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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

IN RE MARRIAGE OF PAMELA WILCOX and LOREN L. WILCOX

Upon the Petition of

PAMELA WILCOX,

Appellant,

And Concerning

LOREN L. WILCOX,

Appellee.

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Appeal from Appanoose District Court - Phillip R. Collett, Judge.

Wife appeals from child custody and child support provisions of dissolution decree. Affirmed.

Thomas M. Walter, of Barnes, Schlegel & Walter, Ottumwa, for appellant.

D. W. Harris, of Bloomfield, for appellee.

Heard by Donielson, Acting C.J., Snell, Oxberger and Carter, JJ.

PER CURIAM

Petitioner, Pamela Wilcox, appeals from the child custody and child support provisions of the January 1978 decree which dissolved her 10 year marriage to respondent, Loren Wilcox. Our review is de novo. Rule 4, Rules of Appellate Procedure. We give weight to the findings of the trial court but are not bound by them. In making child custody determinations we are guided by the criteria listed in In re Marriage of Winter, 223 N.W.2d 165 (Iowa 1974). Our paramount concern is the best interests of the children. Factors guiding our child support decision are discussed in In re Marriage of Zoellner, 219 N.W.2d 517 (Iowa 1974).

The trial court decree awarded custody of the two minor children, Bucky and Amanda, to Loren. Pamela was ordered to pay child support of $10 per week per child until each child reaches 18 years of age, dies, marries or becomes emancipated.

After a thorough review of the record made below we affirm the trial court. Unfortunately each parent in this case presently exhibits certain characteristics which may be detrimental to the childrens' character development. Ultimately however, we find ourselves in agreement with the trial court's determination that an award of permanent custody of Bucky and Amanda to Loren presents the better alternative. Said determination is affirmed. The child support provision of the January 1978 dissolution decree, reflecting the property division made therein as well as the continuing obligation of both parents to support their children, is likewise affirmed.

Each party shall pay their own attorney fees on appeal; costs are taxed to petitioner.

AFFIRMED.