



Kresha Kronicle

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Reunion

* KRESHA FAMILY REUNION

* SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1996

Covered dish dinner served at 12 noon

*EAST SHELTER of PAWNEE PARK, COLUMBUS, NE

* HOST FAMILIES will be descendants of Adolph and Rose Kresha

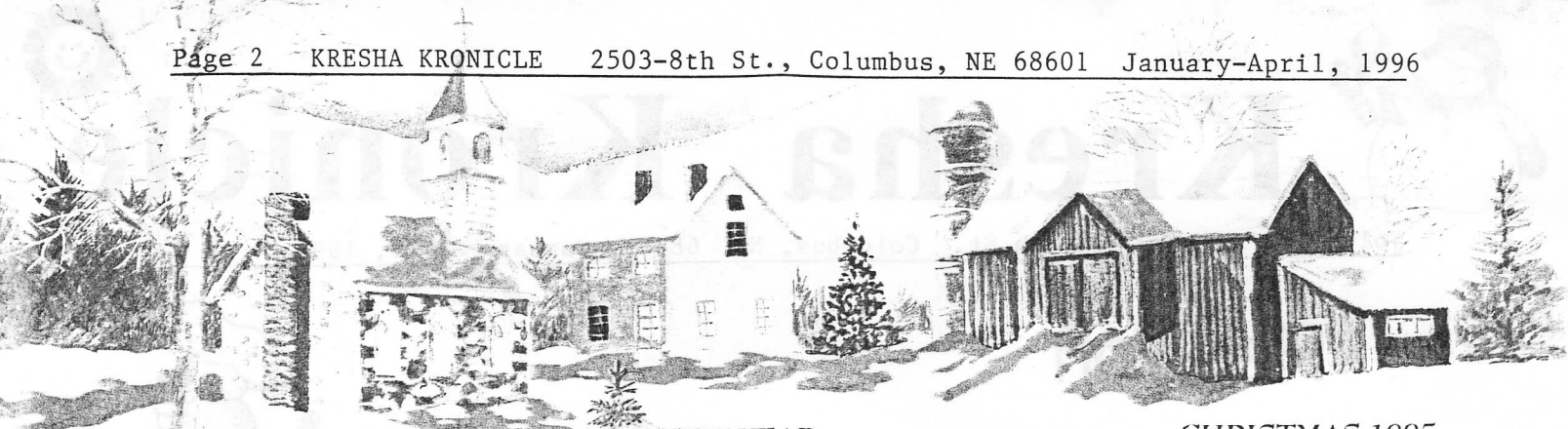


Sherry Reilly-Smith (L) is the Director of Cardiac Rehab at the Annie Jeffrey Health Center. Chris Gabel RN (R) has accepted the position as Director of Nurses. Marilyn Johnson RN is the C.A.T.C.H. Co-ordinator.

Chris Gabel began an exciting new phase in her career in January as she accepted the position of Director of Nurses at Annie Jeffrey Health Center. Her duties as Director of Nurses are diverse. They include supervising nurses, overseeing patient care and managing the pharmacy, as well as organizing nursing responsibilities in the Emergency Room, Labor/Delivery, Surgery and Central Supply.

Chris graduated from the University of Nebraska Med Center-Lincoln division in 1978. Just two days later, she began work as a full time staff nurse at Annie Jeffrey. Throughout her 18 years at AJ, Chris has served as Assistant Director of Nurses, OR Circulating Nurse and has worked many night shifts. With a wide variety of experiences in nearly every facet of nursing, Chris has had excellent preparation for her newest challenge as Director of Nurses.

Due to the many changes in health care policies and procedures that have taken place over the nearly two decades of her nursing career, Chris as Director of Nurses, is committed to improving communication between nurses and all other departments. In doing this, she still sees providing quality health care a priority. Chris is a native of Osceola. She and her husband Pat live on a farm east of Osceola with their sons Brian 15, Tom 13 and Mike 11. Annie Jeffrey is proud to promote Chris as Director of Nurses.



BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

CHRISTMAS 1995

We cannot believe it is actually Christmas time once again. The weather here has been marvelous as we have had no measurable rain during the month of November and the day time weather has been in the 60's and 70's. Our winter clothes will not get much use this year as before we know it spring will be here.

I'm trying to remember the happenings during the year and I guess the most significant and sad one was my Mother (Clara Kmiecik) had a stroke at the end of March. She was sent to the Madonna Rehabilitation Center in Lincoln, Nebraska where she had to learn to walk and talk again. It was a great place and they helped her a lot, however, she is not able to live by herself any longer. She is in the Genoa Community Hospital/Long Term Care in Genoa, Nebraska 68640 and seems to be adjusting quite well but misses her apartment and friends in Silver Creek.

Matthew and I went to New York in June to visit Chris and Brian. Over the weekend we went to Niagara Falls, New York/Canada. The tour we took allowed us to go behind the falls. Rain gear was furnished but the mist still got everyone wet. The falls were very impressive and we had a very nice time. After New York, Matt and I went to Nebraska. I had promised Mom that if she worked real hard and was able to walk I would take her to her Brother Leo's wedding on June 17. Mom even did a little dance at the wedding using her walker - dancing was always one of her favorite pastimes. She still has her sense of humor.

My Uncle's wedding gave me an opportunity to see Aunts, Uncles and Cousins, some of which I hadn't seen in 30 years or more. Time does fly, but I now have a new Aunt named Lucille. While in Nebraska it was also nice to see the relatives on Clarence's side of the family.

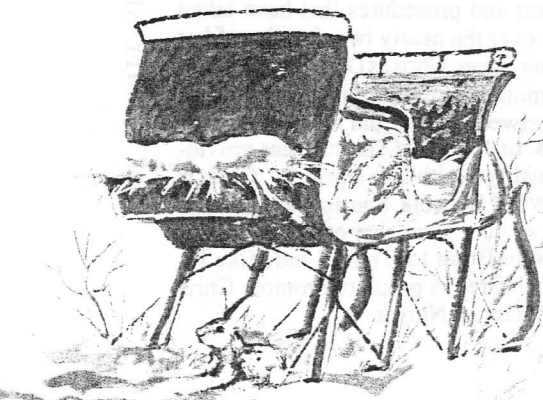
I am still working for the Bureau of Reclamation and traveling the 68 miles via vanpool to the Tracy Office. Clarence has been busy remodeling our house. Matthew is in his Sophomore year at Jesuit HS and doing very well. Clarence is also being chauffeur and taking him to school. Matt turned 15 so maybe next year he will be taking himself to school. John is still working for MCI and has his own house.

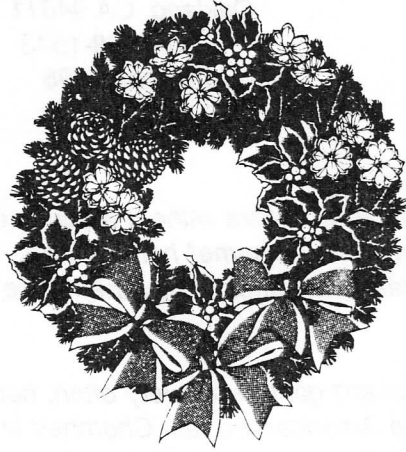
In August we attended a wedding in Visalia. It was my cousin Esther Sindelar's (Jarecki) son. This was her second and last son to be married in California in the past couple years. It was a lovely wedding and we had a good time. We went a day early so we could take in the big trees at Sequoia National Park, specifically General Sherman.

Clarence and John just got back from a Thanksgiving trip. They went to Washingtonville, New York to visit Chris and Brian for a few days and went to see New York City, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Clarence, John and Chris went to Nebraska for Clarence's Nephew, Jerry Jarecke's wedding. He said Cindi and Jerry had a very lovely wedding and it was really nice to see all of his relatives and to visit my Mother and celebrate her 83rd birthday.

Here's hoping all of you had a very good year in 1995, God Bless you and the best of health in 1996.

The Clarence Kresha's





CHRISTMAS 1995

Dear Family and Friends,

As this New Year began and winter set in, we went on vacation to celebrate our 31st wedding anniversary. In Branson, MO we stopped to see some Country Music shows and they were all closed "on vacation!" We did see the Bromley Family Show, but they live there.

Heading south, we drove to San Antonio to visit my nephew, Ray and Mary Kresha and sons, Matt and Jonathan. The first evening, they took us to the Opera House downtown to see a concert. The Christmas lights were beautiful, too. What a lovely evening! One day Harold and I drove to the LBJ Hereford Ranch in Austin. The highlight of our Texas trip was seeing the old Spanish Mission, San Jacinto, which has been restored. We stayed for Saturday night Mass. The acoustics were great. Later they took us to a dinner club that had a Spanish Combo playing.

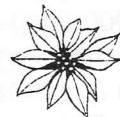
In Febr. we went on a Pilgrimage Tour to see the Immaculate Conception Shrine in Washington D.C.. Our Most Reverend Bishop Bruskewitz, 4 priests and 145 people from the Lincoln Diocese went. It was 4 busloads. We saw the nation's Capitol and on the way home we saw Our Lady of the Snow Shrine in Belleville, IL. It was inspiring and more fun!

After a mild winter, we had a rainy April and May, preventing the farmers from planting the rowcrops. Summer had 3 heat waves come, with 10 days of over 100°. Final blow was an early frost that killed the immature crops. Yield was half of normal.

We're going to take a bus tour to Mexico City on Jan. 29-Feb. 11 with "Moustache Joe". Hope we don't get sick from the water (polluted).

Harold purchased a center pivot NEW and it was due to be delivered yesterday. 12-20-95. Today, we're getting a heavy wet snow, 28°.

Love and prayers,
Harold and Lillian Witulski



Christmas, 1995

Elaine and all the Kreshas,

SEASON'S GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

1995 has been a very bad year for me. I'm 90% O.K. now.

Father Matt Burger, OSB





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Christmas 1995

Dear friends,

Christmas is here again, already! Not a day has gone by during the past two years without a sense of relief and gratitude that we are "home" again. And we expect to be even more "at home" here by next May or June, when we'll be selling our house in Mesa, Arizona, and making an offer to buy the house we've been renting here in Oakland.

We have been enjoying our home and garden here so much that we haven't gone away very often, but we managed to tear ourselves away to attend the Biennial meeting of the American Baptist Churches in Syracuse last summer, worshipping and strategizing with friends from all over the country, and learning that there is no national support for our Region's ongoing (& illegal) efforts to disfellowship our four East Bay Area "Welcoming and Affirming" churches. We are grateful for our church home, First Baptist Church of Berkeley, which, although under threat and somewhat weary and beleaguered, continues to stand firm in its commitment to reflect in all of its ministry the radical, "Welcoming and Affirming" inclusivity of God.

Rita continues working, at least full-time and sometimes more, with the Home Infusion Team at the Visiting Nurses' Association. This work takes a lot of energy, but she is finding great satisfaction in putting all of her skills to use, providing case-management and advocacy for patients who often have been very underserved. Also, she enjoyed working with VNA's Diversity team this year, helping to highlight and celebrate diversity among the staff. She serves as our Church Clerk, is a member of the Mission Committee, and is our church's representative to the Berkeley Ecumenical Chaplaincy for the Homeless. (The Christmas card enclosing this letter was designed and printed by homeless persons, to help raise money to support this ecumenical chaplaincy program.)

Susan continues in the challenging and satisfying work of getting her pastoral-counseling practice off the ground. For several months, she has been taking a marketing class designed specifically for counselors, and has found it very useful. She still would like to be connected with a pastoral counseling center, and is continuing to investigate that possibility. She also has been working part-time with a research project, finding out what sort of social ministries historic churches are providing in their community. This brings in some money to help with business expenses and has provided more contacts with churches that may refer parishioners for counseling later. She is a local P-FLAG representative to the East Bay Pride Coalition Steering Committee (encouraging networking of the many different East Bay lesbian/gay/bisexual organizations). She chairs the church's Stewardship Committee and is on the FBCB-2000 (long-range planning) Committee. She also has led worship about once each month. She has preached very little this year, but has enjoyed being involved in the leadership of several retreats. She also is serving as the Bay Area's international representative for the Evangelical Ecumenical Women's Caucus. And she loves being a Grandma!

Both of us have been enjoying getting acquainted with new friends here, particularly at church and at a Women-Over-Fifty group in which we've been participating since last summer. We also continue to delight in connecting with family and friends that are scattered all over the country (although we have not been very prolific in the letter-writing department this past year). Our welcome mat continues to be out, so we hope to see you when you come to visit in our area.

This Christmas season, we remain grateful, in the midst of all of the vicissitudes of life, for the essential and unchanging promise of Christmas: **God is with us in it all! Merry Christmas!**

With love,

Susan + Rita

Happy Holidays!!

Dear Family and Friends,

Season's Greetings from the Kresha's! This is a catch up letter, as we didn't get one out last year! We hope that everyone is happy and healthy in this joyous holiday season.

We moved in the fall of 1994 (one lot over) to our new home, after selling our house in one weekend to a nice couple. We are still working the kinks out in the new house. I think I've finally convinced Tony that he can't do everything himself. The kids need his time too! It took me a long time to stop missing my cozy little house (I still want to go over and work in the yard).

Our family has really grown and changed this past year. Summer, our youngest, is now two & very busy. Curious and independent, she knows every cupboard & how to run most of our electronic toys (TV, Computer, VCR, etc.). Unfortunately, I am slowing down just as she's gearing up. Megan is four, and in Sunday School. She talked us into keeping a stray kitten (Spook). It lives in the house (for now). If Spook can survive the girls chasing him all day, then I guess he can stay. Autumn is eight and has started piano lessons. We moved the piano from Mom & Dad Dittmer's house in through the front window. It just fits in the Den, now Music room. Autumn is quite a big help - when she wants to be, however, I wish someone had told us about sisters and fighting! - I would have gone to referee school! Tony still owns and manages Connecting Point Computer Center in Columbus & Kathie is home with the girls. We still have some rental property to keep us busy too!

This past March, we helped Mom & Dad Dittmer with their farm sale and move into town. They are now in Clarks, enjoying their smaller home. Mom has cancer in one lung and has decided not to have treatment form now. The biopsy took a lot out of her - energywise. They still enjoy a dance now and then when the weather is good, and go to the Senior Center weekly.

Christmas was at our house last year. We had a nineties twist to singing carols - instead of singing around the piano, we sang around the computer - karaoke style. We watched the Huskers win the National Championship with our neighbors. What a celebration - fireworks, snow angels, jumping in the frozen lake & upside down Margaritas!

Mom & Dad Dittmer watched the kids while we went to New Orleans for a computer show in the Super Dome in February. They also kept Summer while we took the two other girls to Disney World for a week in March. Autumn & I did the Tower of Terror & Splash Mountain. The girls got lots of character autographs. Megan got lost in Magic Kingdom for about 20 minutes in Mickey's playground (I hate those things!)

We spent the summer at a slower pace - swimming and Pina` Coladas on the beach and landscaping around the house. We had a nice fall trip to Colorado to see Kathie's cousins, Mary Lou & Susie. Susie's boys and our girls played all day at Mary Lou's house. We also spent time in Winter Park, hiking and enjoying nature & wildlife (we saw a bear & the elk were buggeling, and the deer came right up to the van).

Just a few more Christmas programs & computers to sell & we will be ready for a break! As another year passes, it seems as though we haven't been able to keep in contact with friends and family like we would like to, but our thoughts are with you often. We all hope that everyone has a safe and joyous holiday season and healthy and a prosperous new year!

Tony, Kathie, Autumn, Megan & Summer Kresha

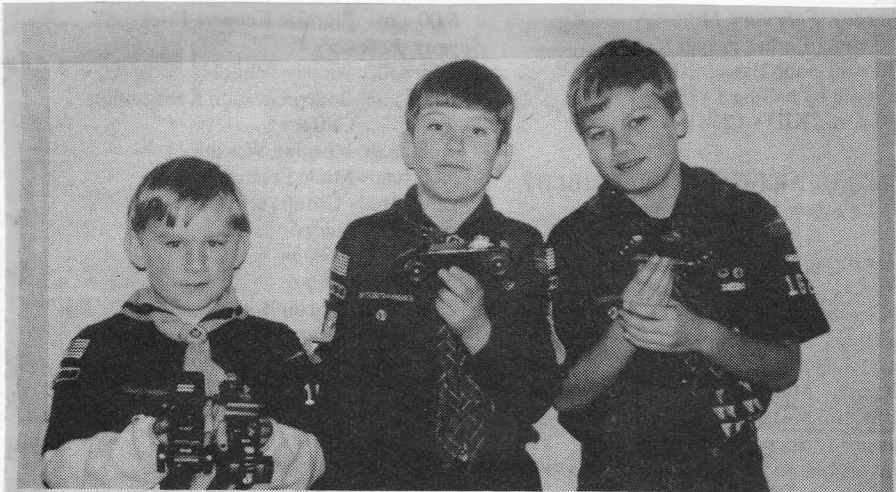
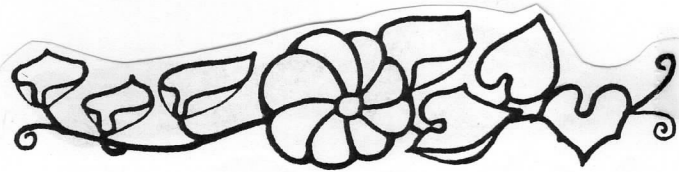
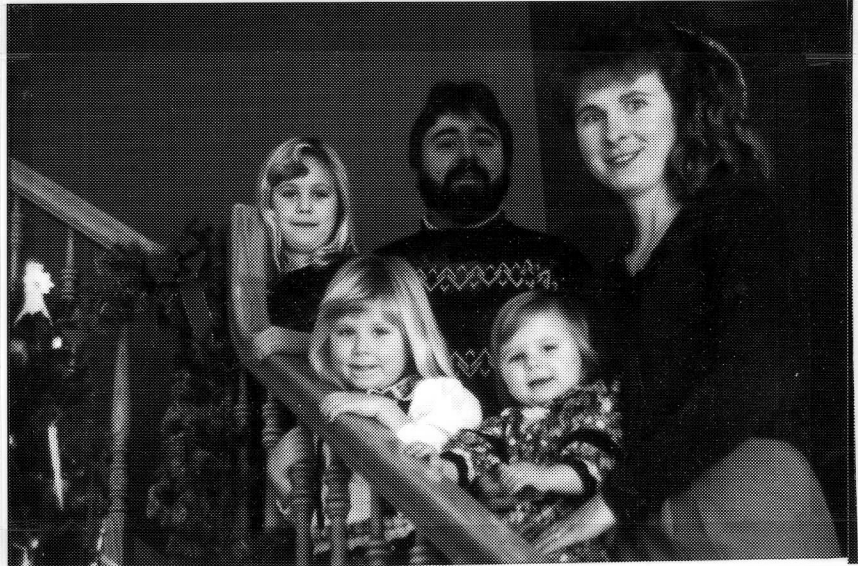
TONY and KATHIE KRESHA

AUTUMN,

MEGAN,

and

SUMMER



MODIFIED SHOW—Christopher Goelz-first, Gavin Coffin-second, Blair Page-third.

1996 Pinewood Derby

On Jan. 28, Cub Scout pack 162 held their annual Pinewood Derby at the downtown gym. Twenty-one scouts participated with a total of 29 cars. There were 16 stock race cars and 13 modified race cars.

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Kresha Awarded SECC Scholarship

James Kresha of Osceola, has been named a recipient of a Southeast Community College Educational Foundation Scholarship. The value of this award is free tuition for one quarter.

The SCC Educational Foundation was established in 1975 by friends and supporters of Southeast Community College. One of its main functions is to make scholarship opportunities available to students and serve as a recipient for gifts to the college.

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Goelz First Communion

A first communion celebration was held at the home of August and Maxine Goelz, Clinton, Christopher and Scott on Sunday, April 14, 1996. Christopher Goelz received his first communion at Sacred Heart Church in Shelby at 10:00 a.m. His brother Clinton had the honor of serving at the Mass.

Guests at the Goelz home included his grandparents, Max and Rosalie Gabel of Shelby and Mary Ann Goelz from Columbus. His Godfather, Steven Gabel and LaDonna, Stephanie, Jessica and Amanda from Osceola, Roy and Pat Bills, Glenda, Helen and Laura, Dane and Rosemary Kleveman, Matt and Clayton of Columbus.

After lunch, Christopher opened his religious and birthday gifts.

Dear Loved Ones,

March 11, 1996

This is a hard letter to write, as it appears this issue of the Kronicle may bring an end to an Era of Tradition. Words of Thanks aren't enough to give Elaine as she is retiring as Editor. She did a terrific job, despite the fact she got so little cooperation from the "whole" Kresha Clan. Thank you to those who did contribute to the issues.

I have a feeling that the June picnic will be the next thing to go under. After this years' picnic, the first family have all taken their turn hosting the picnic. Now it's up to the second family to get their off-spring interested and coming.

Over the years I know there has been hard feelings and difference between different ones in our relatives. Every time you say the "Our Father", think about the words, "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." It's later than you think. Remember we are all passing through to Eternity. We are in the middle of Lent and fastly approaching Easter. Make this a Joyful Easter by burying the hatchets and starting a New Life of forgiveness.

Are you all ready for spring as I am? For how little snow we have had, we sure had some below-zero chill index. I feel for you that have livestock and are trying to do chores in that kind of weather. How nice it is to be retired, but I'm looking forward to spring and working in the yard.

Love,
Dolores and Melvin Wetgen

4/19/96

Hello Family and Friends,

My family is healthy and are fully occupied with farming, gardening and yard work.

Our prayer is that we will be blessed with sufficient moisture for our crops this year. We've had a lot of wind this winter, which damaged a lot of the winter wheat. Many farmers had to till the blown fields for a spring crop planting.

Our parish priest turned 75 years old this month and will be retiring this June. He has been pastor here for 24 years. A retirement party is planned in June for him. He will live in Denver. His housekeeper is retiring and will live in Kimball.

May you all stay well!

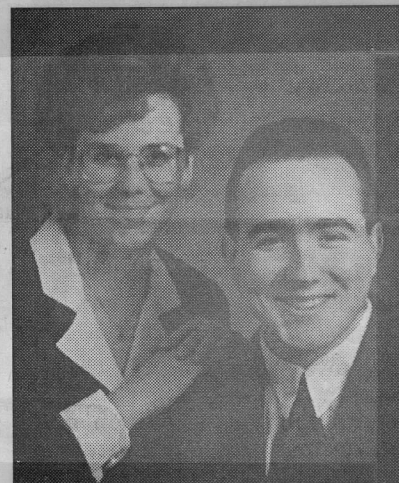
May you
Love to all,
Mary Lukassen

Kresha - Alva

OSCEOLA — Jodi Kresha of Osceola and Todd Alva of Papillion announce their plans for a May 18 wedding.

Kresha, daughter of Gregg and Denice Kresha of Osceola, is a 1992 graduate of Silver Creek High School and is studying speech pathology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Alva, son of Alfred Alva and Eleanore Ferraguti, both of Omaha, is a 1990 graduate of Papillion High School and attends UNL majoring in music. He also works at Sears.



Kresha - Alva

Uhlmann - Jarecke

COLUMBUS — Cyndi Uhlmann and Jerry Jarecke, both of Columbus, were married Nov. 25 at the Federated Church of Columbus. The Revs. Del Funk and Mark Tomasiewicz officiated.

Parents of the couple are Jim and Bobbie Uhlmann and Jerome and Florence Jarecke, all of Columbus.

The honor attendants were Cathy Evans of Lincoln, Sarah Selig and Verl Wurtz, both of Columbus.

The bridesmaids and groomsmen were Jeanne Olson Johnson, Tom Jarecke, Greg Jarecke and Jay Czuba, all of Columbus, Janell Kilgore of Fort Worth, Texas, and Kate Jarecke and David Jarecke, both of Omaha.

The ushers were J. Uhlmann and Terry Evans, both of Lincoln, Dale Heth and Dean Heth, both of Columbus, and Gary Bialas and Ron Cuba, both of Silver Creek.



Mr. & Mrs. Jarecke

The personal attendant was Andrea Duren of Omaha.

The reception was at the Elk's Country Club.

The couple lives in Columbus. The bride is the manager of Anderson Floral Co. Inc. and the groom owns Master Care Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning Service.



Kosch - Hilger

DAVID CITY — Nissa Kay Kosch of Shelby and Matthew Robert Hilger of David City were married Dec. 30, 1995, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Shelby. The Rev. Brad Zitek officiated.

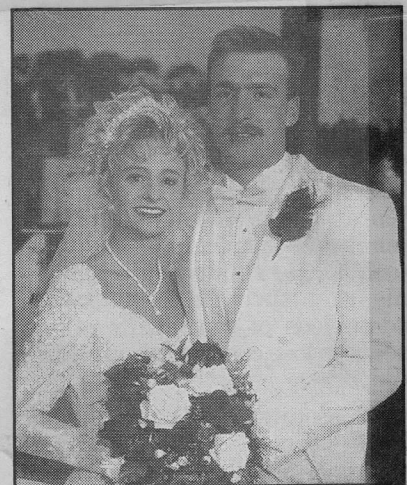
Parents of the couple are William and Sandra Kosch of Shelby and Robert and Susan Hilger of David City.

The honor attendants were Samantha Kosch of Lincoln and Jason Litchfield of Brainard.

The bridesmaids and groomsmen were Heidi Nekl of Osceola, Amy McMeekin of Columbus, Becky Shanahan of Wayne, Jenni Novak, Paul Prochaska, Paul Schmit, Dan Fiala and Chris Baird, all of Lincoln.

The ushers were Troy Jelinek of Bee, Jim Kratchovil of Ulysses, Brian Hlavac and Jim Widdefield, both of Lincoln.

The flowergirl and ringbearer were Whitney and Weston Kosch of Shelby. The candlelighter was



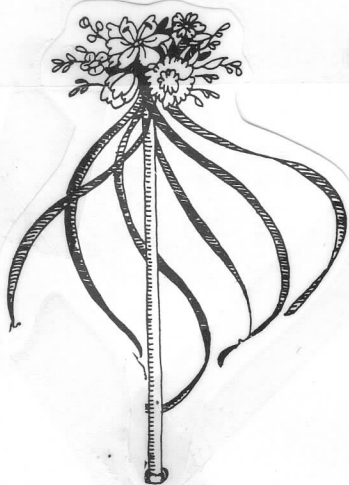
Mr. & Mrs. Hilger

Bethany Hilger of David City.

The personal attendant was Gail Schroeder of Seward.

The reception was at the David City auditorium.

The couple lives in David City. The bride works in the accounting department of Mead Lumber Co. and the groom farms.



EDITOR'S NOTE:



Please join the children
and grandchildren of
Arthur & Eileen Gabriel
in the celebration of their
45th Wedding Anniversary
on **Sunday, June 9th**
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Shelby Legion Club
Special program at 3:00 p.m.
Your presence is our most cherished gift.

This is part 1 of 2 parts of my final
KRESHA KRONICLE. (Part 2 will be ready and
passed out at the Kresha Reunion on June 9).

I'm sure that Art and Eileen would like to
see you in Shelby to help them celebrate their
45th wedding anniversary.

If we begin eating promptly at 12 noon,
you may be able to get to Shelby before 5.

(Eileen is a cousin to the Kreshas. Her grand-
mother was Anna (Kresha) Karges.)

See you at the picnic!

Elaine



Reunion 1996

FAMILY REUNION 1996:

Forty-eight Kresha Relatives gathered at noon in Pawnee Park in Columbus, NE for the annual Kresha Reunion on June 9, 1996. After a potluck dinner, a business meeting, conducted by Joe Kresha, was held. The question was raised whether to continue having the reunion every year or every other year. After a lengthy discussion, it was voted to continue having the reunion every year.

Elaine announced her resignation as Editor of the Kresha Kronicle. A vote by those present agreed that rather than to let the Kronicle die, perhaps someone could publish it once a year. Sue Hilger volunteered to give it a try. She will compile the newsletter the first part of December. She plans to send each of us a note regarding deadlines, dues, etc..

Lucy Kresha will continue being in charge of the Flower Fund. If you wish to contribute, send your donation to her in c/o:

Lucy Kresha
6168 Country Club Drive
Columbus, NE 68601

When flowers are sent, only names of those contributing money will be listed on the card.

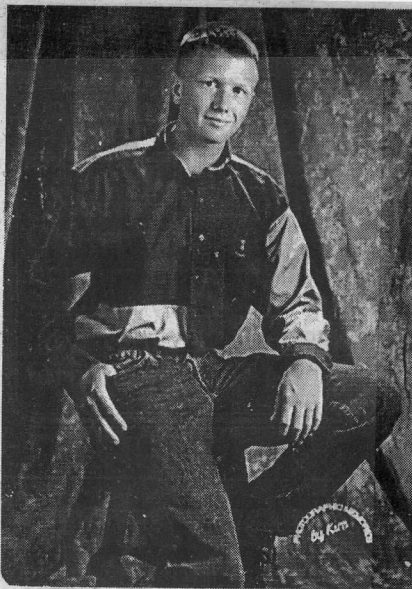
The next reunion will be held on June 8, 1997. Hosting the picnic will be descendants of Rose and Bud Hilger.





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James Kresha

James Matthew Kresha is the son of Joe and Lou Kresha. He describes his personality as warped. He participated in wrestling and was on the speech team. His favorites include: color-shiny blood red; food-donuts; book/author-Phantom's, Dean R. Koontz; subject-science; TV show-X-men; song/group/singer-"Psycho Killer" by Talking Heads/Violet Femmes/Denis Leory.

He describes OHS as almost pitless and if he could change on thing about OHS he'd put the pit back. To Jim, the most important quality to look for in friends is a sense of humor. If he could change one thing about himself it would be his athletic ability. In ten years he wants to be eating donuts and playing video games while considering becoming a cop.

To Mike Neujahr he says "hurt yourself!" To his entire class he says "You should have listened to me."

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Catherine Kobza

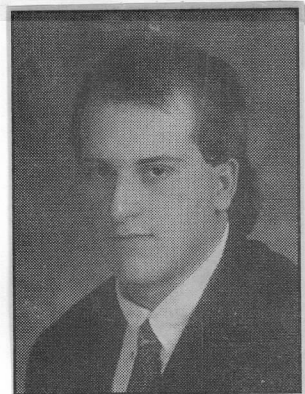
CATHERINE (CATHY) KOBZA-daughter of Hank and Bonnie (Hilger) Kobza, graduated in May, 1996 from David City Aquinas High School.

MARCUS HILGER-son of Dan and Mary Jane Hilger, graduated in May, 1996 from David City Aquinas High School.

Both Cathy and Marcus are grandchildren of the late Bernard (Bud) and Rose (Kresha) Hilger.

JENNIFER L. STRAUSS-daughter of Marcie and Murl Etter and George Strauss, graduated from Washington State College on May 10, 1996 with an MA Degree in Anthropology. Her thesis was on herbs and how women in Mexico use them to cure members of their family.

In the summer of 1995, Jennie took a 6 week course in Mexico. During her stay there, she lived with a Mexican Family.



Marcus Hilger



SENIOR

96

May 5, 1996

Dear Relatives and Friends,

It has been an exciting year so far. After our trip to see the "Real Mexico", we were in Lafayette to see the Etters a few weeks ago. Murl had seen a "big wheel bike" made from pieces of farm machinery, so he sent Harold a snapshot of it, and Harold made him one. The big wheel is from a hay rake, the little wheel from a grain drill and the seat is from a grass mower. Harold made the rest of it, using his welder and some metal pipe. It is now a lawn ornament. Beside it is a walking plow.

We visited Brett and Gloria (Thomas) Beckfield in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Brett is the manager of the Conagra Plant that makes "Healthy Choice" TV dinners. Those of you who attended the 1995 reunion met them then.

We are looking forward to the 1996 Reunion and visiting with all of you. We can't wait for that good Kresha family cooking!

Congratulations on the new red-haired baby girl born to Les and Pam (Kresha) Talmadge. They named her Adrienne Dayle-"Annie".

Love to All,

Harold and Lillian Witulski

NEW ADDRESSES

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Karsen, Lois, Bill Rombach
March 2, 1996
Karsen 25 months

May 10, 1996

Dear Family,

I just talked to Elaine and she said I could still get this in the Kronicle, so I will write it immediately and get it in the mail tomorrow. I had all good intentions of getting it out on time, but I had a little accident the Wednesday before it was due. I was on a field trip with the Second Grade. We went to the Museum of Natural History in Denver. We had just gotten off the bus and were walking across the lawn. I stepped in a big hole, fell and fractured my right ankle. They called the paramedics and took me by ambulance to Rose Memorial Hospital. There they X-rayed it and put it in a splint. I spent two days at home with it elevated and ice packs till they could cast it. I am doing fine and it is healing nicely. I have a walking boot on and am back to work, with crutches. The doctor says I can start weaning myself from the crutches this week and on Tuesday I will start with therapy on it. School is almost out, so that will help.

On a happier note. I am a new grandma. Pam and Les had a baby girl on March 28th. She was 8 lb. 10 oz and 20 1/2 " long. She has red hair and is such a sweetie. They named her after Adrian--Adrienne Dayle Talmadge, which, of course made me feel good. I'm sure Adrian is smiling on us, too. Pam had a hard, long labor. Baby (Annie) had pneumonia when she was born. She was on oxygen and antibiotics for about 2 weeks. She is doing well now and is growing like a weed.

Dan has a new job. He is working for a company called, Aerial Advantage. They go out and locate pipeline for different companies before they can do any digging. Dan covers an area from Greeley, Colorado, to Golden, Colorado. He likes his work and they like him.

Andy and Aaron are doing just fine. Aaron is 8 years old now and is in the Second Grade. He does well in school, but like all kids is waiting for school to be out. I hope I can keep him for a while this summer. We always enjoy having him around.

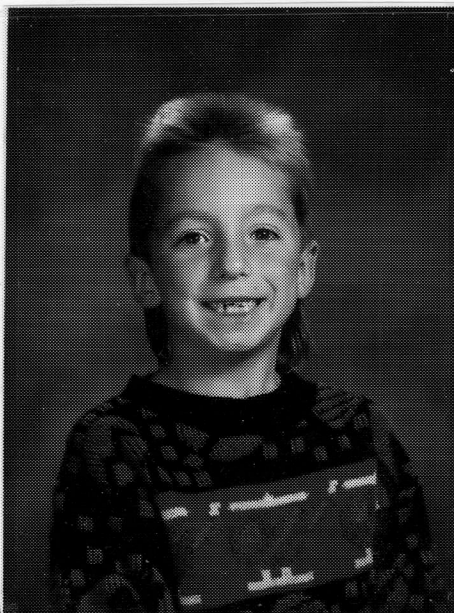
Tom is still living with Andy. He just works all the time. He doesn't have much of a social life. I keep telling him that this is not good for him.

Well, that's about all there is to tell about life in this Kresha household right now. It is about as exciting as I care to have it, at least at the moment.

Congratulations to all the 1996 Grads, Newly-weds, and Babies.

Love and Prayers,

Pat Kresha and Family



AARON KRESHA

8 years-1996





KARISSA VANDENBERG

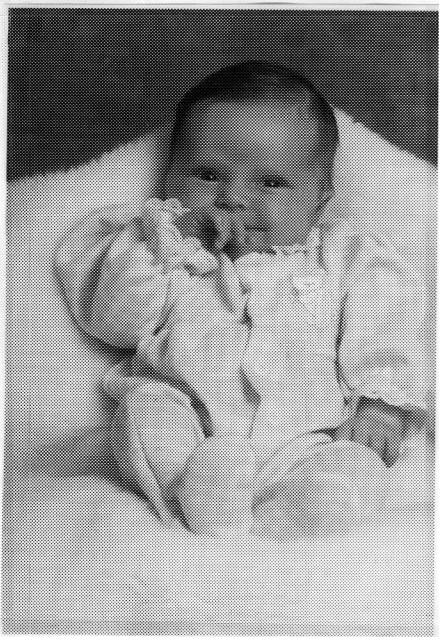
Chris and Julie (Kobza) Vandenberg of Brainard are parents of a girl, Karissa Jean, born April 15. She has three siblings, Kelly, Kristin and Kalen.

Grandparents are Hank and Bonnie Kobza of Bellwood and Jack and Jan Vandenberg of David City. Great grandparents are Antonia Kobza, Martin and Alice Vandenberg, and the late Bernard and Rose (Kresha) Hilger, all of David City, and Agnes Polivka of Bruno, NE.

ADRIANNE TALMADGE

Les and Pam (Kresha) Talmadge of Arvada, CO are parents of a girl, Adrienne (Annie) Dayle Talmadge, born March 28, 1996. She weighed 8 lb. 10 oz. and was 20 3/4" long.

Grandparents are Patricia and the late Adrian Kresha of Brighton, CO.



Dunekacke chosen as girls state candidate

RISING CITY — Jennifer Dunekacke, a junior at Rising City High School, has been selected to attend Cornhusker Girls State in June.

She is being sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of John Saylor Unit 146. Dunekacke, daughter of Lee and Mary Lou



Dunekacke

Dunekacke, is a member of the National Honor Society.

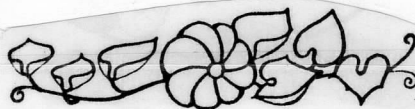
She also was named to the Who's Who Among American High School Students and is on the honor roll. Dunekacke is involved in volleyball, basketball and track and was named academic all-state 1995-96 in volleyball and basketball.

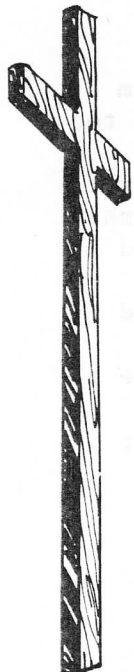
She is a member of the math team, Pep Club, RC Club, speech team, all school play, one act play, journalism staff.

Alternate to Girls State is Stacey Stava, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stava.

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Jennifer is the granddaughter of the late Adolph and Rose Kresha.





IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

ALNETTA (KARGES) TOPINKA, died April 18, 1995.

Alnetta was born December 3, 1929 to Joe and Clara (Meyer) Karges. She was the grand-daughter of Anna (Kresha) Karges.

EVERETT BAARS passed away July, 1995. Cause of death was a heart attack.

Everett was the husband of Marie (Karges) Baars.

ANN (KARGES) SERIO passed away July, 1995 from complications after breaking her hip. She had been in a Rest Home for over a year.

NEAL LOUIS KUHNEL died September 18, 1995 at Crawford, NE.

He was born July 8, 1913 at Gresham, NE.

RAYMOND B. KUHNEL died September 23, 1995. He was buried in Chadron, NE.

Raymond was born August 19, 1915 at Gresham, NE.

Neal and Raymond's parents were Louis and Florence (Cook) Kuhnel.

(Louis Kuhnel came to America with his mother, Amolia Kresha in 1888.)

CHARLES VAN VELKINBURGH died Monday, February 19, 1996 in Wheat Ridge, CO.

He was married to Mary T. Karges. Mary was the daughter of Martin Karges and the half-sister of Eva (Karges) Kresha.

Charles Van Velkinburgh

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. — Charles M. Van Velkinburgh, 88, of Wheat Ridge, Colo., formerly of Columbus, died Monday, Feb. 19, 1996, at Sandelwood Manor in Wheat Ridge.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Gass-Haney Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Don Wilson officiating. Burial is at St. Bonaventure Cemetery.

Visitation is 2-9 p.m. Monday and 8:30 a.m. until services Tuesday, all at the funeral home.

Mr. Van Velkinburgh was born Oct. 16, 1907, at Kansas City, Mo., to Tracy and Anna (Jones) Van Velkinburgh and attended Cozad Public Schools, where he was the first student to earn an athletic scholarship, and attended telegraphers' school.

He married Mary T. Karges in 1936 at Fremont, became a depot agent at Richland in 1940 and was a freight agent for the Union Pacific Railroad until moving to Columbus in 1975 when he retired.

He was very active in Ak-Sar-Ben and was an active bowler. He rolled a 222 at the age of 76.

Survivors include two sons, Curtis of Lutz, Fla., and Keith of Silverthorne, Colo.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his wife, three brothers and one sister.

Memorials may be given to donors' choice.

(Columbus Telegram 2-25-96)

In Memory of

CHARLES M. VAN VELKINBURGH

October 16, 1907 February 19, 1996
Kansas City, MO Wheat Ridge, CO

Services

11.00 a.m., Tuesday, February 27, 1996
Gass-Haney Funeral Home Chapel
Columbus, Nebraska

Clergyman

Rev. Don Wilson

Music

Mary Jane Wendland, Organist

Interment

St. Bonaventure Cemetery
Columbus, Nebraska

Arrangements by

Gass-Haney Funeral Home
Columbus, Nebraska

June 7, 1996

Dear Family,

As I write this Editor's Note I feel I am closing a chapter--of what I am not sure. I want to say that it is a chapter of my life, but no, that sounds too morbid and too final. It is not a closing chapter of family history because that will continue, whether or not it is written down. Perhaps I would be safe to say that it is the end of an era--Kresha history as recorded by Elaine Kresha.

I hope that someone will take over this family newsletter. I truly would hate to see it die with this issue.

'Thank you' to each and every one of you who have provided me with news and support during these past 17 years.

I know that the graduation list is lacking graduates. Congratulations to all of you!! I have no way of knowing who is missing.

Hope to see you in just a few days at Pawnee Park in Columbus, NE for our annual Kresha Reunion.

God love you!

ELAINE



KARSEN ROMBACH 25months
3-2-96



Daughter of Bill and Lois Rombach

KRISTI KRESHA 6 years
9-1995



Daughter of Kenneth and Star Kresha