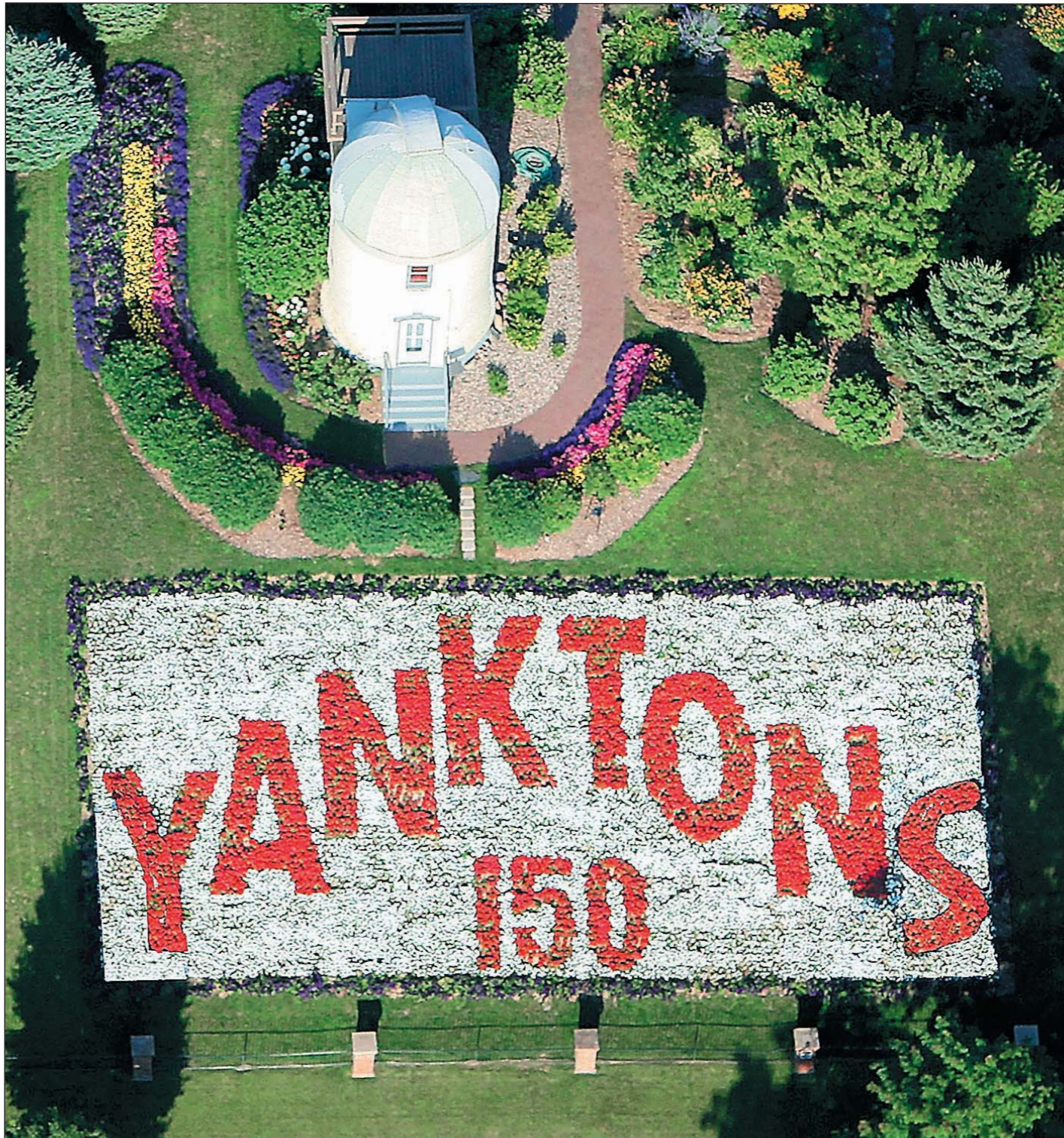




Yankton 150

1861 Dakota Territory Organized • Yankton Made Territorial Capital • Weekly Dakotian Founded • Christ Episcopal Church and First United Methodist Church Founded **1862** Santee Sioux Uprising • Yankton Stockade Built • Territorial Capitol Built **1866** First Brewery Opens In Yankton • First Cemetery Organized **1869** City Of Yankton Incorporated **1871** First Jail Built In Yankton • First Chamber Of Commerce Meetings Held **1872** First National Bank Opens **1873** Gen. George Custer And The 7th Calvary Stop At Yankton And Are Caught In Blizzard • Railroad Service Arrives In Yankton **1875** Yankton Swells From Black Hills Gold Rush • Yankton School District Organizes • Weekly Dakotian Becomes A Daily **1876** The 'Far West,' Captained By Grant Marsh, Recovers Survivors From The Little Big Horn • Sacred Heart Church Built **1877** Jack McCall Convicted, Hanged **1879** The Dakota Hospital For The Insane Opens **1881** The Flood Of 1881 • Yankton College Founded **1882** Yankton's Last Public Hanging Is Held **1883** Yankton Loses Territorial Capitol **1884** Sacred Heart School Organized **1887** First City Hall Built **1888** Blizzard Of '88 Strikes Region • Sioux Chief Struck-By-The-Ree Dies **1889** South Dakota Becomes A State • Sacred Heart Monastery Relocates To Yankton **1893** Gurney Seed and Nursery Co. Moves To Yankton **1896** South Dakota State Fair Held In Yankton For First Time **1897** Sacred Heart Hospital Opens **1898** Soldiers From Yankton-Based Company C Participate In Spanish-American War **1899** President William McKinley Visits Yankton To Welcome Home Troops **1900** Presidential Candidate William Jennings Bryan Speaks In Yankton **1901** The Union Block Fire **1902** Yankton Masonic Temple Built • Dakota Theatre Built **1903** President Theodore Roosevelt Speaks In Yankton • Yankton's Carnage Library Opens **1904** Rosebud Land Rush Floods Yankton With More Than 57,000 Claimants **1905** Yankton County Courthouse Opens • Downtown Yankton Post Office Opens • State Fair Moves From Yankton To Huron **1906** Yankton High School's First Girls Basketball Team Organized **1909** Dakota National Bank Founded **1911** The 50th Anniversary Of Dakota Territory Celebrated **1914** First Medical Clinic In South Dakota Opens In Yankton **1915** Women Vote In A Yankton Election For The First Time **1916** The Nickname 'Greyhounds' Proposed For Yankton College Athletic Teams **1917** U.S. Enters First World War • Rhine Creek Renamed Marne Creek **1918** Global Influenza Epidemic Impacts Yankton • World War I Ends **1921** Ernest Bowyer Post 791 Organized **1922** WNAX Goes On The Air **1924** Meridian Bridge Opens • YHS Basketball Team Falls In National Finals **1927** Lawrence Welk Gives First Yankton Performance **1928** Yankton's First Airport Opens **1931** First National Bank & Trust And Dakota National Bank Merge • Huge Dust Storm Smothers Yankton, Symbolizing The Start Of The 'Dirty Thirties' • Yankton College's 'Smokey' Joe Mendel Ties World Record In The 100-Yard Dash **1932** U.S. Vice President Charles Curtis Campaigns In Yankton **1935** New Yankton City Hall Built **1936** Mount Marty Founded • 75th An-



The garden on the slope of Observatory Hill on the grounds of the Yankton Federal Prison Camp bloom in celebration of Yankton's 150th birthday. This image was taken by Dave Tunge of Dakota Aerials in July 2011.

• niversity Of Dakota Territory Celebrated **1938** Chan Gurney Elected To The U.S. Senate **1940** Yankton's 147th Field Artillery Unit Mobilized For Service **1941** Local Soldiers Enter World War II • Wynn Speece's 'Neighbor Lady' Show Debuts On WNAX **1943** Entrepreneur D.B. Gurney Dies • WNAX Erects World's Tallest Transmitter Tower **1945** World War II Ends **1946** Yankton Clinic Opens • Cimpl Packing Company Opens **1947** City Of Yankton Purchases Meridian Bridge From Stockholders **1948** First Drive-In Movie Theater In S.D. Opens In Yankton **1950** Bishop Marty Chapel Built **1952** Record Flooding Seen On Missouri River • Ground-breaking For Gavins Point Dam **1953** Meridian Bridge Debt Retired, Tolls End • Hillcrest Golf & Country Club Opens **1955** Yankton Adopts City Manager Form Of Government • KYNT Goes On The Air **1956** Polio Epidemic Hits Yankton Area **1957** Gavins Point Dam Opens • Yankton Named An 'All-American City' **1958** New Yankton High School Opens On Mulberry Street **1960** Dale Electronics Opens **1961** Yankton Celebrates Dakota Territory Centennial • Gavins Point National Fish Hatchery Opens • Yankton County Historical Society Organizes **1965** Chan Gurney Municipal Airport Dedicated **1967** First Yankton Soldier Dies In Vietnam War **1968** New Sacred Heart Church Opens **1969** Mount Marty College Goes Co-Ed **1970** Yankton Mall Opens • Yankton College Coaching Legend Carl Youngworth Named The First 'Citizen Of The Year' **1971** The New Dakota Territorial Museum Opens **1973** Yankton Community Library Opens **1974** Yankton State Hospital Renamed South Dakota Human Services Center • Yankton High School Girls' Athletic Teams Dubbed 'Gazelles' **1975** Yankton County Safety Center Dedicated **1976** Alumax Opens **1978** Missouri River From Yankton To Ponca Designated As A 'National Recreational River' **1979** Human Services Center Celebrates Its Centennial **1981** New Sacred Heart Hospital Opens **1982** Merger Forms Yankton Medical Clinic • John Mathis Murder Trial Held In Yankton **1983** Fire Guts WNAX Downtown Building **1984** Yankton College Closes • First Riverboat Days Held **1985** Former Sen. Chan Gurney Dies • South Dakota Magazine Founded **1988** Mount Marty College's Laddie E. Cimpl Arena Opens • Yankton Federal Prison Camp Opens **1989** Yankton Celebrates State Centennial **1991** Charlie Battery Soldiers Engage In Persian Gulf War **1992** Donald Moeller Murder Trial Held In Yankton, Receives Death Penalty **1993** St. Benedict Catholic Church Opens • Heavy Rains, Flooding Hit Yankton Area • Fox Run Golf Course Opens **1996** Yankton High School/Summit Activities Center Opens • New Human Services Center Opens **1998** Bernie Hunhoff Loses Gubernatorial Bid **2000** Gurney's Seed And Nursery Leaves Yankton **2001** Yankton Responds To 9/11 Attacks **2003** Yankton County Government Center Opens **2004** Yankton Celebrates The Lewis And Clark Bicentennial **2005** Charlie Battery Soldiers Killed In Iraq **2008** Discovery Bridge Dedicated **2009** 'Christmas Blizzard' Paralyzes Yankton **2010** Matt Michels Elected Lieutenant Governor **2011** Yankton Celebrates Its 150th Anniversary • The Missouri River Flood Of 2011

A Story 150 Years

(And More) In The Making!