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More Guidance For Families With Autistic Children



Last month, we explained why estate planning is important for you and your autistic child. This month, we are proud to announce our latest book, *The 12 Essential Tips For Families With An Autistic Child*, is available for free download.

This Book Will Answer These Questions:

1. Why is estate planning important for you and your autistic child?
2. How do you protect your autistic child's eligibility for government benefits?
3. What is a Special Needs Trust and why would you want one for your autistic child?
4. Why should you create a Letter of Intent for your autistic child?
5. Should you consider Advance Directives for your autistic child?
6. And more...

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Winter 2018 Edition Now Available!



Prairie Planning is Swier Law Firm's quarterly magazine focused on cutting-edge strategies and practical advice on meeting estate and business planning objectives.

The Winter 2018 edition focuses on Elder Law and includes estate and business planning articles for seniors and their families. Some of the topics in this edition include:

- Retirement Fundamentals For Farmers And Ranchers
- Preparing For Family Business Transitions
- Navigating The Medicaid Maze
- Exploring Premarital Agreements
- And much more . . .

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What To Consider When Mom And Dad Need A Nursing Home



Lindsay M. Harris has published a lead article for the December 2017 issue of Dakota Farmer Magazine. Lindsay's article, What to Consider When Mom and Dad Need a Nursing Home, examines the importance of doing some homework before selecting a nursing home for your parents.

Read the full article at SwierLaw.com/articles.

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Source: Searchengineland.com



LAW FIRM SPOTLIGHT: JAKE FISCHER, ATTORNEY



1. What do you do for the firm? I specialize in the firm's agricultural law practice, working on all sorts of issues related to the agricultural industry. I was raised on a family farm in South Dakota and feel my upbringing, combined with my legal experience, allows me to work through agriculture-specific issues in close relationship with clients.

2. What do you find most rewarding about your work? I like explaining legal issues in a way that is relatable to clients. I enjoy the idea that after working with me, clients will feel more comfortable with issues that may have previously been foreign to them.

3. What do you like to do in your spare time? I am actually a big fan of board games which have evolved a lot since Monopoly and Clue were invented. Some of my favorites include 7 Wonders, Innovation and Concordia. I also enjoy spending time on our small acreage where I raise a small herd of

grass fed beef. It's nice to get out into a calm, quiet pasture with just the cows after a long day at work.

4. Tell us about your family. Robin is my wife and my best friend. We are focused on continuing to grow in our relationship every day. I have a 4 year old daughter, Rosalie, who loves swimming, art and being silly. I have a 2 year old son, Llewyn, a marvelous conversationalist, who enjoys wrestling and sweet treats.

5. Tell us about your pets, if you have any. I have two cats: Francis and Tarzan. Before coming home to South Dakota, we lived in Minnesota. I gave Francis to Robin as a 1 year anniversary present. Francis actually came from our family farm in SD. As Francis prowled the neighborhood, a young kitten began to follow him around one day. He wouldn't leave Francis' side. So then we had two cats.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: January 15, 2018

The US celebrates Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday each year on January 15. With respect, our offices will be closed in observance of his birthday. King was 35 years old when he received the Nobel Peace Prize, the youngest in history at the time, was a social activist, and a leader in the civil rights movement. King was assassinated in 1968, but his legacy lives on today.

"To care for those who once cared for us is one of the highest honors."

-Tia Walker

CHEESE-BURGER SOUP



Ingredients

- 1/2 pound ground beef
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 3/4 cup shredded carrots
- 3/4 cup chopped celery
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 4 cups cubed potatoes
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups cubed Cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/4 cup sour cream

Directions

1. In a large pot, melt 1 tablespoon butter or margarine over medium heat: cook and stir vegetables and beef until beef is brown.
2. Stir in basil and parsley. Add broth and potatoes. Bring to a boil, then simmer until potatoes are tender, about 10-12 minutes.
3. Melt the remainder of butter and stir in flour. Add the milk, stirring until smooth.
4. Gradually add milk mixture to the soup, stirring constantly. Bring to a boil and reduce heat to simmer. Stir in cheese. When cheese is melted, add sour cream and heat through. Do not boil.