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Travel and Transport. For 17 years at the World Herald he reported on life and business in Nebraska and in 1944 he was a war correspondent known for his unforgettable accounts of the war years. After leaving the World Herald and starting Travel and Transport he became a leader in the field of tourism and in traveling and discovering Nebraska. Larry was a founder of the Nebraskaland Foundation in 1962 and instrumental in starting the Nebraskaland tours in the '60s. Tourism was a new trail for Nebraska then and because of his leadership and promotion of Nebraska the Nebraskaland Foundation proudly presents Larry, Lawrence Youngman, the Trailblazer Award.

Merlyn Carlson please. When Merlyn Carlson talks cattle, people listen. As president of the National Cattlemen's Association he excels in leadership. He is a nationally known expert in the beef cattle business so vital to Nebraska. An active rancher near Lodgepole and involved in local, state and national cattle organizations for more than 20 years. Nebraska farmers know him as president of the Nebraska Stock Growers Association. The Carlson roots, by the way, date back to the 1800s when his grandfather, Frank, immigrated from Sweden to homestead near Lodgepole. Merlyn has served as judge for a variety of cattle shows and continues his work on the refinement of the "Herd Alert" program which keeps the nation's almost two million cattle producers updated on current information relating to their industry. Because of his extensive local, state and national leadership in the cattle industry, the Nebraskaland Foundation presents its Wagonmaster Award to Merlyn E. Carlson of Lodgepole.

Barry Kennedy. In the days of the early pioneers the Wagonmaster was the man in charge, the leader. It wouldn't be difficult to picture Barry Kennedy in that role. His pioneers are the more than 500,000 members of Jaycees International which Barry leads as president. He is a native of Salem and helped run the family farm near Table Rock. He served our nation in the Vietnam War before joining the Syracuse Jaycees in 1971. It took just five years to become the president of the Nebraska Jaycees. Two years later he was elected president of the United States Jaycees. At the age of thirty-five Barry was elected president of Jaycees International at their 36th World Conference held in Berlin, Germany. During 1982 he will travel the world, meet heads of state and visit six continents. He has said one of his goals will be to make more people aware of Nebraska and what it offers. Because of his international involvement and leadership and his example of influence for others, the Nebraskaland Foundation is pleased to present its Wagonmaster award to Barry Kennedy of Pawnee City. Thank you.