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**Become the Next “Dacotah Star” at the SD State Fair**

Huron, S.D. – Have you ever wanted to share your singing skills with the world? Enter the “Dacotah Star” talent competition at the South Dakota State Fair!

Applications for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dacotah Star competition presented by Dacotah Bank are now available online at [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com) or at the State Fair office in Huron. Participants will compete for a chance to win more than \$2,000 in cash and the opportunity to star in their own television commercial. All applications must be received in the Fair office by Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 5:00 pm.

The grand prize winner in the adult division earns a cash prize of \$1,000, a starring role in a promotional commercial on KTTW FOX and the title of “2009 Dacotah Star.”

The winner will also have the opportunity to perform on the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage during the 2010 State Fair and emcee the 2010 Dacotah Star competition. This year’s Dacotah Star and emcee is Josh Bawek from Conde, SD.

Preliminary competition begins on Friday, Sept. 4 and ends on Sunday, Sept. 6. The Dacotah Star finals will be held on Monday, Sept. 7. All performances begin at 4:30 pm on the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage.

Sponsors of the 2009 Dacotah Star are Dacotah Bank and KTTW FOX. With 34 locations across South Dakota and North Dakota, Dacotah Bank is always “here for you.” Dacotah Bank provides services from basic banking to trust and wealth management. Dacotah Bank is always here for you. Visit them online at [www.dacotahbank.com](http://www.dacotahbank.com).

The South Dakota State Fair will run Thursday, Sept. 3, through Monday, Sept. 7. Preview night will be Wednesday, September 2. For more information on Fair events, contact the State Fair office at 800-529-0900 or visit our website at [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com).

Don’t miss the chance to see why the 2009 South Dakota State Fair is “Still the One!”