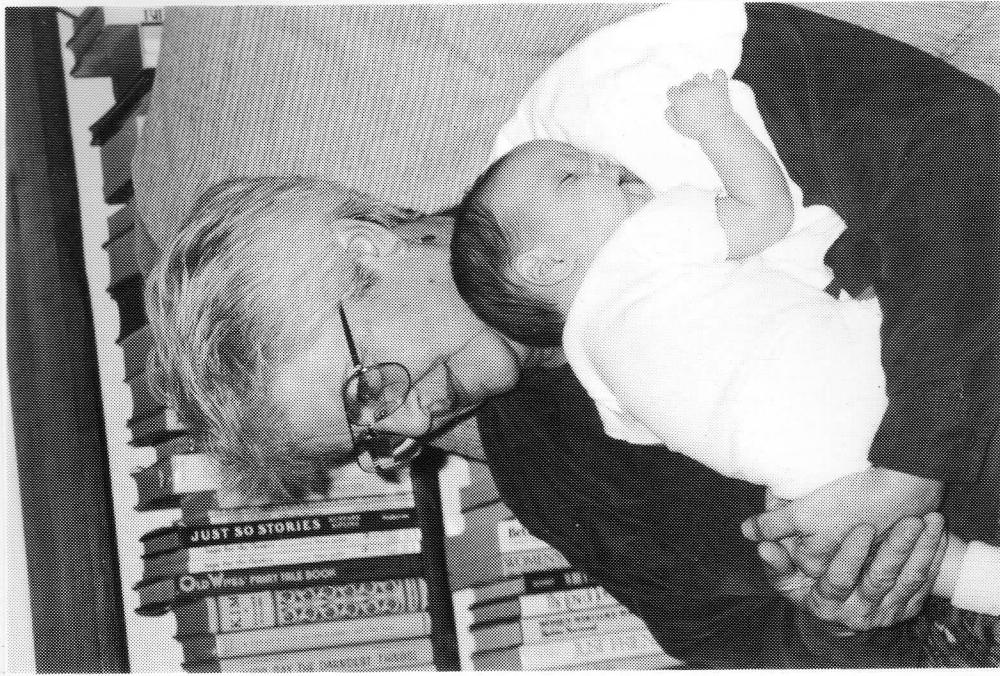
ries will never be forgotten. You are the most caring, honest and faithful people I ever knew. You never lost faith in God and through your prayers and persona we are all better people.

More recently for grandma I know she was very active in senior citizens and enjoyed these activities greatly. I heard great stories about how the band would travel around and play. Certainly common ground for everyone here has to do with grandma's cooking. Her cookies and kolotchies were second to none. I knew her kolotchies were famous when Charles Roberts, the mortician said, "Tremember when Helen would invite me in on a cold days, when I was a paper boy, for a kolotchy and let me warm up by the stove in the middle room." And you know I can almost see that darn stove with gloves draped in front of it and on top of it and grandma always watching to make sure you never got too close to it, so you wouldn't get burned. I can only occasionally remember something burning and melting to the top of it.

For many of us children and grandchildren the number of visits to grandma's house became fewer and fewer. This certainly was not a crime. Grandma understood that life goes on and in no way would try to slow down progress. Even today I know grandma would not want any one of us to fall into a deep depression over this deal, or that deal or go pick up that deal, or look at that deal, or give me another one of those deals, deal was one of her favorite words, but rather she would want us to continue our lives and have them return as close to normalcy as possible without her. Grandma we all love you and know you are at a better place, no one is more deserving. God bless you grandma.

For the family and friends of
Helen Gabriel

This remembrance of Helen Gabriel was read at her funeral. It appeared in the Osceola Record, February 3, 1994.



RITA KRESHA holding new grandson, David. David is the son of one of Susan Vanderburgh's daughters.



EDITOR'S NOTE. . .

Thanks to those of you who cared enough to write letters, send pictures and other information for this issue of the KRONICLE. The Christmas letters arrived after the Christmas '93 issue was printed. That's why they are included in this issue.

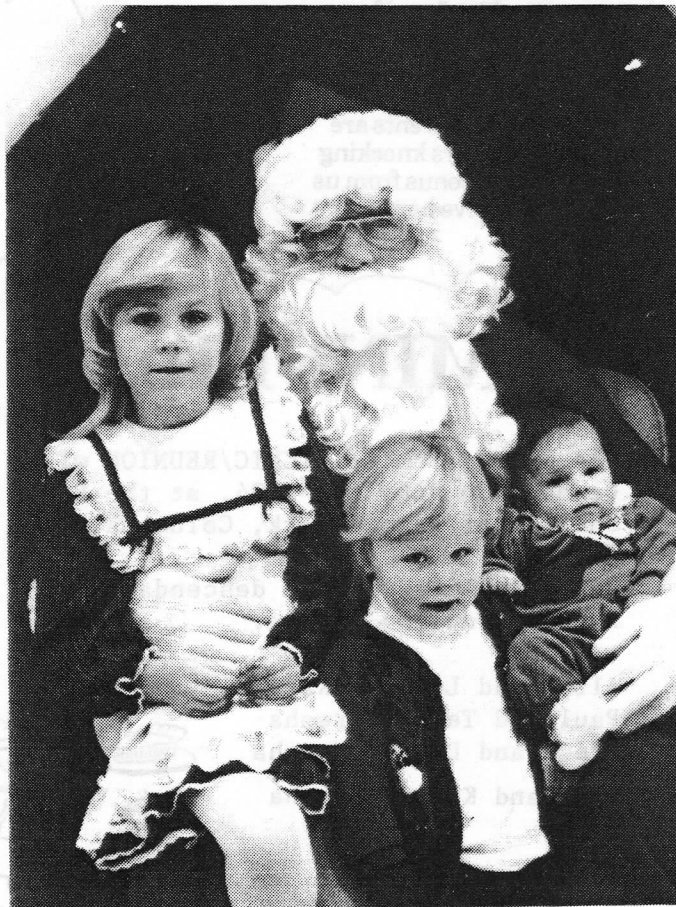
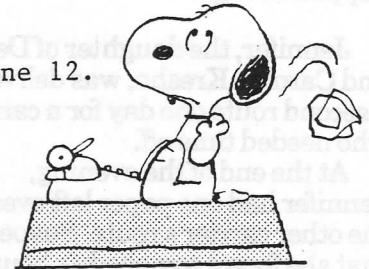
The balance in the KRONICLE checking account was \$202.87 as of June 1, 1994. This amount is before the expense (printing and postage) of this issue. (An estimate of the above expense would be around \$80.) Our account is getting low. If you owe for your subscription, please send a check or pay at the picnic. Cost is \$5.00 per year. This is definitely a non-profit venture. It seems that there are some in the family who think I (Elaine) am turning in unnecessary expenses. NOT!! The only compensation I get is the satisfaction of knowing that I am doing the best job that I can do. The hours are lousy and the pay is either support or criticism. I thank you for both. The words of support keep me going. The words of criticism keep me humble.

I hope many of you will be able to attend the picnic on June 12. Plans are to eat at 12:00 noon. Committee will be descendants of Leo Kresha. (See REMINDER on p. 13.)

Keep those letters, pictures, etc. coming. The next deadline will be July 31. Mark it on your calendar. This is the only notice you will get. Thank you!

Have a good summer! God love you!

Elaine



CHRISTMAS 1993
Santa holding children of
Tony and Kathie Kresha

- left to right:
- AUTUMN 6 years
- MEGAN 2 years
- SUMMER about 3 months

Kresha Kronicle



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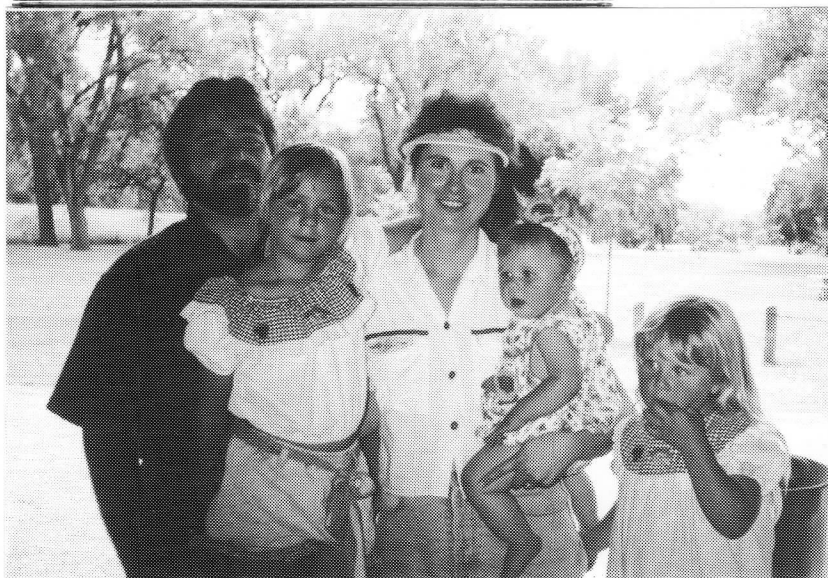


The annual Kresha Reunion was held Sunday, June 12, 1994, at Pawnee Park, West Shelter, Columbus, NE. A potluck dinner was held.

Those in attendance came from Osceola, Clarks, Columbus, Beatrice, Bellwood, David City, Platte Center, Nebraska, and Marshall, MO.

The 1995 Reunion will be held on Sunday, June 11, at Pawnee Park, East Shelter, Columbus, NE. The committee will be descendants of John and Caroline Kresha.

PICTURES FROM REUNION, 1994 - - - - -



Tony, Autumn, Kathie, Summer and Megan Kresha



Dolores Wetgen



Matt, Sue (Mrs. Bob) and Bethany Hilger--Marcus Hilger



Bernard Kresha, Kristi Kresha (Kenneth and Star's daughter), Martin and Jolene Kresha



Mary Jane Hilger, Sr. Dolores Smagacz, Brett Beckfield (back to camera), Harold Witulski (partially hidden), Carolyn Kresha



Lillian Witulski, Gloria (Thomas) and Brett Beckfield, Harold Witulski



Matt Hilger, Allan Kresha, Glenn Kresha, Bob Hilger



Gregg Kresha



Bill Kresha



Ursula Kresha, Debbie Kresha, Florence Kresha

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE, BUT NO PICTURE AVAILABLE . . . DENICE, CONNIE AND APRIL KRESHA, ILA KRESHA, ELAINE KRESHA, MELVIN WETGEN, DAN HILGER, CHARLIE AND LUCY KRESHA, LORETTA KRESHA (If someone was not pictured or mentioned, it was an error and not intentional.)





Bernard Kresha, Lois Rombach holding Karsen (4 1/2 mo.), Kristi Kresha, Martin Kresha, Kenneth Kresha



GATHERING AT BONANZA RESTAURANT IN COLUMBUS, HONORING MARGARET KRESHA--June, 1994
Dennis and Carolyn Kresha, Dan Hilger, Margaret Kresha, Mary Jane Hilger, Martin Kresha,
Charlie Kresha
(Front row) Marcus Hilger, Lucy Kresha, Jolene Kresha



BONANZA RESTAURANT -- June '94

Carolyn and Dennis Kresha
Margaret Kresha



Charlie and Lucy
Kresha



Margaret Kresha, Dan, Mary Jane, and Marcus Hilger

July 29, 1994

Dear Family,

Hello from COOL (in the evenings...) Colorado! We've been having record high temps too, but at least we can look west and see snow!

Murl and I have been enjoying our summer off from teaching, but busy with many home upkeep projects. Too bad we can't eat weeds! Zach, now age 11, had Little League baseball, and we all enjoy playing golf together. Our daughter, Jennie, is still in college up in Pullman, WA. now working on her Master's in Anthropology. Right now, she is in Ensenada, Mexico, for 2 months working on a study. I believe she is researching the herbs that the native women use for medicines.

Right after school was out we went on our vacation up to northern Idaho, the tiny town of Blanchard. (It was the only condo that was available for our time-share exchange, in that area) We wanted to visit with Jennie before she left, meet her boyfriend, and see where she lives and her office at the university. We had a good time, and also visited the beautiful area of Cour d'Alene. Although inland, it feels like a port city with all the lakes, boats, docks. There is a golf course there, which we did not play, since it was \$175 per person. It has a 14th green that is a floating island, and you have to ride out to it and back in a little covered boat.

Mary and Tom O'Brien and 4 kids came to Colo. for a visit a short time ago. We tried to organize a mini-reunion barbeque, and did get a few other Colo. cousins to attend: Aunt Pat Kresha, daughter Pam, (hubby had to work), and cousin Cal Lukassen and new wife, Linda. We had a nice visit while the kids played volleyball, good food, etc.

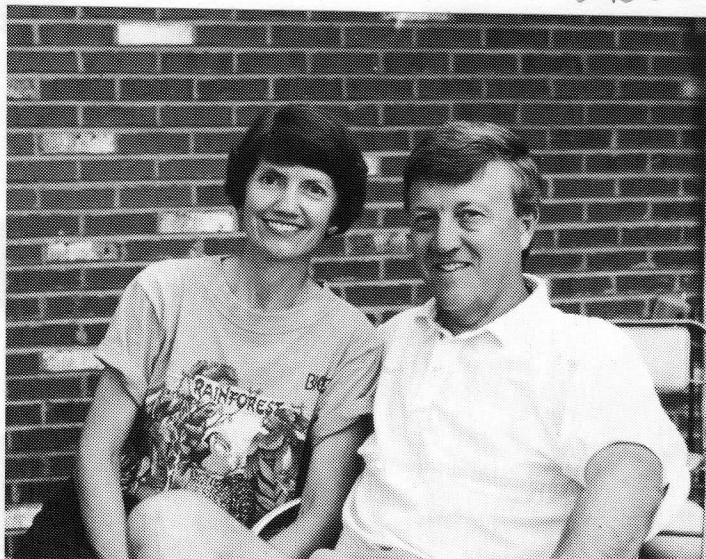
Later, in August, Leon and Sharon Kosch, and 2 children will stop here on their way to visit the other family folks in Nebr. We haven't seen them since the kids were very little, so we are looking forward.

A note to our Hilger cousins, Dan and Bob: We are also Rush Limbaugh fans now too! Even tho' his style and sense of humor take getting used to, we think his ideas are great, and represent many of the mainstreamed Americans who still have religious values. We are getting ready to write to some congressmen to encourage them to vote for certain issues, or we won't vote for them!

We just saw the movie "Forrest Gump" and we recommend it. It will probably win many awards this year. We also enjoyed the little bits of history in the film that we lived through in the last 30 years.

We send our best wishes and prayers for you all.

*Love, Murl, Marcie & Zach Etter
Lafayette, Colo.*



This picture was taken at the Colorado KRESHA COUSINS' mini-reunion. More pictures on another page.

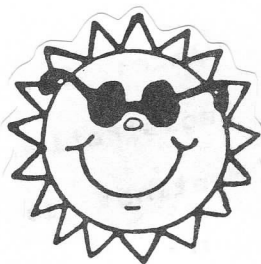


KRESHA COUSINS' MINI REUNION--Colorado, 1994

Pat Kresha, Mary and Tom O'Brien



Cal and Linda Lukassen
Pam Talmadge (Pat Kresha's daughter)



L-R Zach Etter,
Ben, Andy, Kelly, Beth
O'Brien

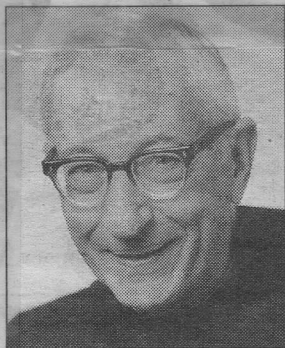


Dear Kreshas and all Related Families,

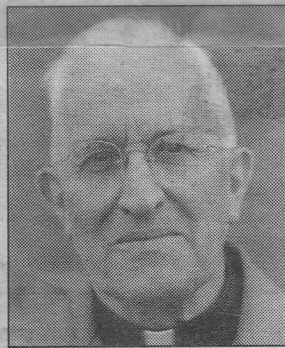
I am interested in the Civil War and would appreciate any information pertaining to any relatives who participated in the Civil War. I have searched through books looking for any Kreshas, but then, to later find out the Kreshas did not get here until 1888. The Civil War ended in the summer of 1865.

Thank you and I hope to be talking to you again.

JOSHUA KRESHA
1936 Buckingham
Fairfield, CA 94533



FATHER THOMAS BROCKHAUS



FATHER MATTHIAS BURGER

CELEBRATION FOR MOUNT ANGEL MONKS . . .

Mount Angel Abbey will hold anniversary celebrations this weekend for Benedictine Fathers Thomas Brockhaus, professed for 60 years, and Matthias Burger, 50 years. The festivities will take place 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, in the Engelberg Room in the abbey's retreat house. (1994)

Father Thomas is well known in the Pacific Northwest as a canon lawyer. Father Matthias taught Sacred Scripture at Mount Angel Seminary 1949-67, then served as chaplain at Providence Hospital in Portland 1970-80. He is now chaplain at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland.



Rita Kresha

May, 1994

Columbus Days Baby Contest (8-21-94)



NEWBORN-3 MOS. — Stephani Jarecke, left, daughter of Tom and Joanna Jarecke of Columbus, was chosen cutest baby and Chase Meays, son of John and Janet Meays of Columbus received second place.



July 12, 1994

Dear Family,

The Kreshas here are all fine. They have been keeping pretty healthy.

I have been enjoying my vacation. I'm not working this summer. (that is, not outside the home) I've been really busy with my cake decorating and trying to get caught up on a lot of things here, like mending, ironing, cleaning and yard work. I've been so busy I don't know how I ever had time to work.

I still have my job at the school, but I did get my hours cut back. As long as they're not cut any more, I'll still be OK. I still get my benefits. I'm starting to draw my widow's pension this year from Social Security. Actually, the cut in hours has helped me more than hurt me.

This is my last year in Pastoral Council at Church. I've really enjoyed it, but I'm ready for a break. It was a busy two years with the World Youth Day. We also had a 25th Anniversary celebration right after that. The Church we are in now has been built 25 years ago. Now we have a new priest. Father Steve Padilla went to St. Katherine's. We now have Fr. Rinhold Weisback. He seems to be very nice. I think he will be very good for our church. We were having quite a few problems. Many of our parishioners left for another parish. Fr. Ron has been with us only 4 weeks, and already some of the people are coming back.

As for the kids, they are doing really well. Pam and Les are still working hard at their jobs and in their house. They are getting it redecorated, little by little. They are doing all of it by themselves, so it takes more time. Pam has gone into business making gift baskets. Things get slow at times, but over the holidays she is really busy. She enjoys it and does a beautiful job.

Andy and Aaron bought a house in Erie, CO. They really like it. There is a big yard that they both love working in. Aaron will be in First Grade this next fall. He loves school and does really well. He stays at a sitter that lives right across the street from them. This makes it convenient.

Tom and Dan are both living at home right now. I don't mind. They both pay rent which helps me a lot. There are no girl friends in the picture right now, either. Dan looks really good. He has lost about 60 lbs and is still losing. He should be going in for his surgery on his jaw sometime in August. They are waiting for him to quit growing.

Love and prayers to all of you. If you are ever around this part of the country, stop in and see us sometime.

PAT KRESHA and FAMILY



GENE'S JOTTINGS

By Gene Thomas

THANK FOR THE FAX

My Christmas this year was unusually merry, due in no little part to receiving a new fax machine as a gift from a goodly number of my fellow Fruita business people and some local individuals and organizations.

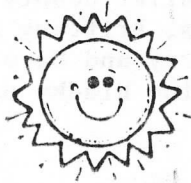
Claudia Gray of New Horizons Development made all the contacts to raise the funds for the machine, and I might add that she put a great deal of time into doing it. Thanks a lot, Claudia.

The machine will serve us well here at The Fruita Times I am sure. I have contacted US West and they promised to get a phone line in for us to hook the fax onto this week. I hope to be able to print the number in next week's paper, and then anyone who wants to fax us anything in the way of news or advertising can do so.



FRUITA (CO) TIMES
Friday, Dec. 30, 1994

Curt Lukassen, far right, is the president of the pastoral council of St. William's parish in Ft. Lupton, CO. Pictured with him is Father Ziuraitis and Sister Cohara. Curt is the son of Dale Lukassen and the late Millie Lukassen. (Photo from the Denver Catholic Register newspaper -submitted by Marcie Etter.)

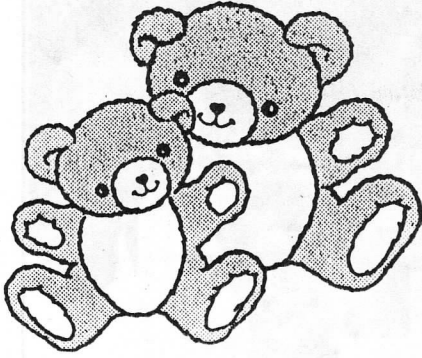


Telegram photo by Steve Wolf

Finding the greatest pumpkin

Lorene Mick of Columbus, left, helps Autumn Kresha, 6, check the underside of a pumpkin for blemishes Monday at the Zegers' Family Pumpkin Patch in Bellwood. First- and second-grade students from Bellwood Elementary School visited the patch to pick pumpkins. Kresha is the daughter of Tony and Kathie Kresha of rural Columbus.

Births



STEPHANI JARECKE

Tom and Joanna (Mitchell) Jarecke of Columbus are the parents of a girl, Stephani Ann, born July 1, 1994. She has one brother, Scott, and one sister, Karla.

Grandparents are Jerome and Florence Jarecke of Columbus and Del and Sue Mitchell of Genoa. Great-grandmothers are Frances Jarecke of Columbus and Betty Waddington of Genoa.

BROOKE MARIE KRESHA

Dan and Becky (Codr) Kresha are the parents of a girl, Brooke Marie born Wednesday, November 2, 1994 at the Butler County Health Care Center. Brooke has a brother, Brandon, and two sisters, Brittany and Breanne.

Grandparents are Don and MaryLou Codr of Bee and Larry and Carol Kresha of Osceola. Great-grandparents are Marie Codr and Josephine Hladky of Seward and Roderic and Martha Smith of Shelby.

ALEXANDER KRESHA

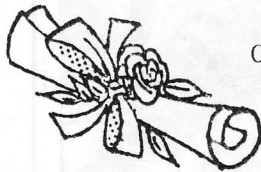
Ronald and Wendy (Schneider) Kresha of Ivanhoe, Minnesota, are parents of a boy, Alexander Aeneas, born December 22, 1994.

Grandparents are Dennis and Carolyn Kresha of Columbus and Richard and Mary Schneider of Winona, Minnesota. Great-grandmothers are Marguerite Hurt of Loup City and Dorothy Heidemann of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin.

RAYAH NACOHK KOBZA

Marty and Nikki Kobza of Kansas City are parents of a girl, Rayah Nacohl, born December 27, 1994. She weighed 8 lb. 2oz.

Grandparents are Hank and Bonnie Kobza of Bellwood, Nebraska.



Congratulations to BETHANY O'BRIEN, daughter of Tom and Mary O'Brien who graduated from High School in May, 1994.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS TO MATTHEW O'BRIEN, son of Tom and Mary O'Brien and SHEILA SHREVES who were married May 21, 1994, in St. Bernadette's Catholic Church, Omaha, NE.



Obituaries

June 20, 1994

We received our Kresha Kronicle, so thought I should write to say that our mother, INES M. KRESHA passed away on the 24th of January, 1994 in American Canyon, California. She was 85 years old. She was born on September 25, 1908, in Ievery, Kansas to James and Velva Newman. She married John G. Kresha in Rapid City, South Dakota in 1933.

Survivors include one daughter Irene Pritchard of New York, one son, Frank Kresha of American Canyon, California; three sisters, three brothers, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John G. Kresha (son of Joseph Ferdinand Kresha. Joseph was a brother to Adolf Kresha).

Thanks for keeping us in touch with all the Kresha family.

Frank Kresha and Family



Dec 3, 1994

Lester Kropach

Lester F. Kropach passed away at his home in Inglewood, Ca on Nov 17, 1994. He was born Sept 8, 1915 in Osceola, Nebr to John & Amelia (Micek) Kropach.

He married Louella Jones on July 27, 1940 in Hollywood California. They have been residents of Inglewood for 34 years. He had been retired from U.S. Electrical Motors for 20 years. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, a son William John Kropach of Saugus, a daughter Karen E. Lawler of Inglewood and four grandsons: Shawn Lawler 19, Alex 15, John Lester 6, and William Kropach 4, and a brother Clarence of Downey. He is proceeded in death by his parents.

His services were held on Nov 23, 1994 at St John Chrysostom Church in Inglewood by the Rt Rev Msgr. Edward Maddox and Rev Paul Montoya. His two older grandsons were Alter Servers and his pall-bearers were his cousins: Pete Kotlar, and Kenneth Micek and great nephews: William Adrian, Jim Adrian, Michael Chamberlin and family friend: Jim Dobbins.

He was laid to rest in San Fernando Mission Cemetary next to his wifes' sister Ivy (Jones) Savage.

(Lester was a first cousin to the children of the first family of Kreshas. Lester's father, John, was a brother to Adolf Kresha's first wife, Sophia.)

David Kropatsch

LINCOLN — David Kropatsch, 49, of Lincoln died Saturday, June 25, 1994, at his home.

Funeral services are 11 a.m. Monday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lincoln with the Rev. Casey Porada officiating. Burial is in Lincoln Memorial Park.

Visitation is noon-9 p.m. Sunday at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home. A rosary is 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church.

Mr. Kropatsch was born April 24, 1945, to Conrad and Josephine (Tworek) Kropatsch in Columbus.

He belonged to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jan; his mother, Josephine Kropatsch of Osceola; three daughters, Jana Kropatsch, Melissa Lahmann and Kara Gibilisco, all of Lincoln; two brothers, Richard of Silver Creek and Calvin of Osceola; and one granddaughter.

Memorials may be sent to the family.

David's Grandfather, Hubert Kropatsch and Sophia Kresha (Adolf's first wife) were brother and sister.

DEATH NOTICE

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kresha received word of the death of her brother, Edward Novacek, 78, Sunday, Oct. 16, 1994

The Kresha's left for California on Oct. 18 to attend the funeral on Oct. 19 at St. Kilians Church in Mission Viejo, Calif.

He is survived by his wife Loretta, two daughters and two sons. The Kreshas also visited other relatives in the area returning home on Monday, Oct. 24.

Gary Altmanshofer

COVINA, Calif. — Gary Altmanshofer, 80, of Covina, Calif., formerly of Columbus, died Friday, Oct. 28, 1994, at Inter-Community Hospital in Covina.



Mr. Altmanshofer was born Aug. 10, 1914, to Hubert and Minnie (Cerny) Altmanshofer near Shelby. He was raised in Big Springs and graduated from Big Springs High School in 1932. He moved to Columbus in 1938, and worked for Johnson's Radio Shop.

He married Lillian E. Johnson on Nov. 25, 1940, at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Columbus. He owned and operated Gary's Radio Shop until the late 1960s, when he moved to California.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, David and Joe, both of California; six daughters, Marylu Wilson, Leslie DeMatie, Sue Cauley, Margaret "Peggy" Amaro and Anne, all of California, and Judy Gravin, of High Point, N.C.; one brother, Ivan of Wichita, Kan.; three sisters, Viola Leonard of Idaho, Alvina Schutt of Colorado and Mildred Kleeman of Omaha; 18 grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; three great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother and one granddaughter.

Gary's mother Minnie was a first cousin to the first family of Kreshas.

DEATHS

Marlin Scholz

BELLWOOD — Marlin D. Scholz, 78, of Bellwood died Monday, Sept. 26, 1994, at David Place in David City.



Scholz

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Bellwood with the Rev. Steven Reiter officiating. Burial is at the Bellwood Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation is 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday at Knott Funeral Home in David City and 6:30-7:30 p.m. with a 7:30 p.m. wake service at the church.

Mr. Scholz was born Sept. 19, 1916, to Frank and Emma (Engel) Scholz in Duncan and attended Duncan grade and high schools. He also attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

He married Mary Hiller May 6, 1938, in Bellwood and lived in Duncan from 1916-43, Bellevue from 1943-45 and Bellwood from 1945-94. He was a retired hardware store owner and electrician. He served in the military during World War II in 1945.

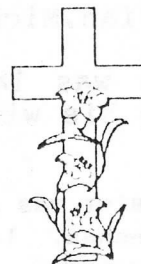
He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, a volunteer firefighter and a former legion commander.

He was a member of St. Peter's Church in Bellwood.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Rita Hanus and Frances Mick, both of Bellwood, and Patricia Kochenderfer of Omaha; three sons, Joseph of Bellwood, Kenneth of Parkville, Mo., and Gregory of Columbus; one brother, Harold of Omaha; 17 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and one grandson.

Marlin Scholz was a first cousin to Eva (Karges) Kresha.



Congratulations to our Carrier of the Month!



Jennifer Kresha

As Honor Carrier for June, Jennifer received a Columbus Telegram T-shirt, a certificate and a \$25 bonus. Jennifer was selected as Carrier of the Month because of her conscientious attitude and the excellent service she provides her customers. Jennifer also works to gain new customers by participating in sales contests. Jennifer has been a Telegram carrier since she was just eight years old. She delivers to 38 homes in the area south of downtown, including 7th through 11th Streets.

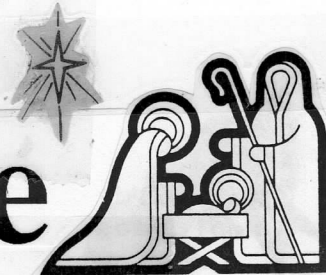
The Kresha family has a long history of delivering the Telegram. Jennifer's older brother started it off 13 years ago and the route has been handed down to the three other children. Jennifer got her start two years ago with 11 papers. "When I was little, I used to race my sister while we rolled papers," Jennifer said. "I started as a carrier because I needed some more money for all our vacations. And I bought myself a new bike."

Jennifer recommends being a carrier to other young people, "I'd like to say to all the little children that it's fun once you get started and you'll always make extra money. You can meet nice people. I look forward to my paper route."

Jennifer is the daughter of Dennis and Carolyn Kresha of Columbus. She is 10 years old and will be in the 5th grade at St. Anthony's. Her favorite classes are science and religion. She enjoys riding her bike, making up songs and playing outside.

Kresha Kronicle

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November 20, 1994

Dear Kresha Relatives:

"Hello" from Southern Nebraska. We are so thankful for God's blessings of good health and bountiful crops. It was a great farm year.

In August we took a week's vacation and went to Alexandria, Minnesota to see the Kensington Runestone that dates back to 1362. The Vikings came in two ships to the Hudson Bay area. They explored around the Great Lakes and traveled by boat down the rivers to Alexandria. I truly believe that Columbus was not the first person to discover America in 1492. We saw the Bily wood carved clocks in Spillville, Iowa. In Dyersville, Iowa we saw the Ertl Farm Toy Factory, the Farm Toy Museum, and St. Frances Xavier Basilica.

In December, we'll be married 30 years. We plan to celebrate by taking a vacation after New Year's Day.

To all of you, we wish a very Merry Christmas. May Baby Jesus smile upon you. The same star that shone on Him over Bethlehem, still shines in the Eastern sky on December 25th. Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Love and prayers,

HAROLD AND LILLIAN WITULSKI



November 25, 1994

HELLO EVERYONE:

The holiday season has really come upon us fast, hasn't it? I guess you could say the weather has been pretty fair so far, though I know that our winter weather has only just begun.

We are all doing very good here. Bill has been busier now that hunting season is here. He goes out every chance he gets and has done really well so far.

Lois has been putting in a lot of overtime at Appleton Electric where she works. The way it looks, the overtime will be there for quite awhile. That leaves very little time for crafts and hobbies.



Karsen is growing quite fast. She is such a joy to have around. She always has a smile on her face, no matter what. She is now 10 months old and crawling up on everything. It won't be long at all and she'll be able to walk. She can stand, by herself, for quite awhile, and tries every chance she gets. She has to be the most inquisitive child we have ever seen, just soaking up everything, especially with her eyes. Every day is an adventure with her. She's bound to do something new every day. She is definitely the light of our life!!!

Hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season!

Love you all,

BILL, LOIS AND KARSEN ROMBACH



Dear Family,

I'll sit down and write this right away so I can get it in the mail tomorrow. We here are all doing pretty good now. I just got over bronchitis and an ear infection that I picked up after I got the virus. I'm on the mend now, though. I'm sure tired of not feeling well.

Dan had surgery on his upper and lower jaws on October 4. It was quite a traumatic experience for him. He had his mouth wired shut for 6 weeks. (A very long 6 weeks!) Right now he never wants to see soup again. Everything that he ate had to go through a straw. He did really well and looks real nice now. He got the wires off on November 14th. He still hasn't tried anything very chewy, but eats most anything now. He can even bite off a sandwich now which he couldn't do before.

Tom is doing real well. He is still living at home, but I don't mind. He and Andy went hunting this year for the first time. Neither one got anything, but they enjoyed it. It was a good experience for them both.

Andy and Aaron are doing real good. Andy got another promotion at Storage Tech. I'm not sure what he is now. Aaron is in First Grade and just loves it. He is doing really well and has perfect attendance so far. Hope he can keep it up. That's what he is working for. I see them about once a week which makes it nice.

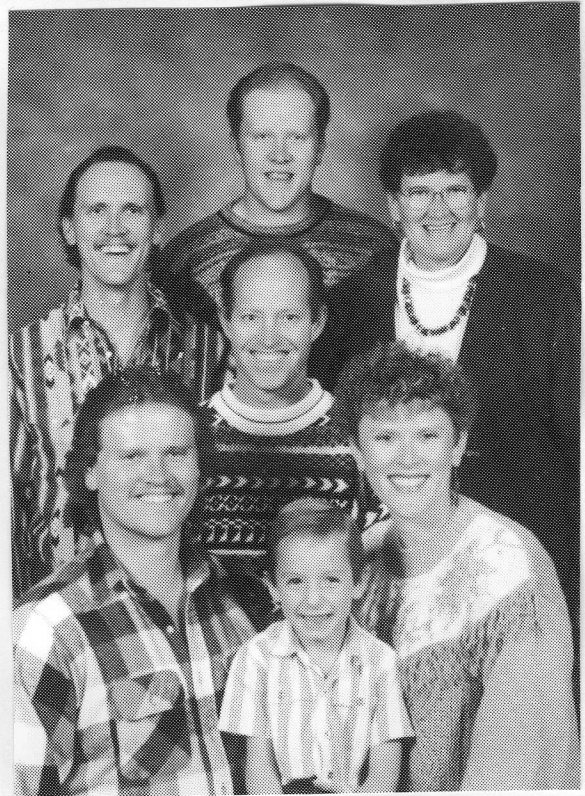
Pam and Les are doing real well, too. They are still doing their running. Les ran in a marathon on October 4th in George, Utah. He didn't win, but he did finish. That was his goal. Pam started a little business out of her home. She makes gift baskets. It's pretty seasonal, so right now she is very busy. She takes orders and then personalizes them. They are really nice.

I've been very busy with school and church. We're practicing in the choir for Christmas. We will sing at Midnight Mass. I got involved in the Environmental Committee again, so we went Saturday to decorate the Church for Advent. Now we are working on Christmas decorating.

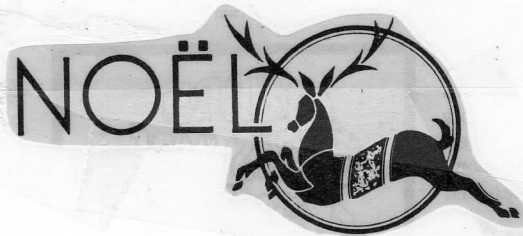
I'm sending a picture of the family. It was taken in November, 1993.

Lots of love to everyone. We all hope that You and Yours have a very HAPPY AND BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON.

May you have
The Spirit of Christmas,
which is Peace,
The Gladness of Christmas,
which is Hope,
The Heart of Christmas,
which is Love.



THE KRESHAS AND THE TALMADGES
L-R Clockwise: Dan, Pat, Pam,
Aaron, Andy, Tom.
Middle: Les (Pam's husband)



All our love,
PAT KRESHA AND FAMILY



Donegal, 6, and Colleen, 4, Higgins, daughters of Karen Thomas. Picture taken in September 1994.

Christmas 1994

Dear Kresha Family: 1994 has been a "nose-to-the-grindstone" year for me, with most of the time not spent working on the newspaper being used to work on the building, particularly the apartments. Dan Higgins, father of Shawn (Karen's ex-husband) has been here from Seattle since January working on the building. We got one apartment finished and Karen and Donegal and Colleen moved into it in August. We hope to have another one done about Jan. 1 and the other two done by about March 1. (Karen's address is PO Box 75, Fruita CO 81521).

Joe moved back here from Sacramento in July and is helping in the building work and sometimes looks after Donegal and Colleen. He wants to attend radiographer school at Mesa State College in Grand Junction beginning Jan. 1, 1996. He is still in the Navy Reserve and spends a weekend each month at Denver. His address is 221 E. Aspen Ave. Apt. 2, Fruita CO 81521.

Teri is still at Belmont CA and still working for a textbook publishing company. She tells me she has been doing some rug design work on a computer in recent months.

Gloria and Brett are still at Marshall MO. Gloria said she would write a letter to the Kronicle for her and Brett.

I'm sorry I couldn't make it to the Kresha reunion this year. I'm going to keep trying. Right now it looks pretty good for 1995.

I'll be looking forward to getting the Christmas Kronicle for all the Kresha Family news.

Love, GENE THOMAS, 221 E. Aspen Ave. Apt. 2, Fruita CO 81521



November 27, 1994

Dear Round Robin,

1994 was a good year for us. The crops were good and no irrigating for the third year in a row.

A new Grandson, Austin Charles, was born February 4, 1994, to our daughter, Kristina, and Jim Becker. He is walking already. That makes 16 grandchildren-- 8 girls and 8 boys.

On May 27th, our son Ed broke 3 bones by his ankle, playing softball. He had 2 pins put in and in 2 months the cast was off. He's in tip-top shape now.

On November 30th we're driving to Phoenix, AZ where our daughter Kathi is getting married to Mike Roberts on December 3, 1994. All the kids are flying there for the big occasion. We're going to stay with the kids while Kathi and Mike are on their honeymoon to Tahiti.

We wish everyone a BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Love,

CHARLIE AND LUCY KRESHA

December 1, 1994

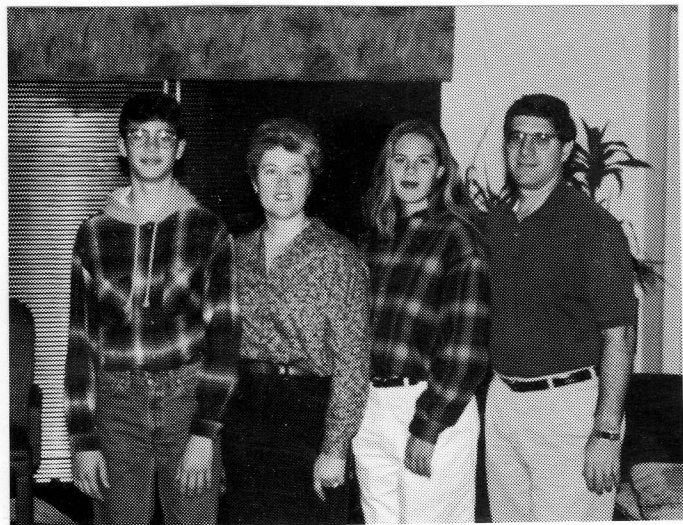
Dear Kresha Family:

Hello from the San Francisco Bay area. Diane began the new year with a visit to Aunt Ann about 3 weeks after her jolt from the big Los Angeles earthquake. She was so thankful she had help from Clarence and Richard Kresha and from Karen Kropach. My old neighborhood in Simi Valley sustained moderate damage; by October many chimneys were replaced and two families were just moving back in after major reconstruction. Blessed to have sold that house when we did! Here in northern California our earthquake deductible has just been increased to 25%, so we would have to sustain more than \$70,000 in damage before insurance covered anything. Just this week Aunt Ann had a painting contractor finish inside and outside work. She should be congratulated for her strength and determination in getting her home back to normal.

As of this fall the nest is starting to empty around here, at least for 9 months of the year. Marie started her freshman year at the University of Arizona, Tucson. She was attracted by the school's wide variety of programs, plus they just started a women's soccer team. She joined the team as a walk-on, but spent most of her time on the bench. She's enjoyed all the perks offered to athletes such as class scheduling, free food, free athletic clothes, free food, tutors, free food, and travel. Mark is a junior in high school with a busy academic schedule. He's enjoying the new molecular biology class, plus a computer class and he's still taking art. For exercise he has become a road cyclist with the spandex pants, the helmet and the skinny tires. He is tall and thin, a good guild for a cyclist. During the winter he cycles in our nearby hills and joins the San Jose Bicycle Club on Sundays. Diane is still substitute teaching in grade school, spending many hours in bilingual Spanish/English classrooms. Don's work takes him out of town about 2 days a week to the Alza manufacturing plant near Sacramento. He tries to stay in shape by road cycling also, but found he can't quite keep up with Mark.

We enjoined Grandma and Jerome's young family over the Thanksgiving holiday. Even though we met here at Diane's place, Grandma still cooked most of the delicious meal.

We send our prayers and best wishes to all of our family across the miles!



THE CHAISSONS

Left-right: Mark, Diane, Marie and Don

Diane, Don, Marie + Mark Chaisson



Sunday, November 27, 1994

Greetings from the Wetgens!!

Are you ready for Christmas? We had our first snowfall this morning. First we had heavy rain that turned to snow by 9 A.M. The weather was ideal for a good growing year for the crops. The farm ground where we live was hit by strong winds on June 30th which broke off the stalk below the ear, so cut the yield back to 50 bushels, but the other fields away from here made up in yields.

The highlight of the year for Melvin was that he was honored to get the first all new '95 Buick Riveria. This car will be considered a "Classic" because they are only making 10 a week. Melvin got me a '95 Lincoln which hasn't changed from what I had--only this one is a beautiful Pearl-white.

Many of you have asked where our travels have taken us. We enjoyed our Caribbean Cruise. Everyone should have the chance once in a lifetime to enjoy the luxuries of the life style on a ship. January found us heading Southwest to Tucson, San Diego and Vegas. We finally got to see the "Crystal Church". We didn't go near the earthquake area. At the end of May we took the off-roads to Mitchell, NE and Denver. We like to see how the crops are. July found us at the Metro Dome--Cleveland/4-Twins 3. Two days later the baseball strike started. In September we went to the Wisconsin Dells to the "House on the Rocks" considered to be the 8th Wonder of the World. In Iowa it was unbelievable how great the crops looked where they were flooded so badly last year. For our 6th wedding anniversary we went to Acapulco. We got to see the Cliff divers that you all have seen on TV, etc.

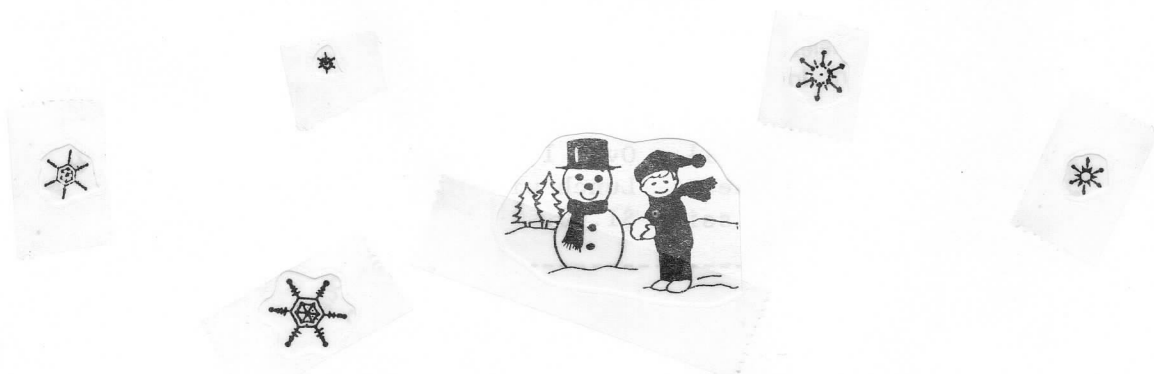
With the busy schedule we all seem to have, don't lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. May God bless you with good health and happiness.

Love,

MELVIN AND DOLORES WETGEN

P.S. When we were in Mitchell we drove past Aunt Sophia's house. They were still doing work on the inside of the house. The Apartment on the south side of the Big House has been converted back to a garage. Since we were there, Mary (Lukassen) says that the house has been painted ivory with slate blue trim which really dressed up the house. We stopped at the Rectory to see if the Church got the keyboard with the memorials from Aunt Sophia's Estate. They were able to get a keyboard, stand and bench. The Church and music were so much a part of Aunt Sophia's life. I feel this is a nice memorial to her. Thank you for making this possible.

Dolores



November 30, 1994

Dear Relatives and Friends,

As 1994 winds down we count our blessings for the abundant harvest. We had an exceptionally good corn crop (thanks to the hot weather), the wheat and bean crop was good. We had a couple of sprinklings of hail, but generally the yield was good.

My mother-in-law, Martha Lukassen, is living at the Kimball Manor. She was in poor health in August, but has perked back up and is her old self again. She is 93.

Chris and Josh Saunders are hoping to move from Minnewauken, North Dakota. Josh applied for a position with the USDA in Salina, KS. If he gets the job, they will move yet this year.

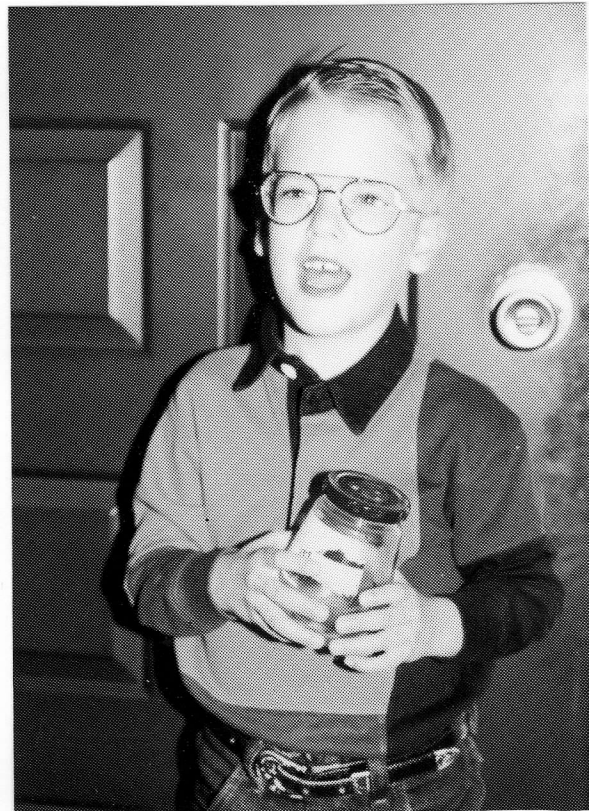
I've recovered quite well from shoulder surgery, not quite 100%. This fall when I went for my regular eye check, Doctor found I had narrow angles in both eyes, which would eventually cause glaucoma. I've since had laser iridotomy on both eyes and am still recuperating. I should be as good as new for 1995.

Thought I would give you all a report on my grandson, Chance Bauman, who will be 5 years old in January. If you remember, Chance was born 1-20-90, at St. Lukes in Denver, four months premature, weighing 1 lb, 6 oz. He was taken to Children's Hospital where he stayed for 3 months. For his parents this was truly a trying time. The last part of April he was taken to a hospital in Cheyenne to get used to the altitude. On May 8th he came home from the hospital. That was the date that he was due to be born. He has been in and out of the hospital several times with respiratory problems. This past summer he had his tonsils and adenoids out. He is in good health, but develops lung problems easily. Patsy (his mom) takes him 4 days a week to the Stride School in Cheyenne (35 mile trip) to help with his speech. He is a normal boy, loves tractors or anything with wheels. They have a small white pony which he rides. His sister, Kassi, (8) has a horse, too, and they run the barrels out at the ranch. So many of you were so kind to include Chance in your prayers that I just wanted to tell you of his progress and enclose a picture. Thank you!

May you all enjoy a Blessed Christmas season and may Our Lord shower you with His grace in 1995!

Love you,

MARY LUKASSEN



CHANCE BAUMAN



November 29, 1994
Our Wedding Anniversary

Dear Family,

We have just finished Thanksgiving and it is time to send our greetings. Jerome's family and I drove to San Jose and had Thanksgiving with the Chaissons.

FRIENDS ARE WONDERFUL, BUT THE GREATEST GIFT FROM GOD IS YOUR FAMILY.

I hope that many of you send messages at Christmas. This is a good chance for me to keep up with all of you.

I had a quiet year in Bakersfield--with time out (2 weeks) in Nebraska visiting with family. The grandchildren give me much joy during their frequent visits.

California had another dry year. It also stayed hot until October. So far we have had 3 small rains and a lot of frost. Water is the life-line of the farmers, and the environmentalists are finding ways to take it away, holding it back to flush the Delta for some worthless fish called smelt, that aren't any good. It is the same with the fields. There are small rodents like the rat and kit fox that hold up planting. Jerome lost a big order this year because some of those creatures were around in the soil. Vice-President Gore seems to be the worst, backing the environmentalists. It is disgusting to the farmers. Some have even quit farming.

Jerome is fortunate to have two wells. His water needs to be free of weeds and seeds. His trees are doing O.K. He has to get out and sell them for next year.

Rosa is doing a wonderful job of being a mother and chauffeur. Ruth is in first grade and Eliz is 3 years old.

The Chaissons are well and busy. Diane is teaching and Donald has been promoted to one of the Vice Presidents of his company. Along with the title comes more responsibility. Donald loves to work. He and Mark are into biking. They do 50 and 100 mile stints. Mark is a Junior in High School. Marie is a Freshman at the University of Arizona at Tucson.

May the blessings of Christmas be with you all. Keep the love of God in your hearts.

Love always,
MARGARET KRESHA



Hello Everyone! Merry Christmas 1994!

Another year has come and gone. We have certainly enjoyed our loved ones, our home, flowers, garden, lawn, etc. The harvest is in and the crops were good. For these things we are very thankful.

We really enjoyed the last Reunion. We are looking forward to the next one. We also look forward to reading the Kronicle. In this way we can keep up with what our relatives are doing.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and GOD BLESS EVERYONE.

GLENN AND ILA KRESHA



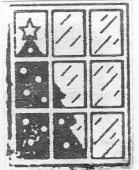
Season's Greetings!

Brett and I have had a pretty good year. Besides some small but confidence-boosting home improvements, we made a quick trip to Columbus for the reunion in June and then went to see Brett's sister and family in Ohio in July.

We celebrated our fifth wedding anniversary June 10. I turned 30 in July and sometime shortly thereafter began pulling out the white hairs that I used to think were neat.

Brett's ConAgra plant (which makes Banquet and Healthy Choice dinners) suffered a fire in October, but no one was hurt, and things were mostly up and running again in about three weeks.

I've kind of taken up running (for now, anyway; I'm hoping to get addicted soon), but usually we like to walk with our husky, Lazlo.



Best wishes to all for a peaceful holiday season,
Gloria Thomas and Brett Beckfield
909 Sandy Lane, Marshall MO 65340
(daughter and son-in-law of Gene and the late Pat [Kresha] Thomas)



Mary laid Him in the manger.

*My Christmas
wish for all of
you is peace, joy
and good health.
Lovingly,
Sister Dolores*

*Holiday greetings
and best wishes for happiness
in the new year.*

*Bobbi, Mark & Ryan
Wolf*



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!!!!

CHRISTMAS 1994

The Christmas Season is upon us once again. It seems to come around faster each year. I guess that means we are getting older at a faster rate. OH WELL!!! We hope our Christmas letter finds everyone well and happy. We are all doing fine here.

Clarence and I took a little trip to Las Vegas in February. We met Dennis and Carolyn Kresha there and spent some time gambling and seeing the sights. Vegas has really built some nice casinos in the past couple of years. We took a side trip to Laughlin, NV to visit my Uncle and Aunt, Ben and Nancy Kmiecik and had a real nice time.

In February Matthew applied and tested for Jesuit High School. It took a few weeks to get the test results and then he was interviewed and we were interviewed with his acceptance coming sometime in May. He graduated from Carden School (8th Grade) in June. We were relieved, as we did not know where he was going to high school if he had not been accepted at Jesuit, as they only picked around 300 out of 1,000 applicants. He likes it very much and is doing very well.

My Mother (Clara Kmiecik) came to California and stayed with my Brother (Frank) and us during May and June. We had a real nice time with her but she was anxious to get back to her friends in Silver Creek, NE and her apartment at Parkplace.

A lot of people retired from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in April thru September giving me an opportunity to move around. I applied for a position in one of the field offices at Tracy, CA which is actually 68 miles from our home and I got the position. On May 31st I started driving to and from work leaving Clarence to take care of Matt. Luckily, the first of July I was able to get into a vanpool. The State of California Department of Water Resources has a facility approximately 1 mile from the Tracy Office and they have several vanpools one of which goes to Sacramento. I work with the water service contracts with the water districts along the Delta-Mendota Canal in the Central Valley Project (this is in Central California and is Federal water for the farmers and cities). It is a very interesting job and I like it very much.

Clarence has been keeping things going at home. He does many of the things around the house and keeps things picked up. He is busy taking Matt to school 12 miles (one-way) and getting him in the afternoons. He also does the yard service and maintenance at our home and the rentals, Matt also helps him.

We had another rental house vacant in August that needed remodeling. We spent 12 weeks doing that. Matt and Clarence stayed at the rental during the week this summer so we could finish as soon as possible. This next year is time to remodel our home.

Our Son John is still working for MCI in Sacramento. He has been doing various jobs, with a few promotions. He really seems to like the company.

I had annual leave to use so I made a trip to New York the 7th of October to visit Christine and Brian. They purchased a new home in June and none of us had been there to see it. It is very, very lovely. While I was there Christine and I made a trip to Spring Grove, PA to visit friends and spent a day there and then Christine, Brian and I (Marge) went to New Hampshire to visit Brian's sister and her husband. It was a very lovely time of the year as all of the trees were changing colors and the views from the highways were absolutely breathtaking as we drove through the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

We are hoping we get a little more vacation time next year. If all goes well we will probably make a trip to Nebraska and hope to have time to go to South Dakota and Colorado.

God Bless You All,

Love,

Clarence, Marge and Matthew

KRESHA

SACRAMENTO, CA



December 1994

Dear Kresha Family,

Seasons Greetings! 1994 is rolling to a close. Christmas is more and more on our minds and in our children's eyes. It is hard to believe that this year is about to end.

1994 started out with the birth of our second grandchild, Karsen Leigh Rombach, born on January 31 to Bill and Lois. Karsen is their first child--their pride and joy. She is a wide-eyed wonder, always investigating her surroundings. She hasn't started walking yet, but it won't be long before she does.

The latter part of March found Jolene back in Columbus. She currently has two part-time jobs, one at Prairie Village Retirement Center and the other at the Columbus Manor.

Our house got a much needed "facelift" this past summer. We had it sided with aluminum siding. We also had the roof reshingled. It's amazing what a difference this has made in the appearance of the house.

Elaine started her 12th year teaching at St. Isidore's School. She had a student teacher for 8 weeks this semester. It was a wonderful experience and a nice reprieve for her.

Martin had surgery in Omaha the latter part of August. His pacemaker (which was put in July, 1993) wasn't working properly, so they had to make repairs. They had to reattach a "lead" (wire) to the top of his heart. He still is not himself, but is feeling better than he did.

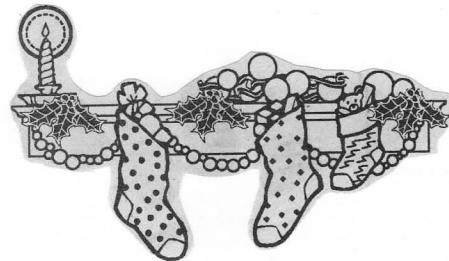
Kristi (Kenneth and Star's daughter) started Kindergarten in Osceola this fall. She goes all day on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. She really enjoys school. She gets to ride the school bus, so that adds to the excitement of school.

The rest of the family are still at the same jobs, keeping busy. Everyone, except Patrick, will be here for Christmas. I think that he plans to come home in the spring.

We wish Christmas blessings on you and your family. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of shopping, baking, sending Christmas cards, etc., don't lose sight of the fact that JESUS is the reason for the season.

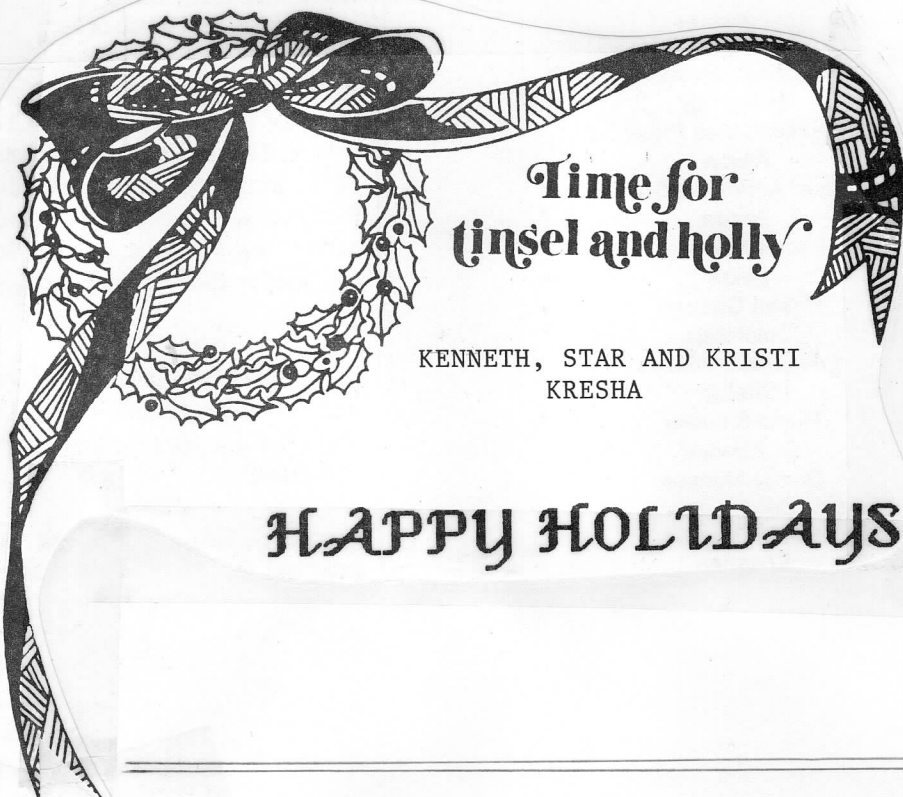
Love,

MARTIN AND ELAINE KRESHA
AND FAMILY



Karsen Leigh Rombach 5 1/2 months
Kristi Rhodell Kresha 5 years 4 months

(July 1994)



Kristi Kresha 5 years
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