

# Rich in History

## ABUNDANT IN SERVICE

### History of Yankton County

Bordered on the South by the Missouri River, Yankton County has played an integral part in South Dakota history. 1861 heralded the first territorial government, with the City of Yankton being designated the capital of Dakota Territory. Steamboat trade flourished and in 1873 the first railroad line connected Yankton and Sioux City, Iowa.

The County was named for the Yankton band of the Sioux Indians. History suggests that Meriwether Lewis and George Rogers Clark were the first white men to set foot on Yankton County soil. Pelagie LeBarge is the first known white woman to journey to Yankton County, arriving in 1847 with her husband, a steamboat captain. Joseph R. Hanson was the first settler in 1859. 1961 also witnessed the first official newspaper, "The Weekly Dakotan", being published. The first school, held in the home of Dr. Abram Van Osdel, opened in December of 1862. Governor Howard selected Yankton County as the site for the state insane hospital in September of 1878. Yankton City and County lost the fight to

retain the status of Territorial Capital in 1883 and the capital was moved to Bismarck, ND. The rich history of the County is preserved through many landmark buildings, historical sites and the written word.

Yankton County Departments provide various services to its residents including law enforcement, emergency medical services, emergency and disaster services, zoning administration, road and bridge maintenance and construction, 4-H and youth development, property assessment, GIS mapping and mobile home licensing, tax collection, accounts receivable and financial investments, poor relief, veterans' services, property transfers, lien and plat recording, housing historical County records, elections, budgeting, accounts payable and voter registration.

The County also provides operating funds to the Community Health Office, Contact Center, Soil Conservation office, Mental Illness Board, Lewis & Clark Behavioral Center, Dakota Territorial Museum and the Center.



**Yankton County State's Attorney's Department**  
Robert W. Klimisch, John P. Billings, Erich K. Johnke, Laura Swenson, Pamela McBride, Chris Healy



#### Yankton County Government Building

Donna Freng, Bruce Jensen, Mark Johnson, Garry Moore, Allen Sinclair, Lois Eli, Karen Faerber, Patricia Hojem, Paula Jones, Michelle Anderson, Pamela Marchand, Tamara Seitzinger, Rita Stanage, Patty Vavra, John Billings, Erich Johnke, Pamela McBride, Laura Swenson, Dudley Haarsager, Paul Helgerson, Daniel Wagner, Matthew Archer, Nancy Brockmoller, Michelle Goeken, Lori Mackey, Glenda Waddell, Roberta Zimmerman, Brian Hunhoff, Jeff Mueller, Mallory Wriedt, Charles Haffner, Wayne Hesper, Joyce Stahlecker, Melisa Smith, Richard Haro, Gregg Kirkland, Stephen Lacey, Jerold Sorbel, Shannon Pavel, Lauren Fosheim, Danielle McFarland, Christine Pospishil, LaDawn Remington, Andres Renteria, Suzanne Tessier, Amanda Rehurek, Joseph Healy, Thomas Schramm, Daniel Wagner, Alma Franklin, Patrick Garrity, Charles Gilson, Douglas Hevle, Carl Kretsinger, Darwin Tessier, John Harper, Kristi Schultz, Butch Becker, Scott Pospishil, Ray Goeden, Paul Danner, Timothy Engle, Steven Hermanson, Lee Rettig, Paul J. Scherschligt, Brittanie Ferden, Desiree Anderberg, Lonie Ernesti, Tonya Rederick, Jennifer Adamson, Kelly Stanage, Donna Madson, Liz Lynch, Dion Hento



#### Yankton County Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Jim Vlahakis, Sgt. Cindy Pfeifle, Jailer Roddy Heinrich, Jailer Tonna Poppe, Sgt. Cassandra Rabe, J.A. Stewart Howell, Jailer Aaron Anderson, Jailer John Slama, C.D. Steve Larson, Jailer Shane Fiechuck, Jailer Ed Sasse, Sgt. Clint Clites, Jailer Eva Neuharth, Dep. Rob Reuland, Dep. Thomas Deibert, Terry Brooks, Jerry Jarvis, Sgt. Scot Woodmancy, Jailer Lloyd Hanes, Dep. Dennis Klimisch, Sgt. Brad Sweson, Jailer Glenn Anderson, Dep. Leslie Drake, Jailer Chris Meier, Jailer Kim Leonard, Jailer Greg Moser, Jailer Lily Nagel



#### Yankton County Highway Department

Alan P. Sorensen-Highway Superintendent, Duane H. Bagstad, William Boden, Randy S. Boese, Patricia J. Davies, Gary L. Guthmiller, Randy L. Hlavac, Thomas L. Hunhoff, Daniel J. Matcha, Duaine R. Palu, Johnathan D. Palu, Garth A. Paulsen, Edward J. Sedlacek, Michael Sedlacek, Tim T. Sherman, Dennis E. Stibral, Michael L. Tweedy



#### Yankton County EMT's

Brian Blaaid, Corey Briest, Derek A. Collins, Troy C. Cowman, Catherine R. Cuka, Jared D. Drotzman, Adam D. Frick, Joe A. Gill, Shari L. Gustad, Steven W. Hawkins, Jill M. James, Ryan R. Kaiser, John E. Kraft, Kendra Krueger, Glen H. Lange, Jamie L. Larson, Daryl R. Madsen, Teresa L. Madsen, Daryl Michael, Tina M. Monteith, Arica K. Nickles, Mark A. Nickles, Tamara A. Pedersen, Bonnie Peterson, Daniel C. Prendable, Jean M. Scherschligt, Alicia Schmidt, Michael J. Slowey, Ethan A. Smith, Donald G. Suing, Brian A. Tacke, Randy L. Weibert, Anita L. Weiland, Ethan J. Young