

Kresha Kronicle



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*Join the
Crowd*

WHAT: KRESHA FAMILY REUNION

WHEN: Sunday, June 11, 1995

Dinner served at 12 Noon

WHERE: EAST SHELTER of PAWNEE PARK, COLUMBUS, NE

Host families will be descendants of
John and Caroline Kresha

* Dennis and Carolyn Kresha

* Jerome and Florence Jarecke

EDITOR'S NOTE

April 30, 1995

Where does the time go? It seems like only a couple of weeks ago that I was typing the Christmas Kronicle. Now, I'm reminding you that the KRESHA REUNION is not far away. Make plans now to attend.

I am aware that we have a number of graduates this year. PLEASE send me a picture of the graduate with a short write-up about future plans, college, etc.. I would like to get a graduation issue out so it could be distributed at the reunion. I need the information by May 19. This will allow time to take the pictures to the COLUMBUS TELEGRAM to be PMT'd (copy-ready for printing). As of this date I have 3 pictures. Thanks to the families who have already given them to me.

As you read the Christmas greetings in this issue, realize that they arrived after the Christmas 1994 edition was printed.

I'm sure that I am not up-to-date with engagements, weddings, births, etc.. You need to keep me informed. If this newsletter is to be a continuing family history, I need information from everyone when something happens in your family. You may not think the event is important, but it is.

I will be watching my mailbox until May 19 for the pictures, letters, and other tid-bits that you are sending.

See you on June 11 at the Reunion.



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Engagement



Randy Smith-Sue Hemmer

Couple Plans May Wedding

Sue Hemmer of Columbus and Randy Smith of Shelby announce their engagement and approaching marriage. They are the children of Romana Hemmer and the late Wilfred Hemmer of Humphrey and Ronald and Romona Smith of Shelby.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Humphrey High School and is presently employed as a receptionist at Hinze Chiropractic Center. The future groom graduated from Shelby High School and Southeast Community College at Milford and Beatrice. He is engaged in farming.

The couple will be married May 6, 1995 at Saint Francis Catholic Church in Humphrey.



BIRTHS

Greg and Kimberly (Vogt) Jarecke of Columbus are parents of a boy, JACOB GREGORY, born Febr. 13, 1995. He has one sister, Sarah.



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

Local Students Participate In UNK Honor Choir

Three choir students participated in the UNK Honor Choir on January 30, 1995, under the direction of Dr. David Bauer, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choirs at UNK. The concert in the UNK Health Sports Complex contained a large crowd of audience from around the state. Lori Erickson from Stromsburg and Becky Kresha and Christie Hulzebos from

Osceola participated in the Choir.

Becky Kresha was also chosen as an alternate for Nebraska Wesleyan Honor Choir to be held on February 9-11, 1995, under the direction of Dr. William A. Wyman, Director of Choral Activities. A final concert will be held at O'Donnell Auditorium on the Wesleyan campus at 5:00 p.m. on February 11.



Becky Kresha

Christie Hulzebos

Lori Erickson

Becky is the daughter of Joe and Lou Kresha. She is the granddaughter of the late Adolph and Rose Kresha.

Student wants to pave info highway

By MICHELLE FLYR
Telegram Staff Writer

RISING CITY — Julee Dunekacke wanted to make sure the information made a stop in Rising City.

The Rising City High School senior landed an internship at Educational Service Unit 7 in Columbus, and part of her job involved making sure people knew about her school.

SHE WROTE home page titles for Rising City Public Schools. Dunekacke said home page titles give people a look at Rising Public Schools and what makes it different or unique.

The pages include a photo of the school and information about all the teachers, principal, superintendent, school and community. She created all the pages from scratch, she said.

"It took me a long time," she said. "I started working on this in December."

Dunekacke said the home pages are in the World-Wide Web, which can be accessed by people from all over the world. Rising City was the first K-12 school in Nebraska to be on the World-Wide Web, and the second school in the state, after Millard North High School.

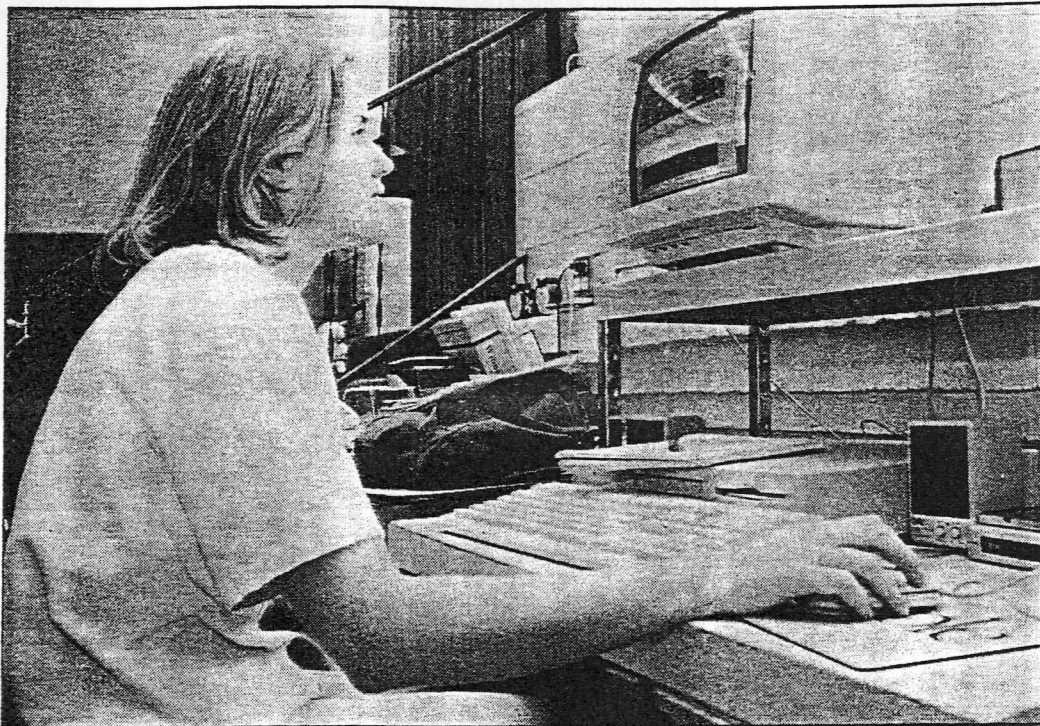
SHE SAID Rising City is also the smallest school on the program nationally. Dunekacke was the first student to create the school home pages in the state. She said teachers helped set up the pages at Millard North.

"I really want to get this to all the schools," Dunekacke said. "My goal is to pave the information highway."

She said she is continually adding more information about the school. Dunekacke said she included school calendars and student achievements.

The hardest part of the project was deciding what information would be useful to other schools. She said she asked the teachers to provide details about their class and what they teach.

Dunekacke said she asked Superintendent Jon Habben to write a few paragraphs about the school



BRIDGING THE INFORMATION HIGHWAY — Julee Dunekacke designed home pages, which tell about Rising City Public Schools, as part of an internship with Educational Service Unit 7. *Telegram photo by Michelle Flyr*

and to also include his educational background, committees and groups he is involved in and his electronic mail address.

THE KEY is not to give up, she said. If given time, Dunekacke said she can usually find a solution.

"Sometimes you want to shoot the computer, but you've got to stick with it," Dunekacke said.

Through ESU, she wrote a grant to allow her to teach other students how to make pages for their communities.

"High school students aren't afraid of it," Dunekacke said. "Some teachers you can't get in front of the computer."

Jeff Zimmerman, communication coordinator for ESU 7, said most of the work Dunekacke does is from a computer at Rising City and is sent to the service unit.

HE SAID Dunekacke also helps with presentations to schools on the Internet and World-Wide Web.

"She is a very driven woman," Zimmerman said. "She seems to

enjoy what she is doing."

He said this is the first time the service unit has offered an internship to a student.

Prior to landing the internship with ESU, Dunekacke had an internship in 1993 with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Nebraska Research Initiatives Center for Information and Communication Science.

LAST YEAR, she also served as an intern at Iowa State University. She said she found out about ESU because her mother was taking a class at the service unit, and she and her mother were communicating with each other over the computer.

She said she just asked ESU for an internship. Although she is not paid for her work, she does receive access to the Internet for an hour a day and will receive a grade.

In addition to the pages for the school, Dunekacke also created her own personal page about her likes and dislikes.

She is only the fourth high school student in the state to accomplish this task.

Dunekacke said she first became interested in the Internet five or six years ago. The Women Investigating Science and the Environment selected her to be one of 45 people to participate in a Macintosh Computer camp.

SHE SAID she was given a computer, a modem and an 800 number to access the Internet. Dunekacke said the idea of the program was to give girls in rural communities access and knowledge about Internet.

Dunekacke said she plans to attend UNL and major in computer engineering. She said she wants to help improve smaller, rural schools' access to Internet.

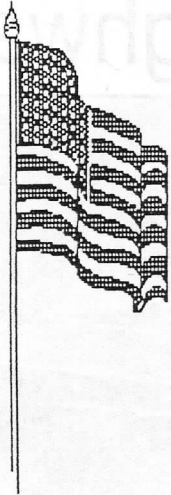
Dunekacke said it is often hard for smaller schools to get on the Internet because of the cost and because their modems aren't fast enough.

Julee is the daughter of Lee and Mary Lou (Kresha) Dunekacke. She is the granddaughter of the late Adolph and Rose Kresha.

(Columbus Telegram--April 10, 1995)



James Kresha To Boys State

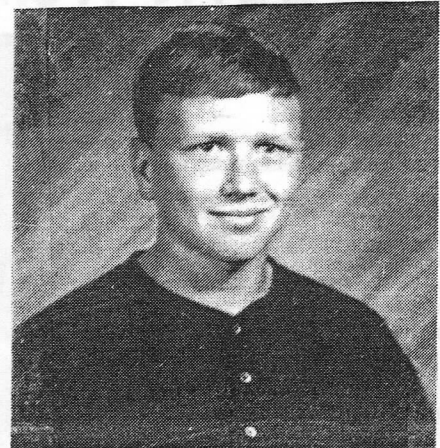


The William Wolfe Post 91 of Osceola has announced that James M. Kresha will be their representative to Boys State this June. Alternate is Michael P. Neujahr.

Jim Kresha has been active in 4-H serving as vice president and secretary. He was also secretary of his sophomore class and has participated in football, baseball, wrestling and speech.

Jim has been on the school honor roll and is a member of the "O" Club, Sons of American Legion and Nebraska Council of Youth.

He is the son of Joe and Lou Kresha.



James Kresha

(Polk County News--4-13-1995)

GUIDELINES FOR FAMILIES HOSTING THE KRESHA REUNION:

1. Reserve the East Shelter of Pawnee Park as soon after the Reunion as possible. The next day would not be too soon. (There is a fee for reserving the shelter.)
2. Supply the drinks. (Check with McDonalds, Burger King, Taco Johns, or Wendy's. Some of these places used to give complimentary orange concentrate for reunions.)
3. Arrive at the shelter the morning of the reunion in sufficient time to wipe off the tables and cover them with table coverings.
4. After the dinner, see that the table covering is taken off and that all litter is picked up.
5. Send a write-up of the Reunion to the editor of the Kresha Kronicle as soon as possible.



A Peek at the Past . . .

TWENTY YEARS AGO **April 10, 1975**

Patrick and Kenneth Kresha, sons of Martin Kresha, participated in the 1975 Nebraska Invitational Taekwondo Championships in Omaha last weekend.

SIXTY YEARS AGO **March 28, 1935**

A number of young men surprised George Kresha last Thursday evening at his home. The evening was spent playing cards and at a late hour refreshments were served.



Obituaries

Francis Donelson

Francis Allen Donelson was born March 10, 1909 on the family farm west of Stromsburg to Clinton and Della (Deeds) Donelson. He died February 10, 1995 at Annie Jeffrey Memorial Hospital in Osceola.

Francis attended country school in Polk County and graduated from Stromsburg High School in 1927. He also attended Lincoln School of Commerce where he graduated with a bookkeeping degree. After completion at Lincoln School of Commerce he worked as a bookkeeper at a wholesale company in Lincoln before returning to the family farm where he remained until his retirement in 1975. Smokey was employed at the Polk Co. ASCS as a reporter for many years and also served as a member of the ASC County Committee for several terms. He was a member of the Eagles and Elks organizations.

On February 24, 1934 he married Blanche Wilson. This marriage was blessed with the long awaited birth of one son, Dale Allen and one daughter, Denice Ann. Donita Satterwhite lived with them for several years. After a lengthy illness, Blanche departed this earth in October of 1977. Francis married Elsie Davis October 25, 1988.

Francis was fondly called "Smokey". When he was a youth he was a catcher on the ball team and got his name from smoking the ball down the baseline. He was an avid Cornhusker football fan for many years. Everyone in town knew Smokey and he always knew them. He was always at home with a ball game, a deck of cards, or a fishing pole.

He is survived by his wife Elsie, one son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Kathy Donelson of Stromsburg; one daughter and son-in-law, Denice and Gregg Kresha of Osceola; three granddaughters, Jodi, Connie and April Kresha. He is also survived by one sister, Thelma Conkling of Osceola; three nieces, Katie Reichstein of Beatrice, Margaret Eickmeier of Lincoln, Donita Satterwhite of Dallas, Texas; two nephews, Don Conkling of Osceola and Scot Conkling of Shelby

Smokey enjoyed the friendship with his adult step children, Harold and Birdie Nielson of Monroe, Bob Milan of Fort Bragg, CA and Lee and Ellie Cupit of Waterford, CA. He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife and sister Zella.

Services were held Monday, Feb. 13 at the Stromsburg United Methodist Church with Dr. John Dale officiating. Jan Conway, organist, accompanied Doris Kreis

and Kathy Olson as they sang "On Eagles Wings" and "In The Garden". Pallbearers were Alvin Eickmeier, Don Conkling, Lester Widga, Morris Johnson, Cliff Reichstein and Scott Conkling. Burial was in the Stromsburg Cemetery.

Denice (Mrs. Gregg) Kresha is the daughter of Francis Donelson.



Alnetta Topinka

COLUMBUS — Alnetta A. Topinka, 65, 1315 Fourth St., died Tuesday, April 18, 1995, at her home.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony Church in Columbus, with the Rev. Joseph A. Miksch officiating. Burial is in St. Bonaventure Cemetery in Columbus.

Visitation is 3-9 p.m. today and 8-10 a.m. Monday at McKown Funeral Home in Columbus. A combined St. Theresa Sodality rosary and parish vigil service is 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mrs. Topinka was born Dec. 3, 1929, to Joe and Clara (Meyers) Karges in Clarks. She graduated from Clarks High School in 1947.

She married Robert George Topinka June 14, 1949, at St. Peter Catholic Church in Clarks and lived in Clarks and Columbus.

She taught country school near Clarks for several years after she graduated from high school. She worked for Dale Electronics Inc. for more than 31 years until retiring in 1990.

She was a past member of Scotus Mothers and belonged to St. Anthony Church and St. Theresa Sodality.

Survivors include two sons, Robert of Chaska, Minn., Richard of Grand Island; three daughters, Lynette Goins of Sioux City, Iowa, Linda Roebuck and Cynthia Warnick, both of Columbus; two sisters, Eileen Gabriel of Shelby and Doris Jaworski of Lincoln; and 14 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1986.

Memorials may go to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or to donor's choice.

Alnetta was the grand-daughter of Anna (Kresha) and Martin Karges.



CHRISTMAS LETTERS THAT ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR THE 1994 CHRISTMAS ISSUE

Dear Elaine and all the Kreshas--

Wishing you peace,
happiness and every joy
for Christmas and
the New Year



This past year has been quite benign to me personally, but many of those nearest and dearest to me have not been so kindly dealt with. I hope you are all well. I am always eager to hear the news of the Kresha families in the Kronicle.

FATHER MATT BURGER

The nicest part of Christmas
is the pleasure of remembering
special people like you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

MARGE, CLARENCE AND MATTHEW KRESHA

Dear Family,

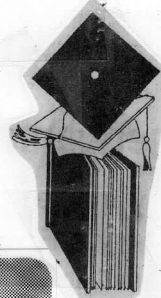
Wishing you all the joys of
the Christmas season

Happy New Year

Love, ANN HENSEL



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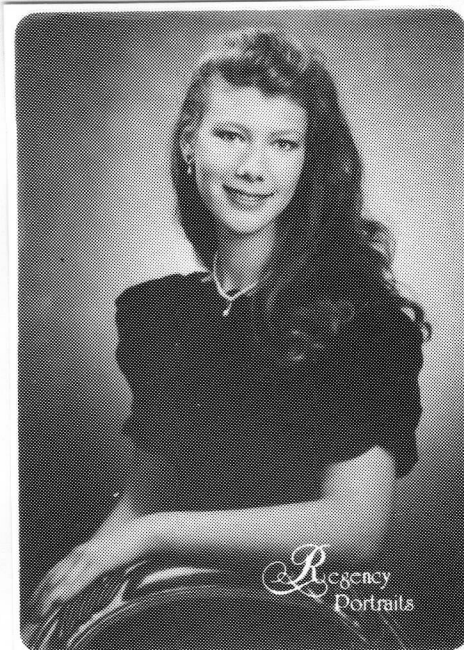
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JEFFERY KRESHA



CONNIE SUE KRESHA



REGINA MARIE
PRIESTER



TERRI
KRESHA

1995 Graduates

JEFFERY KRESHA—son of Dennis and Carolyn Kresha is with the 82nd AIRBORNE out of Ft. Bragg, NC, but is currently going through Ranger Training, which involves 3 months of mountainous, desert, and jungle training. He will graduate from Ranger School on June 2, 1995, at Ft. Benning, GA. After graduation he will be promoted to Sargent.

CONNIE KRESHA—daughter of Gregg and Denice Kresha, graduated May 14, 1995 from Silver Creek, NE High School. Her plans are to attend Central Community College in Columbus, NE. Connie received the VFW Scholarship.

REGINA MARIE PRIESTER—daughter of Andrea (Kresha) and Ted Preister, graduated from Madison High School on May 12, 1995. She was President of the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Senior Class, played basketball and volleyball. She received Scholarships to the College of St. Mary, Honor Scholarship, Pastor Grant, Dana College, Honor Scholarship, Nebraska Land Title Association Scholarship, Madison Land and Abstract Scholarship.

Regina will leave July 20, 1995 for Ft. Leonardwood, MO. She has enlisted in the Army for 4 years. While in the Army she will study Radiology.

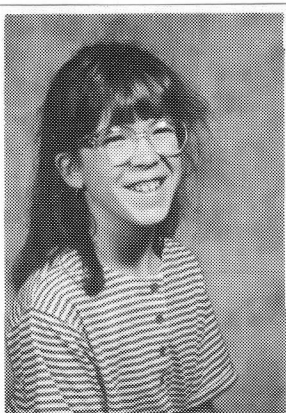
Regina is the granddaughter of Charles and Lucille Kresha

TERRI KRESHA—daughter of Dennis and Carolyn Kresha, will graduate from Scotus Central Catholic High School on May 21, 1995. Terri plans to attend Central Community College in Columbus, NE in the fall.

JULEE DUNEKACKE—daughter of Lee and Mary Lou (Kresha) Dunekacke, graduated from Rising City, NE High School. Julee was Valedictorian of her class. In her speech, Julee noted that it takes a variety of people, in addition to parents, to raise a child. She spoke about community support and the people who influenced her as she gained an education.

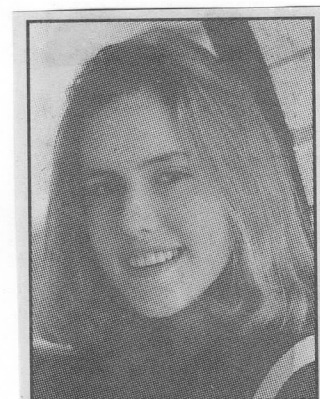
APRIL KRESHA—daughter of Gregg and Denice Kresha, graduated May 21, 1995 from the 8th Grade at Osceola, NE.

BRIAN GABEL—son of Pat and Chris (Kresha) Gabel, graduated May 21, 1995 from the 8th Grade at Shelby, NE. (Picture not available.)



APRIL KRESHA

**Class
of
1995**



Julee Dunekacke



Rebecca Kresha

Rebecca Lou Kresha was born on February 21, 1977 to Joseph and Lou Kresha. Her favorites include: songs, "Me Vida Loco" and "What'll You Do About Me?"; pickup, Chevy ZR2 Extended Cab; car, '64 Ford Thunderbolt; movies, "Speed" and "Legend of the Fall"; food, lasagna; TV shows, "M*A*S*H" and "America's Funniest Home Videos"; actor, Keneau Reeves; actress, Nicole Kidmann. Her favorite high school memory is falling asleep on Bill's bus. "Boy were those the days, nothing to do but SLEEP." Her mottos are "Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you'll get" and "Hakuna Matata."

Her pet peeves are toilet paper rollers that don't roll and poodles. If she could change O.H.S., she would change the curtains and the carpet and give the students more time to digest dinner. If she could change something about some other schools, she would change the temperature.

In high school she has participated in volleyball, track, one-act play, the high school play, National Honor Society, Student Council, cheerleading, band, chorus, speech team, and flag corps. Her hobbies include attempting to find time to sleep, going to camps, 4-H, riding horses, taking pictures, and spending time with the ones she likes.

After graduation, she plans to work this summer and then attend the University of Nebraska at Kearney for a year. Then she might transfer to the University of Kansas at Salina to finish four-year degree in aviation. In 11 years she sees herself living contently and making a living flying. Her words of wisdom to next year's seventh grade class is "Life is what happens when you're making other plans—to live it up!!" If she were a vegetable, she would be corn on the cob.

Hemmer - Smith

SHELBY — Sue Hemmer of Columbus and Randy Smith of Shelby were married May 6 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Humphrey with the Rev. Norman Hunke officiating.

Parents of the couple are Romana Hemmer of Humphrey, Ronald and Romona Smith of Shelby and the late Wilfred Hemmer.

Honor attendants were Deb Kessler of Columbus and Roger Smith of Shelby.

Bridesmaids and groomsmen were Rhonda Simpson and Fred Simpson, both of Hickman, Peg Olmer and Jack Kessler, both of Columbus, Jane Schumacher of Ellicott City, Md., Jolene Boothby of Clovis, Calif., Joan Frisch of Humphrey, Ed Veik of Quimby, Iowa, Tom Yungdahl of Osceola and Dan Kresha of David City.

Ushers were Allan Hemmer of Grand Island, Tim Hopwood of Shelby, Andy Vrbka of Clarks and Nick Swantek of Lincoln.

The flowergirl and ringbearer were Tori Simpson of Hickman, Luke Olmer of Columbus and



Mr. & Mrs. Smith

Michael Boothby of Clovis. The candlelighters were Tracy Hemmer of Grand Island and Travis Simpson of Hickman.

The personal attendant was Cinda North of Norfolk.

The reception was at the New World Inn in Columbus.

The couple lives in Shelby and the bride works at Hinze Chiropractic Center in Columbus and the groom farms.



GLEN AND JULIA (KRESHA) PREISTER of Humphrey, NE are the parents of a son, CORY GLEN, born May 8, 1995, at Columbus Community Hospital.

He weighed 8 lbs, and is welcomed by three brothers, Joey, Matthew, and Todd.

Grandparents are Charles and Lucille Kresha of Columbus and Gib and Doris Preister of Humphrey.



A Peek at the Past . . .

TEN YEARS AGO. .

- Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Kresha hosted a dinner in their home Sunday, May 5 to honor their daughter, Connie on her First Communion at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Silver Creek, NE.
- Lori Ann Grosch is a finalist in the National Pre-Teen Pageant and talent contest to be held June 8-9 in Grand Island, NE. The daughter of Wayne and Kathy Grosch, she is nine years old and in the fourth grade at Jeffrey Elementary, Osceola, NE.
- The Osceola High School Class of 1985 was honored at combined baccalaureate and graduation exercises Sunday afternoon, May 19, in the high school gymnasium. Representing the class were Colleen Kresha, valedictorian, and her twin sister, Jolene Kresha, salutatorian.

TWENTY YEARS AGO. .

- Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kresha hosted a supper Sunday at Shelby, NE to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Guests were the Kresha relatives. Later all spent the evening in the Allan Kresha home.



KARSEN LEIGH ROMBACH
January 31, 1995
1 year old



KRISTI RHODELL KRESHA
6 years old

Karsen is the daughter of Bill and Lois (Kresha) Rombach.

Kristi is the daughter of Kenneth and Star Kresha.

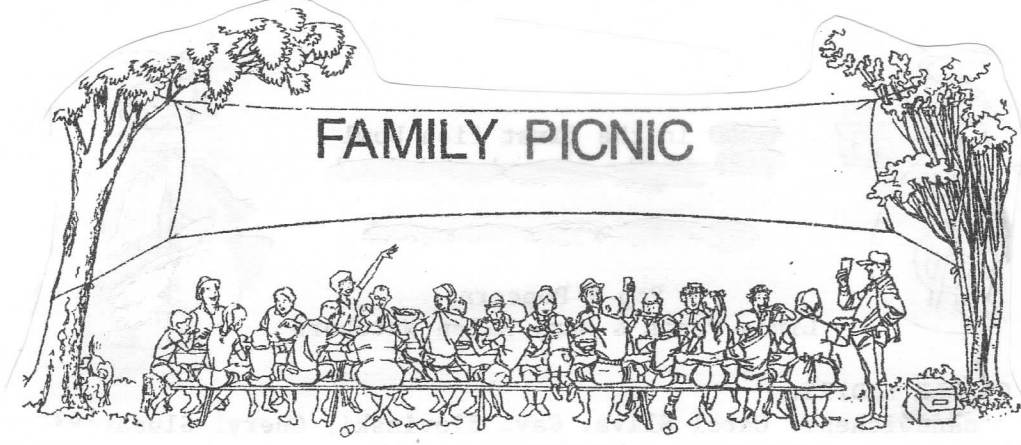
Both girls are granddaughters of Martin and Elaine Kresha.



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Kresha family reunion

COLUMBUS — The annual Kresha family reunion was June 11 at Pawnee Park in Columbus with hosts Dennis and Carolyn Kresha and Florence and Jerome Jarecke, descendants of the John Kresha family.

Families from Osceola, Shelby, Bellwood, Clarks, David City, Beatrice, Lincoln, Kimball, Columbus and Lafayette, Colo., attended.

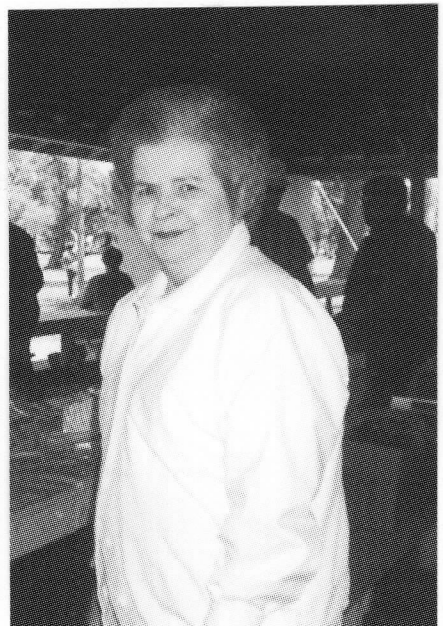
The 1996 reunion will be hosted by the descendants of the Adolph Kresha family.



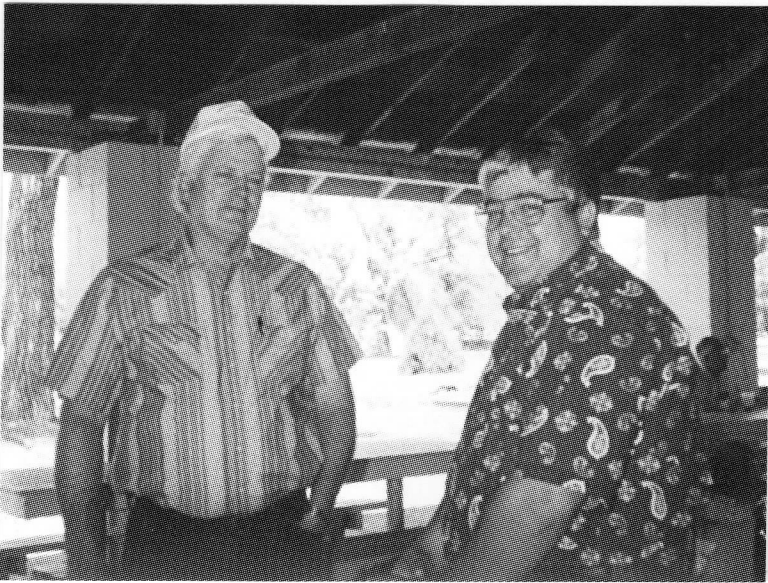
Pat and Chris Gabel--Kathie Kresha



Lillian Witulski, Marcie, Zach and Murl Etter

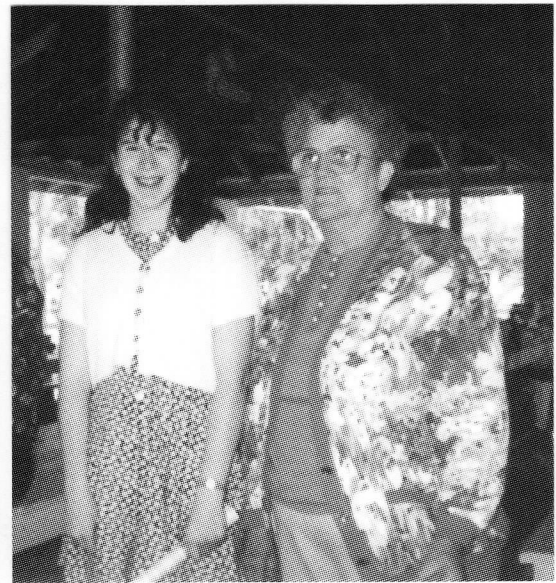


Ursula Kresha



Bob Hilger

Gregg Kresha



Connie Kresha--Mary Lukassen



Scott Jarecke (son of Tom and Joanna Jarecke)-Florence Jarecke



Back row: Star Kresha with Kristi, Lois Rombach holding Karsen, Kathie Kresha with Megan
Front row: Denice Kresha, April Kresha

Arthur Kresha

COLUMBUS — Arthur J. "Art" Kresha, 70, of 3278 Pershing Road, died Wednesday, Aug. 9, 1995, at the Veterans Hospital in Grand Island.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Columbus with the Rev. Mark Tomasiewicz officiating. Burial is at St. Bonaventure Cemetery with military honors by Hartman Post No. 84 American Legion Honor Guard.

Visitation is 4-9 p.m. today with a 7 p.m. Knights of Columbus rosary and parish scripture service and 8-9:30 a.m. Saturday, all at McKown Funeral Home in Columbus.

Mr. Kresha was born April 1, 1925, in Osceola to Adolph and Eva (Karges) Kresha and graduated from Osceola High School in 1943.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Pacific area from 1944-46.

He married Irene Danielski Nov. 4, 1947, at St. Stanislaus Church in Duncan and was an independent building contractor in Columbus all his life.

He was a lifetime member of Hartman Post No. 84 American Legion, VFW Post No. 3704, Disabled American Veterans, and the Knights of Columbus.

He was a member of the church.

Survivors include four daughters, Dian Gabriel of Santa Barbara, Calif., Linda Wibbels of Lincoln, Donna Block of Minneapolis and Bobbi Wolf of Omaha; three brothers, Martin, Charles, and Wilfred "Bill", all of Columbus; three sisters, Lillian Witulski of Beatrice, Mary Lukassen of Kimball, and Rita of Oakland, Calif.; and one half-sister, Ann Hensel of Reseda, Calif.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and five brothers.

Memorials may be given to the St. Bonaventure Endowment Fund in Columbus.



In Memory of

ARTHUR J. "Art" KRESHA

Born

April 1, 1925
Osceola, NE

Died

August 9, 1995
Grand Island, NE

Services

Scripture Service and Rosary
7:00 p.m., Friday, August 11, 1995
McKown Funeral Home

Funeral Mass

Fr. Mark Tomasiewicz
10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 12, 1995
St. Bonaventure Catholic Church
Columbus, Nebraska

Pallbearers-Art's Grandchildren

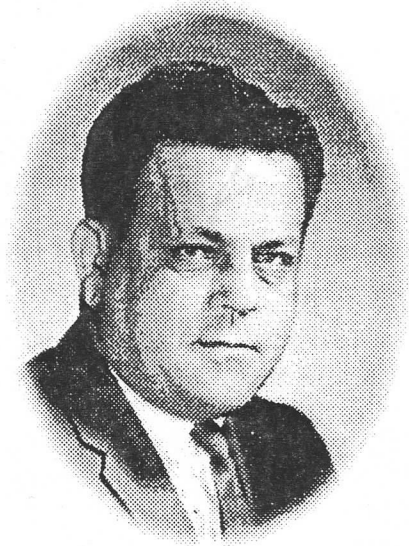
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Ross Gabriel
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Kyla Block
Nina Block

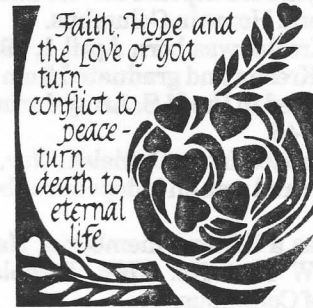
Interment

St. Bonaventure Cemetery
Military Honors by
Hartman Post #84, American Legion
Honor Guard

In Memory of



Arthur J. Kresha



A Tribute to Dad

Dad's life fit his middle name - Joseph - patron Saint of carpenters. He spent his life building, molding and developing. A tour around Columbus showcases his hard work. He should be proud.

Dad should also be proud of his molding and developing of four daughters. He taught us the value of hard work. We learned early on that you only get ahead in life by toil - of the body, mind and soul. He taught us to be kind and generous as he was sensitive and good hearted.

But most of all, he taught us about love. We love you, Dad. Thanks for all you gave to us and sacrificed for us.



Love,

Dian, Linda, Donna, Bobbi



August, 1995

Dear family,

I haven't had a letter in the past several Kronicles, but I have had quite a bit of correspondence with different family members about the issue of my coming out of the "closet" as a lesbian woman. Most of the reactions were "why did she have to tell us?" You see, without knowing this important part of my life, you don't know me. A large part of my life has been kept secret from you, and it has been a source of estrangement all of my life. Because we still live in a society that misunderstands or is fearful of gay people, it takes great courage (even at age 60) to identify myself completely to all of you. Everything in our culture's treatment of homosexuality says "don't ask, don't tell".

I came out of the closet to all of you to help you understand something about this subject. With the size of the Kresha family, I probably am not the only same gender oriented person in the extended family. I wanted you to know that gays are not **those people...** but we are sisters, aunts, etc.; people raised in families with you. Some of you were very disturbed about me "choosing to be a sinner" assuming that being homosexual is a matter of choice and that this was a conscious decision. In fact, gay people do not choose their sexual orientation...I simply am what I am: homosexuality is my true nature. The only choice I had was to be honest about who I am or to hide it. Hiding it imposed a tremendous burden...it meant living in part concealment, day in and day out, all my life.

For some family members the most difficult issue is, "how do I reconcile this with my religion?" It is true that some religions continue to condemn homosexuality. Even within these religions, however, there are respected leaders who believe that their church's position of condemnation is unconscionable. Many mainstream American religions have now taken official stands in supporting the civil rights of gay persons, and have developed networks of welcoming and reconciling parishes/congregations. I have belonged to the Catholic organization for gay persons, *Dignity*, for many years. You will still hear people quote the Bible in defense of their prejudice against gay people, but there are other biblical scholars who dispute any anti-gay interpretations of biblical texts. There are many resources now available for any one who would like to learn more about changing religious attitudes toward all human sexuality.

A mother of a lesbian woman said, "Most of us are like three leaf clovers...sort of ordinary, not much attention is given to us...but once in a while we find a four leaf clover...a rare and wonderful discovery. I remember that I would spend hours as a youngster looking for a four leaf clover. Once in awhile I would find one and press it in a book. It was something I treasured, wanted to save and protect. My lesbian daughter is like one of those four leaf clovers; her sexual orientation just happens to be different from mine. She is someone I treasure and want to protect. A four leaf clover is not unnatural, just unusual and different from the rest. I would have never considered removing one of the leaves so it would appear to be a three leaf clover." Likewise, I hope to be treasured by some of you. *Rita*



ENGAGEMENTS

Uhlmann - Jarecke

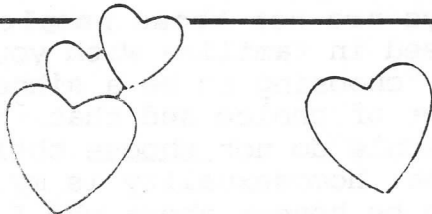
COLUMBUS — Cyndi Uhlmann and Jerry Jarecke, both of Columbus, announce their plans for a Nov. 25 wedding.

Uhlmann, daughter of Jim and Bobbie Uhlmann of Columbus, is a graduate of Columbus High School, Cottey College and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is the manager of Anderson Floral Co.

Jarecke, son of Jerome and Florence Jarecke of Columbus, is a graduate of Scotus Central Catholic High School. He is the owner of Master Care.



Uhlmann - Jarecke



Births

Stephanie Patricia Gabel

Steve and LaDonna Gabel of Osceola announce the birth of a daughter, Stephanie Patricia, born July 21, 1995 at Columbus Community Hospital. She weighed nine pounds one ounce and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Don and Pat Reisdorff of Osceola and Max and Rosalie Gabel of Shelby. Great-grandparents are Agnes Reisdorff of Shelby and Rose Gabel of Stromsburg. Stephanie is welcomed home by sisters Amanda and Jessica.

A Peek at the Past . . .

TEN YEARS AGO .. July 20, 1985

--Dan and Becky Kresha hosted a first birthday party for their son, Brandon, Saturday, July 20. Special guests included the baby's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Codr of Bee and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kresha of David City. Also guests were his great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roderic Smith of Shelby, Marie Codr of Seward and Rose Kresha.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO .. July, 1925

--The field of wheat threshed by Leo Kresha last week averaged 18 bushels to the acre, good quality, and John Kresha threshed out a 14 acre patch of oats that made 770 bushels, an average of 55 bushels.

--Leo Kresha's threshing rig made a test run Saturday and started the season's run Monday. A light yield of wheat is reported on the home farm.

SIXTY YEARS AGO .. July, 1935

--A large crowd was in attendance at the public picnic sponsored by St. Andrew's parishioners at Eller's Hall last Thursday. The Rhythm Aces Orchestra furnished music for dancing in the evening.

Augie's Autobody Repair Holds Grand Opening

Augie is married to the former Maxine Gabel. He is the son-in-law of Max and Rosalie (Kresha) Gabel.

The Grand Opening of Augie's Autobody Repair Shop on 221 North State Street in Osceola, will be held Friday, August 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The owner, August (Augie) Goelz, invites everyone to stop in for refreshments, rolls and cookies and to register for door prizes which include two tickets to a Nebraska football game, Homelite gas powered weed trimmer, and interior and exterior detailing certificates.

Augie's hometown is Belgrade, Nebraska and he graduated in 1979 from Universal Trades Institute in Omaha. August has 16 years in the autobody repair industry and previous to owning his body shop, he worked 10 years for Branker Buick as a paint, body, and frame technician and the last five years as an assistant manager. He and his wife Maxine have three sons: Clinton, 10; Christopher 7; and Scott 4.

Article and photo courtesy of Polk County News, August 10, 1995

Smith Graduates From Milford

Roger Smith of Shelby was one of 191 students to graduate from Southeast Community College, Milford Campus. Roger received an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Electrical Technology.

May, 1995

Roger is the son of Ronnie and Romona Smith.

Dunekacke Awarded Lutheran Brotherhood Scholarship

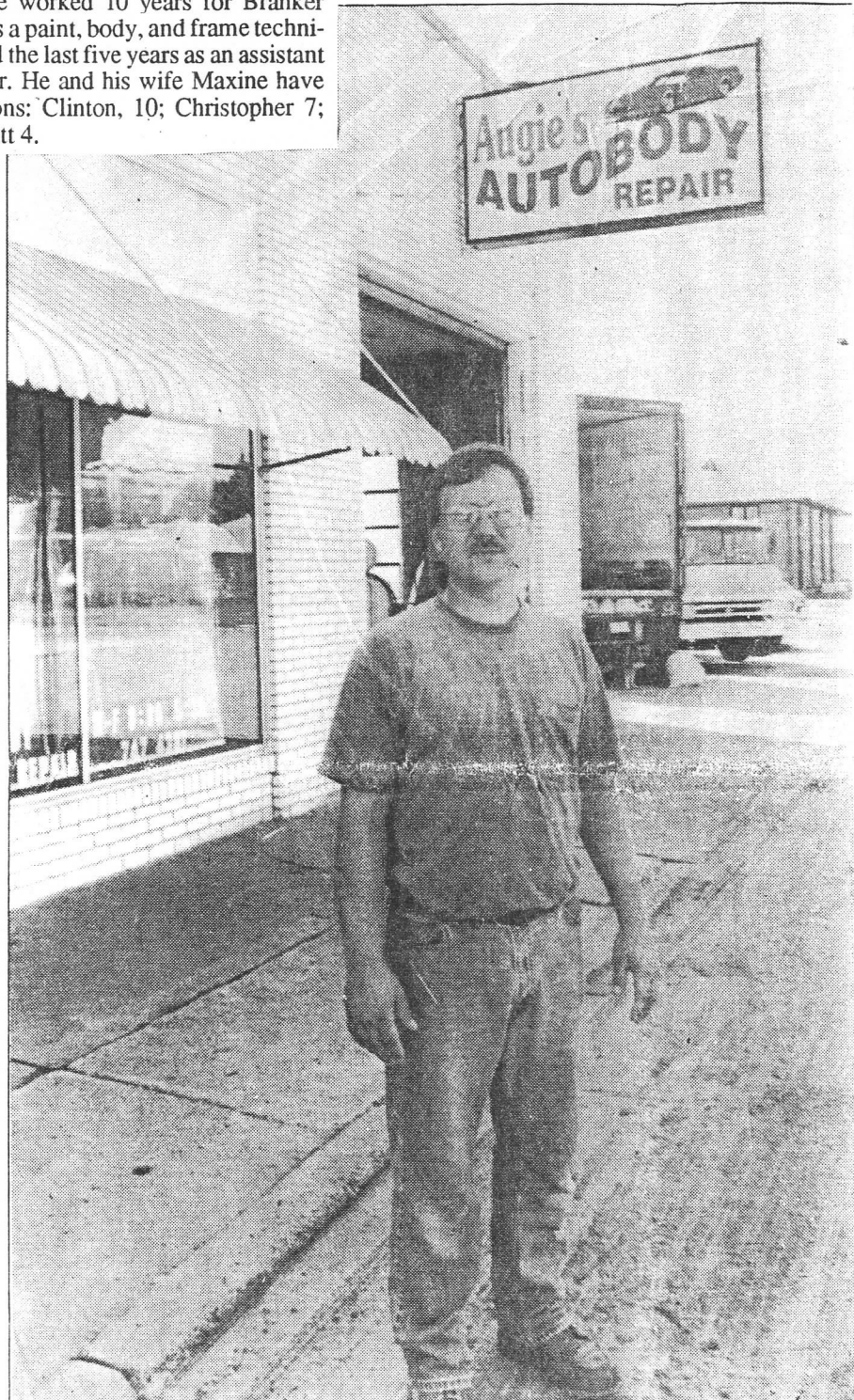
Julee Dunekacke of Rising City received the Lutheran Brotherhood Scholarship at the Branch #1850 meeting at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Osceola in June. Julee's scholarship is renewable for 4 years pending full-time enrollment in a college or university. Selections were made on student's academic achievements and leadership roles in school and in the community.

Carol Peterson of Stromsburg, president of the branch, made the presentation to Julee. She plans to enter UNL in the fall and major in computer engineering. Julee is the daughter of Lee and Mary Lou Dunekacke of Rising City.

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July 20, 1995



Dunekacke



August Goelz is shown in front of his new business in Osceola.



Merry Christmas

Kresha Kronicle

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November 15, 1995

Dear Kresha Relatives:

We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas. Celebrate Christ's coming and pray for his bountiful blessings. May the New Year be the best and try to eat healthy and exercise. That's our 1996 wish for all of you.

The farmers have had a challenging year. With April and May rains, the crops were late in getting planted. During the summer we had a total of 10 days with temperatures over 100° F. So, when early frost came in Sept., the corn, milo and soybeans weren't matured. Farmers work so hard.

When the work was done this fall, we took a short vacation to Branson, MO. We enjoyed seeing four shows and look forward to our next trip when we can see the Lawrence Welk show.

It was nice to see all of you at the Kresha Family picnic. My, there were so many familiar faces missing already. Martin and I were the oldest Kresha's attending. So life goes on. Our family needs a calling tree, so in case of illness, we can notify each other to pray. Please, someone, arrange a list.

Love and prayers to you all,

HAROLD & LILLIAN WITULSKI



Peace on Earth

*That you may feel God's
loving touch*

*As He sends the world
His Son,*

*That you may feel His Joy
so much*

May His Peace be with everyone



Sister Colores



November 17, 1995

Hello to Everyone--

How quickly the year has rolled around. As farmers, this year has been a challenge, as many of you know, with the wet spring, the dry hot summer, and the early frost. Still, we have a lot to be thankful for, as we're still around to greet another day in God's care.

The highlight of our year was the land trip to Alaska in August. The glaciers looking down from the plane were a sight to behold; the boat cruise in and out of them was breath-taking. They claim that because it was an overcast day, this brought out the beauty and color (shades of blue) in the icebergs. In the Denali Park we saw all the wild animals except a wolf. We also were very close to Mt. McKinley (20,300 ft.).

We just returned from Branson. All the shows the first half were honoring the Vets, and the second half was the Christmas theme. They really honored the Vets Nov. 11th. Many shows were free to the vets; one place we got our dinner half price.

Wish you all the happiness of the holiday season.

Love,

DOLORES & MELVIN WETGEN



November 18, 1995

Seasons Greetings from our house to yours!

We're all healthy, not so wealthy, and wise is questionable. All in all, 1995 has been pretty good to us, even though farming has had its ups and downs.

Our family will be growing this year. We're finally getting a boy. Jodi is getting married in May to Todd Alva. They met marching in the Cornhusker band. Jodi will graduate from UNL in May, and two weeks later get married. Busy, busy. As I write this, we're not certain that Nebraska will be at the Fiesta Bowl, but if we do, look for a familiar piccolo player. Gregg and Denice will be there too.

Connie is busy at Platte College in Columbus. She lives on campus and really enjoys it. She's learned a lot about life and people living in the dorm. It got so quiet around our house when she moved out that Denice went to work at Burger King (Columbus).

April is a freshman at Osceola High School. She had a lot of fun being Student Manager in Volleyball. She passed her test for her school permit and now is wanting a car. Mom and dad aren't quite so sure as she is that she's ready to drive.

I better be moving on. We hope 1996 is good to everyone.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

GREGG, DENICE, JODI, CONNIE, and APRIL KRESHA

Many thanks to Elaine for all the time and hard work she puts in on the Kresha Kronicle.

November 28, 1995

Dear Folks:

Greetings and warm wishes for this Holiday Season. May it be perfect in every way.

Just a few lines to let you know everything is nice today. Yesterday the wind was blowing 50 mph - the leaves came down, nearly stripped the trees of their leaves. Wow. What a mess to clean up in the morning.

I'm doing well. I do enjoy my two dogs, Dellia and Portia. They are both healthy. I also feed two cats that were left here.

Best Wishes to all for a nice Holiday Season!

ANN HENSEL



Dear Family,

May the loving heart of the Infant Christ watch over you with tender care. May He bless you this Christmas and always with the special gift of His saving love!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

THE KRESHA'S

FLORENCE, KENNY, LISA & KIMBERLEE



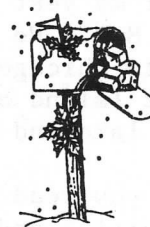
Congratulations to all the newly married couples, new babies born and their families in 1995.

Here's a Christmas wish from the Hilger's:


At Christmas and throughout the year
May these gifts be yours -
the Gladness of Hope
the Spirit of Peace
the Warmth of Love

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year.

DAN, MARY JANE & MARC HILGER



November 27, 1995



Dear Kresha Family,

'95 has been another busy year for me, but I have made a little headway. Got two more apartments completed and occupied, most of the work done in the 4th apartment, and some other work on the building.

I had plans made and a plane ticket bought to come to the Kresha Reunion in June, then found myself swamped with work at the last minute and had to cancel. Did use the ticket in August to visit Gloria and Brett and some of my family in Kansas and friends in MO -- about 5 days that went fast.

My kids may write their own letters -- I'm not sure of their plans. Joe and Karen and Karen's girls, Donegal and Connemara (formerly Colleen) are still here with me. Teri is still at Belmont, CA. Gloria and Brett are now in Council Bluffs. Their new address is: 1100 Simms Ave., Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0511.

We are all planning to be together at Christmas. The kids have rented a condo at Ouray, CO for 3 days so we can have a retreat.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

GENE THOMAS

November 28, 1995

Seasons Greeting to You All,

This year has been seasons of mixed blessings.

Our wheat crop was bountiful, the best we've had in a decade. The market price has been favorable, which is pleasing to all of us growers. Our small crops of barley and millet were much to be desired. The early frost damaged the quality of the corn and the yield was about 80 - 90 bushels. The bean crop was about average. Dave is custom feeding yearlings as he has been in the past.

Thanksgiving day found all six of my children, their spouses and grandchildren here for a thankful day. Head count was 25.

Highlight of my year for travel was a trip four of us women took around Lake Michigan in May. We flew to Milwaukee and joined the group for a coach trip. We first went to Chicago, then up the east side of the lake. Highlight of the trip was Mackinac Island and the Grand Hotel. We then returned to Milwaukee on the west side of the lake and flew home. It was a great trip.

By the time you read this, Marty and Barb will have a new baby. They purchased a home in Morrill and moved in late October. It is about a 15 mile drive to Scottsbluff for Marty to work.

Am sending my Best Wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year to you all.

With lots of love,

MARY LUKASSEN





Dear Friends

December 1995

We are all sending you our warmest thoughts and prayers from Prescott, AZ. We want you to have a brief note from each of us. The year has slipped by quickly! For Andy it has been a time to find a better balance between family, work, learning, spirituality, and staying healthy. The hospital I work at has been growing and (importantly) profitable. Almost every day there is a new challenge with 670 employees. Camping, hiking, exercise biking, and learning to snow ski have helped keep the middle-aged spread away (so far). An interesting lesson for me was the realization that we only get one body in life, so we must keep it tuned up. I joined Toastmasters to build speaking skills and will have completed 10 speeches by the end of December. (Don't you feel sorry for the audiences?) Weekly jail visits to bring the Eucharist and Word continue to be a responsibility, privilege, and its own reward. Now for some news from the rest of the family.

Now for a word from the homemaker in the family. I am the eight-grade "Room-Mom" in Carmen's class. This is a busy year with fund raisers and graduation preparation. I also volunteer at Vincent's high school in the PTA. One thing of significance for me was participating in the Prescott Whiskey Row Marathon, Half-Marathon and 10K race held May 6. People from all over the country run on this course, which are supposed to be the second hardest in the country. It is up a mountain and back down. I chose to try running the half-marathon race (13.1 mi.). I mastered nine miles of running, which is the farthest I've ever run. I ran it in a snowstorm to boot...it was awesome. I now usually run 3 to 4 miles a day for exercise. Sometimes I get Andy to run with me (I slow down for him!) I planned monthly hikes for the whole family including a hike down the North Rim of the Grand Canyon this fall. When our puppy Rottweiler grows up I will have a daily "running partner."

?Que pasa amigos? This past year has brought with it many joys and new experiences for "Vicente." (Vincent) I have broadened my mind as a Sophomore in high School. Geometry, history, Spanish, English, drafting, and especially anatomy take up a lot of time. However, I am particularly enjoying examining and dissecting our cat specimens in anatomy class. Some of the few extravagant hobbies I relish are skiing the mountains of Utah and riding waverunners on the lakes. Also I am developing a new skill called reckless driving, now that I have a driving permit. !Hasta luego!

This year Carmen is 13 and 1/2 and in the eighth grade. On August 1, I started in a year round school schedule at Sacred Heart school. I have to wear uniforms. We have quarterly breaks at school and only a five week summer break. I'm looking forward to my 8th grade graduation in June. I will go to the Prescott High School where they do not have the alternative schedule. This past spring, it was fun to teach Dad how to snow ski on our trip to Utah. This summer I sewed a quilt and won a blue ribbon at the county fair. Recently I won fourth place in the regional cross country track meet (2 miles). Well, hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a great new year.

Andy, Vickie, Vincent and Carmen Kresha

December 1995

Seasons Greetings Everyone!

We sure hope you all are enjoying this wonderful holiday season. The beautiful weather has made it even nicer, but some snow around Christmas would be welcomed.

Bill has been keeping busy with his work, hunting and trapping, as well as training our dog, Sash. And if that doesn't keep him busy enough, he and one of his friends have started a DJ service called "Entertainment Express". They do weddings, parties, anniversaries, reunions . . . you name it! They are very good and he loves it!

Our daughter, Karsen, is almost 2 years old now. Time sure flies. She's changing so much everyday, and it's so neat waiting to see all the new things she has learned from day to day. Right now she's working on getting her eye teeth in. Slowly, one by one, they are coming. She can get pretty cranky from it, but overall she's a trooper. Not much slows her down or stops her. Oh, to have the energy of a child!

I still work at Appleton Electric in Columbus. We are just working a straight 40 hour week these days. That's pretty unusual for us, since that is rarely ever the case. The first of the year it should pick up again. Hope we do get the overtime, but don't want to work it. One of those love/hate things. I also joined a Jazzercise class. Something else to keep me in shape so I can catch up with Karsen at home.

Best Wishes to all & sending lots of love your way.

BILL, LOIS & KARSEN ROMBACH



November 27, 1995

Dear Family:

Guess I better get this letter out. Don't want to miss the deadline.

We are all just fine here. Everyone is working hard. I'm still at the school. I'm on my 17th year. Three more and I hope to retire...if they keep me that long. I'm back on the Liturgy Committee at church. Had a meeting tonight. Working on Advent and Christmas. This is a busy time of the year, everywhere. We did three major projects on the house this past summer. Had the trailer lended, got a new roof and painted the outside. Didn't quite get all the painting done before it got too cold, but we can finish in the spring.

Pam and Les are expecting their first baby in April. We are all thrilled. She really had a rough time her 1st 3 months, but she's doing real well now.

Andy & Aaron are doing well. Storage Tech is closing their Longmont factory, so Andy will be working in Louisvill if he doesn't get laid off. He doesn't think he will. Hope not. Aaron is in wrestling now and really enjoys it.

Tom moved in with Andy. So far it's been going pretty good. It helps Andy out a lot.

Dan is still living at home. He was in Wyoming working for 3 wks; I was lost without him. I know it was good for both of us. One of these days he'll move out.

"Happy Holidays!"

Love and Prayers,

PATRICIA KRESHA & FAMILY

November 28, 1995

Dear Family & Relatives,

Another year has almost passed...We are looking forward to the holidays. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this holiday season. We have much to be thankful for.

A grandson was born May 8th to Julie (Kresha) and Glenn Preister of Humphrey. He has brown hair & brown eyes. He had his first haircut at age 6 months. We now have 17 grandchildren (9 boys & 8 girls). Our granddaughter, Regina Preister (Andrea Preister's girl) enlisted in the Army for 4 yrs., taking her basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, then 8 wks medical training at Lackland Training Center, San Antonio, TX. She is now home on furlough and reports to Walter Reed Medical Center Dec. 6 for further training as Radiology Technician. I was a patient there in April of 1948 for medical treatment.

Our daughter Kathy and husband Mike Roberts are settled in their new home in Avondale (suburb of Phoenix, AZ). She's an Account Repr/Comm Sales for US WEST Communications. Mike is a Sales Representative for a Swimming Pool Mfg Co.. They are doing fine.

We were saddened by the death of our brother, Arthur Kresha, on August 9, 1995. he was in failing health for some time. We visited him on Sunday, August 6, just prior to his death. Pray for his soul and the souls of all our departed relatives.

My (Charles) pacemaker implant was replaced on June 3rd, after more than 14 yrs in use. My current implant is pacing 100% of my heart beats as shown by monitor in September. An amazing device -- an understatement; it is keeping me alive and functioning, but not at the level one would desire. However, there are no guarantees in life...we have to accept our destiny.

This was another year of weather extremes from a wet and soggy spring, to a blistering hot summer, followed by an early frost which resulted in lower crop yields. The market price has compensated somewhat for the lower yields though. the fall weahter was ideal for harvesting as less drying was needed.

We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year. May God's choicest blessings be yours.



With Kindest Regards,

CHARLES & LUCILLE KRESHA

November 30, 1995

Hello Dear Ones,

We have had a busy year with our garden, yard work, helping at the Senior Center, as well as church work. Yes, you retire to quit working so hard - Ha, Ha. Amid all of this, the families are all well and happy.

So, at this time we wish every one of you a Merry Christmas & a successful New Year, and ask God to bless one and all.

Merry Christmas from 540 Hawkeye in Osceola!

GLENN & IIA KRESHA

December 1, 1995

Merry Christmas to all !

From Mike, Michelle (Kresha), Joel and Jenna Berlin,

Our lives and family are always changing so it is nice to touch base with everyone at least once a year.

We still live in Omaha. Mike is very busy with his physical therapy company (EXCEL). He takes time out to enjoy and help Joel (9) and Jenna (7) with soccer, basketball and tennis. Our kids go to St. Vincent de Paul School near where we live. Our family has started taking piano lessons every week so our house is always filled with music. Some of us (Mike and Joel) show a little more natural talent and will play for anyone on request. Doesn't that make you want to visit us!

I still work as a physician's assistant in the same job I've had for years. We are very active in our church and do volunteer work.

Jenna will make her first communion this spring and enjoys her piano lessons and playing soccer.



Michelle, Mike, Joel, and Jenna Berlin

December 1995

Dear Kresha Kronicle,

Greetings from Northern California. This year, Diane has her first full-year teaching job at a catholic school -- with 38 great 4th Graders. Don is still driving to the Sacramento area part of the week. Marie is at the University of Washington, Seattle, and loving it. Mark is in his senior year of high school. We'll be in Bakersfield for Christmas having fun with Jerome and Rosa's two little girls.

"One shining star to make the world bright,
one infant child on that wonderful night,
one little prayer for those we hold dear,
to bless you at Christmas
and all through the year"

DIANE, DON, MARIE & MARK CHAISSON



December 1995

Dear Kresha Kronicle,

A Blessed Christmas wish for you all. I will be at home in Bakersfield with both Jerome's and Diane's families this year.

If you're wondering why I haven't written, it's because I'm continuing to recover from a broken wrist. Last spring I had back surgery, which was a great success. Then in June, I broke the radius (a bone in my wrist). The healing went poorly, so I had corrective surgery in October. My cast has become lighter, but I'm not ready for rehab yet.

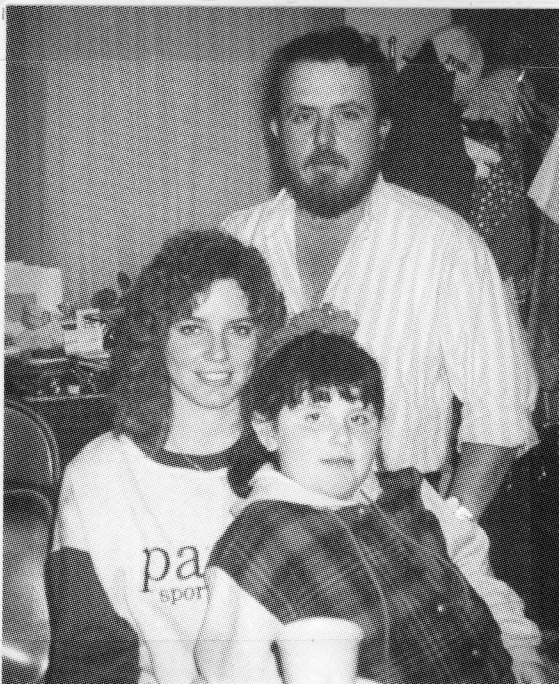
My family and a long list of generous friends have helped me to get around town and keep house. Please remember me in your prayers. I should be writing soon!!

Love and Prayers,

MARGARET KRESHA



STAR, KENNETH, AND KRISTI KRESHA
November 23, 1995



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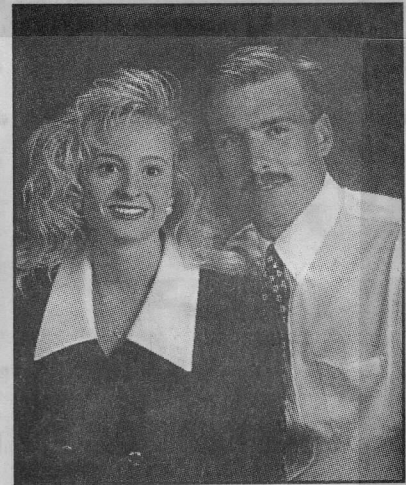
Bethany Hilger

Kosch-Hilger

SHELBY — Nissa Kay Kosch of Shelby and Matthew Robert Hilger of David City announce their plans for a Dec. 30 wedding.

Kosch, the daughter of William and Sandra Kosch of Shelby, graduated from Shelby High School in 1992 and received an AAS degree in investment management from Southeast Community College-Lincoln. She is employed in the accounting department at Mead Building Center in Columbus.

Hilger, son of Robert and Susan Hilger of David City, graduated from David City Aquinas High School in 1992. He attended Nebraska Wesleyan University in



Kosch-Hilger

Lincoln for three years. He farms.

Dear Family & Friends,

As another busy year draws to an end, we give thanks for good health and a good alfalfa production year.

On December 30, 1995 we will be adding a very special new member to our family. Matt will be marrying Nissa Kosch. We are very pleased that Matt & Nissa will be part of our farming operation.

Bethany is in the 4th grade and busy with school, dance and the school Christmas program where she will be "an angel".

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!!!!

Bob, Sue, Bethany, Matt & Nissa



Births

MICHAELA MARIE LUKASSEN-- born November 30, 1995, to Marty and Barb Lukassen of Morrill, Nebraska. Michaela weighed 7lb 14 oz. She has a brother, Preston, who is 2 years old. Grandparents are MARY LUKASSEN and the late JIM LUKASSEN.



Dear Santa,

I hope your reindeers aren't sick so they can carry all my presents. Please feed them some vitamins so they stay healthy.

Santa please bring me presents because I have been very good. I would like a Tatoodos doll and a bubble barbie. I would like new coloring books, and markers.

My little sister Brooke has been very good. Could you please bring her some toys?

P.S. Brandon, Brittany and Brooke and Mom and Dad say "Hi!" Please bring them presents.
Love, Breanne Kresha
David City

Breanne is the daughter of Dan and Becky Kresha. She will be 5 years old in March. Her grandparents are Larry and Carol Kresha.



November 27, 1995

Dear Family:

Thus far, Nebraska is having one of the mildest autumns one can remember. We are enjoying the unseasonable warm weather, with no snow and ice (so far.) There are others, however, who would wish that the snow would fall and Jack Frost would be nipping at their nose. Their wishes will come true, yet, no doubt.

The flu is going around, but so far we've been lucky. We'll be hoping that the bug won't be flying into this Kresha household. As you all know, it's not fun being sick.

For the most part, 1995 has been good to us. Hope that it has proven to be the same for all of you as well.

Martin went to Omaha last week to have his pacemaker checked (he has it checked every three months). It is still working; no problems.

This is Elaine's 13th year at St. Isidore School. She continues to teach 3rd Grade.

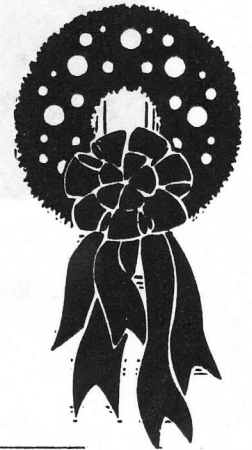
Patrick lives in Henderson, NV. Kenneth and Star both work at Behlen Mfg. in Columbus. Kristi is in 1st Grade in Osceola; she enjoys school. The farm is where they reside. Bernard lives in Clarks and works at Bill's Volume Sales in Central City.

Jolene is working at the Columbus Manor -- just over one year now. She thoroughly enjoys it. Colleen is in Norfolk at Alexanders Pharmacy. Lois, Bill, and Karsen live by Platte Center. Both go to Columbus to work -- Lois at Appleton Electric, and Bill at Center 66. Karsen will be two in January.

We all keep busy. Sometimes too busy. With the season of Christmas fast approaching, one must not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas --

Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior;
Born of the Virgin Mary on Christmas Day.
Born in a lowly manger.
Born to save us all!!!

May the Peace, Joy, and Love of Christ surround you this Holy and Blessed Christmas Season.



MARTIN & ELAINE KRESHA
JOLENE & COLLEEN



KRISTI KRESHA, daughter of Kenneth and Star
Kresha, 6 1/2 yrs.
KARSEN ROMBACH, daughter of Bill and Lois (Kresha)
Rombach, 22 mo.

Kristi and Karsen are granddaughters of
Martin and Elaine Kresha

Christmas, 1995

It is our wish that you all have the most enjoyable and memorable Holiday Season ever. Cherish the wonderful times that you spend with your family and friends. Look forward with hope and anticipation towards the New Year.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Love,

RONNIE AND ROMONA SMITH AND FAMILY



SMITH FAMILY

Romona, Ronald, Roger, Randy and Sue Smith, Fred, Rhonda, Travis, Taylor,
and Tori Simpson

**Happy a Very Merry Christmas
Holidays!**

Christmas 1995

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

We have had a very busy year with a new grandchild, Jacob, and the other precious grandchildren and all the other special activities that come with having your children and their families live in the same town as you do.

Florence kept busy with her vegetable and flower garden during the spring and summer.

We didn't go on a vacation this summer. Florence had quite a bout with anxiety and depression. She spent some time at Immanuel Medical Center in Omaha with her illness, but she is now feeling great. We hope she continues to stay that way.

Jerome has spent quite a bit of time going out of town fishing so he can't say he isn't allowed to do some fun things.

On November 25th, our last and oldest son, Jerry, got married. All his brothers were in the wedding party. Jerry got married to a local gal, Cyndi Uhlmann. They had a beautiful ceremony and reception. Cyndi's dress was gorgeous. The ceremony was at the Federated Church, and the reception was at the Country Club. The flowers were beautiful, as we knew they would be. The mums used in the centerpieces were cultivated by her Grandfather Anderson so they were especially beautiful and perfect.

All in all, it was a good year for us. We hope that it was the same for all of you.

Hoping this brings a good new year to all of you.

Love,
JEROME AND FLORENCE JARECKE



JERRY AND CYNDI JARECKE

November 25, 1995

Season's Greetings!

Our big news this year was our move back to Iowa, this time to Council Bluffs, where Brett was moved by his company, ConAgra, to be the plant manager of the frozen-food plant. He's thriving on the new job. Gloria is now working at home as a freelance copyeditor, trying not to sleep late every day or spend too much time e-mailing people. The dog loves having her around all day. We're really enjoying the Omaha metropolitan area: lots to do, lots of restaurants to try. Brett, who was born and raised in northern Iowa, is back in his elements: wind and snow. Gloria was a bit more appreciative of the balmy Missouri weather. We're glad to be closer to our Kresha relatives. If you're ever in this area, look us up!



-- Brett and Gloria (Thomas) Beckfield
1100 Simms Avenue
Council Bluffs IA 51503-0511
(712) 323-2990

Greetings from our house to your house this Blessed Christmas Season! Paul and I have moved this year and our new address is:

*1400 Skyline Drive
Elkhorn, Nebraska 68022
Phone: 402 289-0054*

Our winter address starting in December is:

*2700 East Allred B15
Mesa, Arizona 85204
Phone: 602 834-7528*

We wish you a Christmas filled with the presence of Christ the Child, and a New Year filled with love, joy and peace.

Best wishes,

Paul and Theresa

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December 8, 1995

EDITOR'S NOTE:

"Thank you" to everyone who sent a greeting for this Christmas issue of the Kronicle!! It was wonderful hearing from so many of you. I was very pleased with the response.

I am asking, begging--someone to take over as editor of the Kronicle. The pay is lousy, the work is very time consuming, the criticisms are humbling, but the satisfaction of a job well done is priceless.

I have been editor since December, 1977. I enjoy doing it, but each edition involves so many hours, that with a full time job, I just can't do it any longer. Some day, if I ever get a computer, I might reconsider and try it one more time. As of now, my last time as editor will be the issue just prior to the 1996 Kresha Reunion. The deadline for that issue will be April 20, 1996. Mark it on your calendars, as I will not send out reminders.

Thanks to everyone who supported this paper in any way over the years. Hoping to hear from all of you before April 20th.

Make plans to attend the 1996 Reunion which will be held on June 9 in the East Shelter of Pawnee Park, Columbus, NE. I will see you there.

I almost forgot, thanks to Jolene for helping me type this issue. Without her help I'd probably be typing until December 24.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

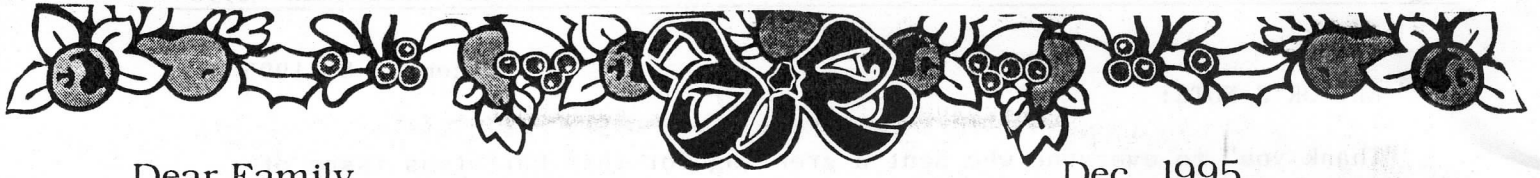
Love, Elaine



St. Andrew's Catholic Church, rural Osceola, NE.

This picture was taken just a few hours before the church was demolished, November 1995.

-Photo courtesy of Jerry and Janet Johansen-



Dear Family,

Dec. 1995

Hello! We decided to write a short greeting and news this year. After all, there cannot be a newsletter, if people don't write !! If you are reading this, then we would like to read about you, too.

Murl and I still teach in Longmont, Colo., and Zach is in the 7th grade there at Longmont Christian School. It has harder lessons and much better morals than the school near us. Zach played in Little League this summer and gets to be on a traveling team in spring.

Daughter, Jennie, is 26 now and has just about completed her Master's Degree in Anthropology at Washington State in Pullman. Her thesis is about a study she did one summer in Mexico on what medicinal herbs families use.

Murl's annual Jog-a-Thon at his school netted the PTA \$15,600, and he recently was voted to be a 3-yr. deacon at his (Presbyterian) church. I still love photography and I am tickled that one of my autumn leaves pictures was chosen to appear in the Archdiocese of Denver's 1996 calendar that is given out at all the churches.

We had a very "historical" vacation this summer to Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. We saw all the usual sights, and Murl got to talk by phone to his college roommate who has guarded presidents for about 25 years. (Just quit this fall) We visited Patrick Henry's old home (Murl & Zach are decendents) and old Williamsburg, and also Jamestown. I enjoyed learning about the Amish and how hard they try to please God, and we were all impressed by Gettysburg. Seeing all the military cemeteries and battlegrounds makes us realize how much more we should value the freedoms they fought for.

We thank God for our blessings of 1995 and ask for His help with our never-ending problems of life. We will say a prayer, too, for all of you, our Kresha family relatives.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!! HAPPY 1996!!

Love, Marcie Etter (Murl & Zach)

