

### Dakota Dance Assoc. To Perform In Yankton

The Dakota Dance Association of Yankton will be presenting Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Ballet" at the Yankton High School Theatre, 1801 Summit Street, Yankton. Attend 7:30 p.m. performances Nov. 23-24 and 2 p.m. matinee performances Nov. 24-25.

More than 150 local cast members ranging in from second grade to adult will be performing in this year's production. Highlights include various new costumes, props and artistic updates to this classic story which will transport you from a holiday gathering of friends to the Kingdom of Sweets where wonderful things to eat and drink come alive.

Dakota Dance Association is introducing its new director, Linda Haar, along with veteran choreographer Dorota Dannenbring and a large group of volunteers behind the scenes.

Haar is a Yankton College Theatre graduate who has directed more than 80 shows, primarily at Bon Homme High School and Lewis and Clark Theatre Company.

Dannenbring is a graduate of the Conservatory of Dance in Warsaw, Poland, and has been a dance instructor in Yankton for 23 years.

Tickets go on sale at the Yankton Mall, 2101 Broadway, next to the JC Penney entrance, beginning on Saturday, Nov. 3, and continuing through Friday, Nov. 23. Tickets may be purchased by stopping at the Yankton Mall during the following sale hours:

- Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 3-18 — 1-4:30 p.m.
- Monday through Friday Nov. 5-21 — 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 23 — 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

In addition, tickets will be available at the door 1 hour prior to each performance.

If you are unable to purchase tickets during these times, call LuAnn Kennedy, Ticket Sales Chairperson, at 664-4747 and leave a message, or write to the Dakota Dance Assoc., P.O. Box 264, Yankton, SD 57078. All seats are reserved.

### Phil Baker Performance Slated For MMC

Children's entertainer Phil Baker will be performing at Mount Marty College's Marian Auditorium in Yankton at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3.

Baker is going on the road for Children's Care this winter with a show called "Snow Day!" It will be a super-fun musical performance for children as a benefit for Children's Care Hospital & School. Performances will be held across the state from November through January.

Baker is well-known to families in the region, and has also performed worldwide, including appearances at the White House Easter Egg Roll, Disney World, and military bases across Europe, the Middle East and the U.S. He is an award-winning songwriter and producer, and is currently writing and recording music for Project Fit, a collaboration between Disney, Sesame Street, WebMD and Sanford Health. Through his work with Character Counts and the National Endowment for the Arts/South Dakota Arts Council Touring Program, he has visited more than 10,000 classrooms in the last 25 years.

While in each community, Baker will hold an "informance" — a combination workshop and performance — in the schools, working with local children to participate in the Saturday show. "Snow Day!" will feature all-new music about winter fun in the snow.

Children's Care Hospital & School is a private, non-profit organization serving nearly 2,000 individuals with special needs each year from centers in Sioux Falls and Rapid City. Services are delivered through residential, inpatient, school, outpatient, and outreach programs.

### Regional Orchestra Festival Planned For Yankton

Yankton College and Yankton High School are sponsoring the 2012 Regional Orchestra Festival, to be held Monday, Nov. 5, in Yankton.

High school students from South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska will come together for a day-long learning experience and play their string instruments under the musical direction of professional guest conductor, David Barg. He is based out of New York and has led workshops nation-wide for band, orchestra and vocal conductors. He currently is a guest conductor for the Education Department of the NY Philharmonic; is leader of the Omaha Side-by-Side programs with high school ensembles and a Teaching Artist for the Center for Arts Education in New York.

The students will perform musical selections by Frescobaldi, Vivaldi, Hamvas and Khachaturian at 7 p.m. in the Yankton High School Theatre. The evening performance is open to the public and free of charge.

Barg has worked with youth orchestras, and elementary, middle and high school, college and conservatory vocal and instrumental ensembles in Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, D.C., Houston, Las Vegas, Annapolis, Baltimore, Tulsa, Kansas City and Omaha and internationally in Australia, Ecuador and Russia. Regionally, he was guest conductor at the J. Laiten Weed Honor Orchestra held in South Dakota last winter.

Barg received his BA from Columbia University in Sociology and Languages. He graduated with a Master of Music degree with a focus on Music Education and Professional Development and was chosen the Outstanding Music Education Graduate Student of the Class of 2010.

"This annual event gives the students an opportunity to rehearse and perform in a larger orchestra setting plus experience a new role model from a guest conductor. Barg was highly recommended when I hired him for the J. Laiten Weed Honor Orchestra last year. The kids absolutely love him. He demands so much maturity from them and they respond," says Yankton High School Orchestra Director, Kim Evander, who organizes the festival.

For further information, contact Yankton College at (605) 665-3661.

# Five Documents All Farmers Should Have

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Every farmer should have these five signed and notarized documents: a will; advance health care directives; durable power of attorney to make health care decisions; durable power of attorney to make business decisions; and a letter of instruction.

These are the minimum documents every farmer — actually every adult — should have in place to assist family members, business associates and others who might become involved in case you become disabled or die.

A recent estimate indicates 55 percent of the U.S. population will die without a will (Harris Interactive for Martindale-Hubbell, 2007). An even greater proportion does not have advance health care directives.

Increasingly, farm families approach me to request assistance with succession planning issues. The issues usually involve sticky relationships with family members and specific desires about how elders want land to be divided and farmed by successors.

The will is familiar to most people. It says who inherits your property — both the assets and debts — as well as who you designate as the executor to carry out these actions.

For practical purposes, the will is your estate plan. Your will eliminates many of the disputes that might arise among your successors, making your passing and their lives easier.

Although there are free kits online, I advise farm people to consult an attorney to help devise the will and any supporting legal documents, such as a trust. Be sure to understand how property

ownership is specified in land deeds and tax implications.

Advance health care directives indicate the medical procedures you desire to maintain your life if a health crisis emerges. Advance directives usually involve a living will and to whom you give durable power of attorney (POA) to make health decisions when you are incapable.

The living will specifies medical procedures you want or would not want

end-of-life procedures.

The durable power of attorney to make business decisions indicates who you want to make business transactions, pay your taxes and carry out other business activities when you are unable to. It helps to give these persons the right to make bank deposits and payments, to sign checks and to have access to your safe deposit box. The designees will need to sign necessary forms at your bank.

It is advisable to write a letter of instruction to accompany your will. Give a copy to the executor of your will. This document should indicate:

- Where important documents, such as insurance policies, saving accounts, loans, leases, POA s and any other significant information, are kept;
- instructions for the care of dependents, such as minors; and
- instructions indicating how you want your land to be farmed.

The letter of instruction is not legally binding, but in many ways is the most important of the five critical documents listed because it helps your survivors know your wishes.

The documents described in this article give psychological comfort to you and your successors, as well as save legal costs, and in many cases, medical costs.

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## Forum

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He added that a strong minority is essential to government.

Allen said one of the things he would like to do if he gets elected is bring back a family voice in government.

"If I'm elected I want to bring back a voice for the families in South Dakota," he said. "I want to try to also get the money that was cut out of education put back in."

Stevens said that in order to get anything done in Pierre, there needs to be cooperation between both parties, no matter who is in the majority.

"We need to look at the individuals elected to lead in Pierre, rather than looking at their political party," he said.

Jean Hunhoff said she has stood up to her party and Gov. Dennis Daugaard on multiple occasions.

"I have often weighed the interests and concerns I've had with some bills to go along with what my

constituents need here," she said. "I've advocated for a strong pension fund and have taken opposite positions from some of my colleagues, but I do it for my constituents and the betterment of South Dakota."

Stotz said if he is elected, he will fight for an increase in teachers salaries, which are currently right near the bottom in the nation.

This brought up the topic of Referred Law 16 and the impact it could have on teachers across the state. Referred Law 16 would create a teacher scholarship program, enact a system for math and science teachers' bonuses, create a mandated state requirement system for teachers and eliminate state requirements for teacher tenure.

"The educational experience is about the whole system, including classroom experiences and extra-curricular activities," Stotz said.

Allen said that teachers in the state are doing a good job right now and "we don't need to fix something that is not broken."

"The best government is the government that is closest to the people," Stevens said. "We need to let people closest to the teachers evaluate them how they want to through

cooperation not competition."

Jean Hunhoff agreed, saying teacher compensation and evaluation should be done at the local level, not in Pierre.

Bernie Hunhoff added that education is the main issue that Republicans and Democrats don't get along on.

"Most of the issues in the Legislature we typically get along well on, but where the minority party has tangled has been with education and education funding," Bernie Hunhoff said. "Teacher retention is one of the most critical public policy issues we are facing."

Another topic discussed was the issue of education spending as a government priority.

"Economic development is a priority in every state, but I don't want to have to cut education in order for economic incentives to be in place," Allen said.

Stevens disagreed, saying both can be in place and can go hand in hand with each other.

"This is not a one or another type of deal at all," he said. "I'm tired of us providing kids a good education, but them having to move out of state to find a job."

Jean Hunhoff agreed, saying that without job growth, kids would have to leave South Dakota in order to find work.

"Economic incentives are programs in the state that will give young people jobs," she said. "We are designing programs to meet the needs of the workforce."

However, Bernie Hunhoff said there is not enough money available right now to have funding for both economic incentives and education.

Another topic the candidates did agree on was whether or not the education system could be privatized in the state, like other states across the country have done.

"I'm against the privatization of education," Allen said. "It's the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard of."

Jean Hunhoff said she doesn't think South Dakota residents would ever allow privatization to occur.

Bernie Hunhoff said he is concerned about the potential for profits with privatizing education.

"We don't want to let education be a profit center for businesses," he said.

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## Moeller

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a stay of execution. "I take no pleasure in his death, but there are those who are so vile that executions are warranted," he said in a press release.

Moeller kidnapped the girl from a Sioux Falls convenience store where she'd gone to buy sugar to make lemonade. He then drove her to a secluded area near the Big Sioux River in Lincoln County before raping and killing her. Her naked body was found the next day; she had been

stabbed and her throat was slashed.

Moeller initially was convicted in 1992 during a trial held in Yankton, but the state Supreme Court overturned it, ruling that improper evidence was used at trial. He was again convicted and sentenced to die in 1997, this time in a trial in Rapid City. The state Supreme Court affirmed the sentence, and Moeller lost appeals on both the state and federal levels.

Even as Moeller began insisting he was ready to die, several motions were filed on his behalf to stop the execution.

Earlier this month, a federal judge dismissed a lawsuit that challenged South Dakota's execution protocol after Moeller said he

wanted no part of it. Moeller also distanced himself from a motion filed by a woman with loose family ties who argued that his decades in solitary confinement had made him incapable of voluntarily accepting his fate. The judge dismissed that motion Monday.

For his last meal, Moeller requested scrambled eggs, link sausage, tater tots and drip coffee.

Several people gathering outside the penitentiary Tuesday night in opposition of the death penalty ahead of Moeller's execution.

Executions are rare in South Dakota, which has carried out death sentences just three times since the 1913 hanging of Joseph

Rickman for the murder of a woman and her daughter.

The most recent was the Oct. 15 execution of Eric Robert for killing South Dakota prison guard Ronald "R.J." Johnson during a failed escape attempt. George Sitts was electrocuted in 1947 for killing two law enforcement officers, and Elijah Page died by lethal injection in 2007 for the murder of Chester Allan Poage, who was abducted and killed in a scheme to burglarize his mother's home.

Present-day South Dakota's first execution occurred in Yankton, capital of the old Dakota Territory, on March 1, 1877, when Jack McCall was hanged for the shooting of Wild Bill Hickok in Deadwood.

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