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The Family That Farms Together

Chamber Honors
Lyngstads As Farm
Family Of The Year

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In 1971, Bob Lyngstad faced a choice that determined the course of his life. Lyngstad had rented ground and started farming in rural Yankton County. He then received an offer allowing him to test his love of farm life.

"My great-uncle from Michigan knew that I was interested in farming," he said. "He had 120 acres that he said I could farm for the next year. I could rent the ground and see if I liked farming. Otherwise, I would join him in Michigan at the end of the year and lay brick (for him)."

So what came out of the deal? "I started farming, and I really liked it. I'm still here today," Lyngstad said, flashing a smile.

Four decades later, Lyngstad and his wife, Marilyn, have established a successful farming operation near Mayfield in northern Yankton County. They raised five children — Laura, Matt, Melissa, Nicole and Wes — and have 12 grandchildren with another one on the way.

Matt Lyngstad has been farming with his parents for eight years and purchased his own farm in 2000. While Matt may be the full-time farmer of the five siblings, the others all help out when needed, including the sons-in-law.

"With five children to help out, I can take it a little easier," Bob said. This week, the Yankton Area



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The 2012 "Farm Family of the Year" represents a multi-generational effort, as seen by Bob and Marilyn Lyngstad (left) and their son and daughter-in-law, Matt and Laura Lyngstad, all of rural Yankton County. The two couples, along with other family members, were honored this week at the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce's annual "Ag Gala."

Chamber of Commerce honored the Lyngstads as the 2012 "Farm Family of the Year." The family was recognized at the Chamber's annual Ag Gala, held at the Riverfront Events Center in downtown Yankton.

The Lyngstads said they were stunned to win the award. "This is a really great honor for my wife and myself, along with my

son and his family," Bob said. "I can't believe it. I'm just an average farmer and never expected to see this. It's a very good feeling."

Marilyn echoed those thoughts. "This award is a very humbling experience. It's very nice to get such recognition," she said.

Matt, who just turned 30 years old, said he has felt a lifelong pas-

sion toward farming. "I knew I wanted to be a farmer when I was five years old," he said with a look of assurance.

Marilyn likewise knew her son was destined for the farm life. "We always knew Matt wanted to

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Spring Saw Record Warmth

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Pattern Expected To
Prevail Into Autumn

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The dog days of August arrived early this year, and climate scientists expect them to persist into the fall. Average temperatures in Nebraska and South Dakota were the warmest in 118 years of record-keeping from March through May.

"Warm conditions are going to continue in most of the (Missouri River) basin," said Doug Kluck, central region climate services director for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "That means higher evaporation and evotranspiration rates generally."

He spoke during what was the last regularly-scheduled U.S. Army Corps of Engineers conference call for this year to keep the public updated on conditions in the Missouri River Basin.

Drought conditions have already engulfed large portions of the southern-central and western states. Those conditions are expected to creep into western Iowa, eastern Nebraska and southern South Dakota through September, according to a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration drought outlook.

"Large portions of the country are in drought," Kluck said. "It's not a good situation in terms of drought."

He stated there is about a 50 percent chance of El Niño conditions developing in the second half of 2012,



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CORRECTION

Ann Froschauer's name was misspelled in Friday's *Press & Dakotan* story about bat fungus. Froschauer is the National White-Nose Syndrome Communications Leader for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. We apologize for the error.

Sandusky Convicted Of Abuse

BY MARK SCOLFORO AND GENARO C. ARMAS
Associated Press

BELLEFONTE, Pa. — Jerry Sandusky was convicted Friday of sexually assaulting 10 boys over 15 years, accusations that had sent shock waves through the college campus known as Happy Valley and led to the firing of Penn State's beloved Hall of Fame coach, Joe Paterno.

Sandusky, a 68-year-old retired defensive coach who was once Paterno's heir apparent, was found guilty of 45 of 48 counts. He faces life in prison at sentencing, which is weeks away.

Sandusky showed little emotion as the verdict was read. The judge ordered him to be taken to

the county jail to await sentencing in about three months.

Eight young men testified in a central Pennsylvania courtroom about a range of abuse, from kissing and massages to groping, oral sex and anal rape. For two other alleged victims, prosecutors relied on testimony from a university janitor and then-graduate assistant Mike McQueary, whose account of a sexual encounter between Sandusky and a boy of about 10 ultimately led to the Paterno's dismissal and the university president's ouster.

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ACCIDENTAL MEETING



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Two vehicles collided Friday afternoon in South Yankton, Neb. Yankton Deputy Fire Chief Larry Nickles said a semi was attempting to make a turn on 556th Avenue off of Highway 81 but couldn't because of a vehicle in the intersection. The vehicle in the intersection pulled out onto Highway 81 and a collision with a northbound car ensued. The drivers of the two vehicles were taken to the hospital with minor injuries.

Preparation For Counselor Under Way

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As part of a newly built relationship between the Yankton School District (YSD) and Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Services (LCBHS), a drug and alcohol counselor will be present in the middle and high school beginning this coming school year.

The goal is to have the counselor hired next month, train the person in August, and have the counselor ready to start work at the beginning of the school year.

The funding for the new position will come from the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Block Grant, which runs year-to-year. However, officials are optimistic that the funding will be available for a number of years. The counselor will also be employed by LCBHS, not the YSD.

If the funding did not become available, the schools wanted to at least get some preventative

"We are working hard at making sure that the right person is hired for the job. Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health has been outstanding in getting this effort into place."

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curriculum and on-going activities started. Officials hope the new counselor will help curb drug and alcohol use in the school district which increased substantially last year.

"The overall goal of the partnership is to establish an evidence-based prevention program," said Dr. Tom Stange, executive director of Yankton's

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