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Summer of '92; or is it?



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Puddle jumper

THERE HAVE BEEN plenty of opportunities for young puddle jumpers like Matt Poehlman, 2, son of Rich and Judy Poehlman of Wayne, to perfect their craft this summer. Young Matt was photographed recently on the wet basketball courts. The unusual summer weather has effected many activities this year.

The summer of '92 in the Wayne area might go down in the record books as the summer that wasn't. At the very least it will be recorded as the summer that was unusual.

Cool, wet temperatures continued last week to affect the normal summer routine of sports activities, construction projects, agriculture and vacationing.

There has been a mixed bag of good and bad in the cool, wet summer, according to most observers. While the ag producers haven't had to run irrigation pumps as much, the utility companies are well down in their anticipated sales of power. While some crops are benefiting from the mild, wet weather, area sports activities are taking it in the shorts.

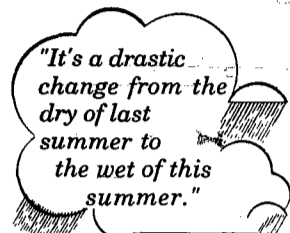
CITY STREET and sidewalk construction projects as well as other private construction work has seen several days of weather delays this summer according to City Administrator Joe Salitros.

Weather observer Pat Gross said there have been wetter summers on record, and there have been cooler summers, but the combination of the two is what seems to be most unusual.

He said low temperature records are being set and that means the moisture that is falling, tends not to evaporate as much.

"The coolness exaggerates the moisture," he said, adding that the weather service does not cross reference temperatures with moisture. The average rainfall in July in the last ten years has been 2.11 inches. This year Wayne is setting at nearly 5 inches after Friday morning's rain.

THE HIGHEST July rainfall



--Information for this story was compiled by Herald staff members LaVon Anderson, Kevin Peterson and Les Mann.

on record is over 8 inches, said Gross.

Besides the subject of countless conversations, the oddity of the Wayne area's summer of '92 has had a real effect on lives.

"We're at the whim of the weather and we just have to accept it and adjust accordingly," says Sam Schroeder, manager of the Wayne County Public Power District.

"It's a drastic change from the dry of last summer to the wet of this summer."

Although no figures are available yet for July, Schroeder said revenue for the month of June was down 15 percent from a year ago.

"The way it looks right now, July isn't going to be a whole lot different. That's good for people as far as their air conditioning bills, but financially it creates problems."

Schroeder added that kilowatt hours during the month of June were about 17 percent less than a year ago.

THE WAYNE County Public Power District, which serves all of Wayne County and approximately two-thirds of Pierce County, pur-

chases its electricity through a cooperative from the Nebraska Public Power District.

"What's creating an even bigger problem and hurting everybody right now is that we agreed to change the billing methodology from a year ago," said Schroeder, adding that the Wayne County Public Power District has a demand charge that is based on peak usage, and that peak usage is based on the peaks from last summer.

"There have been no peaks this summer," explained Schroeder, "and add to that the fact that they went to a winter/summer differential, we're paying considerably more for power this summer than a year ago."

Schroeder said that for the month of June, the cost per kilowatt hour of power purchased by the Wayne County Public Power District is 27 1/2 percent higher than for power purchased in June of 1991.

SCHROEDER added that the wet weather has also caused a dramatic decline in irrigation use by farmers in Wayne and Pierce Counties.

"The decline in electrical usage is not really good for the customer," said Schroeder, "because everything has to be paid for one way or the other."

"WE'RE holding down the loads, but we're not selling electricity to create more revenue," echoes Gene Hansen, Wayne city superintendent of electric generation.

Hansen said there have been no days of demand usage during June and July. "Usually at this time of year, we would have had maybe 15 really high days of consumption, or peak alert days

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Children at risk need your voice

By Les Mann
Herald Publisher

Nebraska children, without political clout, without an ability to argue effectively in their own best interest and facing ever increasing risks in society, need advocates to protect and represent them.

That is the role Voices for Children in Nebraska is trying to fulfill.

Representatives of the children's advocacy organization were in

Wayne Tuesday to meet with school officials, social workers, law enforcement officials and others at a seminar to discuss issues affecting children.

"Children have no political voice. Many are starved, abused and underserved," said Kathy Bigsby Moore, executive director of the Omaha-based group.

"CHILDREN NEED advocates to promote public policies that

will help them develop to their maximum potential," she said.

Speaking on the program with Mrs. Moore, Peggy Adair said Nebraska leans too heavily on incarceration of problem young people without trying to address preventative measures. She said the state ranks 9th in the nation in incarcerated juveniles spending over \$2000 per month to keep them locked up.

On the other hand, the state

spends only \$150 per month per teen on Aid to Families with Dependent Children (ADC). She said the comparison shows we are not spending enough on preventative efforts. "Incarceration doesn't work," she said flatly. To be sure, she said, kids must be taught that they are responsible for their actions, but it has been proven in every state that putting them in a

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Budget climbs faster than taxes

A property tax revenue increase of approximately 5 percent is built into the Wayne City Budget which residents will have the opportunity to comment on at a public hearing Tuesday.

City expenditures are anticipated to rise dramatically next year as capital and expansion projects are undertaken, but most of the increase will be financed by grants, reserves and aid from sources other than

Wayne taxpayers.

Total general fund revenues of \$1.4 million next year are expected to come about half from state and federal sources and half from local taxes and fees.

The expenditures in the general fund are anticipated to be nearly \$1.8 million up over the \$1.3 spent last year.

The increase can be attributed to the general growth spurt in the community and street and sidewalk projects, according to City Administrator Joe Salitros.

He said the total city budget this year is actually tighter than a year ago with total expenditures anticipated to be up only 1.6 percent.

Under the budget, the fees for use of the Auditorium will go up next year from \$75 to \$100 and the city

will begin charging for special liquor permits, a measure, Salitros said may not survive the budget process.

Plans also call for continued effort to make handicap ramps at curbs throughout town and to address handicap obstacles to the Public Library and the Auditorium rest rooms.

These measures should not necessarily be viewed as a burden, said Salitros about the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

The city expects to maintain status quo in water and sewer fees, continue the demand management system in the electric department and raise fees for security lighting rental by approximately 10 percent.

The hearing Tuesday is scheduled for 7:35 p.m. at City Hall.

School budget up 5 percent

The property tax levy to support Wayne-Carroll schools next year is expected to go down slightly due to anticipated increases in assessed valuations in the district.

That is part of the budget plan School Board members are presenting to the public for consideration at a budget hearing Tuesday at 8 p.m.

The school district's total budget is planned to climb close to 5 percent over last year due in large mea-

sure to health and workmen's compensation insurance increases, according to the annual state of the district report issued by retired Superintendent Dr. Francis Haun.

One nice factor in the 1993 budget is the retirement of notes on the construction of the elementary school addition undertaken in 1990. The final payment of \$60,000 on that \$310,000 project for four new classrooms will be made on Sept. 1.

Incumbent at disadvantage this year?

First district congressional candidate Gerry Finnegan was in Wayne Friday as part of an early campaign swing through the northern reaches of the district.

A Democrat, Finnegan will be facing incumbent Rep. Doug Bereuter in the November general election.

Finnegan, who met with Waynians at the chamber coffee Friday, said after 14 years in office without serious efforts to reduce the federal

deficit, voters should retire Bereuter.

"He is a part of the problem, not a part of the solution," said Finnegan, who alluded to his opponent's check writing and mailing privileges "perquisites of power."



Finnegan

Finnegan said he agrees with voter sentiment for term limits and said he thinks elected officials would stick to the agendas they went to Washington with under a term limit plan.

"In two terms you can get done what you need to get done and then move on," said Finnegan. "I don't intend to make a career out of the House of Representatives."

Finnegan is a 1970 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and served

12 years in the navy as a fighter pilot. A native of Bellevue, he earned his MBA while in the Navy and is currently working as an investment advisor in Lincoln.

Finnegan said his only previous political experience has been working on the campaigns of Bob Kerrey, Jim Exon and Bill Harris.

He told the Herald he thinks this year might see a drop in the 98 percent re-election rate of incumbents because of voter dissatisfaction.

At a Glance

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Thought for the day:

Window screens are an arrangement for keeping flies in the house.

Calling 911 improves

HOSKINS - Phone customers served by the Norfolk exchange in the western part of Wayne County will be served by enhanced 911 emergency phone service eventually with Tuesday's go-ahead by the Wayne County Commissioners to proceed with the establishment of the service through the Norfolk Police Department.

Commissioners voted 3-0 to approve a resolution endorsing the Norfolk plan to provide service into Wayne Co.

Planning meeting

WAYNE - A joint planning meeting will be held Thursday, July 30 in Wayne with representatives of the Wayne County Planning Steering Committee and the Wayne City Planning Commission.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Commercial Building in the Wayne County Fairgrounds. The subject will be plans for establishment of county planning and zoning. The public is encouraged to attend.

Budget meetings

WAYNE - People who like to discuss local government budgets will have ample opportunity next week as public hearings and open meetings are scheduled to talk about the Wayne City, Wayne County and Wayne-Carroll School District budgets.

The city budget is scheduled for a hearing at 7:35 p.m. Tuesday, at City Hall. The school board will hold a hearing on its budget at 8 p.m. the same evening. The county commissioners will be reconvening a recessed meeting to continue discussion of their budgeting quandry sometime in the near future at the discretion of the chairman.

Zoning hearing

WAYNE - A zoning hearing has been set for August 3 at 7:30 p.m. at City hall to consider conditional use for 117 W. Third Street to allow a drive-in window in the building currently being used as a lounge.

The zoning permit is being requested by Jack Middendorf to permit a drive-in resaurant at that location.



Weather

Jeff Pippitt, 7

Wayne City School

Extended Weather Forecast:
Monday through Wednesday;
slight chance of thunder showers
Tuesday, otherwise dry; highs,
low- to mid-80s Monday and
Tuesday, dropping to the 70s by
Wednesday; lows, 60s on
Monday, dropping into the 50s
by Wednesday.

Date	High	Low	Preclp.
July 23	70	50	—
July 24	77	55	—

Recorded 7 a.m. for previous 24 hour period
Precipitation/Month — 4.76

Summer-

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"Our power supplier, NPPD, did not charge us a demand charge any time during June," added Hansen, "and that's never happened for as far back as I can remember."

Hansen pointed out that the majority of electricity is sold during the summer months. "If we don't sell the electricity during those months, then we don't generate much revenue."

"Being a public-owned utility, that's good for the customer because it means lower electrical rates," he said.

The unusual rainy summer has also had a detrimental impact on the Wayne Golf Course according to club professional Larry Berres. "This is my seventh year in Wayne," Berres said. "In the previous six years we've had to close the course because of wet grounds or snow a total of seven days. This year, however, we've already closed the course a total of 11 days."

The Wayne Open Golf Tournament in July was postponed to August 2, because of rain and Berres said after talking with life time residents of Wayne that unofficially, this was the first golf tournament to ever be postponed.

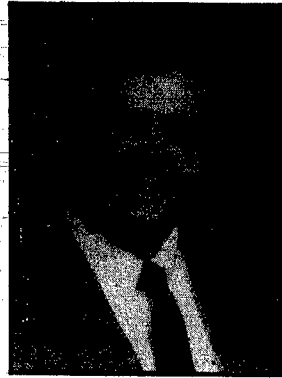
The closure of the course due to weather automatically has an impact on the revenue. "Our green fees were down over 3200 dollars through June from the previous year," Berres said. "We are currently down about 10 percent this summer."

WSC students honored

The registrar at Wayne State College has released the names of area students who have earned honor roll status during the second semester of the 1991-92 academic year at Wayne State.

To be named to the honors list, a student must have attained a 3.5 or above grade-point average and have been enrolled for at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

The following Wayne State students from the Wayne area have fulfilled these requirements: Thomas Binker, Joseph Finn, Phillip Holman and Kenneth Loberg, Carroll; Carissa Bartling, Marcia Gunn, Michelle Hansen, John Manganaro, Donna Miller, Frances Sands and Randy Sherry, Laurel; Dale Anderson, Matthew Hamm, Joann Kramer and Todd Sokol, Pender; Tiffany Heese and Jill Rasmussen, Randolph; Barry Bonneau, Rosalie; Kurtis Boeckenhauer, Mary Bryne, Jennifer Goos, Mollie Greve, Ingrid



Vaughn Kinney

Ag firm gets new manager

Terra International, Inc. has a new manager for the Wayne/Wakefield locations it was announced this week.

Vaughn Kinney took over the management of the area operations for Terra on July 15. He is a native of eastern Nebraska, growing up in the North Bend area. He has a degree in agronomy and business from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Kinney has a background in retail plant management, wholesale fertilizer and chemical sales and crop consulting.

He is the grandson and nephew of Jack and Charles Kinney, two of the original owners of the Wakefield Liquid plant.

Ruoff, Margo Sandahl, Amy Swalve, Kellie Thies, Julie Woods and Christine Woods, Wakefield; Linda Anderson, Jeannette Barry, Susan Bowersox, Maureen Braadland, Kevin Brown, Steven Burge, Mary Clark, Chad Davis, Michael DeNaeyer, Connie Dohmen, Melissa Eckhoff, Brian Foote, Kelli Frye, Brett Fuelberth, Shelley Gilliland, Sarah Glinsmann, William Gross, Terri Heggemeyer, Sara Hutchison, Cena Johnson, Glenn Johnson, Cory Lahndorf, Kelly Martinson, Tiffany Mellick, Brett Montag, Himanshu Nath, James O'Leary, Penny Ott, Brian Reeg, Sharyl Sands, Susan Sorenson, Suzanne Swanson, Gail Thompson, Heather Thompson, Melissa Tilgner, Jeanette Wendte, Aaron Wilson, Jon Wren and Heidi Wriedt, Wayne; and Doree Brogren, Timothy Jacobsen, Max Kant, Kelly Pichler and April Thies, Winside.

Children

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tion center only "enables the child to learn to live in a locked facility."

"TOO MANY OF our programs are only dealing with the symptoms and not getting to the root causes," said Mrs. Adair.

Nearly 16,000 preschoolers in Nebraska live in poverty. Abuse and neglect touched 7,000 children last year in Nebraska. Over 8,500 children in the state aren't even immunized.

"These children are our future. They need our concern...our voices," said Mrs. Moore.

Approximately 30 attended the seminar held at WSC. It was titled, "Beyond Blame: Effective Community Responses to Youth at Risk."

"The traditional, negative approach to dealing with youth problems often produces children who are hostile, angry and alienated," Mrs. Adair told the Herald. She said the traditional methods are too expensive in addition to being unproductive.

THE CHILD advocates used

the seminar to argue for formation of a new state agency to provide youth services. Eighty percent of what Social Services does is for adults said Mrs. Adair.

"There is no child-specific agency in Nebraska," Mrs. Moore said.

Besides encouraging their audience to push for legislation to create a youth agency for Nebraska, the two also suggested personal action.

"You've got to go out to make a difference for these kids," said Mrs. Adair. She said individuals could become formal advocates for youth in the court system through the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) organization starting up in Norfolk.

"Go and tour your facilities; ask critical questions, participate in a Foster Care Review Board, support legislation. It may be messy, but the need is there."

Those interested in more information or participating in CASA should contact Susan Reeves, training coordinator in Norfolk, 371-9599. Voices for Children in Nebraska may be reached in Lincoln at 474-2690.

Waynians help kids

Nebraska child advocates in Wayne for a seminar Tuesday had words of praise for local individuals and efforts to assist children at risk in the area.

Kathy Bigsby Moore praised the efforts of Wayne county Sheriff LeRoy Janssen in his administration of the Juvenile Detention Center.

"You have a super sheriff in this town who really went to the wall for some of these kids," said Mrs. Moore.

She also praised the Wayne Community School's at risk program conducted with the assistance

of the Rotary and Lions Clubs in the community.

Mrs. Moore said involvement of service club leaders as mentors with at risk youth is an extremely effective program. Dr. Don Zeiss, principal of Wayne-Carroll High School, said since its inception, the At Risk Program has yet to see one of its students become a drop-out.

Zeiss said the program also has the support of the businesses in the community like Pizza Hut which provides luncheons for the students and their mentors.



CHILDREN'S ADVOCATE Kathy Bigsby Moore discusses youth issues with a group in Wayne Tuesday. The seminar, attended by educators, social service workers and law enforcement officials, was sponsored by the Voices for Children in Nebraska organization.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Wayne E. Wessel D.D.S. is happy to announce that Dr. Gary Poppe D.D.S. a long time friend, has agreed to come to Wayne at least two days each week. Dr. Poppe will be in Wayne on Thursdays and Fridays starting Sept. 3. Dr. Poppe will also work some Saturdays.

Dr. Wessel is also grateful to Dr. DeNaeyer D.D.S. who has also volunteered to take more time from his Randolph practice and help serve the dental needs of the community of Wayne, NE. We will continue to do this until a permanent replacement for Dr. Bierbower can be found.

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Abandoned wells can be a hidden and potentially costly problem for landowners in Nebraska. An estimated 150,000 water wells have been abandoned in the state, including domestic wells on deserted farmsteads and irrigation wells which are no longer in use.

Abandoned wells are a safety hazard to people and livestock. Even worse, these wells could provide a direct link for agricultural chemicals and other contaminants to run directly into underground water supplies.

Legally, abandoned wells are the responsibility of the landowner and could become very costly. A properly sealed well can eliminate both the safety and contamination hazards of abandoned wells.

This spring, 81 abandoned wells were sealed within the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District with assistance from the NRD's Well Sealing Program. Once again, the Lower Elkhorn NRD will be offering financial assistance to landowners in sealing old, abandoned wells.

Landowners will pay the first \$125 for irrigation well sealing and \$75 for domestic well sealing. The Lower Elkhorn NRD will make the arrangements and contract with a licensed well driller to properly seal the abandoned well. And, pay the remaining well sealing costs up to \$500.

Owners with land within the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District are urged to sign up for the Well Sealing Program anytime between July 20 and Aug. 31. Contact your County Soil Conservation Service Office to apply for the Well Sealing Program.

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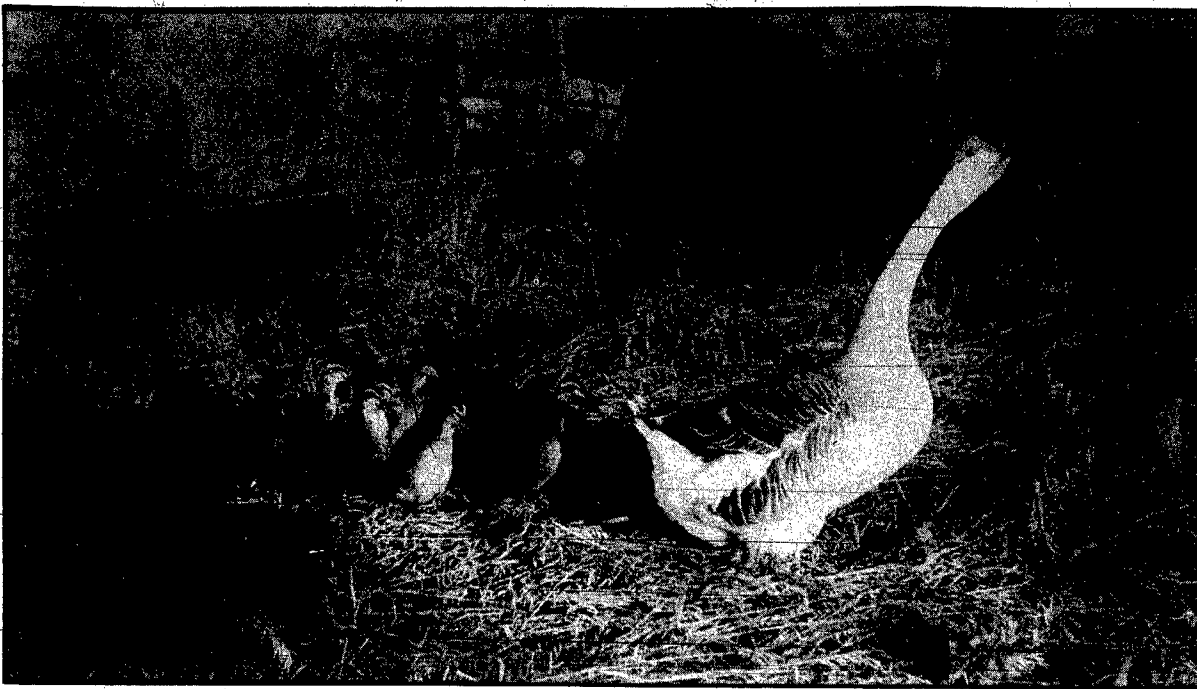
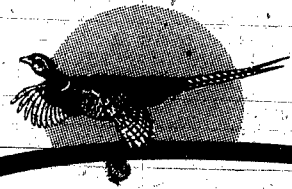
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Photography: Judi Topp

Honk, honk, quack, quack

THIS MOTHER GOOSE proudly leads her babies around the farmyard, though the babies, in fact are not hers. She has just assumed responsibility for the little ducklings and is very protective of them. The goose and the ducklings nest on the farm of Craig Minds.

Fourth in a Series

Farmers don't receive full nitrogen fertilizer benefits

By Robert Fraass
IANR News Assistant

Ninety-two percent of Nebraska farmers who responded to a survey use nitrogen fertilizer on their crops, but many do not receive its full benefits, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln study showed.

A random sample survey of 517 Nebraska farmers indicated that among farmers who use nitrogen fertilizer, 69 percent do not take deep soil samples for residual nitrate analysis and 80 percent of farmers who use manure as fertilizer do not work it into the soil to receive the full benefit of the nitrogen.

Nearly half of irrigators surveyed and just 12 percent of dryland farmers take deep soil samples, according to the 1989 survey.

Gary Hergert, study co-author and soils specialist at the West Central Research and Extension Center, said the UNL Cooperative Extension study shows that farmers need more education about:

- The value of deep soil sampling in improving nitrogen efficiency.
- How nitrogen fertilizer recommendations are calculated.
- The value of determining nitrogen contributions from manure,

legumes and nitrate in irrigation water.

--Why residual nitrate testing is important.

--The benefits of quickly spreading and incorporating applied manure into the soil.

Although most farmers don't use deep soil sampling, more than eight out of 10 irrigators surveyed and nearly half of dryland farmers use soil test results to determine fertilizer application rates, he said.

The survey also indicated that most crop producers set yield goals for each field while some set one yield goal for the entire farm. A

slight majority of surveyed farmers base yield goals on their yield average of the past five years.

The Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources specialist indicated that farmers need more education about the role of yield goals in nitrogen fertilizer application calculations.

All education efforts, Hergert said, should stress that all nitrogen inputs should be accounted for and that determining the relationship between yield goals and nitrogen rates for grain crops is critical in establishing sound nitrogen fertilizer management programs.

Beef producers in forefront of labeling

Consumers want to know what's in the food they buy. Efforts by Wayne County beef producers and others in the meat industry continue to provide consumers throughout the country with retail nutrition labeling information on fresh meat.

Renewed interest in labeling was brought to light this spring, when the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a one-year postponement of proposed labeling requirements developed in November 1991 that would have gone into effect in May 1993. This means that new labeling regulations for meat and poultry products other than fresh, raw products will take effect in May 1994.

According to Marilyn Carlson, retail coordinator of the Nebraska Beef Council, beef producers in Nebraska haven't been idly watching the proceedings. In fact, Carlson said, beef producers over the years have been at the forefront of efforts to assure that consumers have nutrition information available when they buy beef products.

Back in the early 1970s, for instance, when the USDA and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) were first developing labeling regulations, the National Live Stock and Meat Board helped draft a program called Uniform Retail Meat Identity Standards (URMIS), which established consistent terminology for the wide variety of meat cuts on the market. With URMIS, consumers were assured that the products they purchased in Los Angeles were the same products that they purchased in New York and all points in between.

This advancement was followed in the late 1970s by the USDA's Handbook 8 series, which included new data on beef and other meat products. Wayne County beef producers, through their checkoff investments in market development activities, demonstrated their support with funding for construction

of the data base and distribution of the information.

In 1985, the meat industry again led the charge in providing consumers with retail fresh meat information by introducing a program called Nutri-Facts. This program featured data and materials for retailers to use in their point-of-purchase and other marketing efforts. The effort, co-sponsored by the Meat Board, the American Meat Institute and the Food Marketing Institute, was recognized by the National Academy of Sciences as a model program for commodity nutrition labeling, and over the last seven years has been adopted by other commodity groups in their own consumer education programs.

Poultry, for example, was added to the Nutri-Facts program in 1987, and seafood came on board in 1988. Updated in 1992, the Nutri-Facts program now provides information on 45 meat and poultry products, 20 seafood items and 40 fresh fruits and vegetables. Because two agencies are involved in labeling regulations -- the USDA for meat, poultry and eggs and the FDA for all other food products -- the specific rules for the 1994 introduction of mandatory labeling are yet to be determined, Carlson said. Final regulations will be available in November 1992.

As a result of their checkoff marketing efforts, beef producers in Nebraska and across the country are ahead of schedule, according to Eric Hentges, Ph.D., Meat Board director of nutrition research.

"Due to their ability to recognize consumer needs, beef producers and others in the meat industry have paved the way by initiating a point-of-purchasing labeling program on their own," Hentges said. "The industry has always been in favor of nutrition labeling, because consumers who have the facts know that beef and other meats are important elements of a healthful, balanced diet."

Pro and con

Arguments for electing director of agriculture

By Cheryl Stubbendieck
Vice-President/Information
Nebraska Farm Bureau

The Nebraska Legislature's Agriculture Committee is taking a look this summer at an old question that has recently popped up again: Should Nebraska's director of agriculture be elected rather than appointed by the governor?

This idea comes up every once in a while, typically when certain groups did not get their choice named as ag director. As far as Nebraska records show, the ag director has always been appointed.

Only two states in the Midwest elect rather than appoint this position: Iowa and North Dakota. Nationwide, about a dozen states elect their director of agriculture.

Proponents of the election method say they'd like the opportu-

nity to vote for a farmer or rancher spokesman, who would be elected on behalf of agriculture, rather than being the choice of the governor. If elected, the ag director would represent the choice of the voters, rather than of the single individual in the governor's office. The election method also might encourage different viewpoints to work together in the campaign process.

Opponents of electing the ag director say they don't want to bring politics to the state agriculture department -- whose role is about 85 percent regulatory, leaving some 15 percent to bear the imprint of the individual who is ag director.

Current Nebraska Director of Agriculture Larry Sitzman opposes the election idea, because of the campaigning time requirements and distractions it would bring with it. Opponents of election say it's the

governor farmers and ranchers should be concerned about electing, to represent their interests.

Under an elective system, there's potential for the governor and ag director to have differing viewpoints on ag issues, similar to the differences of opinions between Gov. Nelson and Atty. Gen. Stenberg. Political in-fighting could dissipate time and energy better spent on resolving ag problems.

Another area of concern relates to the relative size of the urban and rural populations in Nebraska. If the state's top agriculture official were elected, the campaigning might concentrate on the larger cities where the most votes are. It's possible an individual could be elected who did not fully understand agriculture and its concerns. Con-

ceivably, urban voters could elect an ag director who opposed any use of agricultural pesticides in the state, for example.

Nebraska has had a number of directors of agriculture in recent years, representing a variety of viewpoints on agriculture and politics. As a group, they've performed very well in what is often a very difficult job. It's questionable whether electing the position would provide better ag department leaders than recent governors have appointed.

4-H News

BLUE RIBBON WINNERS

Eleven families of the Blue Ribbon Winners 4-H Club met July 19 at the Dean Mann farm to begin their club livestock tour.

The tour ended at the John Williams farm near Carroll for a carry-in picnic supper and meeting.

Fair passes and stall cards were distributed. The Hall and Tietz families made a banner for the fair. All animals will be released from the fair at 5 p.m. on Sunday, and the club will have a pizza party after the fair on Sunday, Aug. 9.

Three Blue Ribbon Winners members showed livestock at the Randolph Community Livestock Show on July 13.

In the dairy division, Joshua and Jeremy Jaeger both received a purple ribbon for their junior yearling



heifers, and Joshua received a purple and reserve grand champion ribbon for his cow. Both boys received a blue for showmanship.

Also showing in the beef division was Trevor Topp, who received purple ribbons for his market steer, market heifer and showmanship.

Grants available to aid producers changing to sustainable agriculture

The North Central Region of the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program will be awarding about \$100,000 in new mini grants to help farmers and ranchers change from conventional to sustainable agriculture systems.

The group expects to fund about 20, one-year grants this fall through the competitive program: "Implementing Sustainable Agriculture Practices."

The North Central Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

"This program is to help farmers and ranchers overcome a specific problem they face in making a conversion from conventional to sustainable agricultural practices," said

Karl Stauber, a member of the program's administrative council. Producers may be just beginning the transition to a more sustainable agriculture or they may have incorporated some sustainable practices and need assistance overcoming barriers to other sustainable practices.

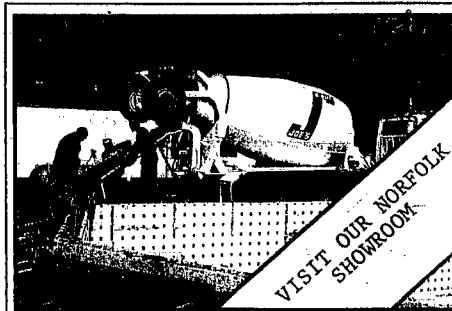
Typically, the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program has funded larger grants for multi-disciplinary research and education projects on sustainable agriculture. Hundreds of farmers have participated in those projects. This is the first time the program has offered the mini grants, according to Steve Waller, coordinator for the North Central Region and assistant dean of the Agricultural Research Division at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Producers, who provide leadership for the projects, are encouraged to identify and include other members of the agricultural community who will contribute to overcoming the identified barrier to sustainable agriculture, Waller said.

A final report and evaluation will be required of all projects. Application deadline is Sept. 4 with grants to be awarded in November.

Grant application forms are available from the North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Office, 207 Agriculture Hall, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68583-0704.

For more information on the program, call Waller at (402) 472-7081.



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Wayne Juniors lose first round game

The Wayne Junior Legion baseball team was defeated in the first round of the Class B Area 3 District Baseball Tournament by Blair, 11-1 Thursday night in West Point.

Wayne was limited to three hits by Blair pitchers while the winners pounded out nine hits in scoring 11 runs. Todd Fredrickson was the losing pitcher. Both teams committed two errors.

Blair jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning before adding two in the second and four in the fifth. Wayne scored its lone run in the third inning on a couple of Blair errors.

Tim Reinhardt, Jim Fernau and Brian Gamble each reached first base on a single to account for the three

hits. Wayne fell to 5-22 with the loss. **Lose to Wakefield**

On Wednesday, Wayne hosted Wakefield in the final regular season game at Hank Overin Field. Wayne lost 10-5 to the visitors from the east as Dane Jensen took the pitching loss.

Wayne led 2-1 after the first inning but Wakefield scored six, second inning runs to move ahead of the host team and they were never threatened.

Wayne added two runs in the second inning and one more in the sixth. Wakefield's six runs in the second inning came on just two hits, but Wayne committed two errors and five batters reached first

base via the walk. **Wakefield finished with 10 runs on nine hits and three errors while**

Wayne had five runs on eight hits and three errors. Shane Schuster was the winning pitcher for Wakefield who was led at the bat by Anthony Brown with two doubles and a sin-

gle along with three rbi. Travis Thompson and Dalton Rhodes each had two singles.

Wayne was led on offense by Jason Wehrer with a double and two singles while Dane Jensen laced a pair of singles. Todd Fredrickson doubled while Tim Reinhardt and Brent Gamble each singled. Wakefield finished the regular season at 25-14 while Wayne closed out the regular season at 5-21.



WAYNE LEGION CATCHER Jason Wehrer tags out Wakefield's Anthony Brown during action on Wednesday at Hank Overin Field in Wayne. Wakefield won 10-5. *Photography: Bob Berry*

Little League, Pony's keep winning

The Wayne Little League boys baseball team and the Pony League team have kept busy over the past week and a half with each team playing three games.

The Little League went 2-1 during that stretch and improved their season mark to 6-3. They defeated Emerson, 6-3 behind the pitching of Justin Thede who struck out nine and scattered just two hits.

Wayne scored six runs on seven hits led by Thede with a single and a triple. Robbie Sturm singled and doubled and Matt Meyer doubled while David Ensz and Adam Endicott each singled.

The Little League was then defeated by Pender, 10-3 with Matt Meyer taking the loss. Wayne tallied six hits in the contest led by Justin Thede with a single and a

triple while Ryan Wetterberg and Robbie Sturm each had two singles.

Last Tuesday David Ensz struck out 14 Wisner batters and allowed just one hit as Wayne defeated Wisner, 2-0. Wayne finished with three hits including a pair of singles by Justin Thede and a triple by Adam Endicott. Andy Wright was credited with an rbi.

Pony's 3-0

The Pony League team won all three games during the stretch which left them with an 8-3 record. Wayne defeated Emerson 13-6 as Josh Starzl got the pitching victory after striking out 11 and scattering four hits.

Wayne finished with six hits including a pair of singles by Starzl and Paul Campbell while Kurtis Keller and Nick Hagmann each had one base hit.

Wayne then defeated Pender by a 12-5 margin as Ryan Junck got the win. Junck struck out seven Pender batters and allowed just three hits while Wayne's offense pounded out 15 hits while scoring 12 runs.

Nick Vanhorn led Wayne's offense with a single, double and home run while Jaimey Holdorf singled and doubled and Terry Hamer laced two singles.

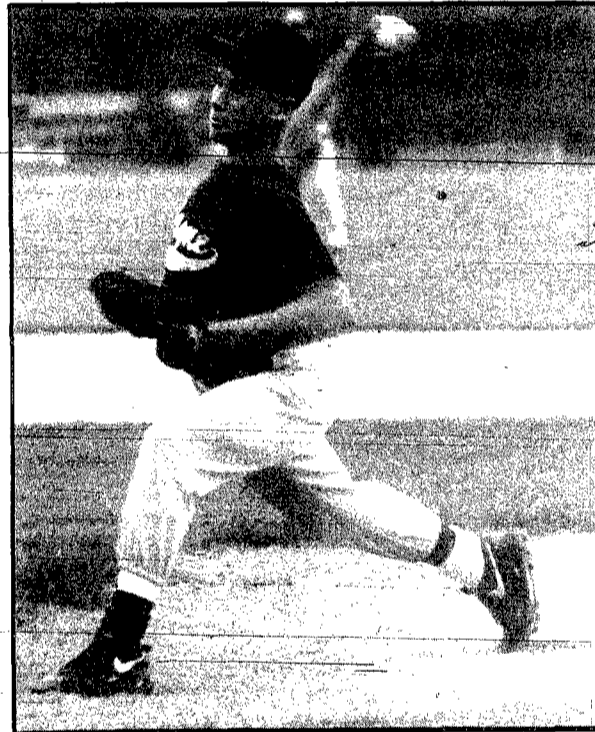
Ryan Junck, Tyler Endicott, Nick Hagmann, Abe Schoenherr, Jeremiah Rethwisch, Adam Dangberg, Matt Morrison and Kurtis Keller each singled once.

Wayne got past Wisner by a 3-2 score last Tuesday with Josh Starzl earning the pitching victory. Starzl allowed the visitors just three hits

while Wayne's offense mustered three runs on eight hits.

Ryan Junck led the Wayne offense with three singles while Starzl

singled and doubled. Terry Hamer, Jeremiah Rethwisch, Jaimey Holdorf and Matt Morrison each singled.



WAYNE PONY League pitcher Josh Starzl hurls a pitch toward home plate while shortstop Ryan Junck catches a pop fly, above. *Photography: Kevin Peterson*

Niece ready for Olympics

WAYNE-Crissy Ahmann Leighton, niece of KTCH manager Mark Ahmann, will be competing in the summer Olympics this week. Leighton will be swimming in the 4x100 freestyle relay on Tuesday before competing in the open 100 meter butterfly on Wednesday. Her third event, another relay will take place on Thursday.

All of the events will be carried by NBC beginning at 6:30 p.m. each night.

Sievers earns trip to Ak-Sar-Ben

KEARNEY-Jessica Sievers, daughter of Rod and Theresa Sievers of Kearney, and granddaughter of Wilma Allen, and Alfred and Ailene Sievers of Wayne, recently earned a trip to the Ak-Sar-Ben horse competition by winning a blue ribbon at a district show.

The 14-year-old Sievers has been deaf since she was two-years-old but it hasn't stopped her from enjoying competitive activities such as volleyball, basketball, tennis, swimming and horse show competitions.

Sievers qualified for the Ak-Sar-Ben competition with her horse Lucky in the barrel racing event.

Co-ed softball league to begin

WAYNE-A co-ed softball league will begin in Wayne if enough interest is generated. The projected start of the league will be Aug. 17 and take place each Monday at the City Softball Complex.

A minimum of six teams is needed for the league to become a reality. Anyone interested in playing co-ed softball should contact Steve Jorgensen, Doug Carroll, Mike Grosz or Kevin Peterson.

Sand volleyball tournament

NORFOLK-The Liberty Centre will hold its 2nd Annual Sand Volleyball Tournament on August 8, at the Riverside Sand Courts. It will be a double elimination co-ed tournament with cash prizes being awarded to the top three finishers.

The deadline for entry is July 31. There will be a target serving contest for prizes and neon tank tops will be sold. To enter or for additional information contact Deb McCoy at the Liberty Centre, 371-1205.



Gold medal hoopsters

THESE GROUP of area girls took part in the girls 12-13 year-old division of the Cornhusker State Games basketball competition and they came away with the gold medal. They defeated Norfolk, 33-18; Panthers, 43-21; Grand Island Hot Shots, 47-28 and in the championship they defeated Tecumseh, 39-13. Pictured from back row left to right is Jill Thompson and Tonya Volk of Pierce, Lindsay Hanzlik of Lynch, Jaimie Kruger of Pierce and coach Dave Volk of Pierce. Front row: Katie Luff of Wayne, Tiffany Volk of Pierce and Candy Bloomquist of Wausa.

Softball Corner

Teams	Wins	Losses
Sherman's Construction	15	1
Diers/Lutt Trucking	11	1
4th Jug/Nutrena Feeds	13	1
Mert's Place	8	6
Lindner Construction	5	3
Stadium Sporting Goods	6	6
Great Dane	7	8
Black Knight	2	11
Farm Bureau/Dave's Glass	4	12
Godfather's Pizza	2	14
Varsity Lounge		9

Results

4th Jug/Nutrena Feeds won a double header over Godfather's Pizza with scores of 19-2 and 14-4.

4th Jug/Nutrena Feeds improved to 13-1 on the season by defeating Godfather's Pizza in a twinbill. In the opener 4th Jug was led by John Brazda's 4-4 outing that included a home run while Doug Carroll went 3-4 with a home run. Matt Bruggeman also went 4-4. Darin Kiger led Godfather's with a triple. In the second game the winners were led by Al Nissen who went 4-4 while John Brazda ripped three doubles. Jason Brooks and Scott Dickey led Godfather's with a pair of hits each.

Great Dane swept a double-header from Farm Bureau/Dave's Glass, with scores of 10-5 and 14-12.

Great Dane is nearing the .500 mark on the season after a twinbill sweep of Farm Bureau. In the opener Great Dane was led by Kent Stallbaum who went 4-4. Brandon Borchers had two hits. Scott Brummond and Mike Reynolds each had two hits to pace Farm Bureau. The second game had to go extra innings before Great Dane escaped with the win. Great Dane scored twice in the top of the eighth inning. Ted Lueders, Todd Oborny, Bob Schmoltd and Brandon Borchers each had two hits to pace the winners while Ken Dapker, John Bierbower and Steve Jorgensen had three hits each to lead Farm Bureau.

Sherman's swept a double header with Farm Bureau/Dave's Glass, with scores of 14-1 and 17-4.

Sherman's Construction continued to lead the league in victories following a convincing double-header sweep of Farm Bureau in a make-up night last week. In the first game Kevin Maly went 3-4 to pace the winners while Steve Jorgensen went 2-3 for Farm Bureau. In the second game Mark Penle- rick and Mike Kramer went 3-3 and Dennis Nelson went 2-2 for Sherman's while Kevin Maly, Don Sherman and Raul Rodriguez each went 2-3.

A make-up week has been set for the first week of August while the League Tournament is scheduled for Aug. 10-11 and 13th.



4TH JUG/Nutrena Feeds softball player John Brazda connects for one of his seven hits against Godfather's.

Next Week's Schedule

Godfather's Pizza will play Black Knight on Monday on the Northwest Field at 6:30 p.m.

Mert's Place will play Great Dane on Monday on the Southwest Field at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Rec League will take place on Monday at 6:30 p.m. on the Northeast and Southeast Fields.

Lindner Construction will play 4th Jug/Nutrena Feeds on Tuesday on the Northwest Field at 6:30 p.m.

Varsity will play Stadium Sports on Tuesday on Southwest Field at 6:30 p.m.

Sherman's Construction will play Diers/Lutt Trucking on Tuesday on the Northeast field at 6:30 p.m.

