

Kresha Kronicle

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Happy Holidays to All,

Thank you to all who sent Christmas greetings and pictures, it sure makes my job a lot easier. As you probably know the Kronicle is a little later than usual this year. The two weeks before my Mothers death on December 12 was spent at the hospital with her.

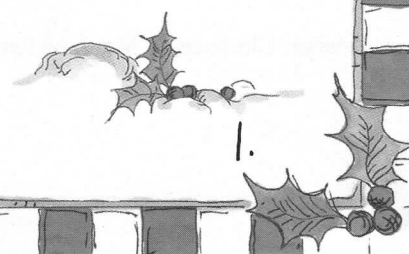
My job at the Butler County Hospital is really casual casual and one would think with extra time on my hands I would get caught up on a lot of things, wrong. Seems like Bob just keeps finding more things for me to do for the business. With the drought on theeast coast and in the south answering calls for people looking for hay and lining up trucks to haul it and keeping Bob on the road is a full time job. We purchased another semi this year and Matt is even keeping busier hauling hay short distances.

Matt & Nissa are busy all the time. Nissa with the insurance agency and various groups. Matt & Nissa did some remodeling of their kitchen this fall which turned out to be a bigger project than they had anticipated. Matt is still a volunteer fireman and they are in the process of putting together plans for a training tower in David City.

Bethany is an 8th grader this year. She loves volleyball and does track to make her Mother happy. This Tuesday is the Christmas concert at school and those are always fun.

*May your Heart and Home
be filled with Peace and Happiness
this Christmas and
throughout the New Year*

Seasons Greetings from Bob, Sue, Bethany, Matt and Nissa Hilger





Season's Greetings

December 1999

We hope our Christmas letter finds everyone well, happy, and you had a prosperous 1999. We are all fine here in Northern California and 1999 has been a good year for us. The weather was great with enough rain in the valleys, and snow in the mountains to fill all the dams or reservoirs for the farmers and cities. The summer (except for a few days) was one of our coolest with comfortable days and the Delta breezes blowing in the evening for cool temperatures for sleeping at night.

In January we enjoyed out of state guests (Clarence's sister and brother) Florence Jarecke and Dennis Kresha from Columbus, Nebraska. We really enjoyed their visit and we took them to Lake Tahoe and Reno for some nice meals and a little gaming fun. The weather was great through the mountains and we had a real nice time.

In February Christine and Brian Tighe and the twins (Mary & Catherine) flew out from New York to visit us. John (our son) took Christine & Brian up to the mountains for a ski trip. They had a lot of fun and Marge & Clarence enjoyed babysitting the twins for the first time. We really all enjoyed their visit and took them back to San Francisco where they flew back to New York.

In the spring we decided to remodel the kitchen & utility room. The contractor did the cabinet woodwork in light oak and we had rollout drawers installed in most of the lower cabinets. We also recarpeted the family room, dining area and hallways.

In August we had planned to drive to Nebraska (via Denver) to see everyone and attend Terri (Dennis & Carolyn Kresha's daughter) and Chad Stuart's wedding. In July one of our tenants decided to move and in August another tenant decided to buy a house. We had to put all our travel plans on hold and do the usual job of cleaning, repairs, advertising and interviewing new tenants. With all the people moving to the Sacramento area we were able to find new tenants and still have time for a short trip (4 days) to Nebraska.

We (Marge, Clarence & John) flew to Omaha, Nebraska (via Southwest) and were able to attend the beautiful wedding of Terri and Chad's. We got to see a lot of relatives, some friends, and had a great time. Christine, Brian and the Twins were also able to attend the wedding. It was so nice to see them again. The great news is that Christine and Brian are expecting a new baby in January. We all were also able to spend some time with Marge's Mother (Clara Kmiecik) at the long term care facility at Genoa, Nebraska. Clara seems to be doing fine and she enjoyed all our visits each day. The care facility in Genoa is really nice, clean, and has a very friendly staff. With all of Clara's sisters, brothers, relatives and friends in the Nebraska area (to visit her) she is quite happy in Genoa.

Matthew (19) is back for his second year at Sacramento State College, and is majoring in Computer Science. Matt has his sights set for a job at the Intel Computer plant in Folsom, California. Matt has a nice girl friend, she also goes to Sacramento State and is quite a motivation for him. Matt is very helpful working at our rentals doing clean up and hauling our equipment and supplies back home.

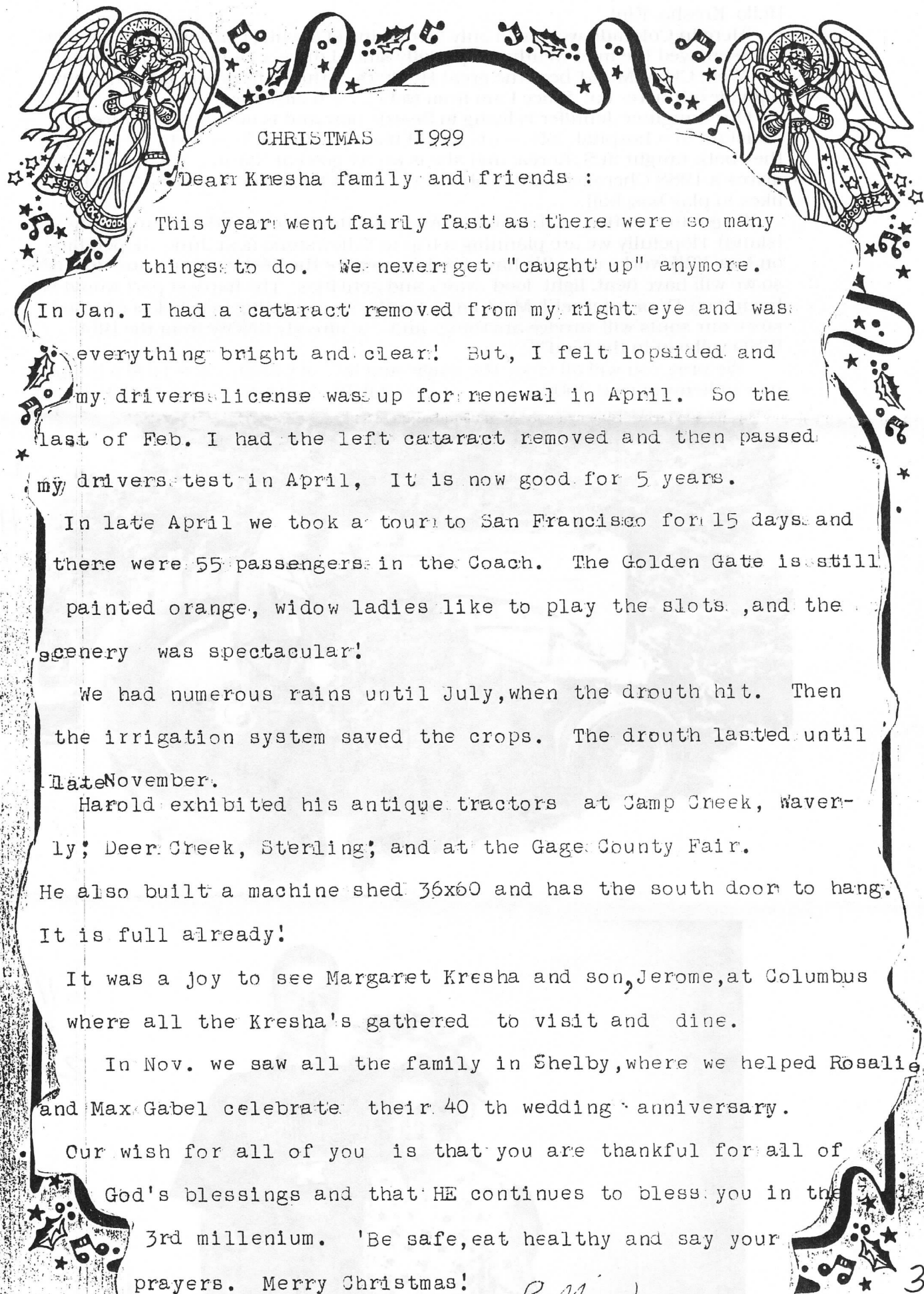
John is at Pacific Bell in Sacramento, works very hard, and seems to want to have a career there. He still does extra yards, lawn service, tree trimming for some good exercise and a little extra money. He has several girl friends but nothing serious at this time. John is also a great helper and painter working with us on the rentals to meet our deadlines to get the new tenants in on time.

Marge is still working with the US Bureau of Reclamation near Tracy, California. She is very busy as many of the water service contracts are up for renewal. She really likes her job and works nine-hour days having every other Friday off. Clarence keeps busy keeping up the house maintenance and lawns at our place and the rentals. He also tries to do most of the shopping so when Marge gets home we all can spend time together. He still works with some of the tree contractors and brings home the firewood rounds. It gives him lots of exercise. We normally all help him split the wood with our log splitter.

We moved out to the country in 1976, we are now being surrounded by new housing developments in all directions, our two lane roads are going to be six lane roads in two to three years. Looking back we enjoyed the slow friendly pace out in the country but times have changed.

We are all wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year of 2000. Also, we always love to hear from you each year and enjoy your cards, letters, and what's new or happening in your family.

Marge, Clarence, & Matthew Kresha



CHRISTMAS 1999

Dear Kresha family and friends :

This year went fairly fast as there were so many things to do. We never get "caught up" anymore.

In Jan. I had a cataract removed from my right eye and was everything bright and clear! But, I felt lopsided and my drivers license was up for renewal in April. So the last of Feb. I had the left cataract removed and then passed my drivers test in April. It is now good for 5 years.

In late April we took a tour to San Francisco for 15 days and there were 55 passengers in the Coach. The Golden Gate is still painted orange, widow ladies like to play the slots, and the scenery was spectacular!

We had numerous rains until July, when the drouth hit. Then the irrigation system saved the crops. The drouth lasted until late November.

Harold exhibited his antique tractors at Camp Creek, Waverly; Deer Creek, Sterling; and at the Gage County Fair. He also built a machine shed 36x60 and has the south door to hang. It is full already!

It was a joy to see Margaret Kresha and son, Jerome, at Columbus where all the Kresha's gathered to visit and dine.

In Nov. we saw all the family in Shelby, where we helped Rosalie and Max Gabel celebrate their 40 th wedding anniversary.

Our wish for all of you is that you are thankful for all of God's blessings and that HE continues to bless you in the 3rd millenium. Be safe, eat healthy and say your prayers. Merry Christmas!

Lillian

Hello Kresha Kin!

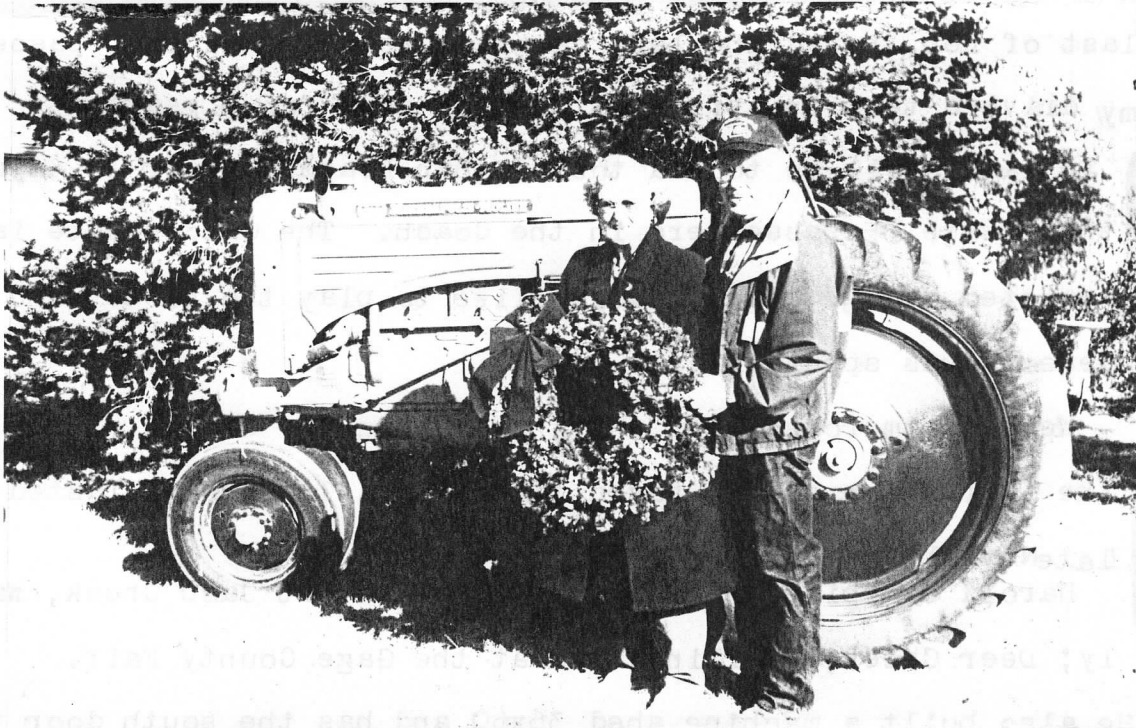
Here in Colorado we're still only "dreaming of a white Christmas"...However, we've enjoyed the mild weather, especially since I drive a lot in my teaching job.

Well, CU ALMOST beat the great Huskers. I think they can't take the thin high air out here- ha! Since I am from Nebr., I win either way.

Our daughter Jennifer is living in Seattle now and is an administrative assistant at a hospital. She rents an old house with a girlfriend she met when they both taught in S. Korea, and she is pretty good at Karate. Zach is 16 now, drives a 1988 Cherokee, and is about 6'2". This trimester he got a 3.7 and still likes to play baseball.

We got to vacation in Hawaii this Aug. in a timeshare condo. (Maui & Big Island) Hopefully we are planning a trip to Yellowstone next June, depending on how Y2K works out. We have tried to prepare the best we could (just in case) so we will have heat, light, food, water and activities. The hardest part would be having no TV or internet!! Most importantly, we are trying to get closer to God since our souls will survive anything- and- we already KNOW from the Bible WHO will win in the "end"!!

We pray you will all enjoy the magic and love of Christmas & have a happy new millenium year 2000.
Love, MURL, MARCIE, & ZACH LETTER



Lillian
&
Harold



Lillian
&
Zach

November 27, 1999

Dear Family,

My best wishes for a Blessed and Happy Christmas and for good health in the New Year. We all await with interest what the New Year will bring—let's trust in the Holy Family to guide and protect us. My health has been fairly good. I know my limitations—I live by them and trust in God and my Guardian Angel to protect me. For the past four months I have been going to the Arthritis Pool 3 times a week for 50 minutes of pool exercises. It really helps my heart and muscles. I hope to continue a few more months, even though it's time consuming.

Not too much of interest—I keep myself quite busy with my home, yard and look forward to visits from my family. Of course, Jerome's family gets to my house quite often. Granddaughters Ruth, 11 years, and Elizabeth, 8 years, like to visit with Grandma. Ruth is in the 6th grade and Elizabeth is in 3rd.

In September, Jerome and I traveled to Nebraska for my brother, Francis's 40th wedding anniversary. I wish to thank all of the Kresha family who came to the Columbus restaurant to visit with Jerome and myself. It was a happy evening which made for good memories.

Don and Diane make all holidays and frequent visits to see me in Bakersfield. I took the Amtrack train, while Jerome and Rosa and girls drove, to Diane's for Thanksgiving last week. Then at Christmas the Chaisson Family will be with me a few days. Jerome and Rosa will provide Christmas dinner in their home.

The past summer in California was mild with few hot, hot days. However, our area and Southern California are very dry. We are hoping La Nina will bring more moisture. Crops were all fairly good.

Again, my best wishes for Happy Holidays and do write.

Love always,
Margaret Kresha

*May The Blessing Of The
Christ Child And His Loving
Mother Be With You At
Christmas And Always*

*Dan, Mary Jane &
Marcus Hilger*



CHRISTMAS 1999

Dear Family,

What a joy it is to remember you during this holiday season and to know that we can walk into the new year with our trust in the Lord, knowing that He will never fail us.

May God Bless You Always

*Lovingly,
Sister Dolores*



Seasons Greetings from the Kresha's in the Napa Valley

We wish you very Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Millennium.

*Frank, June, Sabrina, Jessi, Jamie, Lora,
John, Tina, Josh, Matt, Stefani,
Ralph, Patty and Jeffery*

Dear Kresha Family:

I've made some headway on my building this year, with the restored cornice now done and a new tenant (a fitness center) in the east store space, and have a pretty good plan in mind for finishing the building in the coming year.

We bought a house for Karen last summer and she and Donegal and Connemara moved in. Karen has been doing quite a few things to get the house and yard like she wants them and gets frustrated sometimes because she can't get it all done right away (like I do sometimes too). Her address is 1074 E. Carolina Ave., Fruita CO 81521.

Teri moved to Colorado on a temporary basis in September and is now living in one of my apartments. She is doing some freelance editing work and working to build up her Melaleuca business with the idea of moving back to California sometime during the coming year.

Joe is still at Redding CA and has been taking a course in real estate.

Gloria and Brett, Spencer and Sophie, are still at Troy OH.

All the family will be together here at Fruita for Christmas, with most of the activities taking place at Karen's house.

I hope things are going well for all the rest of the Kresha Family and that you all have a merry Christmas. Also a good new millennium if you believe in starting it this year, otherwise a happy new year.

Love, *Gene Thomas*

December 5, 1999

Dear Family,

Better get this out today so its not late. We are all doing well again. Dan, Pam, Annie & I all had a virus which left us with strep & bronchitis. But we are all better now and hope to say that way for the holidays.

I did retire in June. I also was classified employee of the year before I retired. Was really nice. Received several awards and plaques. It was so nice not having to go back to work when school started again in August. I took a 3 week vacation in September and went to Wisconsin and Michigan to visit my sisters. It was so nice to see them again. It had been 2 years since I was back there. My sis Rita may have to have surgery on her back. The arthritis is really bad and she's in terrible pain all the time now. She will know for sure right after Christmas. I did take a part time job when I got back. I work from 3 pm to 6 pm at the Presbyterian Day Care. Its only 5 mins. from home so I'm not on the road a lot. So far its been pretty good.

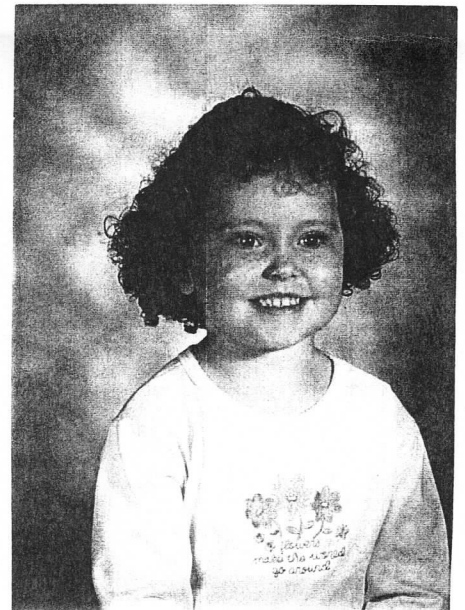
I am also doing volunteer work at the school, 1 day a week for 3 hrs. They have a program for people 60 or older and it helps pay your property tax. You get paid so much for each hour you volunteer and the money goes right to the city to pay on your taxes. Last year my taxes were \$1.17 Not bad! Its worth doing the volunteer time and it also gives me a chance to see the people I used to work with.

Kids are all doing fine. All still at their same jobs. Tom is trying to buy a mobile home here in the park. Should know tomorrow if he gets it, hope so for his sake.

Aaron and Annie are growing fast. Aaron is eleven now and in the 6th grade. He plays the sax in band. Has a band concert the 15th. Annie is 3 1/2 now and quite a girl. Still has her red curly hair and a real chatter box. She goes to pre-school now 3 days a week in the mornings. Really loves it. I'm sending some pictures along of them.

Well must close now. Hope everyone has a very Happy and Blessed Holiday Season.

May God Bless You All.
Love and Prayers
Pat





Charles R. Kresha
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Dear Kresha Relatives,

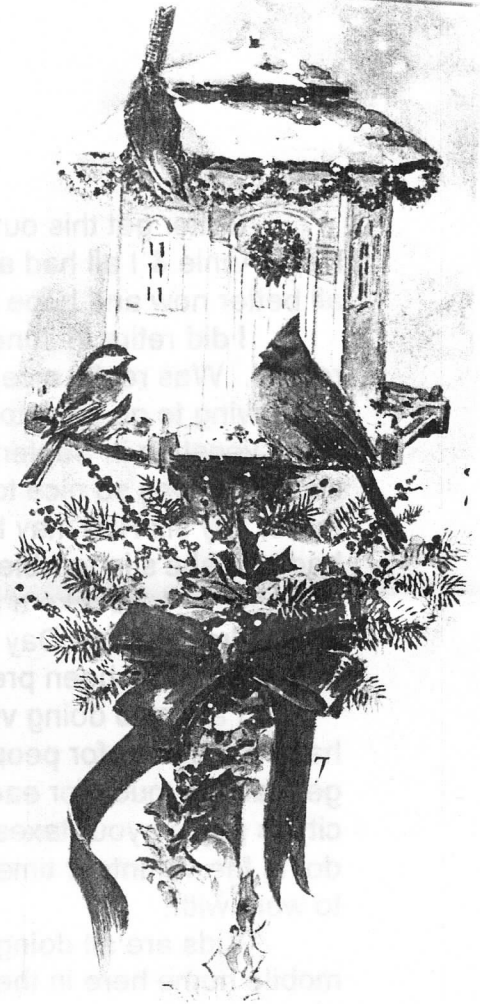
This year was a rather uneventful one for Lucille & I, except for our growing older (aging never stops does it?).

We are enjoying our retirement by working around our yard with the flowers, shrubs and trees. I help son Edward on the farm during planting season and also harvesting. He takes short trips now and then around nebr. to get away for awhile.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with joy and good health to all.

Sincerely yours,
Charles & Lucille Kresha

Terri is the
granddaughter
of the late
John + Carolyn
Kresha



Kresha-Stuart

COLUMBUS — Terri Kresha and Chad Stuart, both of Columbus, were married Aug. 28 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Columbus. The Rev. Chris Grimmond and Deacon Michael McGuire officiated.

Parents of the couple are Dennis and Carolyn Kresha and Charlie and Carol Stuart, all of Columbus.

Honor attendants were Ervin Engel of Columbus and Jennifer Nickolite of Lincoln.

Bridesmaids were Jennifer Kresha and Heather Engel, both of Columbus, and Jill Robak, Natalie Hurt and Jamie Jarecki, all of Lincoln.

Groomsmen were Martin Funke, Brian Stuart and Shawn Simmerman, all of Columbus, Jeff Kresha of Boone, N.C., and Scott Stuart of David City.

Ushers were Ron Kresha of Little Falls, Minn., Matthew Torczon and Erik Metcalfe, both of Columbus, and Nathan Hurt of Lincoln.

Flowergirl and ringbearer were Tessandra Stuart of Columbus and Alexander Kresha of Little Falls.

Candlelighters were Kyla



Mr. and Mrs. Stuart

Stuart of David City and Crystal Hurt of Ansley.

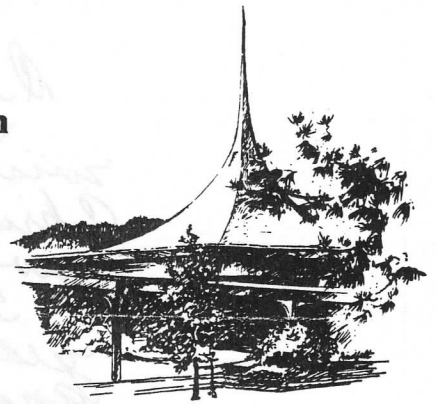
Personal attendant was Michelle Hurt of Omaha.

The reception was held at Platte County Agricultural Park with host couples Frank and Virginia Konwinski of Silver Creek and Alfred and Becky Hurt of Ansley.

The couple live in Columbus. The bride is a case aide for the Department of Health and Human Services, and the groom is employed at B-D Construction.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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December 8, 1999

To All the Kreshas:

Greetings and blessings for a Merry Christmas to all! And a Happy New Year! A Happy New Century! A Happy New Millenium!

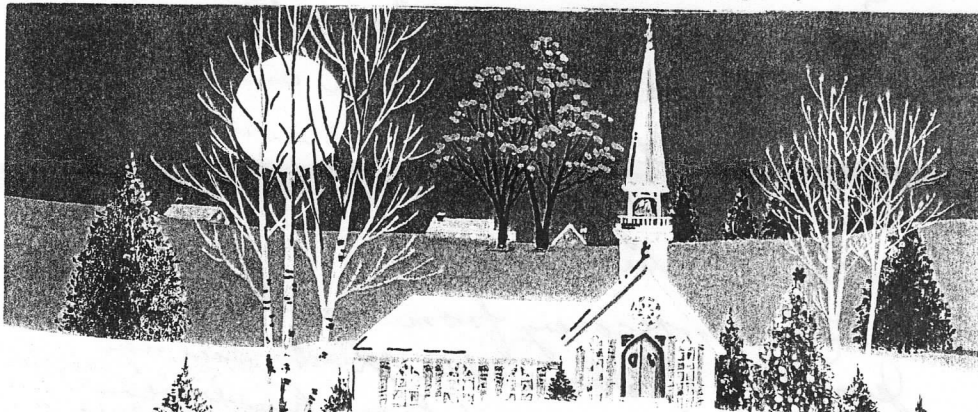
The only news about me this year is that I had to move. Ugh! A terrible Job! I still have the chaplaincy at the hospital, but there was a re-alignment of the parishes, and St. Agatha was not for Benedictines any more. So I just moved down the road to the next parish, where the pastor is a friend and former student of mine. I probably will only be here a year.

Please change my mailing address to: Mount Angel Abbey, St. Benedict, OR 97373. Mt. Angel is only 30 miles away, and I usually go up there on Fridays my days off. So you won't have to change address any more.

Blessings and greetings to all,

Matt Burger, O.S.B.

Fr. Matt Burger, O.S.B.



*Wishing you all a
Joyous Christmas
and a Happy New Year.*

*Lorence Kresha and
Family*

Dear Kresha Family
Ila and I want to
wish everyone a Merry
Christmas and a happy
new year

We had a busy
year with our flowers
and garden

We took time off to
go to Polka days at
Bronson, we also to take
a bus tour to Estes Park
and Fort Randall on the
senior citizen Bus sure
had a good time

So Happy Holidays to
Every one

Love Ila and
Glenn



Seasoned Greetings

May God's Blessings be with you
during this Holy Season and Good
Luck, Health & Happiness in 2000.
are you ready for 2000? We're not worried
what will be - will be.

Melvin's recovery from Back Surgery
June 14th has been slow. Doctor said the
Calcium they removed from his lower
back really made him work. It was high
time it was done as another 6 months and
he would of been in a wheelchair. After 5 1/2
months on Pain Pills they took him off; we
know now what withdrawal is like, but we
can see the lite at the end of the tunnel - Thanks
to all of your prayers. Happy Holidays!
Dolores & Melvin

Hello Family,



Our wishes to you all
for a Blessed Christmas and
a new year of few 1-2 % problems!

Our year has been very hectic
as usual John is still ranching &
I am still running the campground
Krista & Art are in Grand Junction. She
is in her 3rd year of teaching & Art is
working as a deputy sheriff.

Kori 23 is engaged & will marry next
Oct. Keven & Kori are both in the
Entertainment Industry. They are now
in the "Annie" production in Grand
Junction.

Jennifer is a senior at CSU & had
a wonderful 6 months studying in
England. While there she traveled to
a lot of other countries. Ireland & Scotland
were 2 of her favorites.

Jessica is a Senior & very busy as all
seniors are. She is co-captain of the
basketball team & is really looking
forward to her first game this week.

Hope you all are well and happy
for the Season of Christ.

Our Love,
John, Emery & Family

Daughter of the late Millie (Kreska)
Lukassen

Dec 1999

Dear Family,

Our family will have our Christmas gathering early so they can be at their own home on Christmas day.

My life is kept busy with volunteer work and as a substitute cook at the school and nutrition center.

This week I've been at the rest home alot as my mother-in-law, Martha Lukassen (age 98) is about to complete her journey on earth. It is just a matter of days and she will be gone.

May the coming of the Christ Child bring you love, peace and joy at this holy season.

Sending my love and best wishes to you all! Mary

Greetings Kresha Klan:

Urs and I are well and enjoying retirement. also looking forward to the big 00.

We are spending Christmas eve with Jim and family in Omaha.

Wishing all the best of a Blessed Christmas and a Happy 2000.

Bill & Urs

Dear Kresha Family,

Merry Christmas to everyone and best wishes to all as we come to the end of 1999. We are about to enter into the 21st century. They keep telling us to ready for Y2K, but I'm sure we'll get into the year 2000 okay.

1999 has been a good year for us. In may our youngest son Roger got married.

In September Ronnie and I enjoyed an 8 day cruise & 6 day land tour of Alaska. It was really wonderful. Never knew Alaska was so beautiful!

Our family will be together for Christmas.

We hop that 1999 was a good year for you & your family. Here's hoping that the beginning of the New Millennium will be very prosperous & exciting.

Love to All,

Romona & Ronnie Smith



Ronnie, Romona & Family
Randy & Sue with twins Carter & Courtney
Roger, Christi & Cory
Rhonda, Fred, Travis, Taylor & Tori
Merry Christmas & A Blessed New Year!!

Gronenthal, Smith Wed May 1 in Columbus



Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith

Christina Gronenthal of Columbus and Roger Smith of Shelby were married May 1, 1999 at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Columbus. The Rev. Dan Keller officiated the ceremony. Lector was Joe Kresha of Osceola. Servers were Lucas Mohrman of Platte Center and Paul Rollman of Humphrey. Offertory gift bearers were Norman and Karen Euse of Silver Creek.

Parents of the couple are Allan and Rita Gronenthal of Columbus and Ronald and Romona Smith of Shelby.

Janelle Bernt of Columbus was maid of honor and Rhonda Simpson of Hickman was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Bobbie Davis, Dawn Gumm and Stacy Boman, all of Columbus and Michelle Brandl of Humphrey.

Randy Smith of Shelby was best man. Groomsmen were Matt Konz and Roger Thorpe, both of Columbus; Chris Whitmore of Shelby; Troy Bennett of Lincoln and Ryan Fjell of Stromsburg.

Flower girl was Tori Simpson of Hickman. Ringbearer was Cory Gronenthal of Columbus.

Miniature attendants were Carter and Courtney Smith, both of Shelby.

Candlelighters were Travis and Taylor Simpson, both of Hickman.

Music was provided by Rebecca Kresha of Osceola, vocalist; and Avis Rathje of Shelby, organist.

Ushering the guests were Fred Simpson of Hickman, Zeb Noyd of Shelby, Randy Petermann of Columbus and Todd Gronenthal of Platte Center.

Program attendants were Lily Mohrman of Platte Center and Susan Mohrman of Humphrey.

Greg and Christy Grosch of Dublin, Georgia were wedding coordinators. Personal attendants were Sue Smith of Shelby, Dina Micek and Ann Hardy, both of Columbus.

Lou Kresha of Osceola and Lois Mohrman of Platte Center were the flower pinner. Videographer was Raymond DeBates of Lincoln.

Following the ceremony, a reception, dinner and dance were held at the New World Inn in Columbus. Host couples were Ronald and Ruth Gronenthal of Platte Center, Steve and Bettiann Witulski of Loveland, Ohio and Wayne and Kathy Grosch of Dublin, Georgia.

Guest book and gift attendants were Jennifer Gronenthal of Platte Center and Amy Rollman of Humphrey. Cake table servers were Bonnie Jazwick of Orion, Ill.; Mary James of Columbus; Rosalie Gabel of Shelby and Carol Kresha of Osceola.

Dan and Lisa Reznicek of Ulysses were the Grand March leaders.

Special guests were grandparents Edward and Geraldine Gronenthal of Platte Center and Martha Smith of David City.

After returning from their honeymoon cruise to the Cayman Islands and Cozumel the couple will reside in Shelby. The bride is an account service representative for Hamilton Telecommunications in Columbus and the groom is an electrician for Reznicek Electric in Ulysses.

Simpson Selected for Dentistry Award

Rhonda Simpson of Hickman was recently selected as one of the first four College of Dentistry recipients of the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Silver "U" award. She was recognized for her leadership and exceptional performance in coordinating the new process of the way UNMC dental students check-in instruments purchased. Rhonda steered the major project to convert from student ownership to computerized school ownership of clinical instruments.

Rhonda enjoyed a nice luncheon in Omaha with Chancellor Maurer of the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She also received a Silver "U" pin, denim

shirt with the UNMC and Silver "U" logo, and the Chancellor's Council Award diploma.

Rhonda and her husband, Fred, have lived in Hickman the past 15 years. They have three children Travis, Taylor and Tori. Rhonda is a 1982 graduate of Shelby High School and the daughter of Ronald and Ramona Smith of Shelby.



Rhonda Simpson

*Rhonda & Roger are the
Grandchildren of
Adolph & Rose Kresha*

Dan & Brad Kresha are the sons of Larry and Carol Kresha and the grandsons of the Late Adolph and Rose Kresha.

Kresha works to top at Thunder Lake

By Jan Daniel
Banner-Press Staff Writer

It's a Thursday night at the Dan Kresha farm. The races are tomorrow night at Thunder Lake Speedway near Rising City. A Thunder Stock car emblazoned with No. 21 sits in the large metal workshop that dominates the farmyard. Kresha calls this night "kicking the tires

night to make sure we're 'race ready.'"

Kresha has been racing cars since 1981 and he is one of the top Thunder Stock drivers at Thunder Lake. How does he make it work? In what is a very competitive sport, Kresha, say those who know him, is just a natural. There is a little more involved, however.

His shop is absorbed in activity: Kresha and his pit crew are hover-

ing over, under and around the race car. Kids are playing around the large farmyard and in and out of the large opened shop doors. Peacocks crow, the dog barks. Generators drone in the background. Laughter and jokes rebound in the air from everyone.

Though a farmer, and a damn good one, a lot of people would say that racing cars is what Kresha does best. He and his co-driver, Dan

Rasmussen, finished at the top of the season at Thunder Lake last year. The goal is the same this year and it looks like he's headed that way.

A tire is pulled here and a filter is changed there. Items are tightened, or removed and replaced everywhere. Everything is double and triple checked. Kresha thinks the tires are okay, they were just rotated last week to keep the grooves even. He runs his fingers over the tread. He seems satisfied, but discusses it with the crew.

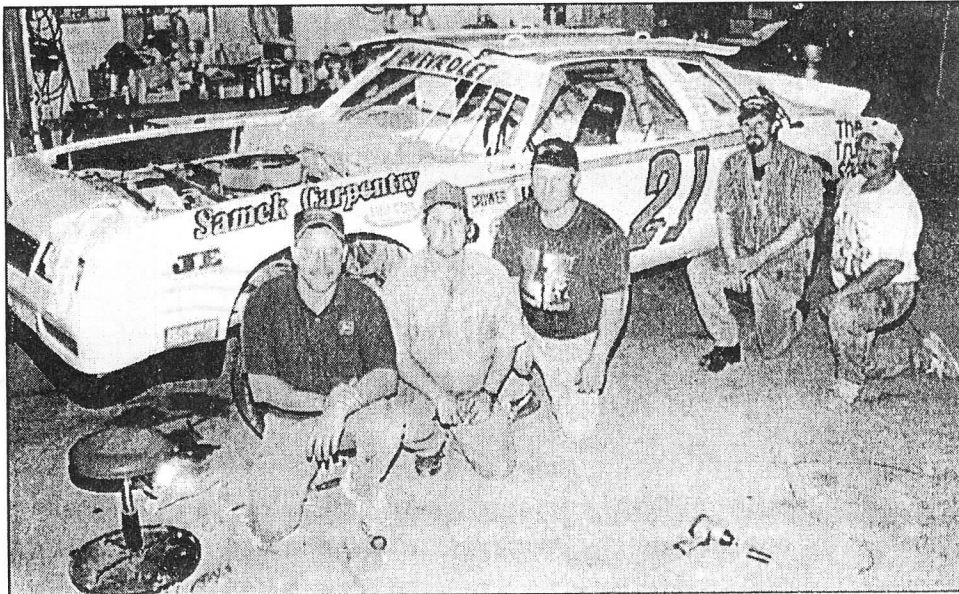
His fourteen-year-old son, Brandon, works side by side with his dad. He's helping wash the valve covers. Kresha reminds him, "When you put them back on, don't put 'em down too far. The air needs to get through." Brandon nods.

Friend and part of his pit crew, Keith Rathje, uses duct tape to tighten the seal around the outside of the radiator. "We want all the air to be sucked through the radiator, not around the outside," Rathje notes. He holds up the roll of tape for display. "We call this our 200 mph tape. It's the good stuff," cracks Rathje.

Racing, as one might expect, has always "been in my blood," as Kresha describes it. "It's because we love it and we have a lot of fun doing it. Definitely not a money-making deal."

He is modest in his accomplishments, yet he knows he can probably accomplish another championship. He didn't bother mentioning the office he has filled with trophies throughout his career from

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CAR NO. 21 AND CREW -- (From left) Keith Rathje, Brad Kresha, Dan Rasmussen, Randy Smith and Dan Kresha take a break during Thursday night preparations before the races at Thunder Lake north of Rising City the following night.

Pinnacle Bank hires Kobza

COLUMBUS — Kathy Kobza of rural Rising City recently joined Pinnacle Bank of Columbus as its operations manager.

Kobza is responsible for opening new



Kobza

accounts, teller supervision and training and processing all transactions of the bank.

She has many years banking experience.

Kobza and her husband, Ed, have three children.

Pinnacle Bank is located at 2472 33rd Ave.

Kathy is the wife of Ed Kobza, who is the grandson of the late Bud & Rose (Kresha) Hilger

Jarecke elected to state office

YORK — Cyndi Jarecke was elected state chapter treasurer at the 1999 convention of the P.E.O Sisterhood Nebraska State Chapter in York June 4-6.



Jarecke

Jarecke is a graduate of Columbus High School, Cottey College and the University of Nebraska.

She and her husband, Jerry, live in Columbus. She is the owner of Anderson Floral.

Jarecke is a member of Chapter CH in Columbus. She has served as president of Chapter CH and as president of Reciprocity Group VII.

The P.E.O Sisterhood was founded Jan. 21, 1869, at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

It is a philanthropic and educational organization interested in bringing to women increased opportunities for higher education.

Cyndi is the wife of Jerry Jarecke, who is the son of Jerome & Florence (Kresha) Jarecke