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ABOVE: The Cramer Kenyon home at 509 Pine St. will be one of the Yankton locations participating in Saturday's 125th anniversary gala celebrating South Dakota's statehood. Reenactors are also on the bill, including (from left) Ruby Goeden as Alice Cramer, Stan Hoffart as Nelson Cramer and Doug Hellmers as Dr. Joseph Ward. At right, this image from the state archives shows the first state banner, to which statehood enthusiasts pledged their allegiance.



Party
Time!

Yankton Kicks Off The State's 125th
Anniversary Celebration With Gala Saturday

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Yankton residents are proving they don't hold a grudge.

The community served as Dakota Territory capital from 1861 until the center of government was moved to Bismarck in 1883. The move outraged Yankton residents, who charged that bribery and other questionable methods led to the move. Yankton also wasn't chosen as state capital in 1889.

Ah, but fast forward a little more than a century.

As Mother City of the Dakotas, Yankton is rolling out the red carpet Saturday. The community will proudly host a celebration of events, kicking off South Dakota's year-long observance of its 125th anniversary of statehood.

"We're pleased to host the kick-off, even though the capital was stolen from us," local organizer Bernie Hunhoff said with a chuckle.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard appointed Hunhoff, a state legislator and *South Dakota Magazine* publisher, to the nine-member state committee coordinating the

quasiquicentennial celebration of the Nov. 2, 1889, statehood.

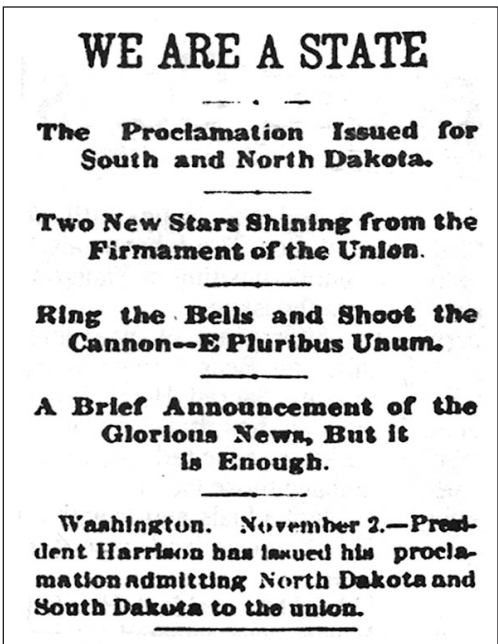
All of Saturday's events in Yankton are free and open to the public.

A special tour of historic Yankton sites will be offered during the afternoon. Participants will encounter re-enactors portraying individuals important in South Dakota's history. The Cramer-Kenyon Heritage House will host visitors from 3-6 p.m., while a walking tour will be offered on Third Street, from Cedar Street to Douglas Avenue, from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Re-enactors will also greet visitors at the Dakota Territorial capitol replica from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

The Riverfront Event Center will host a social hour from 6-7 p.m. and a special statehood anniversary program from 7-7:30 p.m. with Gov. Dennis Daugaard, First Lady Linda Daugaard, Lt. Gov. Matt Michels and Karen Michels. As Yankton residents, Matt and Karen Michels add an additional local touch.

Daugaard will address the crowd, asking for a verbal vote — similar to 125 years ago — for South Dakota's entry into the



ARCHIVE IMAGE
This image from the Yankton Press & Dakotan shows the announcement of South Dakota's entry into the union in 1889.

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HHS To
Purchase
Former
Dealership
Building

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With the papers signed for the purchase of a new home, members of Yankton's Heartland Humane Society (HHS) are celebrating the realization of a long-term dream.

The agreement with Jack and Judy Gregg will transform the former Yankton Motor Company location along East Highway 50 into a haven for pets in need.

"It's an opportunity the Heartland Humane Society couldn't let go," said Kerry Schmidt, executive director of the non-profit organization. "We've been trying for five years to find a location that is good for Yankton and the surrounding area and is also good for the animals. This has everything."

The facility HHS currently leases along Burleigh Street is less than 2,000 square feet. The new building is approximately 8,000 square feet and is surrounded by green space.

"It's a fantastic location," said Sheila Woodward, president of the HHS board. "It's going to allow us to greatly expand the number of dogs, cats and other assorted animals that we can rescue. Right now, we do not have any in-house space for dogs. That really limits how many abandoned or stray dogs we can help. Having an on-site location will make it so we don't have to rely so much on the wonderful foster homes we have. I also anticipate it's going to greatly increase the number of animals who are adopted, because the process is going to be a lot easier."

The Greggs said they became interested in assisting HHS find a new home this past summer after an article ran in the *Press & Dakotan* about the organization's need for more space.

"I noticed a building for sale on the east side of town and thought it would be a good fit for the Heartland Humane Society," Jack said. "I went to talk to John (Hagemann, who was leasing Gregg's building for the Yankton Motor Company) about it, and he said, 'Why don't you sell them this one?' That's where the idea came from. I contacted the Humane Society, and it went from there."

Judy said she and her husband have had pets throughout their marriage and have been involved with HHS.

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Searching For Ghosts With Your Smartphone

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Skeptics and believers alike have the ability to search for the paranormal right from their smartphones thanks to an app developed by a Yankton native.

The Paranormal Recorder, which has been available for download since 2009, is the creation of Excelltech app developer Ed Williams.

He said the app utilizes the inner-workings of a phone with the intent of possibly capturing the spirit world.

"It's essentially an app that uses your smartphone's internal compass as an EMF (electromagnetic field) detector," Williams said. "When it detects abnormal readings from what it expects to be normal, it will turn on an audio recorder to presumably capture the ghostly influence that is causing the disturbance in the EMF."

The app gives users the ability to upload whatever evidence they compile to SoundCloud or Facebook.

Williams said the app has become popular with both those who accept and deny the prospect of the supernatural.

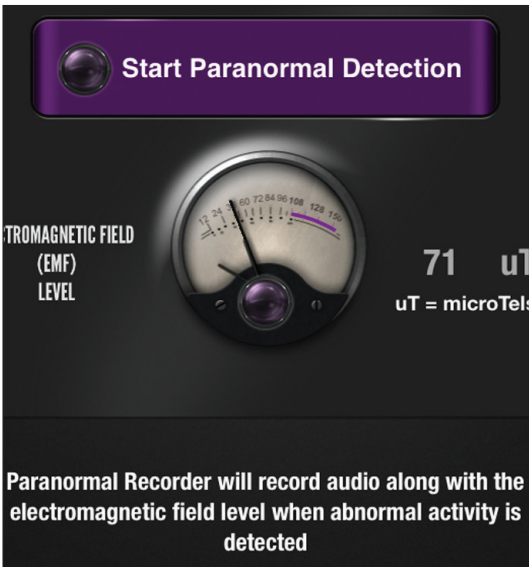
"There's a lot of people who truly believe in the app who are uploading things they think are real ghostly communications," he said. "There's others who just use the app as a fun thing and skeptics alike who are using it."

Williams said the app has been bought and downloaded more than 30,000 times.

Previous sleep-help app building experience and advancing phone technology inspired Williams to take on the world of the paranormal.

"I had an app called Sleep Analyzer which would turn on

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COURTESY IMAGE
This screen shot shows one of the functions of the Paranormal Recorder, a phone app developed by Yankton native Ed Williams. The app uses a smartphone's internal compass to detect electromagnetic fields that, in theory, may indicate paranormal activity.

Yankton Being Eyed For Large
Low-Income Apartment Complex

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A Sioux Falls firm is eyeing Yankton as a possible location for a new affordable housing apartment complex.

Joan Franken, director of development for Costello Companies, told the Yankton City Commission this week that the community has demonstrated that more residential facilities are warranted.

"We have a complex here in Yankton," Franken said, referring to Sutton Place in the 2900 block of Douglas Avenue. "Because of the growing waiting list they have and the need, that's why we are pursuing more housing."

The architectural plan that is being proposed for Yankton is the same that is

being used for a facility Costello Companies is building in Sioux Falls. It would include 62 units in two three-story buildings. There would be 12 one-bedroom units, 34 two-bedroom units and 16 three-bedroom units. Six units will be designed to accommodate persons with disabilities.

Franken said the concept for the facility was developed by Humphreys and Partners Architects in Dallas and would result in a very efficient structure.

"It helps lower construction costs and the overall maintenance and operating costs," she stated. "We have all of our units Energy Star-certified. That helps keep the utility bills low for the tenants that live there."

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