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2024 COMMUNITY GUIDE

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De Smet. Delightfully Different.

There's nothing quite like a day in De Smet. Here, the past mingles with the future and the spirit of adventure is alive and well. Our colorful South Dakota community is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts, artists, history buffs, theater lovers, boutique shoppers and everything in between. With all the charm of a modern small town combined with spectacular sunsets, a storybook history and world-class hunting and fishing, there really is something delightfully different about De Smet. We can't wait to meet you here!

LOCATION

Sioux Falls, SD
100 Miles (1.75 Hours)

Rapid City, SD
350 Miles (5 Hours)

Minneapolis, MN
250 Miles (4.5 Hours)

Omaha, NE
275 Miles (4.5 Hours)

TIME ZONE

Central Time

POPULATION

1,100

WELCOME CENTER

Center of Main Street
201 Calumet Ave
605-854-3123
Summer Hours: 10AM-6PM



HUNTING & FISHING

Great opportunities for both. Outdoor recreation is a part of our way of life. Glacial lakes provide year-round fishing opportunities, and open prairies provide habitat for an abundance of water fowl and ring-neck pheasants, the South Dakota state bird.

WEATHER:

July
AVG High: 87 • AVG Low: 62

January
AVG High: 24 • AVG Low 6
AVG Precipitation: 26" / Year

ROAD CONDITIONS & CONSTRUCTION

www.sd511.org

CLOSEST AIRPORTS

Watertown, SD
(1 HOUR)
605-882-6209

Sioux Falls, SD
(1 HOUR 45 MINUTES)
Major Airlines & Car Rentals

WHEN TO VISIT

Summer: Show Up Anytime! Most Sites are open 7 days a week and do not require advance ticket purchase.

Autumn - Spring: Still Lots to See! It's good to check hours and tour availability before arrival.

WORD PRONUNCIATION & DEFINITIONS

Slough:
Pronounced 'SLU' / Rhymes With Blue
Definition: Low-lying land covered by standing water that does not flow

Chislic:
Pronounced 'CHIZ-LICK'
Definition: Cubes of Beef or Lamb fried and served as appetizers

Discover Laura: The Little Town Adventure Starts Here

Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society





TOUR ORIGINAL HOMES of *Laura Ingalls Wilder*

Highlights

- **Original Surveyors' House** from 'By the Shores of Silver Lake'
- **Original Ingalls Home** built by Charles "Pa" Ingalls
- **The First School of De Smet** attended by Laura and Carrie

Discover Laura!

LAURA INGALLS WILDER
Historic Homes

The Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society, Inc.

2024 Summer Exhibit

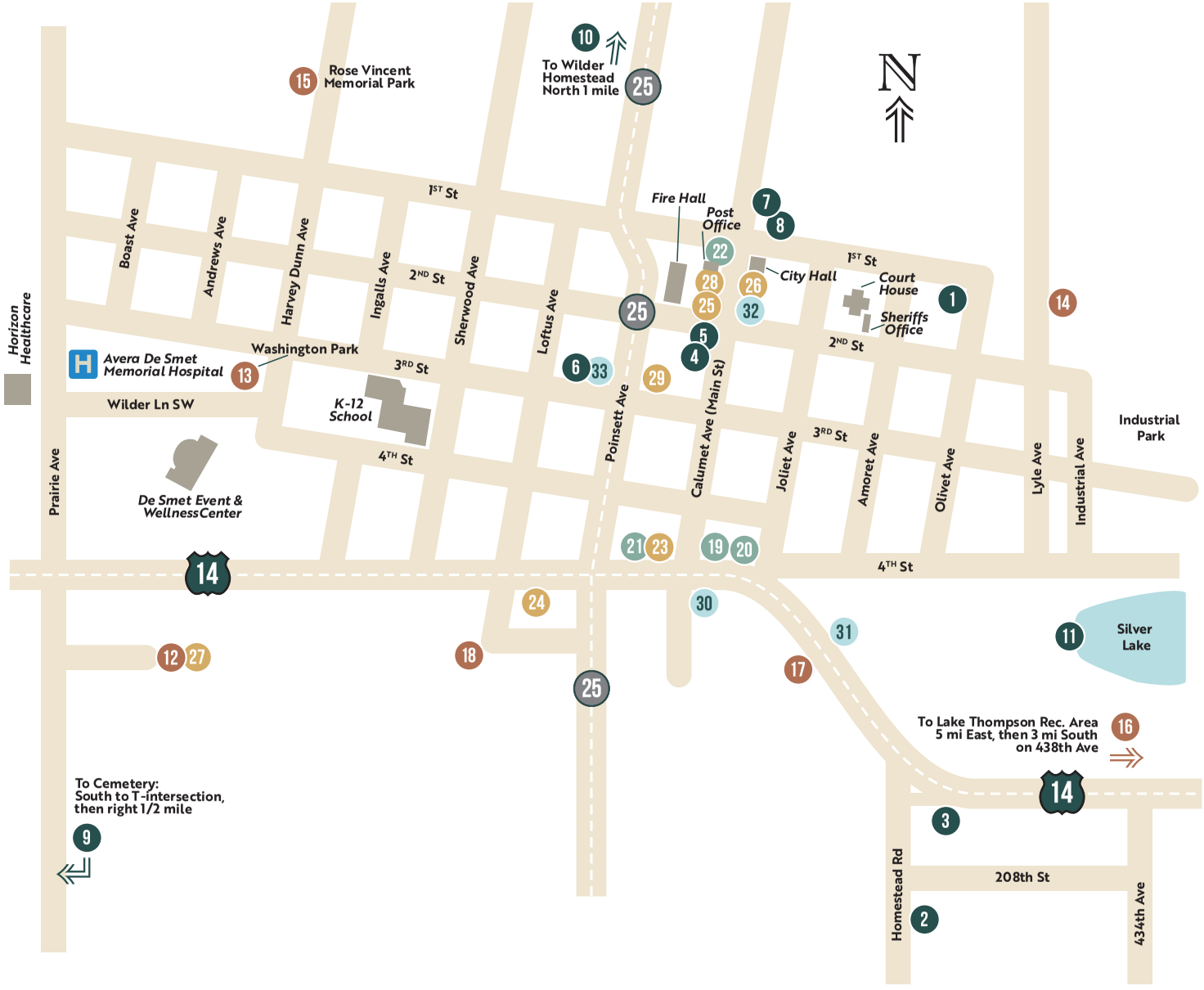
Beyond the Prairie:
A Journey through the Lives of Laura Ingalls Wilder and Rose Wilder Lane:
Immerse yourself in the Wilder Legacy. Encounter the real Laura and Rose through their lives, writings, and relationship.

October -April
Tues-Sat 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
May & September
Mon-Sat 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
June, July, & August
Mon-Sat 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
and Sunday 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

We take school and Bus Tours with reservations!

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SOUTH DAKOTA



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Great Stories Start Here.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



As Mayor of the City of De Smet, I would like to welcome you to the 'Wilder' life. Our "Little Town on the Prairie" prides itself on our progressive and "can do" spirit and friendly people. We love living here – and we want everyone to know it!

Things are always happening in De Smet. We have several exciting projects that we have recently completed, including a large hospital expansion & renovation, new baseball/ softball field to complete our athletic complex, new town homes & housing developments, and new businesses opening. Our Event & Wellness Center has been operating for over seven years with events taking place constantly as we host many concerts, conferences, community theater presentations, regional meetings, and cultural events. The walking path and wellness center stay busy. There have been many weddings, health fairs, art shows, birthday parties, wellness programs, benefits, community events, a circus, and many recreational activities keeping our De Smet residents happy and healthy. The usage of the Center has been tremendous. We hope all visitors, as well as the residents of De Smet, feel comfortable stopping in at the Center - adjacent to Washington Park - to relax for a while in the comfortable reception area, take a quick tour, or to get some exercise.

Every year we welcome thousands of visitors to our town. De Smet is the "Little Town on the Prairie" made famous by author Laura Ingalls Wilder, and is near the birthplace of famous prairie artist Harvey Dunn. We're also one of South Dakota's popular hunting and fishing destinations year round.

De Smet provides a wide variety of services and activities for its citizens. A stroll down the streets of our neat, clean town will reveal a full array of retail and service related businesses, a library, our museum, three beautiful city parks, a public swimming pool, a 9-hole golf course and an airport. De Smet is especially proud of its health care facilities that include a hospital, two medical clinics, a chiropractic clinic, dental service, a nursing home, and an assisted living center. Our many manufacturing companies give us one of the largest industrial parks in the region and outstanding job opportunities. Our excellent K-12 education system is constantly working to provide our students with the cutting edge of technology.

De Smet has it all – a small town atmosphere with many of the amenities of a larger community. We invite you to come and visit our modern frontier community and discover for yourself why De Smet is a great place to live and work – a place you can call home and create your new opportunities.

- Gary Wolkow, Mayor of De Smet

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We know that we may have inadvertently omitted some activities that should be included and advertisers that would have like to be a part of the publication. For those omissions we apologize. However, if you wish to be included in our next edition, please contact us with your information and we will contact you before our next publication.

Discover Laura: The Little Town Adventure Starts Here.

1 LAURA INGALLS WILDER MEMORIAL SOCIETY

For many visitors arriving in the "Little Town on the Prairie," it is like reading from the pages of Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House" books.

"It stood up in front of her suddenly. It was a big house, a real house with two stories, and glass windows. Its up-and-down boards were weathering from yellow to gray and every crack was battened, as Pa had said. The door had a china knob. Laura opened the door and peeped in." - *By the Shores of Silver Lake*

Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote that she had seen and lived it all - the building of railroads in wild, unsettled country, homesteading and farmers coming in to take possession of the free land. She wrote of family values, hard work, and determination in the settling of the Dakota prairies and the building of the little town on the prairie, De Smet. She wrote of her childhood memories of growing up on the pioneering frontier. For over sixty years the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society has worked diligently to preserve those memories for you.

Join us for a Laura Ingalls Wilder adventure through the Surveyors' House, from "By the Shores of Silver Lake," the First School of De Smet attended by Laura and Carrie, the Brewster School replica, and see the craftsmanship of Charles Ingalls in the last home of Ma and Pa. Do not miss viewing the wonderful exhibition of many of the original Ingalls-Wilder artifacts, such as the original church pump organ that both Ma and Mary played on.

Imagine yourself as that little girl named "half-pint" and for the first time seeing the inside of the Surveyors' House and how excited she was to be in such a big house. Make your own special memories in the little town on the prairie.



Discover Laura
LAURA INGALLS WILDER
Historic Homes





LAURA INGALLS WILDER TOURS

OCTOBER - APRIL
Tuesday thru Saturday
9:00am to 4:00pm
Closed Sunday & Monday

MAY & SEPTEMBER
Monday thru Saturday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Closed Sunday

JUNE - AUGUST
Monday thru Saturday
9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Sunday
11:00 am to 5:30 pm

ADMISSION

Adult (13 yrs+)
$16

Children
$8

5 & Under
FREE

Laura's Living Prairie

2 INGALLS HOMESTEAD







Experience the lifestyle of pioneer homesteaders at the Ingalls Homestead. Twist hay, grind wheat, make rope, and drive a horse drawn covered wagon across the native grass prairie to an authentic one-room country school. Imagine living on Laura's wide-open prairie.

"It was fun to explore the farm and surprising how much variety and how many things of interest could be found on 160 acres that at a careless glance looked like all the rest of the prairie." - Laura Ingalls Wilder, Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography

Lured by the prospect of free land from the Homestead Act of 1862, the Ingalls family traveled over a thousand miles in a covered wagon to homestead. They completed the requirements - live on the land for five years, build a home, and cultivate at least ten acres of land - here in Dakota Territory. Laura's books share the stories of hard work and sacrifices her family endured to gain title to this piece of Dakota prairie, that is now the Ingalls Homestead.

Today, this quarter-section is a place for visitors to experience Laura's stories. Native prairie grasses cover over a hundred acres and period buildings house exhibits. Hands-on activities allow visitors to understand our agricultural heritage. Visitors can camp in covered wagons, tents, and RVs to expand the prairie experience.

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Prairie Girl

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July 2024
5, 6, 7
12, 13, 14
19, 20, 21

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PERFORMANCE AT
8:00 PM

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4 THE LOFTUS STORE

Laura wrote of Mr. Loftus and the Loftus Store in several of her "Little House" books.

Daniel Loftus came to De Smet in late 1879 and established the Loftus Store, a general merchandise store that he ran successfully until his death 43 years later. The Loftus Store became the town's social center: men would play checkers, share the latest area news, and discuss crucial information such as when the train would arrive carrying much needed food for the winter.

The original Loftus Store still stands on main street (Calumet Ave) and displays memorabilia from times of yore.



11 SILVER LAKE

The Laura Ingalls Wilder Wilderness Trail begins at 4th Street & Lyle Ave. Experience Laura's walk in the fields of the Big Slough. It gives a walk close to the shores of Silver Lake and the opportunity to experience the area as it was to early homesteaders. It also allows an easily accessible vantage point for the wide variety of birds, wildflowers, grasses, and small animals. A current project is in place to extend the trail.

Silver Lake, a pothole lake formed by the melting glaciers, is located just east of the city.



"The lake shores went lower and lower toward Big Slough, until really there was no shore. The lake melted into the slough, making small ponds surrounded by the harsh, rank slough grass that stood five and six feet tall. Little ponds glimmered between the grasses and on the water the wild birds were thick."

- Laura Ingalls Wilder, By The Shores of Silver Lake



5 THE WILDER WELCOME CENTER

Located on De Smet's Main Street, the Wilder Welcome Center is there to help visitors, answer questions about De Smet, and point you in the right direction. Stop in for Laura Ingalls Wilder attraction information and historic site information, town maps, and travel brochures. Restrooms available.

Open seven days a week in the summer - June, July, and August from 10am-6pm. Limited hours throughout the winter, spring, and autumn.

For more information visit ***www.desmetsd.com/visit*** or email ***visit@desmetsd.com***



SOME OLD-FASHIONED THINGS LIKE FRESH AIR AND SUNSHINE ARE HARD TO BEAT.
- LAURA INGALLS WILDER



INGALLS HOMESTEAD

Laura's Living Prairie

Open prairie, hands-on activities, and great family memories! The Ingalls Homestead is located on the quarter-section Charles Ingalls and his family earned through the Homestead Act. Laura cherished the memories of her family's years on the homestead. We invite your family to create great memories here too!

Drive a covered wagon, attend a one-room schoolhouse session, twist hay, and make a corncob doll. Activities are available daily, Memorial Day Weekend through September 30.

Camp on the prairie!

An overnightstay in a covered wagon, our bunkhouse, an RV site or tent offers a unique prairie experience.







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NEW FOR 2024!

Prairie Girl: Laura's Dakota Stories

JULY 5-7, 12-14, 19-21

A new era comes to the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant prairie stage! Debuting in summer 2024, Prairie Girl: Laura's Dakota Stories is the first of three installments in our new series of summer theatrical productions. Join Laura and her daughter, Rose, as they craft Laura's childhood memories of the founding of De Smet and homesteading with her family into the beloved Little House books. Prairie Girl: Laura's Dakota Stories follows the Ingalls family's move to Dakota Territory to help build the railroad and then enjoy winter in the Surveyor's House as Laura treasures the lighthearted days of childhood.

TICKETS & EVENT INFO

The pageant begins at 8pm each night, with the gates opening at 6pm.
Tickets are $15/adults and $10/children. Purchase tickets at the gate; the show does not sell out. Seating is provided, but you are welcome to bring your own lawn or camp chairs. Free wagon rides and entertainment prior to the show. Concessions available! Stop in at the What-Not shop for special gifts!

OVER 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY THEATER

Following a well-received production of The Long Winter performed at the De Smet High School Auditorium in 1968, community members were inspired to begin an annual outdoor theatrical production. Three years later, shaded by Pa's cottonwood trees and performed at the site of the Ingalls family's claim shanty, the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant debuted in June 1971. With growing interest and crowds, the pageant moved to its permanent home across the road in 1974. Every year, volunteers from De Smet and surrounding communities have dedicated their time and talent to producing a show and welcoming thousands of visitors from around the world to experience Laura's stories on the prairie landscape she loved.

TAKE IN MORE THAN JUST THE SHOW!

Cemetery Tours, Prairie Church Service, and Pre-Show Entertainment every weekend!

A visit to De Smet during the performance weekends offers a chance to take in special activities and entertainment. Step back in time with our Cemetery Tour at 3pm each Saturday afternoon (July 6, 13, and 20). Entering its fourth summer, this tour features stories of De Smet's early residents. This free event offers a special look into history. On Sunday mornings, enjoy the peaceful prairie with a non-denominational church service held at 10am on the pageant grounds. Community spiritual leaders guide this time of reflection and rejoicing.

Each night prior to the performance, activities and entertainment are available on the pageant grounds beginning at 6pm. Guests are welcome to a wagon ride. Children can participate in old-fashioned games or have their face painted. Musical groups perform on our prairie stage beginning at 6:30pm. In 2024, musical entertainment will feature Curtis & Loretta, the South Dakota Fiddlers, Phil Baker and more. Visit www.desmetpageant.org for more information and up-to-date calendar of events.

SAVE THE DATE!

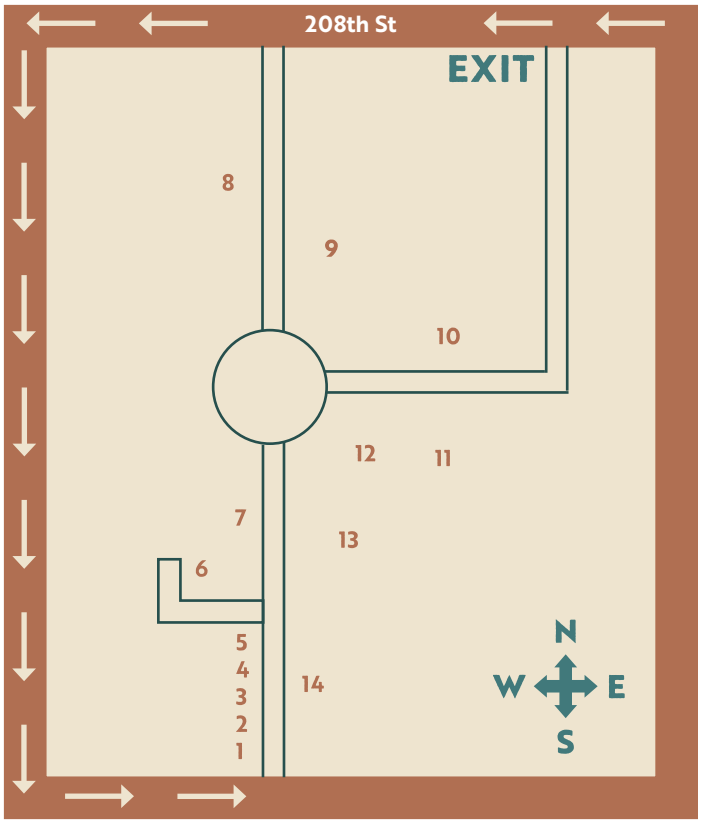
The Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant Society will present the 4th Annual Christmas Radio Play at 5pm on Saturday, December 14, 2024.



9 DE SMET CEMETERY

Visitors to the De Smet Cemetery, including many who come to see the "Little Town on the Prairie" of the Laura Ingalls Wilder "Little House" books, find the final resting places of the Ingalls family and several other familiar friends throughout the books and television show. In October of 2021, the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society, with the help of generous donors and Rausch Granite Monuments, Inc., cleaned and re-etched the stone marking Charles Ingalls' final resting place. The stone, believed to be a family plot marker, was last recut in 1959 with the help of Rose Wilder Lane, daughter of Laura and Almanzo Wilder. The cemetery is located southwest of De Smet on a hilltop that offers several views including that of the town, original Charles Ingalls homestead and 'Big Slough' to the east.

Even though the original ten acres of land for the cemetery was purchased and the Cemetery Association was incorporated in 1881 when it was still Dakota Territory, there are headstones dating back to 1880. A WPA project graveled the roadways and alleys around each block and a mausoleum was erected in 1978. Of the over 2,100 grave sites, there are veterans with service dating back to 1889; among them being men from the distinguished Company "E" serving in the Spanish American War in 1898. The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Cemetery lies adjacent to the east of the original cemetery.



1. Carrie Ingalls Swanzey
2. Mary Ingalls
3. Infant son of Laura & Almonzo
4. Caroline Ingalls "Ma"
5. Charles Ingalls "Pa"
6. Nathan & Grace (Ingalls) Dow
7. C.S.G Fuller
8. Charles Tinkham
9. Rev Edward Brown & wife Laura
10. Mr. & Mrs. Bouchie (Brewster)
11. Mr. & Mrs. Loftus & daughter Helen Loftus Fritzel
12. Thomas P. Power
13. Mr. & Mrs. Boast
14. David Gilbert







MANCHESTER MONUMENT

Drive 8 miles west of De Smet on Hwy 14 to the Manchester Monument. Experience the following:

- ► Where renowned artist Harvey Dunn was born.
- ► Where Grace Ingalls Dow (Baby Grace) lived most of her life.
- ► Where a 1961 Dakota Territory Centennial celebration drew nearly 150,000 people.
- ► How the town was destroyed by massive F-4 tornado in 2003.
- ► Wonderful Monument stands at site of Old Town Hall with historic Town Pump.
- ► Enjoy the exhilarating sunsets at the site.
- ► See the many varieties of native South Dakota grasses.
- ► Be inspired by the historic spirit of this community.
- ► Learn about small towns that grew along the railroad as it moved across the prairie.

9 "THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE"

Located on the south side of the De Smet Cemetery on the road to the historical Ingalls grave sites is a quiet haven of stone, plantings, water and labyrinth. This "Garden of Remembrance" is designed "for the living" as a place where all who visit will find comfort and peace of mind.

- ► It is place where all can pray and meditate.
- ► Hear the comforting sounds of water falling and the babbling of the creek.
- ► The boulders and rocks - are each different and unique in their own way - just like people.
- ► The labyrinth represents life's pathway, full of twists and turns and definitely not always level ground.
- ► Allow yourself to let go of the presence of grief and sorrow and look to the future that we cannot see but must have hope and faith in.
- ► When you reach the center boulder and gaze all around you can see so much beauty of life and nature! There are trees, the plants and grasses, the flowers! You can hear the spirits through the pine trees!
- ► Much love, thought and care has gone into the creation of this garden as all work was donated by community members. It is truly "A place where Heaven touches Earth."

This "Garden of Remembrance" was built in 2008 spearheaded by the De Smet High School class of '08 after they had witnessed a great deal of tragedy with classmates and peers. There are no names placed at the Garden as it is for everyone. Many years ago the ground to the west of the Garden was the burial place of 635 plus people who passed away in poorer times and were laid to rest by the county with no recognition. It was previously called a Potter's Field. It is "For those whose names are known only to God." Everyone is welcome to help with the care of the plants as it is all maintained through volunteer help.

- It is handicap accessible and open to everyone.
- It is a beautiful area where all should take a little time to visit, reminisce on your time in De Smet and feel the serenity.

For more information, contact Susan Purintun, 605-854-3896.



Manchester Monument with insert of actual photo of tornado in Manchester, SD on June 24, 2003.

8 DEPOT MUSEUM & HARVEY DUNN SCHOOL

Stop In, Look Around...Enjoy! No Admission Charge

Take a step back in time to the early days of De Smet area residents. The current depot was built in 1906 after a fire on April 23, 1905 destroyed the original building. Pa Ingalls served at the first depot in De Smet. Contrary to the TV series, the Ingalls never actually lived in the depot. The Ingalls family lived in the Surveyors' House (which can be toured at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society).

The Dakota Central Railway Company owned the first railroad through De Smet. Marvin Hughitt, a Chicago broker, surveyed and bought the railway and surrounding land.

He later sold the land in 1881 to the Chicago Northwestern Railroad Company. The De Smet railroad had two passenger trains for many years. One of the trains was referred to as the "400." The 400 referred to how many minutes it took to travel from Huron, SD to Chicago, Il. The depot was one of the town's gathering spots.

S. Neal Meyer (local banker) purchased the depot and donated it to the city of De Smet for a museum. Mrs. Doris Thorson gave the city money to refurbish the building. Some of the original lights, windows, and fixtures are still in the depot over one hundred years later. The brick walkway on the west of the depot ground was laid by the Chicago Northwestern Railroad Company in 1906.

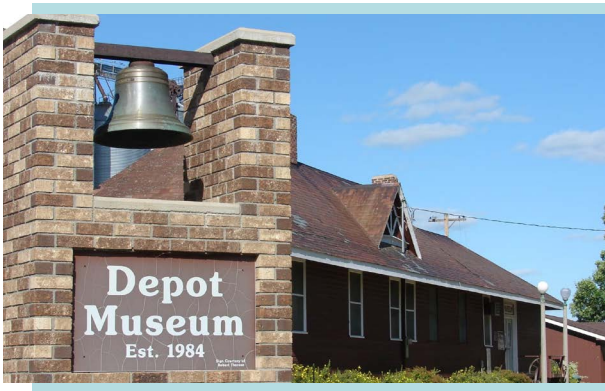
Important Artifacts on display, including:

- ► Town's original fire/curfew bell
- ► Vintage Clothing
- ► Pot-bellied Stove
- ► Ornate Organ
- ► Children's Toys
- ► Native American Artifacts
- ► Military Artifacts
- ► Great Wildlife Display

The Depot Museum is run by volunteers. There is no admission charge. Feel free to stop in, look around, and enjoy. The volunteers also enjoy showing you around and telling stories about the many artifacts. The Depot Museum relies on donations for its operation.

Adjacent to the museum is the school house attended by Harvey Dunn and made famous in his painting "After School."
For more information call 605-854-3991.

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8 THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DE SMET THAT PA INGALLS HELPED BUILD

Located at 303 2nd St SW, which is now the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, the church was officially organized on June 20, 1880. One year later, money was raised to build a church building and Pa Ingalls assisted in the construction. Among the eight charter members were Charles, Caroline and Mary Ingalls. A 400-pound bell was purchased in December 1884 for $100.38. It was the first church bell to ring in Kingsbury County. It is still used today at the De Smet Community Church on west Highway 14.



Harvey Dunn pictured signing the agreement at the Masonic Lodge with his artwork in the background.

MASONIC LODGE HAS LONG TIME HISTORY WITH INGALLS & HARVEY DUNN

For over 100 years, the Masons have been active in De Smet. Located at the corner of Calumet Ave and Third Street, the former Evangelical Church was purchased by the Masons prior to World War I. Pa Ingalls was a member, being initiated in 1886. Caroline and Carrie Ingalls were charter members of the Bethlehem Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. The first South Dakota exhibition of renowned artist Harvey Dunn's work took place in 1950 at the Masonic Lodge in De Smet. This retrospective included examples of the artist's prairie, illustrations, and war works. The exhibition was originally scheduled to last a few days but stretched to 14 weeks as eager visitors came from throughout South Dakota and beyond. Moved by the public response to his exhibition, he gifted most of the works from that show to the people of South Dakota, to be maintained at South Dakota State University. This collection formed the basis of the South Dakota Art Museum's permanent collection.

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DE SMET... A HUNTING HAVEN FOR PHEASANT, WATERFOWL AND DEER!

De Smet is a favorite annual retreat for hunters from across the nation and is one of South Dakota's most popular hunting destinations. We are often called "Pheasant Country." Pheasants, ducks, geese, and deer are popular game that can be hunted in the area. Pheasant season opens on the third Saturday in October (October 19, 2024). Each spring and fall the skies are filled with thousands of snow, blue, and Canada geese as they pass through on their seasonal migration. Every pond, slough, and lake becomes a resting spot for the ducks and geese.

- JOIN US FOR DE SMET'S -

ROOSTER RUSH FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

De Smet paints the town orange, welcoming our pheasant hunters and having a special celebration October 26th at the De Smet Event Center with music, games, inflatables for the kids, prizes, vendors of all types, and food and beverages. Free to attend for all ages. Mark your calendar for fun and winning many giveaways!

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For the fishing enthusiasts, several lakes in area provide a great fishing experience. The open waters of Lake Thompson are just eight miles from De Smet. It is well-liked for its beautiful campground, pleasant amenities, great fishing and large water area. Even if the boat ramp parking lot is overflowing with vehicles, anglers might not run into another boat on the lake because it is so spacious. It is full of Northern Pike, Walleye, Smallmouth Bass, Perch and Crappies. Ice fishing is a popular winter pastime here as well. A variety of stores offer hunting and fishing gear and guide services are available. Hunting and fishing licenses and supplies can be purchased at Fields Fish & Game, 109 4th St SW (next to Car Wash) and the two gas stations on Highway 14 - The Mainstop and The Cowboy.

For a complete list of regulations and fees, refer to www.gfp.sd.gov, SD GFP OUTDOORS app for iOS and android phones, or contact the SD Department of Game, Fish & Parks district office in Huron 605-353-7145.

LAKE THOMPSON

Located eight miles southeast of De Smet. Lake Thompson is the second-largest natural glacial lake in South Dakota. This 16,236-acre lake is filled with Northern Pike, Walleye, Perch and Crappies.

Bird watching is also a popular pastime at Lake Thompson. Many enthusiasts have spotted Sanderling, Ruddy Turnstone, Marbled and Hudsonian Godwits, Wilson's Phalarope, waterfowl, shorebirds in migration and Ross' Geese with huge flocks of Snow Geese.

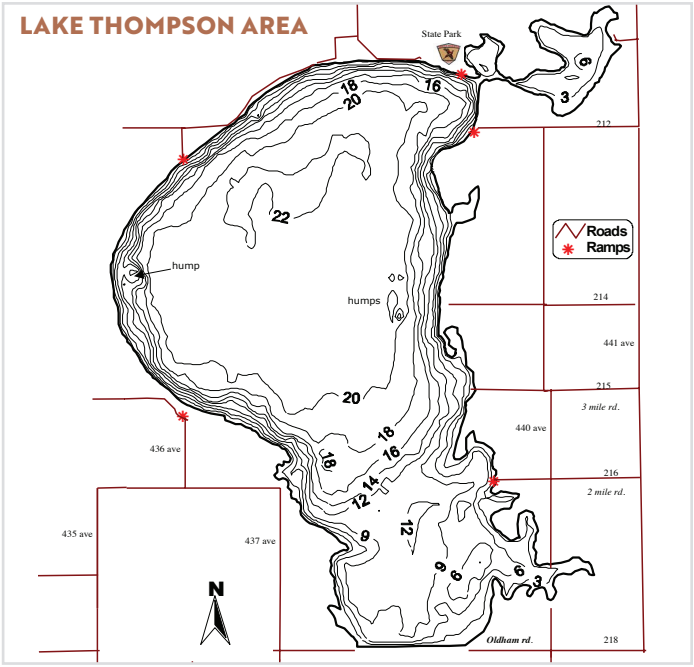
Lake Thompson Recreation Area offers 103 campsites, four cabins and a five-bedroom group rental lodge perfect for hunters, fisherman or reunions. A playground, beach, boat dock, two comfort stations, dump station and fish cleaning station are also available.

SPIRIT LAKE

Located seven miles northwest of De Smet, Spirit Lake is 1,259 acres and 11 feet at its deepest point. Anglers can expect to catch a variety of fish including Northern Pike, Walleye, White Crappie, Yellow Bullhead and Yellow Perch.

DRY LAKE #2

Approximately 25 miles north of De Smet, Dry Lake #2 is one of the hottest lakes going for monster Master Angler yellow perch along with lots of walleyes. This lake draws fishermen from many states that stop in De Smet for supplies. It is a 6,475 acre sport fishing lake with a maximum depth of 15 feet 4 inches with many other lakes in close proximity.



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Town History

About 10,000 years ago a large glacier covered the De Smet area. The glacier moved southward forming the west side of the Missouri River. As the glacier retreated, it left large stagnant blocks. The stagnant blocks formed the numerous South Dakota sloughs and lakes. Lake Thompson, near De Smet, is the largest glacial lake in the state.

The American Indian entered the South Dakota area during the period, between 5,000-8,000 years ago.

In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson assigned Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to explore the territory that would become the state of South Dakota in defense of the Louisiana Purchase. After exploration, Clark referred to South Dakota as the "Land of Plenty".

The present North Dakota and South Dakota area became the Dakota Territory in 1868. The history of Kingsbury County begins in 1838 when John C. Fremont of the US Army and Dr. Nicolet came through this section. The early settlers found a sea of waving grass when they arrived in the late 1800's. Kingsbury County was named for George W. Kingsbury of Yankton, a pioneer, editor, historian and legislator.

De Smet was plotted in 1880 and incorporated in 1883. Years later it was dubbed "Cream City," because of the high cream production.

The first family of De Smet was that of Charles P. Ingalls. He was the timekeeper for the railway construction crew at his camp on the shore of Silver Lake, a mile east of where De Smet was to be built. As construction work ceased in the fall of 1879, he and his wife and four daughters remained in the timekeeper's building through the winter and spring and built what was to become Ingalls' store.

By 1883, De Smet was a typical early prairie town. De Smet had about 60 buildings including grocery and provision stores, wagon shops, lumber yards, banks, a drug store, newspaper companies, a flour mill, a church, a school, an elevator, two attorneys, a harness shop, one hotel and two real estate dealers.

On November 2, 1889, President William Harrison issued a proclamation announcing the admission of South Dakota as a state of the great republic of the United States of America. The late 1890's were years of progress, which brought about the passing of the sod shanty. With the 20th century came the telephone, rural mail routes and the automobile. Progression also brought electric lights by 1910 and the radio by 1920. De Smet was among the early ones to have cement sidewalks and the surfaced streets by the 1950's.

- ***Excerpt from De Smet Yesterday and Today "Little Town on the Prairie" Complied and edited by Caryl Lynn Meyer Poppen***

Historic De Smet Figures

LAURA INGALLS WILDER



Beloved children's book author, Laura Ingalls Wilder (1867 - 1957), was one of the first residents of De Smet, SD. Laura is best known for her "Little House" series of books, the majority of which were set in the quaint town of De Smet, including *By The Shores of Silver Lake, The Long Winter, Little Town of the Prairie, These Happy Golden Years, The First Four Years and On the Way Home.*

In 1879, the Ingalls family moved to Dakota Territory after Charles Ingalls accepted a railroad job and stayed the winter in the Surveyors' House. In the spring of 1880, the family established a homestead claim southeast of De Smet and watched the town rise up from the prairie. The following winter, 1880-1881, became known as one of the most severe winters on record in the Dakotas, which Laura later described in her book, *The Long Winter.* Once the family was settled in De Smet, Laura attended school, made many friends, and met homesteader Almanzo Wilder (1857-1949). This time in her life is well documented in her "Little House" books.

At the age of 15, Laura accepted her first teaching position, and over the next three years, divided her time between teaching at rural schools and attending school herself in De Smet. Laura stopped teaching when she married Almanzo on August 25, 1885, joining him in a new home on his tree claim north of De Smet, and agreed to help him make the claim succeed. On December 5, 1886, she gave birth to Rose Wilder and later, an unnamed son, who died soon after birth in 1889.

The people of De Smet have preserved Laura's frontier: walk the streets that Laura walked, visit the stores that the Ingalls family shopped at, tour Laura's schoolhouse, the historic Surveyors' House, and the house Pa built in town, and visit the Ingalls Homestead. Visit Laura's historic homes, enjoy prairie life with a covered wagon ride and take a stroll down De Smet's main street.

ROSE WILDER LANE



Rose Wilder was born in De Smet, SD on December 5, 1886. She was the first child of Laura Ingalls and Almanzo Wilder and the only grandchild of Pa and Ma Ingalls.

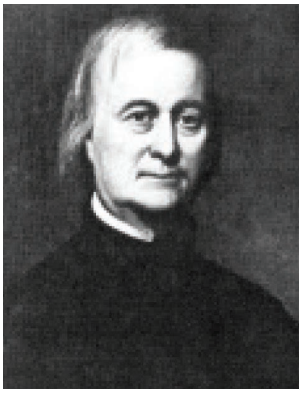
She was a renowned American journalist, travel writer, novelist and political theorist - noted as one of the founding mothers of the American Libertarian Party.

Rose taught herself several languages and began her writing career in 1910 when she took several free-lance jobs for needed cash. After initially accepting a job as an editorial assistant for the San Francisco Bulletin, Rose launched a free-lance writer career and wrote for many famous publications, including Harper's, Saturday Evening Post, Sunset, Good Housekeeping and Ladies' Home Journal. Lane also worked around the globe as a correspondent, and was reputed to be one of the highest-paid female writers of the early twentieth century.

It was Rose who actually encouraged her mother to launch her own writing career when Laura was in her sixties and document the memories of her frontier childhood.

Rose Wilder Lane passed away on October 30, 1968 in Danbury, Connecticut at the age of 81, the last remaining descendant of Charles and Caroline Ingalls.

FATHER PETER JOHN DE SMET



Among the missionaries to come to South Dakota was Father Peter John De Smet, a Belgian-born Jesuit priest, for whom De Smet was named. He first came in 1849 at which time he intended to establish missions among the Dakota Indian people. Father De Smet ministered to the dying Indians during a terrible smallpox epidemic. It is recorded that he was a devoted Christian, performing many acts of heroism. Although the priest never actually came to De Smet, the first townsmen kept alive the memory of a man who dedicated himself to exceptional service. A statue in his honor stands in Washington Park.

AUBREY SHERWOOD

Aubrey Sherwood was the unofficial historian of De Smet, constantly pushing into the limelight its worthiness as a prairie town and its "production" of people who have contributed to many facets of Americana. Editor and owner of the *De Smet News* and founding member of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society, he was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 1983.

HARVEY DUNN



West of the De Smet Depot Museum is the country school attended by prairie artist Harvey Dunn. The school can be seen in the background of his "After School" painting.

After leaving his country school, Dunn attended South Dakota State University, the Chicago Art Institute and studied under the famous illustrator, Howard Pyle.

Dunn became one of the leading magazine illustrators for the Saturday Evening Post, was named President of the American Society of Illustrators and was an influential art teacher. He was also one of eight official illustrators selected for WWI American Expeditionary Forces. Dunn was inducted into the SD Hall of Fame in 1978.

Dunn was a frequent visitor to the prairie that he grew up on. Dunn, a realist, painted what he saw. He depicted the hard life of the homesteader and the horrors of soldiers in war. Dunn's collection consists of prairie paintings, illustrations and WWI paintings. Five of Dunn's paintings hang in the De Smet library, the Hazel L. Meyer Memorial Library, while others can be viewed at the South Dakota Art Museum in Brookings.

See page 14 - Harvey Dunn School for more information.



2024 DE SMET COMMUNITY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2024

6 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
28 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park

MARCH 2024

5 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
9 De Smet Outdoor Show, 4:00 – 7:00pm, De Smet Event Center
14 LifeServe Blood Drive, Event Center
27 Red Cross Blood Drive, Event Center
27 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park
30 Children's Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00am, Washington Park.
Sponsored by De Smet Community Women.
31 Special Easter Services at De Smet Area Church.

APRIL 2024

2 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
20 De Smet High School Prom, DHA Armory
22 LIW Spring Concert, 6:30pm, DHS
24 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park
28 Concert: Shaun Johnson Big Band Experience, 3:00pm @Event Center 605-854-3502 for tickets

MAY 2024

7 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
3-4 All School Play, De Smet High School
6 MS/HS Spring Concert, DSH
8 DHS Awards Banquet, 7:00pm, Event Center
9 LifeServe Blood Drive, Event Center
12 Mother's Day – Shop De Smet's Gift Stores For Something Special
17 Last Day of School
19 Concert: Doug Allen Nash, Nashville Tribute to Johnny Cash & Neil Diamond, 3:00pm @Event
Center 605-854-3502 for tickets
22 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park
27 Memorial Day (Watch for Service Information in De Smet)

JUNE 2024

4 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
3-7 TADA Camp, Event Center
8 Old Settler's Day
Noon – Parade, All Entrants Welcome
Main Street Activities all day, Sponsored by the City of De Smet
'Show & Shine' Car Display, Entrants Welcome
Concert @ The Pageant Grounds.
9 Old Settler's Day
Pancake Breakfast, Legion Hall.
9 Concert: Matt King "Elvis" Tribute, 3:00pm @Event Center
Call 605-854-3502 For Tickets
11 Community Meeting, 7:00am, Oxbow Restaurant, All Invited
15 City Wide Rummage Sale, Sponsored by De Smet Community Women
16 Father's Day – Shop De Smet's Gift Stores For A Unique Gift For Dad
26 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park

Roller Skating for all ages is held at the Event Center twice a month. Check Facebook: De Smet Event & Wellness Center for dates, Call 605-854-6060.

JULY 2024

2 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
4 Spectacular Fireworks Display sponsored by De Smet Fire Department @ 10:00pm
5-7 Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant, 8:00pm, Pageant Grounds
9 LifeServe Blood Drive, Event Center
12-14 Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant, 8:00pm, Pageant Grounds
19-21 Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant, 8:00pm, Pageant Grounds
24 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park
30-31 Kingsbury County Achievement Days, De Smet 4-H grounds

AUGUST 2024

1-3 Kingsbury County Achievement Days, De Smet 4-H grounds
6 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
8-11 De Smet Plein Air Outdoor Art Event @Homestead, LIW Society & Throughout De Smet Area, Sponsored By Harvey Dunn Society.
10: Artists & Youth Art Workshops – Noon to 2:30, Ingalls Homestead
11: Plein Air art sale, De Smet Event Center 11:00am – 2:00pm
10 Kingsbury Journal 'Smokeout In The Park' Rib Cook-Off, Arlington
18 Concert: Penny Gilley, RFD-TV Star, 3:00pm @Event Center 605-854-3502 for tickets
28 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park

SEPTEMBER 2024

2 Labor Day
3 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
4 LifeServe Blood Drive, Event Center
8 Concert: Pat & Donna Surface "American Pie" Tribute/Variety Show, 3:00pm @Event Center - Call 605-854-3502 for tickets
25 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park

OCTOBER 2024

1 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
19 Pheasant Hunting Season Opens
23 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park
26 4th Annual Rooster Rush

NOVEMBER 2024

7 LifeServe Blood Drive, Event Center
7 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
11 Veterans Day Celebrations Honoring Our Veterans
16 Large Craft Fair, 10:00am – 4:00pm @ Event Center
Sponsored by De Smet Community Women
22 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park
28 Thanksgiving
30 'Small Business Saturday' Celebration With Fun, Treats And Specials, De Smet Area Businesses

DECEMBER 2024

3 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
3 South Dakota Day of Giving
7 Festival of Trees, Chili Cook-off, Cookie Walk, Santa Visits @ De Smet Event & Wellness Center Center
10 Community Meeting, 7:00am, Oxbow Restaurant, All Invited
14 4th Annual Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant Christmas Radio Play
25 Christmas Day! Treats Delivered To Children By De Smet Fire Department



DE SMET OUTDOOR SHOW - SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Join us at the De Smet Event Center for the 4th Annual Outdoor Show. If you enjoy camping, fishing, and hunting, this show is for you! In this area of South Dakota we have been blessed with many fishing and hunting opportunities and numerous small businesses that cater to the outdoor enthusiast. Fishing and hunting guides, lodging, bait and tackle, outdoor equipment retailers, campgrounds, and so much more will be on hand to showcase their offerings. For inquiries, contact Fields Fish & Game 605-860-2334.

OLD SETTLER'S DAY - SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 8-9

Old Settler's Day is held the second weekend in June. It is notably the longest running community celebration in South Dakota. Original homesteaders and their families would come back each June to celebrate the founding of the town and to visit old friends. Great old time events include parade down Main Street at noon, "Show & Shine' Car Show, music & children's activities on Main Street, outdoor concert featuring Surfin' Safari at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant grounds, and more.



Jim & Scott cooking at Rib Fest

FANTASTIC 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The fireworks display held on the 4th of July at 10:00 PM in the northwest part of De Smet is well-known as one of the most spectacular displays in the region. Families from a large area have made this a traditional time to gather.

KINGSBURY COUNTY 'SMOKE OUT IN THE PARK' RIB FEST – SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Over 400 pounds of ribs were cooked at the 2022 Smoke Out in the Park. This 3rd annual county-wide event with finger-licking good barbeque ribs, good food, entertainment and fun will take place on August 10, 2024 in Arlington. Organized by the county-wide newspaper, The Kingsbury Journal, this "Smoke Out" includes a challenge to all Fire Departments in the county with the opportunity for the winner to host the event in their community the following year. The Rib Cooking contest is open to anyone or any group. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners, along with a People's Choice award. Music, vendors and beverages are available early afternoon with judging at 4 PM and serving at 5 PM. Contact the Kingsbury Journal at 605-854-3331 or editor@kingsburyjournal.com.



HARVEY DUNN SOCIETY 16TH ANNUAL PLEIN AIR 'PAINT OUT' - AUGUST 8 - 11

Plein Air is an expression meaning "in the open air," and is used to describe the act of painting outdoors. This is what happens the 2nd weekend of August in De Smet. Artists of all levels from several states gather to enjoy painting on the prairie as artist Harvey Dunn did.

This is the longest running and very popular Plein Air event in South Dakota. Activities begin with registration on Thursday August 8th and continuing Friday. An evening reception at the Harvey Dunn school will be held Friday August 9th with workshops taking place at the Ingalls Homestead Saturday August 10th. The public is invited to view the artists creations Sunday August 11th at the Event Center. Artworks may be purchased at this closing event.
For info see www.desmetsd.com or contact Rita @605-203-0216 or rita@desmetsouthdakota.org



Santa visits The Festival of Trees

FESTIVAL OF TREES & MORE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

You can stay warm and cozy indoors viewing the wonderfully decorated Christmas Trees, caroling, having the children sit on Santa's lap, eating chili, winning gift bags and enjoying Christmas cookies the second weekend in December. This Christmas indoor 'Tour of Trees' is an annual tradition in De Smet. Prizes are given for the Most Beautiful, Most Original and Most Fun Trees. Contact Chad Kruse, 605-854-3773.

CHRISTMAS TRADITION

There's nothing like the excitement of a child on Christmas morning and it's even better in De Smet. De Smet volunteer firemen have carried on the long time tradition of delivering treats to children on Christmas morning. It's a favorite holiday for all children and grandchildren spending Christmas in De Smet. The De Smet Fire Department stops at all homes with children on Christmas morning. If you have children visiting for Christmas, please let them know.

A DE SMET TRADITION - THE LAURA INGALLS WILDER PAGEANT

~ Prairie Girl: Laura's Dakota Stories ~

The 2024 performance is a heart-warming story of Laura Ingalls Wilder and her family's joys and struggles as they settle the Dakota Prairie. Please join us as we bring this unforgettable story to life! Gates open at 6pm. Show begins at 8pm.
For more information, visit www.desmetpageant.org or see page 11.

JULY 5-7, 12-14, 19-21

DE SMET COMMUNITY THEATER CELEBRATES 23 YEARS PROVIDING PREMIER ENTERTAINMENT

De Smet Community Theater Celebrates 23 Years Providing Premier Entertainment to the Area. The tradition of outstanding theater performances continues as the De Smet Community Theater celebrates 23 years of shows in De Smet. Partnering with QuarterTon Productions in 2001, they have provided top-notch entertainment to over 18,000 people through 20+ shows. Beginning in the Kingsbury Country Club and utilizing other venues like the De Smet High School Stage and the Dugout Lounge, they now have a permanent home at the Midstate Theater.

DE SMET CONCERT SERIES

The De Smet Area Arts Council is hosting the 7th Annual Concert Series on Sunday Afternoons at the Midstate Theater in the De Smet Event Center. Season memberships as well as individual tickets are available. Funding for the concert series is supported by generous area businesses.

2024 Schedule:

April 28.....Shaun Johnson Big Band Experience

May 19.....Doug Allen Nash, Nashville Tribute to Johnny Cash & Neil Diamond

June 9.....Matt King, "Elvis" Tribute

August 18.....Penny Gilley, RFD-TV Star

September 8.....Pat & Donna Surface, "American Pie" Tribute/ Variety Show

For more information, contact Rita Anderson at 605-203-0216.



SUMMER MUSICAL KIDS THEATRE CAMP COMING TO DE SMET!



Matilda the Musical will be the musical theatre experience as the TADA School of Performing Arts from Hampton Roads, Virginia bring the opportunity of a musical theater camp and performance to De Smet for the fourth year. This Summer Intensive camp will take place June 3-7, 2024 with performances of 'Matilda the Musical' on Friday, June 7 for the public. All ages from four to seventeen are invited to participate in this outstanding opportunity to learn and then perform in the spotlight. Directing the Camp will be Michelle Pudwill-Shiels, with over 25 years of experience in the performing arts world and Carter Holst, national award winner. Registration is available at the De Smet Event Center, (605-854-6060) and De Smet Event Center Facebook.

FOURTH ANNUAL MURDER MYSTERY THEATRE

The Community Murder Mystery Theatre returns to the Event Center on Saturday, November 2, 2024. This very popular event is a fundraiser for the Kingsbury County Transit System. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the De Smet Event & Wellness Center, 605-854-6060.

IMPACT CLASSES

Fun New Adult Classes, Tours & Experiences in De Smet

The City of De Smet has joined with the IMPACT Leadership Team to bring an opportunity for area residents who want to learn for the fun of it – no grades, no tests, just fun! Held January and February, these classes, tours, and experiences include a cross-section appealing to both men and women for enjoyment during the winter months. Call the De Smet Event Center @605-854-6060 for more information.





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Pastor Jerod Jordan
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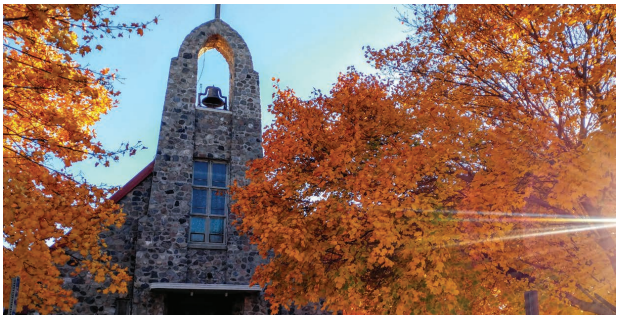
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www.catholicparishesontheprairie.org
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Church times / activities updated weekly in the Kingsbury Journal

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RECREATION

WASHINGTON PARK

The largest city park is located 1 block north of Hwy 14 on 3rd Street and Harvey Dunn Ave Along with two picnic shelters and a sand volleyball court, Washington Park boasts a large garden of annual and perennial flowers. Completed in 1985, the bridge and landscaped area was a memorial project. In 2002, many fundraisers and generous donations helped to purchase the new playground equipment.

Washington Park amenities include:

- RV and tent camping facilities
- Water
- Electricity
- Bathhouse with warm water showers
- Lots of shade trees
- Horseshoe pits

CAMPING RATES:

With Electricity:	Rate for all others:	For More Info
$20/night	$10/night	Call 605.854.3731

ROSE VINCENT MEMORIAL PARK

Located two blocks west of Hwy 25 in northern De Smet, Rose Vincent Memorial Park hosts a basketball court, playground equipment and various perennial and annual flowers. This park was officially dedicated in 1993 and remains a peaceful place for picnicking and playing. New playground equipment was installed in 2014 with City and private donations.

4-H PARK & COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The 4-H Park is conveniently located across the street from the start of the Laura Ingalls Wilder tour. It is also adjacent to the Kingsbury County Fairgrounds. This small city park has a picnic shelter and new playground equipment. The building located on the grounds is available for family get-togethers and social events.

SWIMMING POOL

The De Smet swimming pool is located on Loftus Avenue. The pool opens mid-June and closes mid-August; dates vary depending on the weather. The pool is equipped with a handicap chair lift for ADA accessibility. During the summer, 2 three-week sessions of Red Cross swimming lessons are provided for all levels of swimmers. For more information, please call 605-854-9122 or City Hall at 605-854-3731.

HOURS
Afternoon Session: 1 pm - 4:45 pm Sun-Sat
Evening Session: 7 pm - 8:45 pm Sun-Fri

ADMISSION:
4 & Under: Free | Age 5 - 17: $2.00 | Adults: $5.00
half-price at night

SEASON PASSES:
Single - $50.00 Family - $100.00

LESSONS: $25.00

SUMMER LEAGUE & CITY RECREATION

City Sponsored Youth Activities include Boys Baseball, ages 7 – 12, and Girls Softball, ages 7 – 12 held during the summer months, soccer, volleyball and family night at the Event Center. Call Kristy Hubbard at 854-6060.

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL
Boys: Ages 7 – 12; Begins in April;
Ballgames played May through July

Girls: Ages 7 – 12; Begins in May;
Games played June through August.

VOLLEYBALL:
Ages 5th & 6th graders;
September through October

ROLLER SKATING:
Open to all ages!
Held at De Smet Event & Wellness Center
2 times/month

For information, See Facebook: De Smet Event and Wellness Center; Call De Smet Event Center, 605-854-6060





11 KINGSBURY COUNTY COUNTRY CLUB
GOLF COURSE

One of De Smet's best-kept secrets is the pristine 9-hole golf course on the southwest edge of town. Locals love their course, and the league nights are always well attended and popular throughout the summer.

One of the distinct advantages of a 9-hole course is that fees can be kept at a minimum, people of all incomes can afford to play and get their family involved. The board works hard to keep fees as low as possible, hoping that everyone can have the opportunity to enjoy involvement.

Adult League Information:

Senior - Tuesday mornings • Women's - Tuesday nights
Men's - Wednesday nights • Couples - Thursday nights

Golfers of all abilities are welcome to join league(s) and will feel comfortable regardless of their ability.

There is a great camaraderie, and many friendships have been made in the social atmosphere on the course and in the restaurant. The Clubhouse is open for beverages and snacks.

The golf enthusiast will appreciate Kingsbury County Country Club stats. The course is 3053 yards long from the back tees, a Par 36 course with a men's rating 34.4 and slope 111. Forward tee distance is 2870 yards, a Women's Par of 37 with a rating 35.9 and slope 120.

Come enjoy a great course that locals have long been proud of and are eager to share with the new or experienced, casual or serious golfers of all ages and backgrounds. Come see for yourself. Relax. Enjoy your round, try out the great food and meet some new friends.

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Home Cart Storage / Trail Fee $115.00

VISITOR GREEN FEES:
9 Holes - $16.00
18 Holes - $29.00
All Day - $35.00

CART RENTAL
9 Holes: $9 / Person
18 Holes $16 / Person
All Day: $20 / Person
$100 punch - passes for (6) nine-hole rounds

For more information, visit www.golfkccc.com or Facebook.com/golfkccc

Kingsbury County Country Club Golf Dues

Stock for sale - a one-time payment of only $100

Full Family: $500
Full Single: $375
College Student: $145
Cart Rental
9 holes - $12
18 holes - $20
All Day - $25



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102 Hwy 14 W | 605-854-9988
Convenient location; Open all day serving home style meals with specials each day; homemade pie & cinnamon rolls; Family Friendly; Wine & beer available; Carry-Out. See Oxbow's Facebook page for daily specials.

WARDS STORE, RESTAURANT & BAKERY
127 Calumet Ave SW | 605-854-3688
Great experience on De Smet's Main Street; Old fashioned store & restaurant; Traditional menu of home cooked comfort foods with specials each day; Coffee Bar; Bakery with homemade pastries, pies & rolls; Sell one-of-a-kind South Dakota made products, clothing & paintings. Family Friendly; Carry-Out; Catering available; Open breakfast & lunch (evening meals during pageant dates). See Patti Slater's Facebook page for daily specials.

WHEATIES SPORTS BAR & GRILL
112 Calumet Ave SE | 605-854-3715
Open Tuesday through Saturday for lunch & evening meal; Good old fashioned hamburger & fries plus sandwich menu in a friendly place; 26th year of business; Located on De Smet's Main Street; Lottery Machines; Family Friendly; Full Bar; Carry-Out.



CONVENIENCE STORES

THE COWBOY
104 Hwy 14 E | 605-854-3553 | Open 5:30 AM – 10:30 PM
Popular place to pick up breakfast with rolls & breakfast pizza; Great variety of hot noon specials, 'Champs' chicken, soups, and homemade pizzas. Beer for sale; Casino; Gas Station; ATM machine. See The Cowboy's Facebook page for daily specials.

THE MAIN STOP
102 Hwy 14 E | 605-854-9200 | Open 5:30 AM – 10:30 PM
Home of Godfathers Pizza Express and Caribou Coffee Station; serve hot baked goods and about anything you would want; include ATM machine, gas station and liquor store.

THE GENERAL STORE
405 Calumet Ave | 605-854-3871
Conveniently located next to the Oxbow Restaurant. They have baked goods, groceries, beer and wine for sale.

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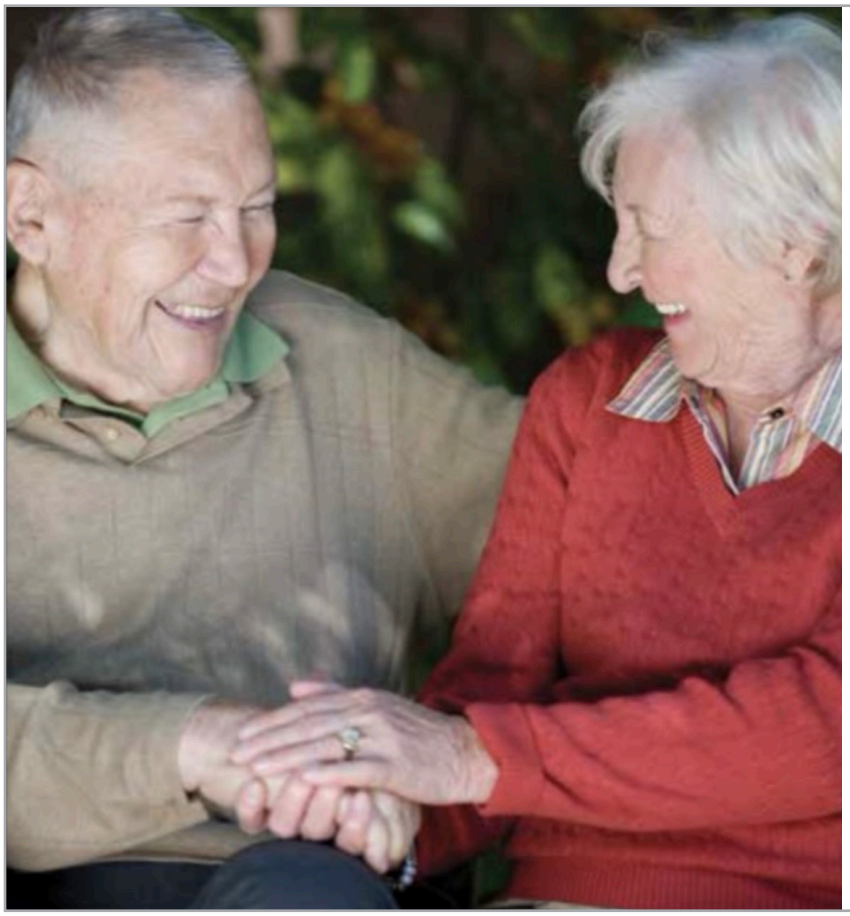
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The mission of the De Smet School District is to develop the potential of all students by helping them acquire the knowledge, skills and character traits necessary to become lifelong learners and contributing citizens in a changing society.

The vision of the De Smet School District is to be a community of learners who will:

- Encourage individual creativity
- Take responsibility for their own learning and actions
- Provide a positive learning environment that is safe and secure
- Show respect for themselves and others
- Make decisions based on the needs of students as the students acquire knowledge and skills

DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SCHOOLS

Welcome to the "Little Town on the Prairie!" The De Smet School District is honored to be a part of a progressive community that is proud of its past and excited about its future. De Smet is truly a great place to live and raise a family.

Our Future Rests in Our Youth! We strive to offer a curriculum that empowers our students to become life-long learners and contributing members of society. Our course offerings reflect a wide range of opportunities for individuals to explore interests while providing all coursework necessary to pursue a higher education. We encourage you to stop by anytime for a tour and inquire about our various programs.

OUR SCHOOL HAS A RICH TRADITION OF SUCCESS ACADEMICALLY.

- De Smet High School rated "Exemplary!"
- Students' ACT and standardized test scores are consistently above state and national averages.
- DHS graduates have a very high completion rate at post-secondary institutions (universities & colleges).

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OFFERINGS

Successful drama & oral interp groups, cheerleading, student council, state and nationally competitive FFA and FCCLA Chapters, yearbook, band & pep band, chorus, award winning show choir and art department, football, volleyball, cross country, wrestling, basketball, golf, and track. De Smet has won multiple district, regional and state championships among our teams! We are proud of our Athletic Complex, including a new football field and track, providing outstanding facilities for our students.

We are currently in a construction project to become a one-building campus to allow for collaboration among preK-high school students and staff. The community supported this $9 million dollar project during a bond election. The completion date for the new elementary building is Fall 2024.

Located centrally between Brookings, Huron and Watertown, De Smet offers a relatively quick access to the amenities of a larger community while providing an individualized education and family oriented lifestyle. We hope you'll join us as we continue to build De Smet for the future!

This atmosphere provides enough opportunity to create a community of learners while remaining small enough to allow for individualized instruction!









Abi Van Regenmorter
Superintendent of Schools

De Smet High School Reigns as Class B Basketball Powerhouse

De Smet has always been known as a great sports town and especially well-known for their excellent basketball teams. This was proven again in 2023 as both the boys and girls high school basketball teams and individual players swept many state honors for the season.



De Smet Boys Win SD State B Boys Basketball Championship 3 Years - 2021, 2022, and 2023



De Smet Girls Team Places 2nd in SD State Basketball Championship - 2022

CITY GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES

The City of De Smet operates under the aldermanic form of government made up of a mayor and six council members. The council members are elected from three wards in the city and the mayor is elected at large. The mayor and council members each serve a two-year term with council terms staggered, so an election is conducted every April.

The council meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 5:00 PM at the De Smet Event Center. All council meetings are open to the public.

DE SMET ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor	Gary Wolkow
Ward 1	Dustin McCune, Lowell Hansen
Ward 2	Bret Jensen, Pam Spader
Ward 3	Dane Coughlin, George Cavanaugh

DE SMET CITY STAFF:

Finance Officer	Tracey Larson *605-854-3731*
Deputy Finance Officer	Karen Hansen
City Attorney	Todd Wilkinson *605-854-3378*
Water / Wastewater Supt	Jason Springer
Parks / Pool / Building Supt	Jason Springer / Mark Birkel
Streets / Airport	Ryan Peterson
Library Director	Mary Purintun
Library Assistant	Jenny Todd
Events & Wellness Center Director	Kristy Hubbard *605-854-6060*
Events Center Maintenance	Patty Garry

POLICE



It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the City of De Smet. The Kingsbury County Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement to the City of De Smet and our mission is to protect and to serve. My deputies and I work hard to provide the residents of De Smet, and the citizens of Kingsbury County, a safe place to live and raise their children.

I know you will enjoy the City of De Smet and its friendly people as much as I do. This community provides many activities including recreation and schools. We are also the home of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant and are near Lake Thompson State Park.

I am sure you'll like it here; welcome to the neighborhood!

- Steve Strande, Kingsbury County Sheriff
605 854-3339

CITY UTILITY RATES

Water/Wastewater & Garbage Utilities - $150.00 deposit required. Contact City Hall.

Weekly Residential Garbage pickup is on Tuesdays. Recycling pickup every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

CITY-OWNED RESTRICTED USE SITE

The site is located 3 miles South of town on Hwy 25 and 1/2 mile West. Dates of Operation (weather permitting):

April	Saturday 1-3PM
May - October	Tuesday 6-8pm & Sat 1-3pm
November	Saturday 1-3 pm
December - March	Closed

AIRPORT

The De Smet Municipal Airport (6E5), also known as Wilder Field, located 2 1/2 miles north of De Smet on Highway 25, has a 3,700 ft paved runway and is open to air traffic 24 hours a day. New runway lighting was installed in 2006, runway surface was rejuvenated in 2008 and driveway paved in 2017. The airport is not manned, but has a pilot's lounge located at the site. The City of De Smet (605-854-3731) provides oversight and maintenance of the facility. A new large hangar was recently constructed by the City and is available for rent.

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EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

De Smet Rescue

The De Smet Rescue Unit includes a diverse group of volunteers with many different backgrounds and interests.

Through the years, the community of De Smet and the surrounding townships, have rallied behind the unit. One of the current ambulances in use is a direct "gift" of that support. This effort is to be applauded as many additional gifts and memorials continue to be received on a regular basis. A heartfelt thank you goes out for this support.

While the hours are less than desirable, the training is intense and the commitment can be overwhelming, the rewards of such a group are unexplainable. The ability to help friends and neighbors in their time of need leaves our members with a feeling that can't be achieved by any other means.



Fire Department

The De Smet Fire Department moved into a new facility in 2011. The new 6,993 sq ft building is located on Highway 25 adjacent to 1st street. The department is comprised of thirty local volunteers and serves the city of De Smet as well as surrounding rural areas. Each new elected volunteer attends a series of intense training classes. The firemen meet twice a month for additional training and drills.



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KINGSBURY COUNTY COURTHOUSE & VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

As Chuck Cecil, states in his 'Stubble Mulch' column for the Brookings Register, "Of all the courthouse buildings in South Dakota, the one in De Smet, Kingsbury County, is the most unique and gets my vote as the most beautiful, too." Kingsbury County was created February 2, 1880. The County was named after brothers George W. and T.A. Kingsbury, both prominent in territorial affairs. De Smet was chosen as Kingsbury County seat on November 2, 1880. On May 30, 1882, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keep presented the site for the courthouse.

Built in two phases, the east wing built in 1889 and the west wing in 1898, the courthouse is somewhat unusual in that a covered drive through connects the two wings. This drive through was perfect for citizens dropping by for courthouse business during the horse & buggy days, especially if they arrived in stormy weather. It was also used to safely drop off prisoners at the county jail located in the basement and since moved to a new building.

As a building on the Federal Historical Register, renovations done in 1981 focused on maintaining historic significance. These renovations included installing new "old style" doors and duplicate wood moldings and trim throughout the building. On Veterans Day 2016, the community added a memorial on the courthouse lawn that features a bronze statue to represent each branch of the military.

KINGSBURY COUNTY GOVERNMENT

KINGSBURY COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONERS:
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MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION:
Vehicle registration and licensing is done at the Kingsbury Co. Courthouse, located at 202 2nd Street SE, in De Smet

For all County Government information call 605-854-3832 | www.kingsburycountysd.org

LIBRARY

Mr. Loftus, a well-known merchant, was a man who valued books and his store became De Smet's first lending library. In 1926, the Mother's Club helped to establish a lending library by contacting the South Dakota State Library for help. The Mother's Club members circulated books from their homes. The home circulation method was replaced in 1928 by a library corner in Brewer's Variety Store.

During the depression, the library expanded. The library was moved into city hall, where it remained for 31 years. After the library had outgrown city hall, two prominent De Smet families donated land to build a library. The library moved to its current location at 102 1st St NE in 1968. Members of the city council renamed the library in 1981 when it became the Hazel L. Meyer Memorial Library. Once again outgrowing the space a new children's addition was added in 2003.

The library has continued to grow from its beginning, starting with a few books on a shelf at the Variety Store to presently over 23,000 books, as well as videos, audios, large printed books, DVD's for adults and children and magazines.

Striving to spark the love of reading in all ages, the library hosts book discussions, a First Library Card program and a Summer Reading program. Library Book Bingo is enjoyed by adults from January to April. Area Day Care providers are a part of the 'Read with Me' Book Bags program.

In the past, the library received a four-star rating in the Library Journal Ratings Index.

Visitors will enjoy viewing the Laura Ingalls Wilder memorabilia featured in a display case and four original Harvey Dunn paintings owned by the library and a fifth Dunn painting, which is owned by the local American Legion.

The Library is a proctored test site and used by many for online course testing.

Library hours are 12:30 to 5:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 12:30 to 6:00 pm on Wednesday. The library is closed on Saturday and Sunday year round. Call us at 605-854-3842 or email hlmlib@mchsi.com for further information. Follow us on Facebook.



DE SMET SCULPTURE TRAIL

Launched in spring 2023 a new arts and culture experience can be enjoyed by all! The De Smet Sculpture Trail features six beautiful works of art placed along main street (Calumet Ave.) This is just the beginning of a future experience full of beauty and creativity. Each sculpture base contains a QR code, which once scanned on any smartphone, will allow the viewer to learn more about the designer and the story behind the work.







DE SMET NONPROFITS THAT YOU CAN PARTNER WITH THROUGH GIVING

De Smet was named 2017 Philanthropic Community of the Year for South Dakota due to all the generous gifts by so many citizens and even visitors. We thank each and everyone one of you! It is a value that has set De Smet apart from other communities and has allowed us to accomplish many outstanding things that give a greater quality of life and attract new people to live in De Smet

CURRENT COMMUNITY NONPROFIT PROJECT: LEGENDARY HWY 14 TOWER TRAIL

This project by the De Smet Development Corporation and community partners was accepted to be a part of an international architectural design competition by international firm, Buildner. They recognized the importance of the historic Silver Lake/Big Slough complex, the health and community benefits, the tourism boost, and of course, the iconic centerpiece the tower will be to a future regional recreation trail.

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DE SMET COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

This bedrock foundation supports community projects. Give to a specific project or general community fund. Family endowments are encouraged. All funds go directly to the community. The foundation is volunteer led with no administration fees. Contact Rita Anderson 650-203-0276 rita@desmetsouthdakota.org.

DE SMET EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Established in 2003 for the purpose of enhancing the education of the students in De Smet School district, funds have helped provide opportunities that would otherwise not have been available for the next generation. For more information, contact Greg Skyberg - 605-854-3074.

AVERA DE SMET MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Supports the healing mission of providing care to residents in the region through the generosity of generations of individuals, families and business who see the vision of De Smet as a vibrant community and a regional hub of business and healthcare. 605-854-6100

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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Any woman who is a relation of an active, retired, or deceased veteran may join. Local dues are $20.00 for an adult membership and $4.00 for child membership. The Legion Auxiliary awards local scholarships for any member or any member's son or daughter who graduates from high school. For more information and meeting times, please contact Judy Stubbe at 605-203-0496.

BEEF BUCKS
The purpose of this South Dakota based non-profit organizations is to promote the beef industry and consumer education. The main office is located in De Smet. Beef Bucks certificates may be purchased. For more information contact Nancy Montross 605-854-3502.

THE 'SHARING' MEAL
The De Smet Methodist Church invites all to come share a community meal served the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. There is no charge for the meal, but donations are appreciated. Delivery and curb-side option are available. 301 3rd St. SW or 605-854-3518

DE SMET AREA ARTS COUNCIL
This organization brings arts and culture to the area. They organize the annual De Smet Concert Series and promote arts in the community throughout the year. Contact Rita Anderson @605-203-0216 for info.

DE SMET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
The Chamber is an active group of business people who sponsor many civic functions including Old Settler's Day. For info contact Chad Kruse @605-854-3773

DE SMET COMMUNITY WOMEN
A nonprofit service-oriented group whose members work together to benefit the community by organizing community events and projects as fundraisers to support local organizations. Activities include: Easter egg hunt, domestic abuse shelter support, ice cream social, city-wide rummage sale and vendor fair, cookie walk, Christmas house of the week, and more. For info contact Helen Janish @605-203-0077 or the website desmet.wixsite.com/desmetdcw.

DE SMET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Created in 1966 as a resource for existing businesses and for the development and expansion of the local economy, it is an active group comprised of local business leaders who continually seek new ideas for growth. For info contact Jamie Lancaster at 605-854-9011. Office located at City Hall, 106 Calumet Ave.

DE SMET WOODCARVERS
The De Smet Woodcarvers are a fun group of men and women who welcome newcomers, provides wood for carving, and do not require dues. The woodcarvers also do chip carving, relief carving and round carving. For more information, please call Lavonne Williams at 605-854-3200.

EXTENSION CLUBS
The SDSU Extension office focuses education outreach on youth (with 4-H), agriculture, farm and consumer sciences and community development. Please call the Extension office at 605-854-3851 for more information.

HARVEY DUNN SOCIETY
A non-profit organization dedicated to celebrating the work of noted artist, Harvey Dunn, who grew up locally. They also provide encouragement for artists and conduct the annual Plein Air art event. For info contact Dianne Larson @605-203-0896.

INTER-LAKES COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP (ICAP)
A community-based nonprofit serving primarily low income families and senior citizens in a 14 county area. Programs available in Kingsbury County include: 60's plus dining, Case Management & Protective Payee Services, Early Head Start, Emergency Food and Shelter, Health Insurance Marketplace, School Supplies, and much more. For a full list of programs call 605-854-9701 or www.interlakescap.com

KINGSBURY COUNTY CANCER CARES, INC
The Kingsbury County Cancer Cares, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization started in 2008 to help those with cancer (excluding skin cancer unless melanoma.) The organizations dispersal of money with no strings attached can be used for any need, including expenses for travel, overnight lodging or even meals. If you know someone who has been diagnosed, please reach out to a board member. For more information, contact Billi Aughenbaugh at 605-860-0161.

KINGSBURY COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH DAKOTA
This active county-wide group represents and promotes the cattle industry on the local, state & national level. Call Blake Hojer, 605-860-0139.

KINGSBURY COUNTY FOOD PANTRY
The mission of the food pantry is to eliminate hunger in our community and surrounding area by acquiring and distributing food to those who seek aid. We will accomplish this mission by educating, empowering and enlightening the community about the issues of hunger and nutrition. The pantry is located at 221 Calumet Ave. It is open every Tuesday from 1-4pm except holidays and in bad weather. For information or emergencies contact Robyn at 605-203-1993.

KINGSBURY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
The Kingsbury County Genealogical Society encourages knowledge of family histories and the preservation of records. Our group is compiling copies of obituaries and cemetery records. Members meet at 5 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (no meeting in December) at various locations in the county. Please contact us at www.kcgs@itctel.com for the meeting location or additional information.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
The Order of the Eastern Star is a fellowship group meeting in homes. For more information, please contact Shirley Lenz.







PEO

The International Chapter of the PEO sisterhood meets 15 times a year. This group, which began in 1920, raises money for education-based loans, scholarships, and college support. Their mission is to educate women and to motivate each other to achieve our highest aspirations. For info contact Tristin Gruenhagen @605-854-9021

PTO PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION

LIW Elementary PTO, established in 2015, carries out fundraisers and events to help place shelving in the future library for the school. Meetings are open to the public. For Info: LIW Elementary PTO on Facebook.

SENIOR MEALS

Meals are prepared and fed to senior citizens ages 60 plus at Ward's Store Monday through Friday every week at 11:00 AM. Meals are also delivered to those needing home delivery at the same cost. Anyone desiring a meal for that day should call Ward's Store, 605-854-3688, by 10:00 AM. This program is sponsored by the Interlakes Community Action Partnership.

SHIINE

Senior Health Information and Insurance Education (SHIINE) is a federally funded program. SHIINE is not affiliated with any company that sells or distributes a product or service. Counselors work with individuals by advocating, informing, educating, and assisting them on Medicare and how to get the coverage they need, protect their benefits and avoid fraud. Call for appointments. Kingsbury County Court House, 202 2nd SW, Robyn Flickinger at 605-203-1993 or easternoffice@shiine.net, or www.shiine.net

SNOWDRIFTERS

The Snowdrifters snowmobile club meets the third Wednesday of every month. The club grooms and maintains a 160-mile trail that covers De Smet to Oldham to Ramona, which includes Lake Preston to Arlington and Lake Poinsett to Bryant up to Willow Lake and as far west as Iroquois. For more information, please contact Diane Hiles at 605-854-3660.

SOUTH DAKOTA PORK PRODUCERS COUNCIL

This highly respected organization is a leader advocating for sustainable, responsible growth of the Pork Industry that benefits our producers, consumers, and communities. Call 1-800-830-PORK; Shane Odegaard, 605-203-0302.

WELLNESS COALITION

The De Smet Wellness Coalition partners with youth to improve wellness - physical, mental, spiritual - community wide and across generations. In 2024, the coalition will re-establish the community gardens. Contact Kristy Hubbard for more information - 605-854-6060

4-H CLUBS

The SDSU Extension, Kingsbury County Extension Office focuses on educational outreach to youth through different community based clubs, afterschool programs, in-school enrichment programs, day camps, overnight camps, and multiple other community, regional, and state events. The Kingsbury County Extension office hosts the annual County Horse Show and Achievement Days which showcases youth and their projects. If you are interested in joining a local community 4-H club, inviting a guest speaker or program into your existing program, or just to get some more general information, please contact the Extension Office at 605-854-3851 or kingsbury.county@sdstate.edu



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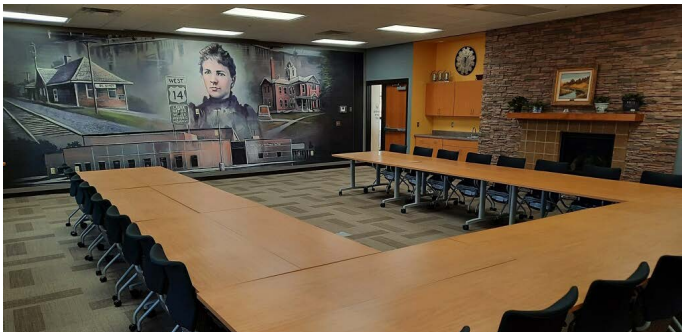


DE SMET EVENT & WELLNESS CENTER AND SPORTS COMPLEX 605-854-6060

The De Smet Event & Wellness Center has been open since 2015 and has established itself as a major nucleus and THE 'gathering place' for the community. We have constant activity in the building. You can stop in and see people walking on our Avera Walkway, working out in our Carmon Wellness Center, playing soccer on our event hall floor, rehearsing for a dance recital or play in our Midstate Theater and Conference Room or attending a meeting or viewing an art exhibit in our Conference Center West or Meyer Meeting Room.

We truly are a place where everyone can get together and do many different things. The full time staff at the Event Center is here to help you in any way we can.

Our community is fortunate to have so many generous individuals who saw the need, had the vision, and made the Event & Wellness Center what it is today. People who live in De Smet, visit De Smet or come specifically for an event, get to experience something that cannot be found in most small towns.



BRING YOUR CONFERENCE TO DE SMET!

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- Wedding Receptions
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- Art Exhibits, Craft Fairs and Art Classes
- City Sponsored Indoor Soccer
- Regional Meetings
- MMA Events
- And much more fun!

Take Advantage of our Great Conference Rooms with Easy Set-up while Families are Enjoying Tours of Laura Ingalls Wilder Sites. Complete packages will be arranged for you

- Carmon Wellness Center houses 21 pieces of equipment, plus intensive work out training and a Childrens Play Area to enable you to bring your child while you work out.
- Conference Center West Room is very versatile & features a fireplace.
- Meyer Meeting Room is a great space for smaller groups and as a breakout room for conferences.
- Avera Walkway is open and free to use any time..Meet your friends and walk and talk!
- Midstate Theater & Conference Room has state of the art lights & sound. It seats approximately 160.
- Exhibit Hall seats 450 and can be used for anything, includes stage. It's beautiful.
- Reception Area is a comfy place to meet & chat with your friends or just relax in front of the fireplace.
- Kitchen is free to use with any rental.
- Patio Area is a wonderful gathering place for summertime events.
- Locker Rooms to shower after your workout, dress for your wedding or gather with your team.





DE SMET COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Since opening in 1997, Horizon Health Care's De Smet Community Health Center (CHC) and Dental Clinic have proven to be a tremendous asset to the entire region and a great example of what a CHC does for a community. The beautiful new 9,500 sq ft clinic on the corner of Wilder Pass and Prairie Ave provides the entire region with high quality, affordable medical, behavioral and oral health care that will be available for many years to come.

The Horizon De Smet CHC Medical and Dental Clinic offer financial assistance for both medical and dental care through the Sliding Fee Program. Patients who qualify benefit from reduced prices on office visits and other services provided on site. Horizon also accepts most health insurance and patients may qualify for Sliding Fee even if they have insurance coverage. For Appointments or more information, call 605-854-3455 or visit www.horizonhealthcare.org

DE SMET CHC MEDICAL CLINIC PROVIDES:

- Family Medicine
- Women's Health
- Preventative Health
- Behavioral Health
- Urgent Care
- Lab Services
- Chronic Care Management

DE SMET CHC DENTAL CLINIC PROVIDES:

- Pediatric Dentistry
- Restorative Dentistry
- Preventative Care
- Bridges, Crowns, and Dentures
- Endodontic Treatment



De Smet CHC Medical Clinic Hours:
Monday – Friday: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Walk-ins & Appointments Welcome

De Smet CHC Dental Clinic Hours:
Monday – Friday: 7:30 am – 6:00 pm

THE VILLAGE ASSISTED LIVING CENTER

The De Smet area is excited as the very needed and long 'dreamed of' Assisted Living facility, The Village Assisted Living, LLC opened its doors in the fall of 2019, providing a safe, caring, homelike environment to seniors. This licensed 16-bed facility is in a wonderful location near the beautiful Washington Park, De Smet Event & Wellness Center, churches and schools.

The Village is a ground level facility that offers three different room sizes, each with private bathrooms. Each room accommodates a single person, with the exception of the suites, which allows room for a husband and wife. The Village provides three meals per day, laundry services, housekeeping and medication administration with 24-hour staff and access to a Registered Nurse 24-hours a day

The Village Assisted Living is owned and managed by Austie Olson. Graduating from South Dakota State University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Austie has worked as an RN in different roles over the years including community and home health nursing. Her passion is working with the senior population.

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AVERA DE SMET MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

All the care you need, right here in De Smet. We are fortunate to have convenient clinic AND hospital care in one modern campus. A highly qualified and caring local team, combined with the strength and resource of the entire Avera system, gives patients in our community access to all the care they need.

Clinic Care at Avera Medical Group De Smet: Primary care providers handle sickness, injury and preventative services during normal business hours. Specialty care, including cardiology, oncology, and hematology, is available via physician outreach and telemedicine.

Emergency Care at Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital: Two updated emergency rooms accommodate the latest technology and patient comfort. The emergency department has all the capabilities to treat the most serious conditions 24/7, such as chest pain, shortness of breath, stroke symptoms, severe burns, high fever, major head injury, broken bones, poison ingestion and more.

Hospital Services: Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital offers a wide range of diagnostic and outpatient care and services. When inpatient care is needed, patients have access to private rooms in the updated inpatient wing. Home Care and Hospice services are also offered in De Smet with care tailored to one's specific needs.

For more information call 605-854-3329 or stop by 306 Prairie Ave. S.W.



KINGSBURY COUNTY TRANSIT

Available for All - Call 605-830-1676 for a ride!

Kingsbury County Transit Service offers transportation to De Smet and the surrounding communities in Kingsbury County. It provides affordable transportation for all ages from preschool aged individuals to the elderly, including wheelchair lift. It transports people everywhere, including tourism sites, restaurants, medical facilities, churches, shopping areas, schools, day cares, and summer rec programs. Preferred rides scheduled 24 hours prior to service but calls last minute accommodated if bus is available. Maggie Sprang is the local director. The program is administered by the Rural Office of Community Services (ROCS). Give a call to 605-830-1676.



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DE SMET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Welcome to De Smet.... a unique and surprising place! You will find the community very friendly and welcoming and.... filled with a unique spirit and culture. Try it ...You will like it! An outstanding community which prides itself on always going a step above and out-producing and out-performing all others. We have tremendous job opportunities for you here – and the wide open spaces with all of the modern infrastructure to be on the threshold of the latest frontiers to pursue your dreams and make a business become a reality. We set high expectations for our future and you can be an important part of that. Join our amazing community and let's see together what is possible!



We Need YOU in De Smet!
Many Great Job Opportunities Available! Let us Find the Perfect Job For You! And Check Out the Jobs Available on our Web-site www.desmetsd.com. They are all listed front page there for you!! De Smet has a fantastic Industrial Park and many other industries who are wanting to expand and they need you! All of our major businesses are constantly looking for more employees. Wages are even with the larger metropolitan areas and many bonuses and benefits are included. We want you here in De Smet, and we will work with you to find the perfect fit for you. Call the De Smet Development Office at 605-854-9011 or email jamie@desmetsouthdakota.org.

If you know of a business that is looking for a place to relocate or a family looking for a place to call home, we will help!

Jamie Lancaster | Economic Development Director
De Smet Development Corporation
PO Box 42, De Smet, SD 5723 | 605-854-9011 (office)
jamie@desmetsouthdakota.org

HAVE YOU WISHED YOU COULD LIVE IN DE SMET OR THOUGHT ABOUT...

A certain job or career? We will work with you to identify opportunities for you.

Retirement? Retiring former residents looking for housing and other info to move back to their hometown to be close to family and friends enjoy the recreational and quality of life opportunities that only De Smet can offer.

Business Opportunity? Have you ever thought about buying or starting a business in your hometown? We will alert you of businesses for sale and put you in contact to explore those opportunities and help find properties for a new business.

To be a part of this program, contact Jamie Lancaster at jamie@desmetsouthdakota.org.

NEW BUSINESSES IN DE SMET:

FIELDS SALON - New in 2024, Fields Salon. Owner Amanda Fields, brings 25 years of experience. Services include haircuts, colors, and waxing. Located at the corner of Hwys 14 & 25, next to Fields Fish & Game and is open from 10am - 5:30pm on Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sat. Walk-ins welcome! For appointments, call/text 410-903-2281 or FB message, Fields Salon De Smet.

RUSTIC RECLAIM SD - With over a decade of experience transforming old barnwood into beautiful creations, this new store is a must see! From furniture to signs and many things in between, there is sure to be something you need for your home or office.

DAKOTA FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC - With a beautiful new office, De Smet Alumni Dr. Riley Osthus D.C. A.T.C. is now offering chiropractic care in De Smet. Opened as a satellite clinic from the main location in Mitchell, appointments are available Tuesdays and Thursdays.

HEARTLAND HOMES - Mary Leary, JD, Broker/Owner has opened a new brokerage with EXIT Realty covering the De Smet area. If you are looking for a home in the area, be sure to stop by her office in the AFLAC building on main street.

DOODLEBUGS & DINOSWEETS ACADEMY - De Smet's newest daycare has opened. Open weekdays from 7:30am to 5:30pm, this needed service can be found in the corner of Calumet and 3rd Street.

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DE SMET OWES ITS SUCCESS TO ITS STRONG MANUFACTURING AND SERVICES

The roots of De Smet's industrial park go all the way back to 1966 when a group of progressive citizens recognized the need for the community to diversify its economic base in order to stay flexible and adapt to whatever the future may bring. Those efforts began with the founding of the De Smet Development Corporation and continued on to an industrial park expansion in the decades following. Today De Smet is fortunate to have a strong group of businesses that have both moved to De Smet and that are home grown! What began as a hope for the future is now a bedrock of De Smet's diverse economy.

1. AMERICAN ENGINEERED PRODUCTS

- Leading manufacturer & innovative designs of casino slot machine bases & accessories.
- Moved business from MN to De Smet in 2012
- Employs 26 full-time personnel
- International distribution



2. DESCO ARCHITECTURAL

- Manufacturers custom aluminum windows
- Established in 1970 in De Smet
- Local entrepreneur ownership
- Employs 27 full-time personnel
- National distribution



3. FREEDOM MANUFACTURING

- Specialize in custom design and manufacturing of oil service equipment
- Give training for their product's operators
- Moving headquarters from Carrollton, TX to De Smet



4. LYLE SIGNS

- Manufactures and sells any size signage globally
- Moved from Lyle, MN to De Smet in 1974
- Third generation ownership
- Employs 90 employees in multiple shifts in two locations

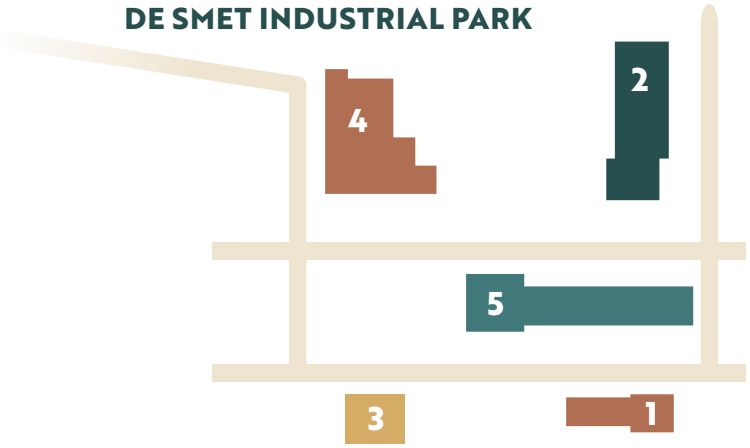


5. ULTIMED

- Medical device manufacturer
- Headquartered in St. Paul, MN
- De Smet manufacturer since 2001
- 1 of only 3 syringe manufacturers in the US
- Employs 70 employees in multiple shifts
- Worldwide distribution
- Expanded their building & operations, completed in 2014



DE SMET INDUSTRIAL PARK



CMI ARCHITECTURAL INC.

- Manufactures custom doors & windows
- Established in De Smet in 1993
- Local ownership
- Employs 38 full-time personnel
- Recently expanded operations with new facility
- National distribution



DE SMET FARM MUTUAL INSURANCE

- Property & Casualty Company – Home, Farm & Auto
- Established in 1916, a company formed by South Dakotans to serve South Dakota from South Dakota
- Employs 50 local residents and 150 statewide agents



O'KEEFE IMPLEMENT

- Sells new & used farm equipment & vehicles
- Established in 1916 in Yale, SD
- Family owned and operated business



LEGEND SEEDS

- Established in De Smet in 1990
- Local entrepreneur creation & ownership
- 85 employees in all locations, 35 in De Smet headquarters
- Largest independently owned seed company in the Midwest
- Licensed from all major genetic developers



DID YOU KNOW...

...that the windows that are in the Trump Tower in Chicago and the JL Tower in Anchorage Alaska were made in De Smet by CMI Inc.?

...windows in the US embassies in Somalia & Hanoi Vietnam have tags on them from DeSCo Architectural, De Smet, SD?

... a huge number of diabetics across the US & Canada depend on brush pin needles made in De Smet by UltiMed?

... when you stop at a stop sign or see the large 4 lane interstate signs, they were probably made in De Smet by Lyle Signs?

... that if you are sitting at a slot machine in Aruba, the base of that machine might have come from American Engineered Products in De Smet?

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...that oil field workers come home safe every day due to safety stairways and other equipment made at Freedom Manufacturing right here in De Smet?

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LOCATION
De Smet is centrally located on two major highways, US Hwy 14 and SD Hwy 25. It is 60 miles west of the Minnesota border, 33 miles east of Huron and 90 miles northwest of Sioux Falls

POPULATION
Approximately 1,100

MOVE TO DE SMET
Visit www.desmetsd.com for the latest information on job listings, real estate, daycares, school, and calendar of events. You will find all the information you need to make De Smet your home.

DE SMET PUBLIC SCHOOLS
K-5th (405 Ingalls Ave SW) 605-854-3963
6th-12th (405 Third Street SW) 605-854-3674

Emergency 911
De Smet Fire Department 605-854-3976
Kingsbury Co Sheriff's Dept 605-854-3339
Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital 605-854-3329
City of De Smet (water/sewer/garbage) 605-854-3731
NorthWestern Energy (natural gas) 800-245-6977
Ottertail Power Company 800-257-4044
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ARTHUR & REENA LAMPINEN
Entrepreneurs Bring Business To De Smet

Arthur and Reena Lampinen with their son Lucas, moved to De Smet in the spring of 2021. Formally they operated a used bookstore and coffee shop in Houghton, Michigan. When circumstances caused them to move their business to another location, they decided that new location would be De Smet! Reena grew up in Bryant and Vienna and graduated from Willow Lake High School. Both Arthur and Reena have family in the area.

They opened De Smet Mercantile & Coffeehouse June 10, 2021. In addition to having a full coffee menu they also sell salads & sandwiches, ice cream, books, and a wide variety of gift items. They really enjoy living in De Smet and the local community has been very supportive of their business. In their free time, they enjoy being with their family and friends, going on walks, and exploring the community. Lucas especially enjoys going to the Ingalls Homestead.



JAMIE & NICOLE LANCASTER & FAMILY
Followed A Dream

Jamie and Nicole Lancaster first visited De Smet four years before moving their family here. Drawn by the historic and fun activities for their girls, big Laura Ingalls Wilder fans, they instantly fell in love with the community. "This is truly a welcoming place full of great people and surrounded by natural beauty." Some of their favorite aspects of day-to-day life here include exploring the area and experiencing the changing seasons.

Previously living in Omaha, Nebraska, they found themselves in a time of transition when a job opportunity opened that matched Jamie's background. After a lot of prayer, they realized that this was the opportunity they had been waiting 4 years for! Bringing with them their four daughters, the family has quickly settled in. Jamie serves as the executive director for the De Smet Development Corporation, while Nicole undertakes homeschooling their girls and getting involved in community organizations such as De Smet Community Women.

DE SMET BUSINESSES HAVE A LONG TRADITION OF SUCCESS!

WILKINSON LAW FIRM - 140 YEARS

This law firm was established in 1884 as Warren & Warren and they have continued to be an important part of De Smet's community.

PURINTUN ABSTRACT - 118 YEARS

Joseph Purintun opened the Abstract office in 1906. It has remained in the family with his son, Alan (Dolly), taking over the operation, to now his grandson Mark.

LYLE SIGNS - 112 YEARS

Established in 1912, Lyle Signs has been shipping regulatory signs nationwide for nearly 100 years and is the leading manufacturer of traffic, regulatory and safety signs in the country today.



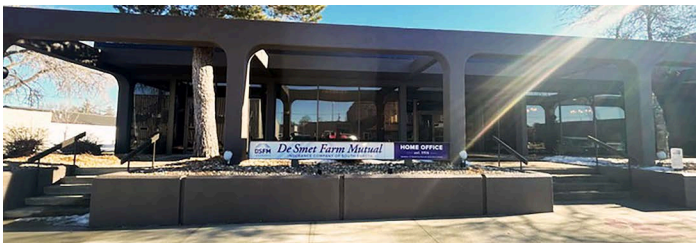
O'KEEFE IMPLEMENT - 108 YEARS

This family owned and operated business was established in 1916 and continues to serve De Smet and the surrounding area to this day."



DE SMET FARM MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF SOUTH DAKOTA - 108 YEARS

With a long and consistent history of providing insurance coverage for the people of South Dakota, they have been proudly backing farmers, homeowners, and more since 1916.





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COMMUNITY HONORS

BUSH FOUNDATION INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR

The Bush Foundation Prize honors and supports organizations with a track record of effective and equitable breakthroughs to community challenges.

DE SMET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AWARDED COMPETITIVE GRANTS IN 2023

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) GRANT

The Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) awarded De Smet a grant to complete a CIP that will guide De Smet's development for years to come. This grant was applied for on behalf of the City of De Smet.

COMMUNITY CHILD CARE SOLUTIONS GRANT

South Dakota's Department of Social Services and GOED awarded De Smet a a grant to develop innovative, community-based solutions to local issues. Applied for in partnership with the De Smet School District, this grant will tackle child care challenges, increase child care availability, and engage community stakeholders.

DMO MARKETING ASSISTANCE GRANT

Travel South Dakota awarded De Smet a grant to assist with revitalizing the local travel industry following the pandemic. This four-year grant will create marketing assets, expand advertising, and increase visitorship to De Smet.

BEST HISTORIC SMALL TOWN

De Smet has placed on this USA Today reader poll for several years in a row including an incredible 2nd place in 2021.

FEATURED IN THE STAR TRIBUNE

Travel writer Lee Svitak Dean visited De Smet for a Laura Ingalls Wilder getaway, even experiencing a thunderstorm safely in a camping covered wagon at the Ingalls Homestead.

FEATURED IN THE BOSTON GLOBE

Journalist Jenna Russell spent time telling stories from De Smet as part of their "Two Weeks in America" series.

KINGSBURY JOURNAL FEATURED

Our local newspaper the Kingsbury Journal, with its unique origin and structure, has been featured on SDPB-TV's Dakota Life and in South Dakota Magazine.

TODD WILKINSON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOC.

Having practiced law for almost 4 decades, and along with his son, Nick, running 250-300 cows in the family feeding and finishing operation, Wilkinson has been heavily involved in the community.

DIANNE LARSON RECEIVES HOSPITALITY AWARD

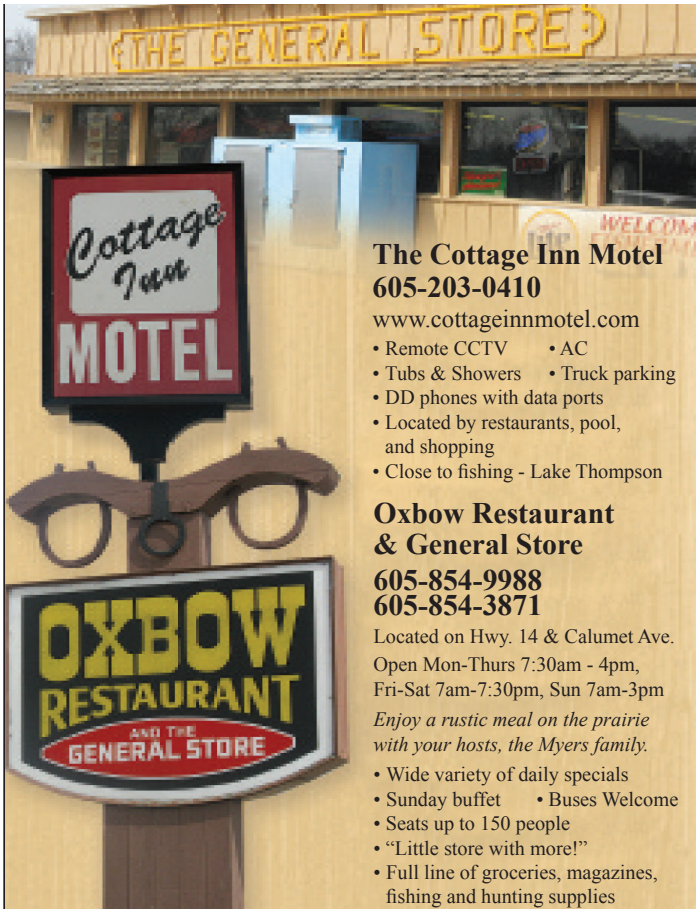
Dianne Larson of the Ingalls Homestead and Harvey Dunn Plein Society, was recognized by Governor Noem with the Ruth Ziolkowski Outstanding Hospitality & Customer Service Award for her remarkable service to visitors and outstanding spirit of hospitality. Her kind smile and warm welcome always help guests make great memories in De Smet.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: CHERYL PALMLUND

Cheryl Palmlund, former executive director of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society, was honored as De Smet's Volunteer of the Year in 2023. Palmlund has played key roles in preserving Laura Ingalls Wilder's legacy and progressing De Smet's visitor industry. She is active in multiple organizations that benefit youth, her church community, and community-wide gardens. De Smet is fortunate to have Cheryl as part of our community!

OLD SETTLER'S DAY PARADE MARSHAL: RITA ANDERSON

Rita Anderson, De Smet's former Economic Development Director, was honored as parade marshal at the 2023 Old Settlers Day Parade. Anderson continues to be an active volunteer representing De Smet in key issues locally and across the state.



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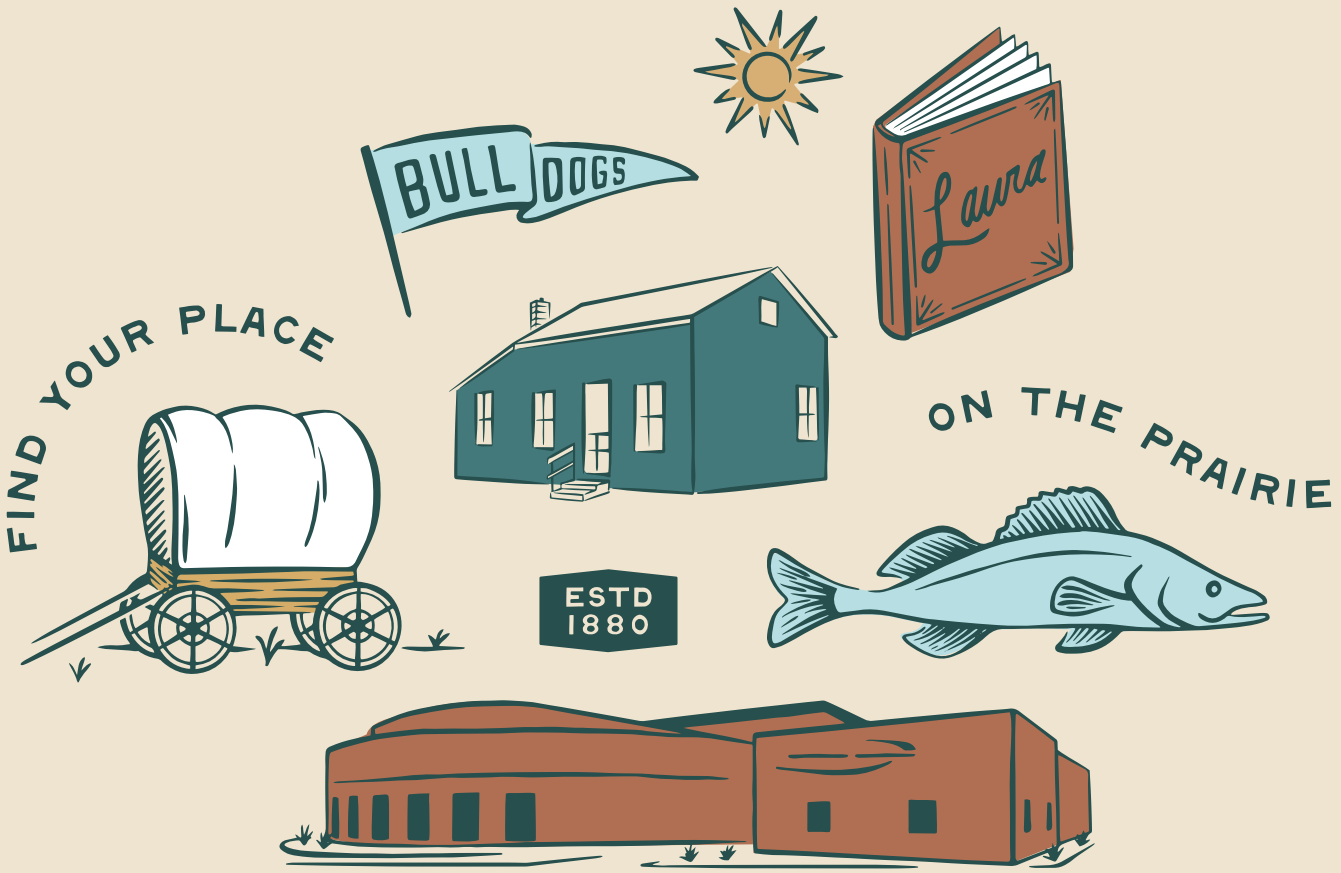
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