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Become the next "Dacotah Star" at the Dacotah Star Talent Competition presented by Dacotah Bank. More than \$2,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to Dacotah Star division winners.

Applications for the 11th Annual Dacotah Star Talent Competition are now available online at www.sdstatefair.com or at the State Fair office. The deadline for entering the talent competition is Monday, Aug. 19, at 5 p.m.

The grand prize winner in the adult division wins the title of "2013 Dacotah Star," along with a cash prize of \$1,000 and the opportunity to star in his/her own commercial promoting Dacotah Star on KTTW Fox. The winner will also have the opportunity to perform on the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage during the 2014 South Dakota State Fair and emcee the 2014 Dacotah Star talent

competition. The 2012 Dacotah Star was Melanie Koehlmoos from Aberdeen.

There are three age divisions for Dacotah Star - Children (5-11 years), Junior (12-17 years) and Adult (18 and older).

Preliminary competition begins on Friday, Aug. 30, and ends on Sunday, Sept. 1. Dacotah Star finals will be held on Monday, Sept. 2. The talent competition is held daily on the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage at 5:30 p.m.

Sponsors of the 2013 Dacotah Star are Dacotah Bank and KTTW-FOX. Dacotah Bank serves dozens of hometowns across South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota, providing banking, insurance, mortgage and trust services to over 50,000 customers at local branches and online at www.dacotahbank.com

State Fair will run from Thursday, Aug. 29, through Monday, Sept. 2. Channel Seeds Preview night will be Wednesday, Aug. 28. This year's theme is "Starry Nights and Midway Lights." For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at (800) 529-0900, visit www.sdstatefair.com or find them Facebook and Twitter.

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Jackley, others call for end of federal withholding of school funds

Attorney General Marty Jackley and nine Western Attorneys General (CWAG) today called on the Federal Government to end the sequestration of funds owed to the states under the federal Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) and other relevant statutes.

"South Dakota's school districts that have mineral deposits have legal right to these funds and depend on this money as a source of guaranteed revenue," said Jackley. "Beyond the financial cost to our citizens and school districts, the federal withholdings call into question the longstanding agreement between the states and the federal government to share in the revenue produced by mineral development within our state boundaries."

The MLA entitles states to forty-eight percent of all rentals, royalties, and other receipts collected by the

federal government for mineral production on federal land within state boundaries. This money, along with funds received from the federal government for the state's share of federal leases under the Taylor Grazing Act, is distributed by the State to school districts in the counties where the mineral production is located.

In FY 2012, school districts received approximately \$1,328,000 in payments under these laws. Under sequestration, South Dakota's MLA payment will be decreased by at least \$100,000.

The Federal Government has taken the position that the royalty payments owed to the states under the MLA are subject to sequestration.

According to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), "sequestration is part of a budget enforcement

mechanism that is intended to prevent enactment of mandatory spending and revenue legislation that would increase the federal deficit."

To the contrary, these monies are for mineral production per agreement, not federal taxing and spending.

As set out by the Attorneys General, "The revenues owed to the mineral-producing states under the MLA are not a gift, a hand-out, or an entitlement but rather are the result of a compromise reached in 1920 that compensation is due to the states for mineral development within their boundaries."

CWAG and Jackley have similar concerns about plans to sequester timber sale proceeds. Local schools are entitled to these funds under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.



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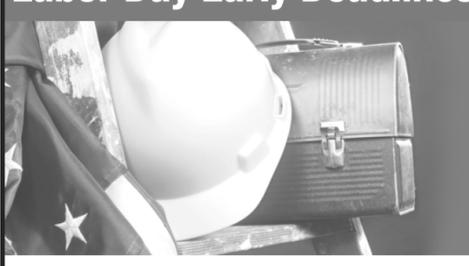
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