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'Fiddler' on stage

JASON POLT AND JASON PENTICÓ perform a scene from "Fiddler on the Roof" Wednesday before middle school students. A picture page from one of the high schools' dress rehearsals is in today's Wayne Herald.

Single parents share lifestyles

By Mark Crist
Managing Editor

When you enter Lisa McIntyre's home, one of the first things you'll notice is the entertainment center tucked away in the corner of her living room.

On the shelves, along with a TV and stereo, are pictures of Lisa's children: Autumn, 6, and Drew, 2. On the same shelf, adjacent to the children's pictures, is a photo of their day care provider, Bonna Barner. The family's home is comfortable, cozy and pleasant.

Lisa is like an estimated 129 others in Wayne County, according

to the Nebraska Census Bureau. She's a single parent.

According to statistics provided by Kathleen Conway, an associate professor at Wayne State, only 9 percent of the children born in Nebraska in 1960 were from single parent households. In 1982, that number jumped to 22 percent.

LIKE LISA, Patty Wragge is also a single parent. They're among a growing segment of society rearing children without a spouse.

"I haven't done everything right but I've been determined that I won't be looked down upon," Lisa says. "If people want to ostracize

me for being a single parent that's fine but they can't look down their noses at me. I've graduated college and I've handled this well.

"I have all the pressure but I get all the rewards, too," she adds.

PATTY AND LISA became pregnant at various stages in life. Patty, who just gave birth to her son Jason seven months ago, is 24. Lisa, who had Autumn when she was a 19-year-old freshman at Wayne State, and Drew, when she was a senior, is proud of herself for succeeding in life while providing

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Judge sentences burglar

Man gets 45 years

A man who rode his bicycle through Wayne last August and burglarized nine homes for cash was sentenced Wednesday in the Wayne County District Court.

Judge Richard Garden gave Edmond Ricardo Arruza, 44, nine consecutive sentences of not less than two nor more than five years in the Nebraska State Penal Complex. With the sentence, Arruza could be in prison anywhere from 18 to 45 years.

In published reports, special prosecutor Verlyn Luebke said Arruza may be eligible for time off for good behavior and the time already served.

According to Duane Schroeder,

who provided Arruza's defense, the traveling bicyclist could be up for parole in 12 years. Schroeder said at this time it is a possibility an appeal could be filed to the conviction.

ARRUZA WAS convicted by a 12-member jury Feb. 11 in the Wayne County District Court. He had pled not guilty to the charges Oct. 2.

In addition to being ordered to serve consecutive sentences, Arruza was ordered to pay \$2,850 in restitution and he was ordered to pay costs of the prosecution.

According to trial testimony of now-retired Wayne Police Officer

Ron Penierick, Arruza had hidden the money in aluminum pop cans. Other evidence which supported the prosecution's charges included a glove used in the burglaries and a flashlight with teeth marks in it Arruza used while looking for the money.

Due to the fact that Arruza had burglarized then-Wayne County Attorney Bob Ens's home, who is now a district judge, Luebke, the Pierce County attorney, handled the case.

The burglaries occurred Aug. 17 throughout Wayne and similar burglaries were reported Aug. 18 in West Point. Arruza was stopped in Hooper Aug. 19 and arrested.

At a Glance

Colon screening

WAYNE - Providence Medical Center is once again offering a free colon cancer screening test to the public.

Anyone who is interested in participating in this program can stop by the hospital laboratory to pick up a screening kit any Monday through Friday during the month of April between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Those who live out of town or would like their kit mailed to them can call 375-3800 during the previously stated times.

Blood bank visit

WINSIDE - The Siouxland Blood Bank will be in Winside today (Monday) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The blood bank will be taking collections at the Winside Auditorium.

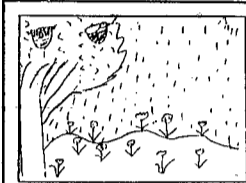
Winside schedules Round-up for April 14

WINSIDE - Kindergarten Round-up in Winside is Tuesday, April 14 beginning at 9 a.m. in the multi-purpose room of the elementary school.

If you are a new resident of the district or know of someone who is, and have a child who will begin school in the fall, contact the school at 286-4466 for more information.

St. Mary's planning Round-up on April 9

WAYNE - Kindergarten Round-up will be held at St. Mary's School Thursday, April 9 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. St. Mary's is open to all children regardless of race, religion, color or national origin. For more information, call the school office in the mornings at 375-2337.



Weather

Amy Rademacher, 8
Winside School

Extended Weather Forecast:

Sunday through Tuesday; slight chance of thunder showers Sunday night, otherwise dry and mild; highs, mid-60s to lower-70s; lows, upper-30s to lower-40s.

Renowned economist speaking in Wayne

Dr. Wallace Peterson, nationally renowned economist from Lincoln, will present a lecture on Tuesday, April 7 at 1:30 p.m. in the Student Center at Wayne State College. The public is invited.

His topic, "Family Income in America," and the theory that he developed for studying the growth and decline of family income, earned him the 1992 National Economist Award. It is Peterson's theory that the average family income in America stopped growing in 1973.

Peterson has written and published seven books, hundreds of articles, and has received numerous awards for his work. An award for his writings on the American economy which appeared in "Maverick Media" came from Dartmouth College. "Maverick Media" was owned by former Wayne State faculty member Francis Moul of Syracuse.

Peterson has served as chairman of the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission, and as editor of the Nebraska Journal of Economics and Business.

Miracles keep Wayne program going strong

R-Way helping clients grow

Woman's dream gaining steam as clients reach out

By Mark Crist
Managing Editor

Miracles. That's what R-Way is about.

It's been just over a year since First Step, Inc. showed an interest in Wayne. Ever since, organizer Jeannia Bressler shares all the successes she sees in the clients with whom they work.

Such is the case for Pam Potter, the staff's LPN and clinical and program coordinator. She sees clients, who a year ago couldn't administer medicine on their own, doing it without much assistance now. She also helps clients get in tune with their mental illness.

Other employees at R-Way share the miracles, too. Miracles, however small, are worth celebrating — among themselves and with the public.

"There is a humbleness and pride in watching each one grow and begin to spread their wings," Bressler says. "We trembled each time we saw a new spurt of growth. ...We constantly remind ourselves of the theory behind 'tough love' and try our best to stand back and let them experience life to the fullest."

CLIENTS IN THE program, now under the corporate name R Way, work at The Job Site and all

have IQs of 70 or above. They all are diagnosed with varying mental illnesses. Some clients say they know their IQs are in the 110 to 140 range. At least one client tested in the brilliant range before his mental illness set in.

Currently, the service coordinator client case load is about 31. Eight clients qualified under the OBRA regulations, which separated mentally ill individuals from rest homes; one has come from the Hastings Regional Center and 18 have come from the Norfolk Regional Center.

Of the clients R-Way assists, just 14.8 percent have to be rehospitalized. Only Region VI tops R-Way's figure with 10.9 percent rehospitalized, but they have three case workers. R-Way has one.

The most recent breakdown of illnesses R-Way clients are diagnosed with includes: 12 schizophrenic, seven are paranoid schizophrenic, four fall into another schizophrenic category, two are bipolar, meaning their moods swing from one extreme one day to another the next, one has an organic personality disorder, or suffers from dementia; one has major depression and one is a substance abuser.

"We view our program as family oriented," Potter says. "We work together, laugh together, cry together and grow together. Most of the time we succeed at this."

ONE OF THE things Bressler and Potter agree that has made R-Way a success for its clients is the way it's organized. Service coordination, day rehab and residential rehab services are all under the same corporate umbrella. Bressler says the program is "consumer driven."

As with other similar programs, R-Way is monitored by the Department of Public Institutions.

While most of the clients receive Social Security disability or

Medicare or Medicaid benefits, they are allowed to make only so much money per month. That's a political hurdle they deal with regularly.

"For our clients who are employed, they are placed in the same situation many retirees who choose to continue working find themselves," Bressler says. "If some of our clients earn over \$200 a month (47 hours at minimum wage), they are penalized and lose some of their disability benefits."

Schedules and salaries have to be controlled. Bressler says they overcome the hurdle through careful budgeting.

CLIENTS AT THE job site learn to work as a team. Part of the stigma of mental illness is that R-Way's clients are seldom invited to join anyone's team, unless it is composed of others diagnosed with mental illnesses.

"We use the buddy system and staff and clients work together," Bressler explains. Some of the things structured into the program include: nutrition and prudent food purchasing; fitness and exercise; mind and body awareness; basic conversational skills; current events; check writing, budgeting and basic math; and recreational activities.

"Speaking on behalf of the R-Way staff, we have learned more about mental illness that could ever be taught in a classroom or out of a textbook," Potter says. "We have learned that each one of our clients is very much an individual, with individual needs, goals and aspirations."

One of the purposes of the program is to reintroduce clients to the community. That's one of the reasons for The Job Site. One of the things they learn how to get a job and hold onto it.

Little successes and small miracles. That is what's happened.

"That's what continues to happen," Bressler says.

Illness doesn't slow abilities

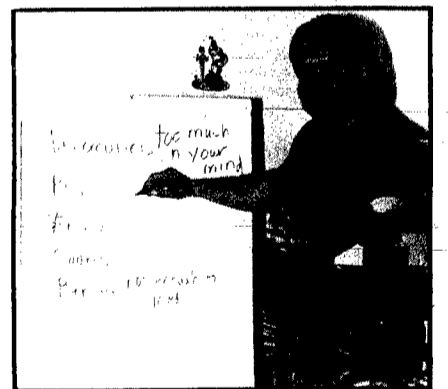
Sitting and talking over a cup of coffee with Fred Kirschner, you'd never guess he's an R-Way client. That is unless he's just gotten up and hasn't had his first cup of coffee. But that's probably true for most of us.

Kirschner was diagnosed 10 years ago as bi-polar, or having mood swings from one extreme to another as erratically as one minute to the next. Kirschner's thoughts go faster than his brain processes them.

"I'm very outgoing," he says. "I have an open personality and I can get along with anyone in everything I do but if or when I get home, an alarm goes off and I stop. It's like a vacation in the Bahamas. You get a free ticket but you never know when to go."

GOALS ARE important to Kirschner. He says he hopes to become independently happy and get off disability and social security. He also wants to be financially stable and be more essential to society's needs.

Since joining R-Way, Kirschner has been a leader. He's the president of the coordinating council for the



IN ADDITION TO HIS the duties he's accepted at the Kirkwood House, Fred Kirschner helps teach classes.

Kirkwood House, the residential setting, and he was just recently appointed to the Nebraska Consumer Advocacy Council.

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Recovery goes well for client

Alvin Hassel joined the First Step program voluntarily after living in the Emerson Nursing Home. Prior to that he lived on the streets in Denver and Lincoln.

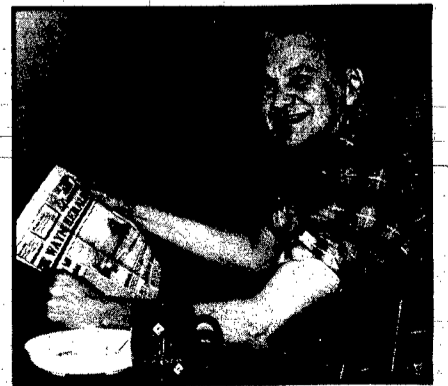
"I went from Lincoln to Denver to get a job and couldn't get one and went broke," he says. "I ended up getting run down and I was living like a bum."

In addition to having suffered from alcohol problems, Hassel experiences mild paranoia. When he gets to a point where he can live on his own, he hopes to return to Lincoln and work as a salad dresser.

Hassel, who's part English, French and German, also has some Native American blood. He says he started out on the reservation and the system ended up burning him. Earlier in life, he wanted to become a licensed practical nurse but someone at the reservation office denied him the opportunity because he wasn't "enough Indian."

HASSEL DESCRIBES himself as a 58-year-old man who's just trying to get back on his feet.

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AMONG THE ACTIVITIES Alvin Hassel enjoys is reading the newspaper.



Wayne Boys Track

MEMBERS OF THE Wayne boys track team this spring include from back row left to right: Chad Stalling, Jeremy Siever, Erjan Balkan, Aaron Gelger, Ted Perry, Ryan Newman, Arnold Schwartz, Leon Brasch, Jeff Hamer, Andy Metz, Kelly Meyer. Middle row: Mark Meyer, Chris Headley, Matt Chapman, Regg Carnes, Jack Swinney, Cory Erxleben, Robert Bell, Aaron Schnier, Spencer Bayless, Nate Stednitz. Front row: Matt Blomenkamp, Randy Johnson, Brent Gamble, Kyle Bensen, Jim Murphy, Matt Ley, Brian Brasch, John Murphy, Brad Uhing, Clint Dyer, Todd Fuelberth, Juan Mota.



Laurel Boys Track

MEMBERS OF THE Laurel boys track team this spring include from back row left to right: Chris Hartung, P.J. Penne, Kelly Arens, Steve Stanley, Jason Stapelman, Bret Harder, Derek Ehlers. Middle row: Jeremy Reinoehl, Jeremy Klausen, Dustin Roberts, Cody Carstensen, Jared Reinoehl, Matt Ebmeier, Josh Erwin. Front row: Kevin Bailey, Jose Hoyos, Ben Donner, Randy Quist, Mark Stone, Phil Marburger, Brian Rastede. Not pictured is Kris Krie, Travis Monson, Larry Osborne, Jon Dybdal.

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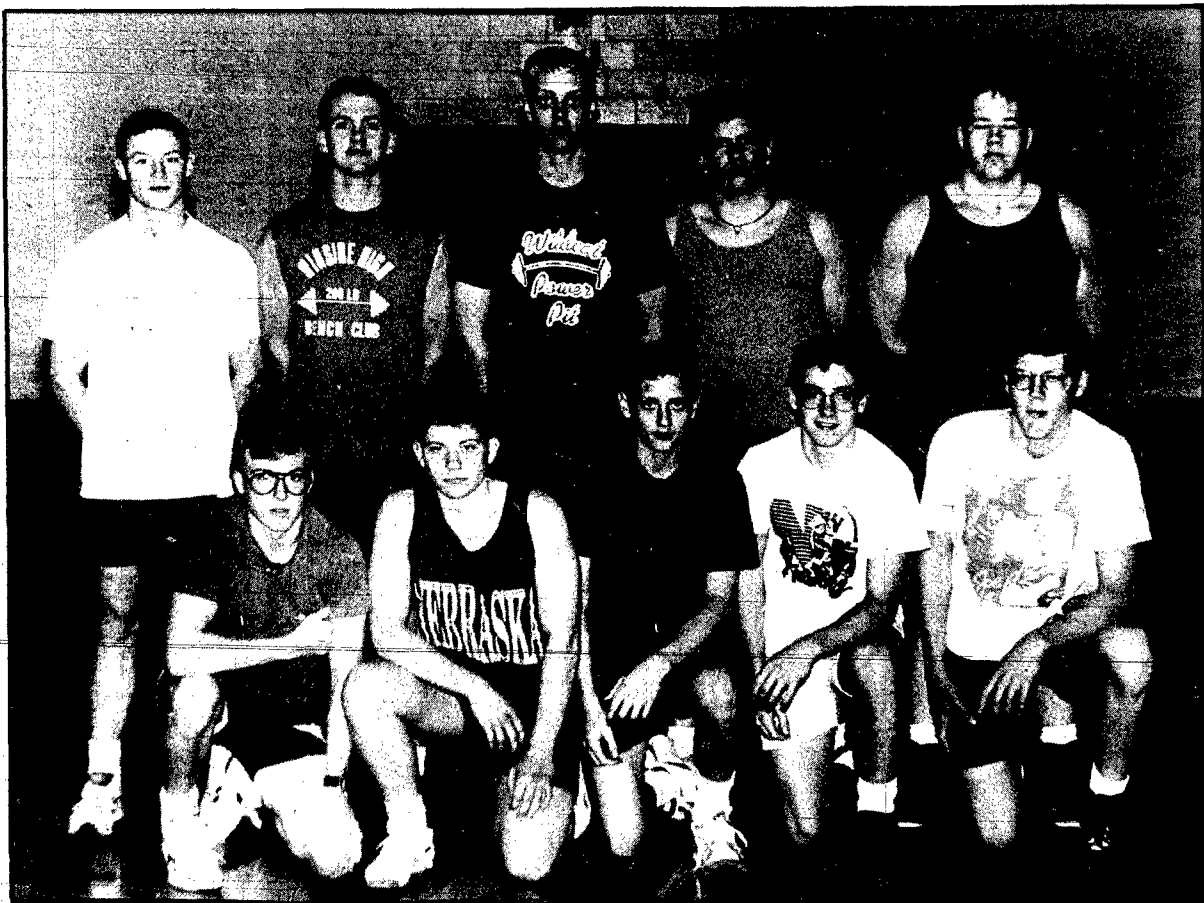
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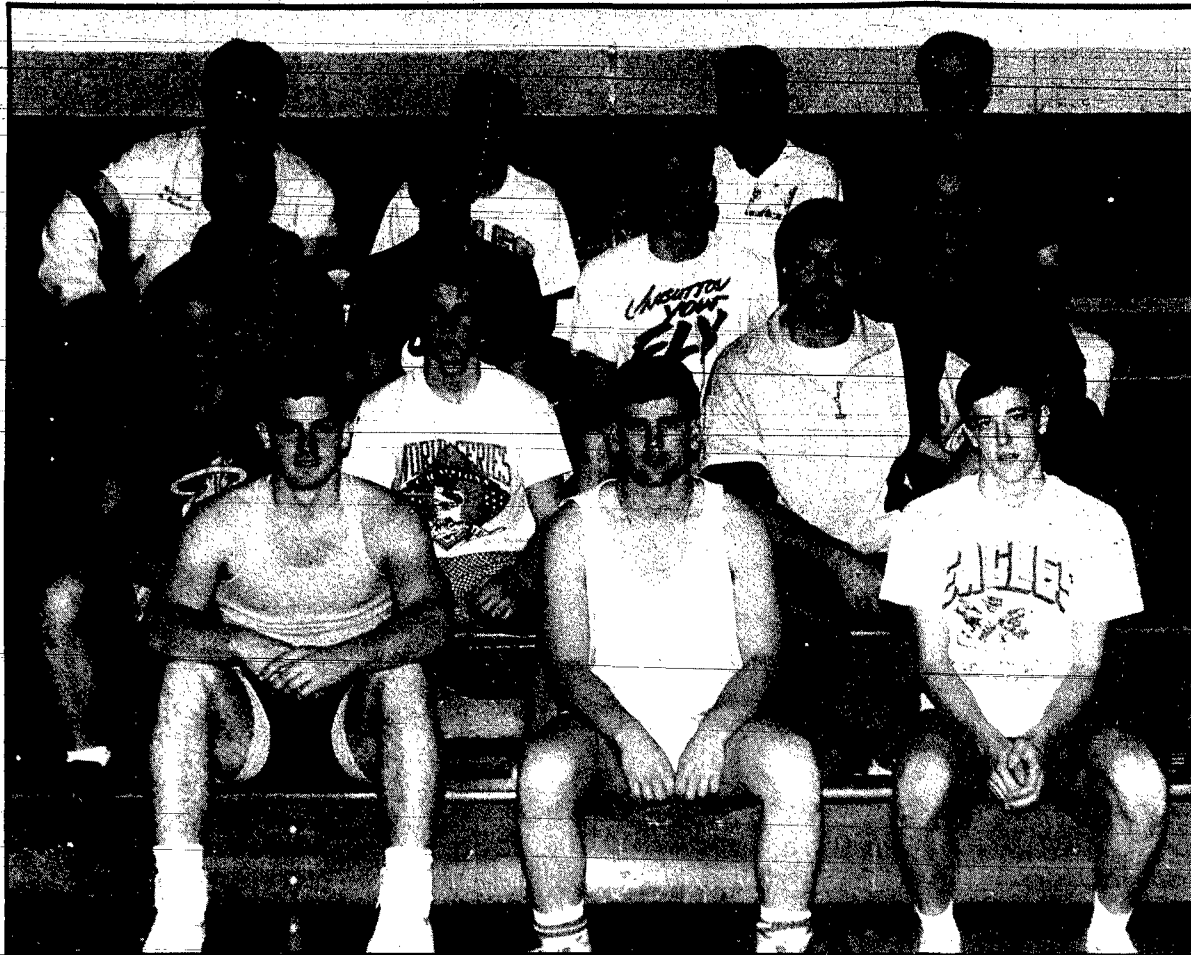
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Winside Boys Track

MEMBERS OF THE Winside boys track team this spring include from back row left to right: Marcus Stueckrath, Cory Jensen, Cam Shelton, Jason Krueger, Don Nelson. Front row: Benji Wittler, Lonnie Grothe, Jay Shelton, Colby Jensen, Jeff Bruggeman. Not pictured are Jeremy Jenkins and Marc Janssen.



Allen Boys Track

MEMBERS OF THE Allen boys track team this spring include from back row left to right: Coach Mike BusseImann, Mike Sullivan, Steve Sullivan, Bren Mattes. Third row: Chris Sachau, Curtis Oswald, Brad Greenough, Casey Schroeder. Second row: Davis Milner, Brian Webb, coach Dave Wamberg. Front row: Kevin Crosgrove, Shane Fiscus, Jay Jackson.



Wayne Boys Golf

MEMBERS OF THE Wayne boys golf team this spring include from back row left to right: Eric Stuthman, Jason Claussen, Kyle Dahl, Jason Johs, Ryan Martin, Scott Otte. Middle row: Andy Lutt, Shawn Powell, Todd Koeber, Brent Gelger, Chad Paysen, Bobby Barnes. Front row: Aaron Zulkosky, Kelly Hammer, Nate Salmon, Jason Carr and Ryan Pick. Not pictured is Chris Sweetland and Scott Agenbroad.

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Wakefield Boys Track

MEMBERS OF THE Wakefield boys track team this spring include from back row left to right: Marcus Tappe, Brandon Benson, Dalton Rhodes, Joe Kucera, Anthony Brown, Thad Nixon, Steve Clark, Matt Stanton. Third row: Scott Johnson, Ryan Ekberg, Craig Anderson, Todd Mattson, Kent Thompson, Mike Anderson, T.J. Preston, Dave Jansen. Second row: Heath Gustafson, Troy Rodby, Jason Ladely, Todd Gilliland, Pat Jepsen, Brad Nuernberger, Cory Brown, Miah Johnson. Front row: Mike McQuistan, Mike Fiedler, Andy Muller, David Sanchez, Kelly Turney, Luke Tappe and Jason Fendrick. Not pictured are Brent Oetken, Ben Dutton and Brian Johnson.



Laurel Girls Track

MEMBERS OF THE Laurel girls track team this spring include from back row left to right: Kristy Stark, Kitty Schutte, Mandy Hartung, Brandy Hintz, Jeanne Hansen, Angela Freeman, Kristy McCoy. Middle row: Dawn Wickett, Courtney Thomas, Katie Newton, Betsy Adkins, Sam Felber, Deb Ward. Front row: Christy Johnson, Joan Clarkson, April Wickett, Tricia Bathke, Colleen Kavanaugh, Tara Erwin, Amy Christensen. Not pictured are Tina Granquist, Brandi Mathiason, Lisa Wattler and Amy Peters.

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Allen Girls Track

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Wakefield Girls Track

MEMBERS OF THE Wakefield girls track team this spring include from back row left to right: Mary Torczon, Carly Salmon, Kelly Ekberg, Krista Wilbur, Kris Demke. Middle row: Cindy Torczon, Maria Eaton, Kall Baker, Jamie Addink, Amy Plendl. Front row: Alyssa Utecht, Kathi Otte, Mandy Walsh, Richelle Wockman, Melissa Haglund. Not pictured are Lisa Anderson, Heidi Plendl, Heather Gustafson, Suzann Ekberg, Stacie Preston, Tammy Sandahl.

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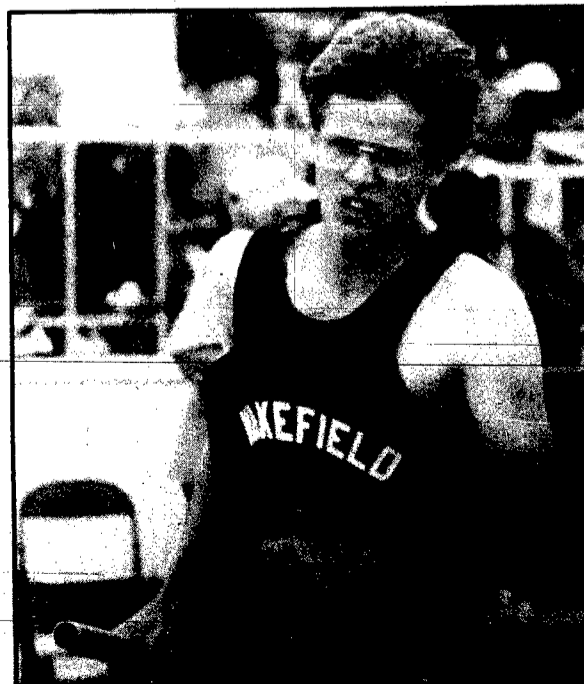
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Wayne Girls Track

MEMBERS OF THE Wayne girls track team this spring include from back row left to right: Lisa Ewing, Beth French, Liz Reeg, Danielle Nelson, Kris DeNaeyer. Middle row: April Huyck, Jill O'Leary, Tammy Geiger, Tami Schluns, Audra Slevers, Amy Ehrhardt. Front row: Angle Webb, Tammy Teach, Jenny Thompson, Carrie Fink, Jenny Nelson. Not pictured are Sheri Wortman and Mandi Higbee.



WHS stages 'Fiddler on the Roof'



PLAYING THE fiddler is Jennifer Schmitz (photo left); Chava (Sara Granberg) is scared after learning she's been disowned; Tevya (Jason Polt) asks God for a favor during a dress rehearsal.



MODEL (KERRY McCUE) ACCEPTS Perchick's (Sam Wilson) proposal; Tevya's daughters hope for the matchmaker to make them a match.



TEVYA DANCES HIS WAY TO wishing he were a rich man in a scene from the first act of "Fiddler on the Roof"; Tzeitel (Krista Remer) wishes Motel (Aaron Gelger) would ask her father if they could marry.



MOTEL SHOWS OFF HIS NEW sewing machine during a scene from the second act; Yente, the matchmaker (Kathy Gulliam) tries to convince one of the cast members of a rumor she's spreading; Golde (Kim Imdieke) leads the family in a pre-dinner prayer during a scene from the first act of "Fiddler on the Roof."



Photography: Mark Crist

Emphasis shifts to human diet: Report

The animal rights movement is changing direction to emphasize the impact of animal agriculture on human diet/health and the environment in the decade of '90s, an official of the American Farm Bureau Federation declared in Columbus recently.

Hugh Johnson, Farm Bureau poultry department director at Park Ridge, Ill., said that in the area of environment, the animal rights movement is expected to emphasize the impact of "animal agriculture on water quality, particularly nitrates in water and the impact on young children." His remarks were made during a program on environmental concerns at the annual meeting of Nebraska Poultry Industries.

Johnson mentioned several reasons for the sudden concern about

the impact of animal agriculture on the environment. They include: animal concentration and disposal of waste, confinement waste, changes in size and technology, water-quality concerns and changes in state and federal laws, local concerns for environmental protection and other social fears such as impact on the community and local markets.

"South Dakota was the last of the 50 states to pass right-to-farm laws," Johnson said. "There are a number of legal issues concerning right-to-farm laws," he continued.

He listed the following issues:

- Does the farming activity fit within the definition?
- Was the agricultural operation present prior to the complaining party?
- Is the alleged nuisance a result

of a change in the neighborhood or the farm?

- Has the farm expanded recently or is a different technology being used?
- Is the farming operation well designed and reasonably operated?
- Does the farm cause water pollution or excessive soil erosion?
- Are you in compliance with state and local regulations?
- Does the law require use of generally accepted agricultural management practices?
- Does the law allow for legal-fee shifting in court cases?
- Is there a local dispute resolution process that must be used?
- Is the suit a public or private action?
- Did the person suing know your farm was there when they moved in?

Johnson complimented the Nebraska Food Animal Care Coalition for developing "Guidelines for the Care and Use of Animals in Production Agriculture" published in 1991. The coalition included members of various animal species groups, Nebraska Veterinary Medicine Association and a University of Nebraska-Lincoln Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources animal scientist on each species group. Representatives of the Nebraska Farm Bureau, Nebraska Department of Agriculture and the UNL institutional animal care program served as facilitator.

Jeffrey Seward, attorney and corporate environmental compliance officer for FirstTier Bank, Omaha, said environmental concerns affect the producer as well as the lender.

"Most industries are taking a pro-active approach to preventing and solving environmental problems. Taking a pro-active approach will save money in the long run. It's important to make sure you are doing what is environmentally safe," he said.

In response to a question, Seward encouraged those considering purchase of land to obtain a Phase I environmental audit to get background on site. He also encouraged potential land buyers to obtain a Phase II or modified Phase II environmental audit which would include a two or three core sample tests of the soil.

Dennis Heitmann, agriculture supervisor for the Nebraska Department of Environmental Control, said major emphasis of the unit is on improving water quality. He outlined construction permits

for waste control and design requirements.

Heitmann said the federal Clean Water Act must be reauthorized by Congress every five years. The act was reauthorized in 1987 and is slated for consideration in 1992, but he expects action probably would not occur until 1993.

New guidelines for handling chemicals and fertilizers were approved by the Nebraska Environmental Control Council last month. They await further review and approval by Gov. Ben Nelson, Heitmann said.

Joanne Ivy, vice president and director of industry relations for the American Egg Board at Park Ridge, Ill., outlined research, education and promotion activities carried out by the board with assessment dollars paid by producers.

Estate planning helping families

It has often been said that the only two certainties are death and taxes. Estate planning helps farm families cope with both, as well as a host of other problems that can arise when property transfers between the generations are left unplanned.

That was the message dramatically delivered recently in a farm and ranch estate planning video-conference broadcast nationally from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln over the AG-SAT television network.

Problems and solutions were presented in the dramatization, which began with an older farm couple discussing a recent, unexpected death in the neighborhood and its unfortunate consequences for the survivors. The experience encouraged them to update their 15-year-old wills, which in turn led to the discovery of a number of potential problems that left unaddressed could have led to serious conflicts among the couple's children.

For example, the couple had assumed that a son now working for wages on the farm would eventually take over the operation. But subsequent discussions involving the couple and all their children revealed that a daughter also wanted to someday help manage and work the place. Meanwhile, a financial analysis revealed an excessive debt load that could have interfered with the orderly transfer of property.

By consulting with legal and financial experts and working out a plan acceptable to all the children, these problems were eliminated before they could affect the transfer. The plan agreed upon also provided for the couple's financial security before and after retirement.

"In this case, the couple uncovered the potential conflicts and undertook the necessary planning steps almost by accident," said Doug Jose, the UNL farm management specialist hosting the broadcast. "It's not hard to imagine what would have happened had the couple passed away before taking action."

"We've all heard of cases where families are torn apart in inheritance fights, or when the only course of action is to sell the property and divide the proceeds," Jose continued. "When that happens, it denies the heirs the chance to continue operating the place."

Jose said that as in the dramatization, the proper steps in estate planning include consulting with experts such as the family lawyer, banker and accountant. The heirs

also should be brought together to learn what their expectations are and then iron out potential conflicts.

The final plan should be drafted to carry out the wishes agreed upon by all parties. This can mean making changes in the existing business organization so that debt and tax issues are addressed, and in some cases setting up structures so that the heirs can begin to contribute to the operation and share in its rewards, the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resource specialist said.

While the wishes of the heirs are important, the owners shouldn't overlook their own needs, such as maintaining an income flow after retirement, Jose said.

A related point was brought out in a phone-in question-and-answer period after the dramatization. Farm Manager Bob Anderson, of Hertz Management Co., in Des Moines, Iowa, said that since farmers don't have a set retirement date, they must set the date themselves.

This requires forethought, Anderson said, adding that assumptions that an owner will be able to continue farming indefinitely often are invalid.

Lincoln Attorney Mike Jeffrey noted that there may be no perfect solution in many cases.

"You have to do the best you can," he said. "The important thing is to set emotion aside while the critical questions of transfer and debt are worked out in a way everyone can live with."

Tom McGuire, with the Estate and Gift Tax Division of the Omaha Internal Revenue System office, said frequent changes in tax laws make expert advice even more important. Business structures and tax-reducing strategies must be carefully constructed to be successful.

Expert advice also is useful when considering options such as living trusts, said David Aiken, UNL agriculture and water law specialist. Such a trust must be constructed in accordance with Nebraska law to be valid here, Aiken said. Planning help offered by some out-of-state services may not take Nebraska law into account.

The videoconference was produced by NU and Iowa State University Cooperative Extension, with sponsorship from the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Extension Service.

Videotapes of the conference are available at many local extension offices.

Livestock dealer charged with deceptive practices

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has charged Robert Becker, doing business as Becker's Livestock Buying, Hartington, with engaging in unfair and deceptive business practices.

Calvin W. Watkins, deputy administrator of USDA's Packers and Stockyard Administration, said Becker was charged with engaging in, deceptive trade practices when purchasing livestock on a transfer of purchase weight basis.

The federal administrative charge alleges that when Becker purchased livestock for two different principals, he added weight to the actual purchase weight of the livestock when invoicing the principals, prepared false documents billing the principals on the basis of increased weights, and collected

payment based on the increased weights. Becker was also charged with failing to keep and maintain records of all business transactions subject to the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

Watkins said Becker has a right to a hearing on the complaint filed by USDA under authority of the P&S Act.

If the charges are proven, Becker will be placed under a cease and desist order, similar to a permanent injunction. He could also be suspended and ordered to pay a civil penalty.

The P&S Act is an antitrust, fair trade-practice, and payment protection law. It is designed to assure free and open competition and to prevent unfair and deceptive practices in the marketing of livestock, meat, and poultry.



Photography: Mark Crist

Picking up where chips have fallen

WAYNE AREA AG PRODUCERS ARE STARTING TO show their faces a little more now as warmer weather means it's time to get some chore work done. Such was the case for Bev Beeson, who could be found Friday cleaning out one of the family's cattle yards. This past week, producers were not only cleaning cattle yards, but they were getting the land ready for spring planting.

Purchasing crop insurance

To buy or not to buy

The decision on whether or not to buy crop insurance for the coming year should be based on circumstances unique to each operation, rather than guesswork about future weather and government action, said a University of Nebraska-Lincoln farm management specialist.

Doug Jose said the deadline for deciding to insure 1992 crops is April 17. He said weather-related crop damage was widespread enough in 1990 and 1991 that Congress authorized new disaster relief. But the decision to insure

this year should be based on more than past weather and the chance of continued government aid, Jose emphasized.

"Insurance buying decisions should be made after weighing risks," Jose said. "The right decision will vary by case, because the risk factors vary. Each operator should answer a number of questions."

- He said those questions include:
- Is there sufficient financial capacity to carry a loss alone?
 - Is there a possibility of a localized loss that won't spur federal disaster aid?

• Does the lender treat borrowers with crop insurance more favorably?

• Will higher prices reduce the value of deficiency payments as a yield-risk reduction tool?

• Is the crop forward contracted?

The Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources specialist said a number of political uncertainties increase the risk of operating without insurance.

"For example, the president could decide not to release the \$775 million already appropriated

for 1992 payments," he said. "Or claims could outstrip appropriations, so that producers receive only a fraction of their losses. Or Congress could tie payment levels to crop insurance, so that farmers with insurance get higher payments."

Jose said farmers too often make the decision on the basis of philosophy and temperament. Instead it should be an objective matter of arm economics, based on the risks and consequences of going uninsured.

Dairy producers win awards

The Nebraska State Dairyman's Association presented awards to 12 dairy herds with long-term high butterfat and protein production at its annual meeting here Tuesday, March 17.

Silver plaques were awarded to owners of official Dairy Herd Improvement Association herds whose average butterfat production was more than 570 pounds a year for three consecutive years, said Jeff Keown, University of Nebraska-Lincoln dairy specialist.

Herds also had to have 1990 and 1991 protein averages of at least 450 pounds for Milking Shorthorn, Jersey, Guernsey and

Ayrshire herds, 500 pounds for Brown Swiss herds, and 600 pounds for Holstein herds, Keown said.

Owners whose herds have met these requirements for two or more five-year periods received silver bars for their plaques.

James Farm of Verdon won a fifth silver bar award for 30 years. The 149-cow herd averaged 646 pounds of protein and 629 pounds of butterfat.

Fourth silver bar awards were presented to Kelly Steffen of Hartington, 52 cows with 631 pounds of protein and 653 pounds of butterfat; Murms Dairy of Glenvil, 137 cows with 622 pounds

of protein and 693 pounds of butterfat; and Anderson Holsteins of Wayne, 89 cows with 591 pounds of protein and 698 pounds of butterfat.

A third silver bar award went to Kenneth Cast of Beaver Crossing for his 67-head herd with 623 pounds of protein and 656 pounds of butterfat.

A second silver bar award went to Borg Dairy Farm, Inc. of Lindsay, for 79 cows with 575 pounds of protein and 640 pounds of butterfat.

First silver bar awards went to Melvin Heimes of Wynot, 64 cows with 601 pounds of protein and

694 pounds of butterfat; Hytek Dairy of Stuart, 136 cows with 657 pounds of protein and 741 pounds of butterfat; and Ervin Hennerberg of Diller, 85 cows with 607 pounds of protein and 750 pounds of butterfat.

Five-year silver plaque award winners were Lavern and Stacey Mitchell of Oakdale, 44 cows with 604 pounds of protein and 595 pounds of butterfat; Steven Kremer of Milford, 38 cows with 633 pounds of protein and 614 pounds of butterfat; and Melvin Streit of DuBois, 62 cows with 574 pounds of protein and 608 pounds of butterfat.

Wayne Agri Center becomes Kent dealer

Wayne Agri Center has become a dealer for Kent Feeds, Inc., according to an announcement by Norman and Barbara Meyer and Brian and Shelley Frevert, owners.

Wayne Agri Center is located at East 2nd Street in Wayne. The new dealership markets the full line of Kent feeds and animal care products.

An American-owned company, Kent Feeds, Inc., was founded in 1927. The company, with headquarters in Muscatine, Iowa, manufactures feed at 12 plants with independent dealers handling Kent products throughout 13 midwestern states.

Kent Feeds, Inc., is a subsidiary of Varied Investments, Inc. Kent and its affiliated feed companies, Blue Seal Feeds, Inc., in the Northeast and Evergreen Mills, Inc., in the Southwest, comprise one of the largest feed manufacturers in the United States.

Norman Meyers, in announced the new Kent dealership, said: "I have sold Kent products in the past. Brian and Shelley Frevert, and Barbara and I decided to open a Kent Feeds, Inc., dealership because we wanted to provide the highest quality feed to our customers."

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