



## Otter Tail County is celebrating 150 years... of what?

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## Why is this important?

*"When a society or civilization perishes, one condition can always be found. They forgot where they came from."*  
- Carl Sandburg

This milestone provides an opportunity to reflect on our county's past as well as celebrate our culture and future. Sandburg's quote is a simple reminder that without an understanding of our history, of who we are and where we came from, we can lose our identity.

## Executive Summary

The Otter Tail County 150th Anniversary is not just a milestone...it's an opportunity. Through a series of events, this anniversary offers opportunities for education, entertainment, reflection, connection and celebration around Otter Tail County's culture, history and future. The Otter Tail County 150th Anniversary will feature events throughout Otter Tail County for people of all ages and backgrounds.

## What's going on?

*Several signature events are taking place, including:*

- **Otter Tail Co. - ON ICE! (February 2 – 4, 2018)**  
A weekend kick-off event for the 150th Anniversary. This outdoor weekend celebration has something for everyone, including the world's largest Super Bowl party on ice. **Learn more at [otonice.com](http://otonice.com).**
- **Official 150th Anniversary County Board Meeting (September 12, 2018)**  
Join the Otter Tail County Board in Clitherall for the OFFICIAL 150th proclamation and recognition.
- **Connecting Otter Tail County (September 14 - 16, 2018)**  
PlaceBase Productions in partnership with the Otter Tail County Historical Society, will turn 3-4 county communities into a stage exploring the history, stories, legends and lore of Otter Tail County.
- Otter Tail County Historical Society is planning a yearlong series of community based programs, tours and exhibitions. **Learn more about OTCHS 150th events at [OTCHS.org](http://OTCHS.org).**



## How to get involved?

1. Create a new event that celebrates our county. A grant program administered by the OTCHS can be accessed by non-profit organizations for 150th related activities.
2. Put the 150th branding on your existing events and celebrations. Find all of the 150th Anniversary swag at [OtterTail150.com](http://OtterTail150.com).
3. Attend the signature events!
4. Participate in the OTCHS 150th Series.
5. Donate at <https://www.razoo.com/story/Ottertail150>. Your financial support is tax deductible!
6. Help promote the 150th Anniversary. Tell your friends and relatives!
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