

# DE SMET

## SOUTH DAKOTA

LITTLE TOWN ON THE PRAIRIE

COMMUNITY GUIDE

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# THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

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*see page 43*



## LOCATION

**SIOUX FALLS, SD**  
100 MILES (1 HOUR 45 MINUTES)

**RAPID CITY, SD**  
350 MILES (5 HOURS)

**MINNEAPOLIS, MN**  
250 MILES (4.5 HOURS)

**OMAHA, NE**  
275 MILES (4.5 HOURS)



## TIME ZONE

CENTRAL STANDARD TIME



## WELCOME CENTER

CENTER OF MAIN STREET  
201 CALUMET AVE  
605-854-3123  
SUMMER HOURS: 9AM - 6PM

## HEALTH

The community continues to implement safety practices to keep our residents and visitors safe according to CDC guidelines.



## POPULATION

1,100

## WHEN TO VISIT

**SUMMER: SHOW UP ANYTIME!**  
MOST SITES ARE OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK  
& DO NOT REQUIRE ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE.

**AUTUMN - SPRING:**  
**STILL LOTS TO SEE!**  
IT'S GOOD TO CHECK HOURS AND TOUR AVAILABILITY BEFORE ARRIVAL.



## HUNTING & FISHING

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOTH.  
OUTDOOR RECREATION IS 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 Chinese 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



## CLOSEST AIRPORTS

**WATERTOWN, SD**  
(1 HOUR)  
605-882-6209

**SIOUX FALLS, SD**  
(1 HOUR 45 MINUTES)  
MAJOR AIRLINES



## 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 CUT IN CUBES & FRIED SERVED AS APPETIZERS



## ROAD CONDITIONS/ CONSTRUCTION

[www.sd511.org](http://www.sd511.org)



# Experience the 'Wilder' Life

## 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 constantly. 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 for 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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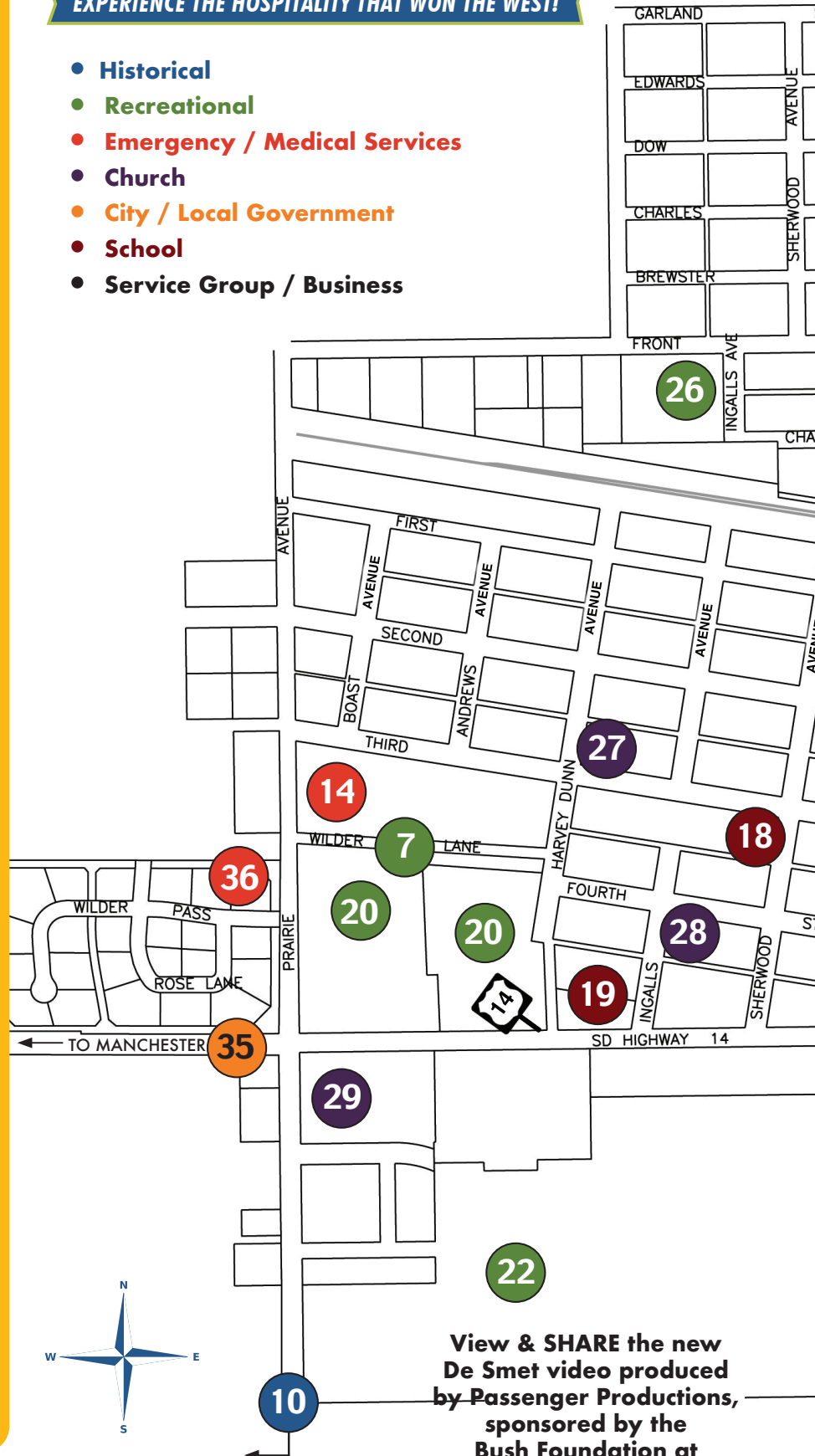
*LIW denotes Laura Ingalls Wilder*

1. LIW Memorial Society/Surveyors House
2. LIW Pageant Grounds
3. Ingalls Homestead
4. Loftus Store
5. Charles 'Pa' Ingalls home - built in 1887
6. Lake Thompson (8 Miles SE)
7. Washington Park & Campground
8. Depot Museum
9. HLM Memorial Library
10. Cemetery/Garden of Remembrance
11. Courthouse/ Veterans Memorial
12. City Hall
13. Post Office
14. Hospital / Emergency Care  
Avera Medical Clinic
15. Senior Care Center
16. Firehall
17. Sheriff's Office
18. Jr./Sr. High School
19. Elementary School/Handicap  
Accessible Playground
20. Event & Wellness Center/Athletic Field
21. Swimming Pool
22. KCCC Golf Course
23. Industrial Park
24. 'Wilder Field' Airport
25. 4-H Park/4-H Grounds
26. Rose Vincent Memorial Park
27. Catholic Church
28. Lutheran Church
29. De Smet Community Church
30. Methodist Church
31. Christian & Missionary Alliance
32. Legion Post 138
33. LIW Walking Trail
34. Masonic Lodge
35. Manchester (8 Miles West)
36. Medical & Dental Clinic
37. Wilder Welcome Center
38. Silver Lake
39. Prairie Baptist Church

# CITY OF DE SMET

**EXPERIENCE THE HOSPITALITY THAT WON THE WEST!**

- **Historical**
- **Recreational**
- **Emergency / Medical Services**
- **Church**
- **City / Local Government**
- **School**
- **Service Group / Business**



**View & SHARE the new  
De Smet video produced  
by Passenger Productions,  
sponsored by the  
Bush Foundation at  
[www.desmetsd.com](http://www.desmetsd.com).**

Almanzo Homestead (1 mile north)

Tree Claim (3 miles north)

Airport (2.5 miles north)

Visit [DiscoverLaura.org](http://DiscoverLaura.org)  
to access the link to the  
walking tour and other  
LIW Museum hours and  
information!

What to See



Bring Laura Ingalls Wilder's  
*Little House Stories*  
to *life*

*for your family  
at Ingalls Homestead,  
Laura's Living Prairie!*

- ◆ Covered Wagon Rides
- ◆ Historic School Session
- ◆ Hands-on Pioneering Activities
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*Hands-on History and Old-fashioned  
Fun at its best! Experience pioneering  
heritage on the quarter-section of land  
Charles "Pa" Ingalls chose for his  
family's homestead in 1880.*

**Camping Available:**

- ◆ Covered Wagons ◆ RV Sites
- ◆ Bunkhouse



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*Grandparents, visit with your grandchildren. Share Laura's frontier heritage and your memories.*

# FAMILY FUN!

## Ingalls Homestead, Laura's Living Prairie

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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 a live 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.

Today this land 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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mail@ingallshomestead.com  
www.ingallshomestead.com

## Create Your Memories!

### INGALLS HOMESTEAD SCHEDULE

Open every day with covered wagon rides and activities May 27 - September 30, 2023.

**For hours, admission, and information,  
please visit [ingallshomestead.com](http://ingallshomestead.com)**

Where a grandfather turns to  
his grandson and says  
*when I was a boy...*

Experience scrubbing clothes  
just as Laura did.

*What to Do*

# 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

### 2023 SUMMER EXHIBIT

Celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Garth Williams  
Illustrations of the Little House books

***"The Words and Images of Laura Ingalls Wilder  
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# LAURA INGALLS WILDER MEMORIAL SOCIETY

## Discover Laura!

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.



Displays in the Exhibit Room at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Society

Laura now stands proudly by the school with this new bronze statue donated in 2019



## Laura Ingalls Wilder Tours - OPEN ALL YEAR

### JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL

Monday thru Friday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm • Closed Saturday & Sunday

### MAY

Monday thru Saturday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm • Closed Sunday

### JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

Tours daily, Monday thru Saturday - 9:00 am to 5:30 pm • Sunday 11:00 am to 5:30 pm

### SEPTEMBER

Monday thru Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm • Closed Sunday

### OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

Monday thru Friday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm • Closed Saturday & Sunday

For more information for group reservations, call 605-854-3383.

## Admission

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## The Loftus Store

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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. All are welcome to come on in and live the history.

## Enjoy the Laura Ingalls Wilder Wilderness Trail & 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'*

## The Wilder Welcome Center

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Located on De Smet's main street, Calumet Avenue, 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, please visit [wilderwelcomecenter.com](http://wilderwelcomecenter.com) or email [info@wilderwelcomecenter.com](mailto:info@wilderwelcomecenter.com).

The Loftus Store today



Dan Slaight was instrumental in creating LIW Trail

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IN MEMORY OF:  
DAN "DOC" SLAIGHT, D.D.S.  
9/14/1928 - 8/23/2013

The beginning of the Trail Head for the LIW Walking Trail to Silver Lake



WILDER WELCOME CENTER  
DESMET  
SOUTH DAKOTA  
THE WILDER WAY



What to Do

## Churches

Church times / activities updated weekly in Kingsbury Journal

- 28 American Lutheran Church**  
411 4th Street SW • 605-854-3684  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 am - Sunday School: 10:30 am  
Evening Worship: 7:00 pm  
[www.americanlutherandesmet.org](http://www.americanlutherandesmet.org)  
f American Lutheran Church - De Smet, SD
- 31 Christian & Missionary Alliance Church**  
Pastor Mike Gunnan  
303 2nd Street SW • 605-854-3065  
Sunday Worship: 10:15 am - Sunday School: 9:00 am  
Wednesday: Prayer meeting and Bible study - 7:00 pm  
[www.desmetalliancechurch.com](http://www.desmetalliancechurch.com)  
f De Smet Alliance Church

## Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church

Pastor Jerod Jordan  
Corner of 429th Ave and 198th St  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am - Sunday School: 9:30 am  
f Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church

## 27 St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

Father Richard Baumberger  
512 3rd Street SW • 605-854-3564  
Sunday Mass: 8:30 am - Wednesday: CCD classes  
[www.catholicparishesontheprairie.org](http://www.catholicparishesontheprairie.org)  
f St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish, De Smet, SD

## 29 De Smet Community Church

Pastor Jim Millman  
Hwy 14 W • 605-854-3927  
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am  
f De Smet Community Church

## 30 United Methodist Church

Pastor Tia Felberg  
301 3rd Street SW • 605-854-3149  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 am  
f De Smet UMC

## 39 Prairie Baptist Church

Pastor Robbie McClelland  
201 2nd Street & SD Hwy 25  
Sunday Worship: 11:00 am  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm  
[www.prairiebaptistdesmet.org](http://www.prairiebaptistdesmet.org)  
f Prairie Baptist Church

The Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant Proudly Presents:

# Heart of the PRAIRIE

## De Smet SOUTH DAKOTA

July 7, 8, 9  
14, 15, 16  
2023 21, 22, 23

PERFORMANCE TAKES PLACE  
OUTSIDE ON THE PRAIRIE

GATE OPENS AT  
**6:00 PM**

PERFORMANCE AT  
**8:00 PM**



Contact us for more information  
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# Coming this Summer on the Prairie Stage **Heart of the Prairie**

**July 7-9, 14-16, 21-23**

Join us in the Little Town on the Prairie, for the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant Society's summer presentation, **Heart of the Prairie**. This theatrical performance celebrates the prairie landscape and the perseverance needed by the Ingalls family, local homesteaders, and pioneers to build the frontier town of De Smet. Following the Ingalls family from their first pleasant winter in the railroad Surveyor's House to the hardships of pioneer life as they endure the long winter and work their homestead claim, this production captures Laura's young adult years. She makes friends, becomes a teacher, and, on buggy rides with Almanzo, dreams about the happy years to come.

## Upcoming Performances

**2024**

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

**2025**

July 11-13, 18-20, 25-27

**2026**

July 10-12, 17-19, 24-26

*What to See*

## TICKETS AND EVENT INFORMATION

**On the Prairie: Laura's Legacy 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!**

## 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.

## Christmas Radio Play Continues to Grow

The Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant annual radio play production harkens back to the classic format that inspired the first pageant. Unable to hold an in-person performance in 2020, the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant put together a fantastic show, *The Hard Winter*, that entertained fans from around the world in the comfort of their homes. Complete with local actors, a foley artist providing sound effects, and a live band, the production was a great success. Christmas-themed radio plays were performed in December 2021 and 2022.

In cooperation with South Dakota Public Broadcasting, both shows were broadcast via Facebook Live and reprised television and radio; they can be viewed at [www.desmetpageant.org](http://www.desmetpageant.org).

**Mark your calendar for December 9th, 2023 for this year's show!**

**Outdoor Concert featuring Surfin' Safari  
June 10 at 5 PM, Pageant Grounds**



## De Smet Cemetery 10

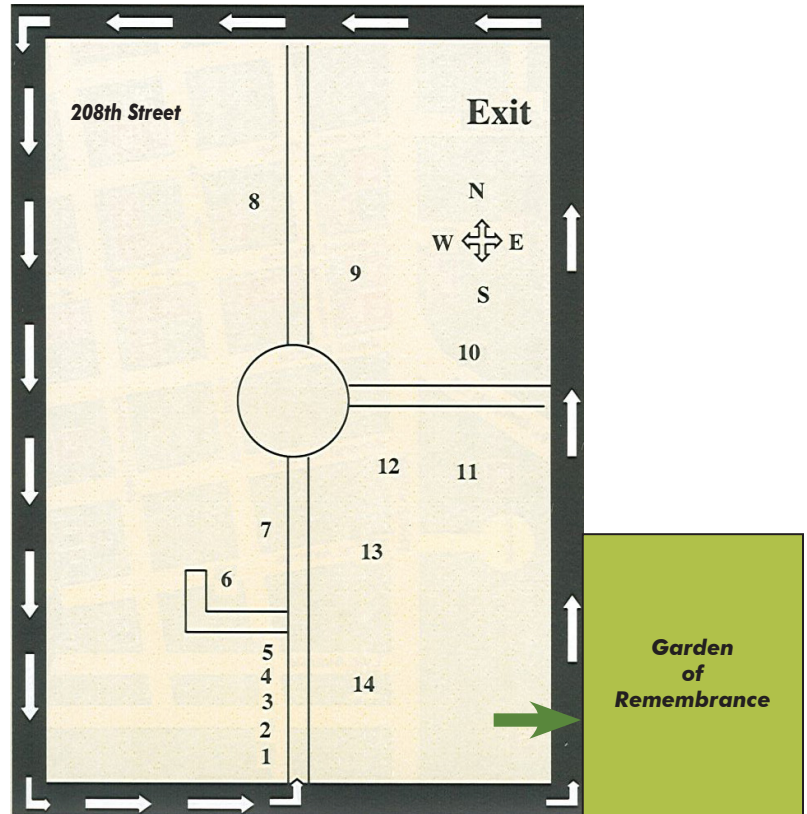
Visitors to the De Smet cemetery, including the many who come to see the "Little Town on the Prairie" of the Laura Ingalls Wilder 'Little House' books, find the final resting places of the Ingalls family and several other familiar friends throughout the books and the television show. In October of 2021, the Laura Ingalls Wilder Society, with 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.



The headstone of Charles Ingalls, "Pa", is the original marker and was refurbished in 2022

### Cemetery Map



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



View the Ingalls family grave sites



**Garden of Remembrance**  
Photo Credit: Susan Purintun

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## '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 thought 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 that 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 that 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, 854-3896 or 854-3176.

## Manchester Monument

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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.

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



## LIVE THE LEGACY... OF THE 'WILDER' LIFE

### Depot Museum / Harvey Dunn School

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**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 one. 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).

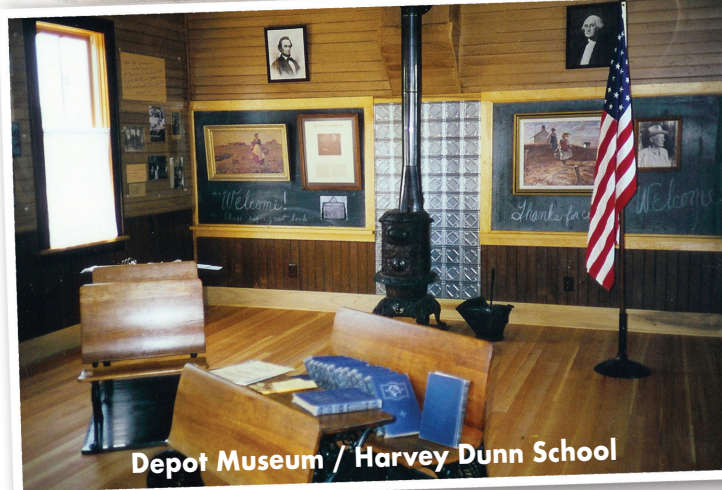
The Dakota Central Railway Company owned the first railroad through De Smet. Marvin Hughitt, a Chicago broker, surveyed and bought the railway and surrounding land.

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 walk way 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



Depot Museum / Harvey Dunn School

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.

**The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday,  
Noon - 4 pm in the months of June, July and August.**  
*Times may vary.*

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

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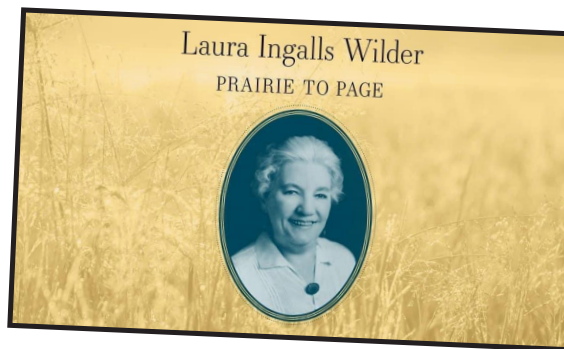
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## LAURA INGALLS WILDER: PRAIRIE TO PAGE

### PBS AMERICAN MASTERS DOCUMENTARY

In December 2020, PBS American Masters premiered a documentary of author, Laura Ingalls Wilder. After years of research and filming, PBS provided viewers an unvarnished look at one of America's most famous children's authors. The documentary covered the Ingalls family's travels throughout the Midwest as well as the struggles and joys the family faced along their journey. Specifically, the film focused on Wilder's ideals of self-reliance and the importance of family and community.

De Smet was featured in the ninety-minute documentary as an important part of her youth. Wilder's father, Charles, moved his family to De Smet in 1879 and claimed a homestead south of town the following year. While Charles Ingalls was not a successful homesteader, he along with his wife, Caroline, spent the rest of their lives in De Smet. Much of Wilder's family also spent a majority of their lives in South Dakota and are buried in the De Smet Cemetery. As a young teacher Wilder met her husband, Almanzo, here and they were married in 1885 before moving to Mansfield, Missouri, their final home. This episode is featured in American Masters, Season 34, Episode 8. It can be viewed on pbs.org. It can also be purchased from the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society or Ingalls Homestead in De Smet.



*We are Proud*



### 31 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.

### 34 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, illustration 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 permanent collection.



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

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# OUR MOUNT RUSHMORE OF

## 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.

## 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*, he was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 1983.

## 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.

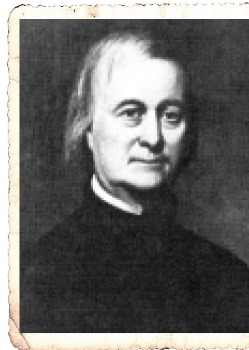
Rose taught herself several languages and began her writing career in 1910 when she took several free-lance jobs for needed cash. After initially accepting a job as an editorial assistant for the *San Francisco Bulletin*, Rose launched a free-lance writer career and wrote for many famous publications, 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 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.

## Wesley Hoyt Ruth

Born Nov. 6, 1913 in De Smet, Commander Ruth was awarded the Navy Cross for his actions at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He piloted the first unarmed plane to take off from Ford Island/Pearl Harbor after the attack, under orders to conduct reconnaissance on the Japanese Fleet and attempt to determine whether there would be another Japanese attack. He, his copilot, radioman and three Seamen had only Springfield rifles in the cabin for use in defending themselves in case of an attack by Japanese fighter aircraft during their 250 mile NW sortie. He lived to be 101 years old.

# FAMOUS DE SMET PEOPLE



## 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 16 - Harvey Dunn School for more information.



## HISTORY...

(Excerpt from De Smet Yesterday and Today "Little Town on the Prairie" Compiled and edited by Caryl Lynn Meyer Poppen)

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.

## 2023 De Smet Community Schedule of Events

### APRIL 2023

- 4 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30 PM, United Methodist Church
- 8 Children's Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 AM, Washington Park  
Sponsored by De Smet Community Women
- 9 Special Easter Services at De Smet area churches
- 21 De Smet High School Prom DHS Armory
- 24 LIW Spring Concert, 6:30 PM, DHS
- 26 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park
- 30 Concert: Robby Yee and His Rock 'n Roll Caravan, 3:00 PM,  
Event Center Call 605-854-3502 for tickets

### MAY 2023

- 2 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30 PM, United Methodist Church
- 6 2nd Annual Outdoor Show, Event Center
- 8 De Smet Middle School/High School Spring Concert, 7:00 PM
- 13 De Smet High School Graduation, 2:00 PM
- 14 Mother's Day - Shop De Smet's gift stores for something special
- 15 DHS Athletic Awards Banquet, 7:00 PM, Event Center
- 19 Last Day of School
- 24 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park
- 24-27 Theater Camp, Event Center
- 29 Memorial Day (Watch for Memorial Day Services in De Smet)

### JUNE 2023

- 6 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30 PM, United Methodist Church
- 5-9 TADA Camp, Event Center
- 8 Dakotaland Member Fest 5:00-7:00pm
- 10 Old Settler's Day  
Noon - Parade, all entrants welcome  
Main Street Activities All Day, Sponsored by City of De Smet  
'Show & Shine' Car Display, entrants welcome  
Concert @ the pageant grounds
- 11 Old Settler's Day  
Pancake Breakfast, Legion Hall
- 11 Concert: The Gibson Girls, 3:00 PM, Event Center  
Call 605-854-3502 for tickets
- 13 Community Meeting, 7 AM, Oxbow Restaurant, All Invited
- 17 City Wide Rummage Sale, Sponsored by De Smet Community Women
- 18 Father's Day - Shop De Smet's Gift Stores for a unique gift for dad
- 28 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park

### JULY 2023

- 4 Spectacular Fireworks Display sponsored by De Smet Fire Dept. 10:00 PM
- 5-9 Summer Musical Kids Theatre Camp Featuring Shrek
- 6 LifeServe Blood Drive, Event Center
- 9 Concert: The Diamonds, 3:00 PM, Event Center  
Call 605-854-3502 for tickets
- 7-9 Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant, 8:00 PM, Pageant Site
- 14-16 Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant, 8:00 PM, Pageant Site
- 21-23 Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant, 8:00 PM, Pageant Site
- 26 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park

### AUGUST 2023

- 1 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30 PM, United Methodist Church
- 1-5 Kingsbury County Achievement Days, De Smet 4-H Grounds
- 10-13 De Smet Plein Air Outdoor Art Event @Homestead, LIW Society  
& throughout De Smet area, Sponsored by Harvey Dunn Society.  
All artists welcome. No admission or registration charge.  
605-203-0216
- 12: Artists & Youth Art Workshops - Noon to 2:30;  
Ingalls Homestead
- 13: Plein Air Art Sale: De Smet Event Center, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM;  
All welcome
- 12 Kingsbury Journal 'Smokeout In The Park' Rib Cook-off  
Area Fire Depts & individual entrants invited, Washington Park, De Smet
- 20 Concert: Holy Rocka Rollaz, 3:00 PM, Event Center  
Call 605-854-3502 for tickets
- 23 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park

### SEPTEMBER 2023

- 4 Labor Day
- 6 LifeServe Blood Drive, Event Center
- 5 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30 PM, United Methodist Church
- 10 Concert: Dakota Ragtime Trio, 3:00 PM, Event Center  
Call 605-854-3502 for tickets
- 27 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park

### OCTOBER 2023

- 3 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30 PM, United Methodist Church
- 21 Pheasant Hunting Season Opens
- 25 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park
- 28 3rd Annual Rooster Rush, Event Center
- 31 Trick or Treat on Main Street - Sponsored by downtown businesses

### NOVEMBER 2023

- 4 3rd Annual Mystery Dinner Theater, Kingsbury Transit fundraiser,  
5:00 PM, Event Center
- 7 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30 PM, United Methodist Church
- 11 Veteran's Day celebrations honoring our veterans
- 18 Large Craft Fair, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM @ De Smet Event Center  
Sponsored by De Smet Community Women
- 12 Concert: Jimmy Weber (Salute to Veterans) 3:00 PM, Event Center  
Call 605-854-3502 for tickets
- 22 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park
- 23 Thanksgiving
- 25 'Small Business Saturday' Celebration with fun, treats & specials  
De Smet Businesses
- 28 South Dakota Day of Giving, Give to your local foundations & charities

### DECEMBER 2023

- 3 Festival of Trees, Chili Cook-off, Cookie Walk, Santa Visits @  
De Smet Event Center
- 5 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30 PM, United Methodist Church
- 9 3rd Annual Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas Radio Play
- Special late shopping, stores of De Smet, 5:00 - 7:00 PM  
De Smet businesses open late
- 12 Community Meeting, 7:00 AM, Oxbow Restaurant,  
Sponsored by De Smet Development Corp.
- 25 Christmas Day! Treats delivered to children on Christmas morning by  
De Smet Fire Department
- 27 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park

## SHOP LOCAL!!!

See website - [www.DeSmetSD.com](http://www.DeSmetSD.com)  
for up-to-date Calendar

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.



## Fun 'Wilder' Happenings In De Smet...

### De Smet Outdoor Show - Saturday, May 6

Join us for the 2nd 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, bath and tackle, outdoor equipment retailers, campgrounds, and so much more will be on hand to showcase their offerings. For inquiries, contact Fields Fish & Game 860-2334.

### Old Settler's Day - Saturday & Sunday, June 10-11

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 & childrens activities on Main Street, outdoor concert featuring Surfin' Safari at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant grounds, and more.

### Kingsbury County 'Smoke Out in the Park' Rib Fest - August 12

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 12, 2023 in Washington Park, De Smet. 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.

Jim & Scott cooking at the RibFest



Photo Credit: Donna Palmlund

### 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.

### Festival of Trees & More - Sunday, December 3

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.



Visit [desmetsd.com](https://desmetsd.com) for future dates of outdoor sporting shows!

## **A De Smet Tradition - The Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant Heart of the Prairie**

The 2023 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](http://www.desmetpageant.org) or see page 13.

**July 7, 8, 9 – 14, 15, 16 – 21, 22, 23**

### **De Smet Community Theater Celebrates 22 Years Providing Premier Entertainment to the Area**

The tradition of outstanding theater performances continues as the De Smet Community Theater celebrates 22 years of shows in De Smet. The theater productions began in partnership with QuarterTon Productions in De Smet in 2001. They have provided top-notch professional entertainment to over 18,000 people in the 19 productions (10 musicals and 9 comedies) that have taken place over the time and all with local talent as volunteers.

They have used various venues to perform with over one-half of the productions being dinner theaters. They began at the Kingsbury Country Club in De Smet. Following that they performed on the De Smet High School stage and the Dugout Lounge on De Smet's Main Street. They also performed the shows in Huron and Howard. They now have a permanent home at the Midstate Theatre.

Some of the top musical Broadway productions that have been performed include:

- Beehive (also toured to Huron, Flandreau & Madison)
- Fiddler on the Roof (with cast of 108 people)
- Mamma Mia
- Nunsense
- Little Shop of Horrors
- Diamond Studs
- Broadway Review

There have been 110 total performances with over 200 performers taking part. An amazing fact is that each production takes 4 months to complete with 3 months of rehearsal time which computes to 1,680 total rehearsal hours (76 months) that the volunteer actors and technical crews have dedicated to the theater productions over the twenty years. Trey Karlen has been the devoted steadfast Director for the entire productions.

Watch for future productions and dates on [www.desmetsd.com](http://www.desmetsd.com).

### **De Smet Concert Series**

The De Smet Area Arts Council is hosting the 6th De Smet Concert Series on Sunday afternoons at the Midstate Theater in the De Smet Event Center. Season memberships are sold and individual tickets are available for each event.

#### **2023 schedule:**

- April 30: Robby Vee & His Rock 'n Roll Caravan
- June 11: The Gibson Girls
- July 9: The Diamonds
- August 20: Holy Rocka Rollaz
- September 10: Dakota Ragtime Trio
- November 12: Jimmy Weber (Salute to Veterans)

The De Smet Concert Series is partially funded through the SD Game, Fish & Parks & area businesses. Call Rita, 605-203-0216, for information.

### **Theatre on the Prairie Fantasy Camp with Celebrity Actors**



A wonderful opportunity for the entire region will be taking place for theatre enthusiasts at the De Smet Event Center with the Theatre on the Prairie Fantasy Camp taking place May 24-27, 2023. This 4-day camp will have three days of classes and a Festival of Performances, including a Mystery Dinner theatre on the final day. Celebrity actors and industry specialists will be part of the learning experience. Contact Marina at the De Smet Event Center, 605-854-6060, for more information about this very special theatre camp.





## Summer Musical Kids Theatre Camp Coming To De Smet!

Shrek 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 5-9, 2023 with performances of 'Shrek The Musical' on Friday, June 9 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.

## Harvey Dunn Society 15th Annual Plein Air 'Paint Out'

Plein Air is an expression which means "in the open air", and is particularly used to describe the act of painting outdoors. That is exactly what happens the second weekend of August in De Smet. Artists of all levels from several states gather to enjoy fellowship and painting outside on the prairie as renowned artist Harvey Dunn had done. There is a place this weekend for everyone!

This is the longest running and one of the most popular Plein Air events in South Dakota. Artists begin their weekend of activities with registration on Thursday, August 10 and continuing Friday. There will be an evening reception on **Friday, August 11, 2023** at the Harvey Dunn School. Workshops will be held at the Ingalls Homestead on **Saturday, August 12, 2023** to demonstrate various art mediums. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to network and enjoy the fun of the weekend. Those who love art but do not have artistic talents are welcome to stroll around, watch the artists as they create and enjoy. The public turns out to view the artists creations on **Sunday, August 13, 2023** at the De Smet Events Center. Artworks created may be purchased at the event on Sunday. See [www.desmetdsd.com](http://www.desmetdsd.com) for information.

Artists: for more information, call Rita at 605-203-0216 or email [rita@desmetsouthdakota.org](mailto:rita@desmetsouthdakota.org).

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Murder Mystery Theatre

The Community Murder Mystery Theatre returns to the Event Center on Saturday, November 4, 2023. This very popular event is a fundraiser for the Kingsbury County Transit System. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Event Center, 605-854-6060.

## Piano/Instrument Lessons

Piano/Instrument Lessons are available in the community:  
Julie Baszler: 605-854-9183  
Nita Muser: 605-854-3767  
Diane Perry: 605-546-2190

## IMPACT Classes Fun New Adult Classes, Tours & Experiences in De Smet

The City of De Smet has joined together with the IMPACT Leadership Team to bring a new opportunity for area residents who want to learn for the love of it - no grades, no tests, just fun! Held in January and February, the series of classes, tours and experiences is offered to everyone with a variety of ideas & activities to keep the mind and body involved and expand horizons. It includes a cross-section of experiences for men and women to enjoy during the winter months.

Most classes are one session so that makes it easy for people to attend. A twelve person IMPACT Leadership team develop the well-rounded variety of classes and tours with an interest for everyone. Call the De Smet Event Center, 605-854-6060, for more information.

## 3rd Annual Rooster Rush

Join us October 28th to kick off Pheasant Season and welcome hunters to the area! Representatives will be there from various hunting related businesses, and there will be many fun family activities as well as delicious food options. For inquiries contact Fields Fish & Game 860-2334.



**Watch the Laura Ingalls Wilder  
Pageant Facebook page for updates  
on other exciting events planned  
during the summer months!**



*Judith Oliver painting the Kingsbury  
courthouse at Plein Air*



*Renowned Artist Galen Wallum  
giving workshop!*





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## 'WILDER' PLACES TO PLAY... Washington Park

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Washington Park amenities include:

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

**Camping Rates:**  
**Rate w/ electricity:**  
**\$20/night**  
**Rate for all others:**  
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**for more info**

## DE SMET RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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### Swimming Pool

The De Smet swimming pool is located on Loftus Avenue. The pool opens the first week in June and closes the middle of August. 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.

### 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 PROGRAM:

**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:

For all ages;  
Held at De Smet Event Center  
2 times/month

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



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## Rose Vincent Memorial Park

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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

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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.

**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



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## 'Wilder' Wildlife Fishing Supplies / Services...

For the fishing enthusiasts, several lakes in area provide a great fishing experience. The open waters of Lake Thompson is 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](http://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

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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.

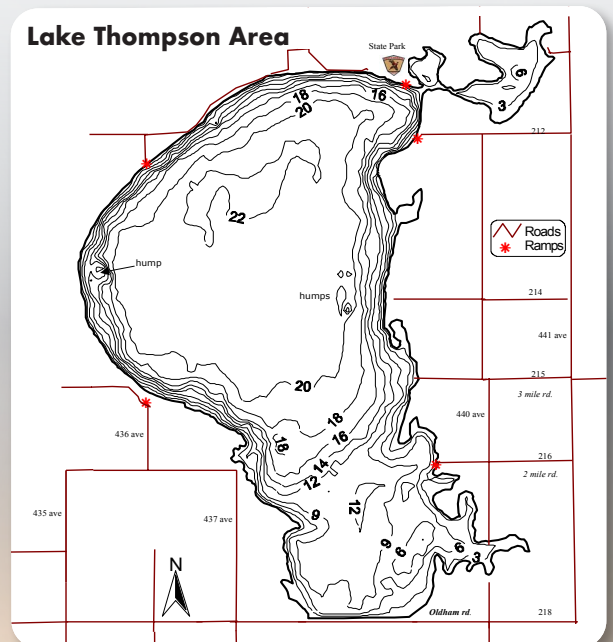
Lake Thompson Recreation Area offers 103 campsites, four cabins and a five-bedroom group rental lodge perfect for hunters, fisherman or reunions. A playground, beach, boat dock, two comfort stations, dump station and fish cleaning station are also available.

## 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.



## 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 21, 2023**). 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.



Welcome Fields Fish & Game  
Shop to De Smet!

## Join us October 28, 2023 for De Smet's Rooster Rush Festival

De Smet paints the town orange, welcoming our pheasant hunters and have a special celebration October 28 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! Call Fields Fish and Game for more information at 605-860-2334.



## 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](mailto:kingsbury.county@sdstate.edu)



## Kingsbury County Country Club Golf Course

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605-854-3134 - Open to the public

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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College Student .....	\$145.00
Other Student .....	\$135.00

#### Golf Cart Storage:

Gas .....	\$160.00
Electric .....	\$190.00
Home Cart Storage/Trail fee:..	\$100.00

#### 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

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<p>109 4th St. SW P.O. Box 238 De Smet, SD 57231</p>	<p><b>Guns - Ammo - Live Bait - Tackle</b> De Smet's only hunting &amp; fishing store</p> 

<p><b>GOT A HANKERIN?</b> <b>COWBOY COUNTRY STORES</b></p>  <p>104 Hwy 14 E 605-854-3553</p>	<p>Stop at De Smet's Full-Service Convenience Store!</p> <p>Hot Stuff Pizza Champs Chicken Sporting Goods Hunting / Fishing License Casino Gas / Diesel 24 Hour Pay at the Pump</p>
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**DAIRY QUEEN** Jct Hwy 14 & 25 | 605-854-9000  
Traditional American menu with your DQ favorites and delicious ice cream. Convenient location at the intersection of Highways 14 & 25.

**DE SMET MERCANTILE & COFFEE HOUSE**  
213 Calumet Ave | 605-860-2683

Cozy shop on De Smet's Main Street to enjoy favorite coffee/beverage, baked goods, SDSU ice cream and more goodies while perusing new books and gift items for sale. Drive-up window open early with inside open all day and evenings. Family Friendly. Now offering a selection of salads and sandwiches.

**HALF PINT STEAKS & SPIRITS**

104 3rd Street SW | 605-854-9129

Fresh homemade food, fun drinks, and great service. All in our small town in De Smet, SD. Catering available as well.

**KLINKELS III** 123 Calumet Ave SW | 605-854-9171

Popular lounge & restaurant open evenings Monday through Saturday 5 pm - midnight; Specials each night with a full menu. Large TVs to watch favorite sports, pool table, darts, Family Friendly, Full Bar, Lottery machine room, Carry-Out.

**OXBOW RESTAURANT**

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 FOR A QUICK PICK-UP - OPEN DAILY!**

**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.

**MAYNARDS FOOD CENTER**

107 Calumet Ave | 605-854-3432

Grocery store with an excellent variety of sandwiches and fast food items made up, plus a wonderful selection of fresh fruit and vegetables and sandwich makings ready. Liquor Store.



## Make De Smet Your Home...

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
Kingsbury Electric Cooperative .....	605-854-3522
Century Link (telephone & internet) .....	800-244-1111
Mediacom (cable tv & internet).....	855-224-2253
Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling .....	877-715-3640
SD One Call .....	800-781-7474 or 811
US Post Office.....	605-854-3440
Kingsbury Journal (weekly newspaper) .....	605-854-3331
Valley FiberCom (broadband internet, digital tv, telephone) .....	866-45FIBER

### Location

De Smet is centrally located on two major highways, US Hwy 14 and SD 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](http://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

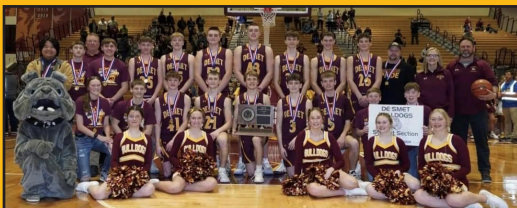
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6th-12th 405 Third Street SW.....	605-854-3674

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## We Are So Proud of our Bulldogs!!

### 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 Wins SD State B Boys Basketball Championship 3 Years – 2021, 2022, and 2023**



**Kalen Garry**



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



**Kennadi Buchholz**

### Two Outstanding Players, Kalen Garry & Kennadi Buchholz, Won Many State Honors

During the 2022 state tournaments, the **Spirit of Su Award** was given to two De Smet High School Seniors, Kalen Garry and Kennadi Buchholz. It is very rare that this award goes to two athletes from the same school and is a testament to the high standards and caliber of students in De Smet. This outstanding honor is given every year by the South Dakota High School Activities Assn to an outstanding senior Girls and Boys player in memory of SuAnne Big Crow, a former standout SD basketball player who died in a car accident. The player is judged on outstanding athletic ability, leadership, character, sportsmanship and grade point average.

Kalen also had the tremendous honor of being named **Gatorade Player of the Year** for South Dakota and the **SD Class B Boys Player of the Year**. He received numerous other awards as well as setting new school records. Kennadi was named the **SD Class B Player of the Year** and set new all time leading scorer records. These two students, along with the other players on the team, were amazing with their teamwork, sportsmanship, leadership, outstanding abilities and for being such role models for our community.

## Bush Foundation Chooses De Smet Innovative Community of the Year for 2016

The De Smet community was thrilled to be selected by the prestigious Bush Foundation to receive the 2016 Innovative Community of the Year Award. The Bush Foundation Prize honors and supports organizations with a track record of effective and equitable breakthroughs to community challenges.

The Bush Foundation is one of the most renowned charitable foundations in the three state area. The Bush Foundation staff were impressed with the spirit and passion of the De Smet community as well as the major accomplishments in the past few years. This will allow De Smet to be showcased as the community where you want to live with the small town atmosphere and a great place to raise a family and still have the amenities of the larger communities.

## Smithsonian Magazine selected De Smet as "One of the Best 20 Small Towns In USA to Visit in 2017"

The prestigious Smithsonian Magazine set out on a quest to find 20 great slice-of-life small towns full of unique flavor and they consulted the geographical information company, ERSI, to identify towns full of local culture, history and natural beauty. De Smet was honored to be chosen amongst them.

## National Recognition for De Smet

- Named **one of 10 Most Charming Small Towns in South Dakota**, by onlyinyourstate.com. This announcement brought a huge Facebook appearance, with the comment "This town is full of historical character. De Smet is truly the little town on the prairie..."
- De Smet was voted by the USA Today readers as **Best Historic Small Town 2021** – 2nd place.
- SD Arts Alive Publication highlights De Smet for the **development of arts programs in a rural community** beginning with the Laura Ingalls Pageant almost 50 years ago to the community theater productions and presently the Plein Air event, new Midstate Theater, DeSmet Arts Council, and organization of the De Smet Area Concert Series.
- De Smet selected as one of three communities in South Dakota to be a part of a national program, '**Well Connected Communities**', in an effort to cultivate wellness across the country in partnership with America's Cooperative Extension System, including South Dakota State University and the National 4-H Council. The program is equipping volunteer leaders to help their neighbors be healthier at every stage of life.
- De Smet Named **Best Small Town Cultural Scene in the United States – 9th Runner Up** by USA Today. 2022 continued to be a tremendous year of national awareness and recognition for the De Smet community. This USA Today Network Readers' Choice Travel award contest is an incredible honor to be nominated for.

**Ward's Store named one of the '7 charming General Stores in South Dakota'** that will make you feel nostalgic by 'Only In Your State' on Facebook. Featured on KSFY-TV as **A Restaurant & Coffee Shop to Visit**.

**Pioneer Woman Magazine:** Ree Drummond, the popular Food Network TV star, featured De Smet with a four-page article about the Little House on the Prairie television show and pictures of the Ingalls home in De Smet in her Fall 2021 Pioneer Woman Magazine.

## Featured in the Star Tribune

The Twin Cities' Star Tribune featured a story about the Ingalls Homestead covered wagon camping in July 2022. Travel writer Lee Svitak Dean visited De Smet with her family to visit the Laura Ingalls Wilder sites. They experienced a good prairie thunderstorm during the night of camping but stayed safe and dry! "On the Laura Ingalls Homestead in South Dakota, a modern family survives the night in a covered wagon: Adventure and history showcase the homestead of Children's author Laura Ingalls Wilder," by Lee Svitak Dean.

## Featured in the Boston Globe

The Boston Globe sopped in De Smet as part of their Two Weeks in America Series in September 2022. Journalist Jenna Russell spent time with De Smet native Nicole Berg telling her story of working with Osthus-Crawford Funeral Home and directing the 2022 Laura Ingalls Wilde Pageant. "The funeral home apprentice who brings history to life at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant," by Jenna Russel, Globe Staff.

## SD Public Broadcasting Featured Kingsbury Journal Story

The story of the Kingsbury Journal and how it became a reality was featured in an episode of Dakota Life on the South Dakota Public Broadcasting television channel. The Dakota Life is a monthly production that discovers the unique people, places and things in South Dakota. This episode is available for viewing on the South Dakota Public Broadcasting website, <https://www.sdpb.org/tv/dakotalife>.



## Jim & Anita Pekron – Volunteer of the Year

In 2022 Jim and Anita Pekron were chosen and given the honor of leading the Old Settler's Day Parade as the Grand Marshal. The deserving couple have been recognized for their many years of involvement in local groups.

Jim moved to De Smet in 1984, working at Lyle Signs, Inc. for over 25 years, afterwards holding several part-time jobs, including driving covered wagons for tourist at the Ingalls Homestead. Jim has been a member of the De Smet American Legion for 20 years, being Post Commander for 16 and is currently the Legion District Commander. In addition, Jim is a member of both the Food Pantry board and the LIW Pageant board. He has served as a member of the De Smet Knights of Columbus for over 25 years and has been member of the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus since 1999.

Anita became a resident of De Smet in 2008, moving from Huron, S.D., where she was employed at the Huron Area Center for Independence. She joined the De Smet Community Women's group that year and remained so for the next 13 years. Anita and Jim were married in March of 2012, and in 2014, Anita began working as the Kingsbury County State's Attorney Secretary and Gass Law Secretary in De Smet. Along with her Husband, she has been a LIW Pageant board member since 2017 and served as the treasurer for over 3 years.

*Old Settler's Day Parade Marshalls: Bernie and Mavis Stoel.*

## De Smet's Todd Wilkinson elected President of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association



This is the latest in a long line of accomplishments. 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. This includes having served as a founding member and president of the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association and as the NCBA's Region VII Policy Vice President.

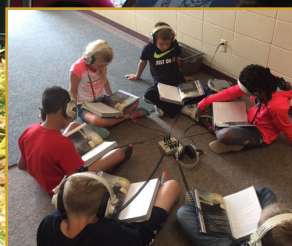
## Calliana (Calli) Fields - Miss Dakota Plains Outstanding Teen

De Smet resident Calliana (Calli) Fields, a junior at De Smet High School, won the title of Miss Dakota Plains Outstanding Teen at the Miss South Dakota Teen State Pageant. Calli plans to use her platform to share the importance of sobriety for middle and high school kids.



## Rooster Rush Community Festival!

De Smet is renowned for area hunting and fishing opportunities. Each year we celebrate our hunting guests by kicking off Pheasant Season with hunting vendors, food, youth events and games, and more!



De Smet School District 38-2 is located in De Smet, SD at the intersection of Highway 14 & 25. De Smet is a progressive community of 1,200 people that hosts the county seat. With over 300 students in grades K-12, we provide many of the same opportunities as larger schools while remaining true to our small town values. We also offer 4-year old preschool for not cost to families. Space is limited so contact the school for more information.

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

DESMET HIGH SCHOOL

# DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Schools

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**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.**

**We are so proud!!!!** De Smet High School continually scores in the top five percent of South Dakota schools on the SD Department of Education Report Card.

- 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).

**PreK-12 Enrollment – 335 Students**  
**Avg. Class Size – 21 Students**

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

### 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!



**Abi Van Regenmorter**  
**Sup’t of Schools**



## Local Government...

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 City Hall. All council meetings are open to the public.

### De Smet's Elected Officials:

Mayor.....	Gary Wolkow
Ward 1 .....	Cole Munger Lowell Hansen
Ward 2 .....	Bret Jensen Pam Spader
Ward 3 .....	Shon Asleson George Cavanaugh

### Visit City Website

[www.cityofdesmet.com](http://www.cityofdesmet.com)

### 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.

### De Smet's 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
Street Dept Assistant .....	Josh Halverson
Library Director .....	Mary Purinton
Library Assistant .....	Jenny Todd
Events & Wellness Center Director....	Kristy Hubbard, 605-854-6060
Events Center Maintenance .....	Patty Garry

### City Owned RESTRICTED USE SITE

is located 3 miles South of town on Hwy 25 & 1/2 mile West.

Dates of Operation (weather permitting):

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

## Airport...

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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.

Elevation: 1728.5 feet  
Latitude: 44-26.268478N  
Longitude: 097-33.638640W  
Super AWOS - Local Airport  
Weather CTAF (122.9)  
Phone: 617-262-3825



## Police...

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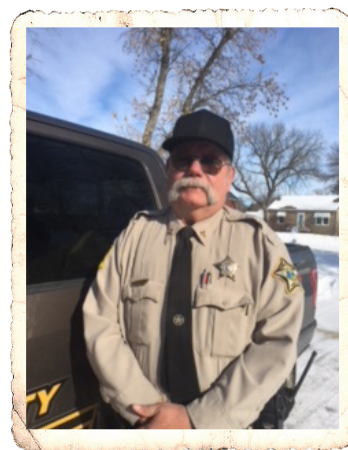
### **Sheriff welcomes new residents**

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

I know you will enjoy the City of DeSmet 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!

by Steve Strande  
Kingsbury County Sheriff  
605 854-3339



**Steve Strande**

## Emergency Personnel...

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### **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.

### **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.



**De Smet Rescue Unit**

**De Smet Volunteer Fire Dept**

Photo Credit: Susan Purintun

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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:

District 1 - Corey Lundquist  
District 2 - Doug Kazmerzak  
District 3 - Kyle Lee  
District 4 - Roger Walls  
District 5 - Steve Spilde

### County Auditor:

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aud1@kingsburycountysd.org

### Register of Deeds:

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605-854-3378  
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### Clerk of Courts:

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605-854-3811  
jennifer.malone@ujs.state.sd.us

### Highway Superintendent:

Dave Sorenson  
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### Director of Equalization:

Tammy Anderson  
605-854-3593  
doe1@kingsburycountysd.org

### Emergency Management Director:

Cindy Bau  
605-854-3711  
em@kingsburycountysd.org

### County Abstracter:

Mark Purintun  
605-854-3401

### Veterans Services Officer:

Gary Schumacher  
605-854-3378  
gary@wslawfirm.net

### Kingsbury Conservation District:

Tanya Flegel  
605-854-3183  
kingsburycd@sdconservation.net

### Motor Vehicle Information:

Vehicle registration and licensing is done at the Kingsbury County Courthouse, located at 202 2nd Street SE, in De Smet

For all County Government information call 605-854-3832 | [www.kingsburycountysd.org](http://www.kingsburycountysd.org)



## Library

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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.

Mary Purintun, director, has enjoyed working at the library since 1998 and Jenny Todd, assistant librarian, has enjoyed her position since 2018. The library serves the people of De Smet and surrounding communities ranging in all ages from infants to senior citizens.

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.

Four computers, connected to wireless internet, are available for public use. Microfilm of *The De Smet News*

and *Iroquois Chief* newspapers are available for research. With an assigned library card, you can download audiobooks and e-books at home free.

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](mailto:hlmlib@mchsi.com) for further information. Follow us on Facebook.

Stop in and check out the great selection of books, look at the displays, surf the internet or just come in and relax. We look forward to meeting you.



The Tree of Donors inside the De Smet Event Center

## De Smet Event & Wellness Center

### De Smet Foundations Provide Opportunity for YOU to Give

De Smet was named '2017 Philanthropic Community of the Year for South Dakota' due to all of the generous gifts by so many of you. Many have given as a family or an individual in memory of a loved one or in honor of their family or a special individual. Others contributed because they have a connection to De Smet or have enjoyed their times here and as a 'Thank You' for the work done by so many volunteers to keep De Smet progressive and to maintain the historical sites. Others give as a 'Thank You' for the outstanding education that they received from the De Smet schools and to help to maintain that high standard of excellence. The De Smet alumni have been very generous in all that they have given back to their community. We thank each and every one of you!!!! It is a value that has set De Smet apart from other communities and has allowed the community to accomplish many outstanding things that give a greater quality of life and attract new people to live in De Smet.

The De Smet Foundations that rely on your contributions are all 501(c)3 non-profit organizations that give tax deductions for your gifts.

#### De Smet Community Foundation

The De Smet Community Foundation supports all community projects. Gifts may be given for specific projects that you name and/ or for community projects in general with the funds being used for projects, community organizations or the most critical needs of the area. It provides a mechanism for any person, including those of modest means, to make a lasting contribution to the De Smet area. All funds given go directly to the community projects. The Community Foundation is led by all volunteers without paid staff. Endowments in an individual or family's name are encouraged to establish lasting legacies with planned giving. Gifts will always be administered according to your wishes. You may make charitable gifts at any time and to the charity of your choice. Contact Rita Anderson, 605-203-0216, [rita@desmetsouthdakota.org](mailto:rita@desmetsouthdakota.org).

**View & SHARE the new De Smet video produced by Passenger Productions, sponsored by the Bush Foundation at [www.desmetsd.com](http://www.desmetsd.com).**

#### De Smet Education Foundation

The De Smet Education Foundation was established in 2003 for the purpose of enhancing the education of the students enrolled in the De Smet School District in the fields of academics, the arts and athletics. A few recent projects that the Foundation has generously donated to would include a sound system for the fine arts program, Makerspace supplies and equipment, Physics software and equipment, a pottery kiln for the art department, elementary software, a donation to the De Smet Event Center and many more. Contact Greg Skyberg, 605-854-3074.

#### Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital Foundation

The Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital Foundation supports the healing mission of providing care to residents in the region. The hospital has been supported by generations of individuals, families and businesses that consistently have a vision of De Smet as a vibrant community and a regional hub of business and healthcare. The new hospital is once again proof that De Smet is a small town with a big heart. The ADMH Foundation will continue to raise funds to carry on our history of providing high quality healthcare close to home. For more information or to make a donation call 605-854-6100 or stop by 306 Prairie Ave SW.

#### Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society

**Donate Today and Preserve Laura's Legacy!**

Now is your opportunity to be a part of the Ingalls family legacy. Your thoughtful donation enables us to share our collections and programs with visitors around the world. By helping keep the heritage alive for future generations, you can continue to be a part of the amazing history of De Smet. Your donation will support ongoing preservation of the original homes and school of Laura and her family, the display of original Ingalls-Wilder artifacts and restoring and providing comprehensive maintenance systems for buildings within the Society's complex. For more information or to donate please call 800-880-3383 or visit [www.DiscoverLaura.org](http://www.DiscoverLaura.org)

#### Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant Society

The Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant Society is a non-profit organization that has had the honor of presenting Laura Ingalls Wilder's stories for over 50 years. Each July, visitors from around the world journey to De Smet for an outdoor theater experience on the open Dakota prairie. The Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant is a community event involving over 100 volunteers - actors, technicians, horsemen, and greeters - from De Smet and surrounding area and truly captures the can-do spirit that makes this Little Town on the Prairie a great place to live. Call 800-776-3594

## 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.

**Bring Your Conference to De Smet!**

### We have been hosts to:

- Wedding Receptions
- Concerts
- Conferences
- Dance and Piano Recitals
- Annual Meetings
- Family and Class Reunions
- Live Theatre Performances
- A Circus
- Wellmark Fitness Challenge
- 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.

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.





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## American Legion Post 138

The American Legion meets at 7:00 pm the first Monday of every month at the legion hall - 104 3rd St SW. Any Veteran who would like to join the legion may contact Charley 'Chuck' Johnson at 605-860-0252.

## 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

South Dakota based non-profit organization, Beef Bucks, Inc., was recently a gift tag prize on America's #1 game show - Wheel of Fortune. Their purpose is to promote the beef industry and consumer education. The main office of Beef Bucks, Inc. is located in De Smet. Beef Bucks certificates may be purchased. These are excellent gifts for any occasion. For more information, contact Nancy Montross, 605-854-3502.

## The 'Sharing' Meal

The De Smet United Methodist Church invites all to come share a community meal served the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. All are invited to come share good food and fellowship. There is no charge for the meal, but donations are appreciated to help continue serving the community. Call in delivery, curbside pick-up options are available, located at 301 3rd St SW or call 605-854-3518.

## De Smet Area Arts Council

This new organization in De Smet brings arts and culture to the area. They organize the annual De Smet Concert Series held at the Midstate Theater in the Event Center and promote arts in the community throughout the year. Call Rita Anderson, 605-203-0216, to join in these worthwhile effort for the Arts.

## De Smet Area Chamber of Commerce

The De Smet Chamber is an active group of business people promoting De Smet. They sponsor many civic functions including Old Settler's Day (longest running celebration in SD), Rib Fest and other local promotions. For more information, contact Chamber President, Chad Kruse, 605-854-3773.

## De Smet Community Women

De Smet Community Women (DCW) is a non-profit, service-oriented group whose members work together to benefit the needs of our community through service and philanthropic endeavors. They organize community events and projects as fundraisers to support a variety of local community projects and organizations. Activities include: Valentines project, Easter egg hunt, domestic abuse shelter support, ice cream social, city wide rummage sale, meals for cyclist tour, teachers' brunch, craft/vendor fair, Toys for Tykes, Christmas Family Sponsorship, cookie walk & Christmas house of the week. For more information, contact Helen Janish, 605-203-0077 and visit their website, <http://desmet.wixsite.com/desmetdcw>.

## De Smet Economic Development Corporation

The De Smet Development Corporation was created as a resource for existing businesses in De Smet and for the development and expansion of the economic climate of the area. It is an active group comprised of local business leaders who continually seek new ideas for growth. Anyone interested in the advancement of De Smet and maintaining and improving the quality of 'Wilder' Life is invited to become a member. For more information, contact Jamie Lancaster, Director, 605-854-9011.

## 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

The Harvey Dunn Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to celebrating the work of noted artist, Harvey Dunn, who grew up locally. They also provide encouragement for artists in visual and performing arts. The group conducts the annual Plein Air Art event held the second Friday through Sunday in August. For information, call Dianne Larson 605-203-0896.

## Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership (ICAP)

A community based non-profit organization which serves primarily low-income families and senior citizens in a 14 county area of East Central South Dakota. The following programs are available in Kingsbury County: 60s Plus Dining, Case Management & Protective Payee Services, Early Head Start, Emergency Food and Shelter, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Food Pantries, Garden Project, Head Start, Health Insurance Marketplace, Homeless Rent-Deposit Assistance, Homeownership Education/ Foreclosure Prevention, Housing Repair-Rehabilitation, Information & Referral, Mutual Self-Help Housing, School Supplies, Self-Help Rehabilitation, VITA, Weatherization Program. For information, call 605-854-3701 or visit [www.interlakescap.com](http://www.interlakescap.com).

## Kingsbury County Cancer Care

This non-profit organization was formed to help our friends and neighbors with monetary support in their time of need. Various teams sponsor fundraising events throughout the year. For more information or to become part of this worthy group, call Marlene Anderson 605-860-9999.

## Kingsbury County Cattlemen's Assn of SD

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](http://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.

## Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant Society

The De Smet Pageant organization is an all-volunteer group responsible for the Pageant's continued success and legacy while maintaining the successful operation of the production each year. Contact President Kristy Hubbard 605-854-6060.

## PEO

The International Chapter of the PEO sisterhood meets 15 times a year. This members-only organization supports five philanthropies. The group that began in 1920 raises money for educated-based loans, scholarships and college support. The mission of PEO is to educate women and to motivate each other to achieve our highest aspirations. For more information, please contact Tristin Gruenhagen at 605-854-9021.

## PTO Parent/Teacher Organization

LIW Elementary PTO was established in 2015 with the long term goal of raising money to place shelving in the future library for the school. They strive to sponsor a monthly fundraiser or event. The PTO meetings are open to the public. For more information please visit our Facebook Page "LIW Elementary PTO". They were instrumental in raising the funds for the Handicapped Playground Equipment recently installed at the Elementary School.

## 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](mailto:easternoffice@shiine.net), or [www.shiine.net](http://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 Odegard, 605-203-0302.



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## De Smet Community Health Center

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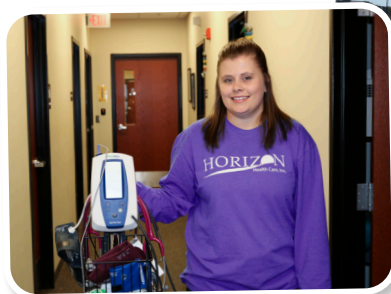
Since opening in 1997, Horizon Health Care's De Smet Community Health Center (CHC) and Dental Clinic have proven to be a tremendous asset to the entire region and a great example of what a CHC does for a community. The beautiful new 9,500 sq ft clinic on the corner of Wilder Pass and Prairie Ave provides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

### 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



**Ashley and the CHC staff provide outstanding care every day**



**CHC staff join the fun with a float in De Smet's Old Settlers day parade**

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](http://www.horizonhealthcare.org)

### 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 - Great New Facility for De Smet

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

### Amenities include:

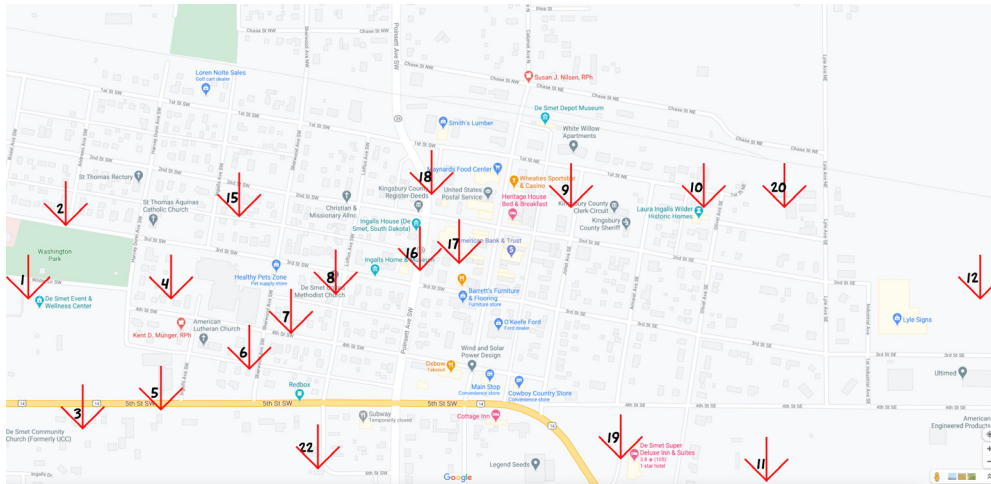
- Salon for beautician & barber
- Large Therapy room for Physical, Occupational, Speech Therapy
- Private Chapel
- Main Living Space to gather for activities (Puzzles, movies, cards, visiting)

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.

Austie Olson RN, Owner 854-9953 401 Ingalls Ave SW DeSmet, SD 57231 [TheVillageAssistedLiving@Outlook.com](mailto:TheVillageAssistedLiving@Outlook.com)



## De Smet AED Map



1. De Smet Community Health Center/DeSmet Dental
2. Avera De Smet Hospital
3. DeSmet Community Church
4. De Smet Event & Wellness Center
5. Kingsbury Electric
6. De Smet Elementary
7. American Lutheran Church
8. De Smet MS/HS (2)
9. Ward's Store & Bakery
10. Kingsbury County Courthouse
11. Ingalls Homestead
12. Lyle Signs
13. Ultimed
14. DeSmo
15. St. Thomas Catholic Church
16. United Methodist Church
17. Ingalls Home & Museum
18. CMA Church
19. Legend Seeds
20. LiW Memorial Society
21. American Engineering
22. De Smet Pool

Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are portable, life-saving devices designed to treat people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest, a medical condition in which the heart stops beating suddenly and unexpectedly. The combination of CPR and early defibrillation is effective in saving lives when used in the first few minutes following collapse from sudden cardiac arrest. The De Smet community is very proud to have AED devices located throughout our City to save lives. This map displays the location of these AED devices in De Smet.

## De Smet Wellness Coalition Accomplishing Great Things...

The De Smet Wellness Coalition, conducted with the SDSU Extension, includes representatives from the school staff and students, medical facilities, City, Development Corporation and volunteers. They meet monthly to identify community health needs and then work on meeting these needs. The Coalition has implemented many community projects including elementary school breakfast program, acquiring (AEDs) for first responders, rural churches and CPR training. They were instrumental in bringing Kingsbury County Area Transit to De Smet. They recently completed the steps to have De Smet certified as an official cardiac-ready community! The De Smet Wellness Coalition is inviting adults and youth age 13 and older to becoming involved in the coalition. If interested, contact Kristy Hubbard, 605-695-0702.

## 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. In-town fares are \$1.50/ride; out-of-town fares charged by the mile. 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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# Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital

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When you need it, the health care you need is close to home, right here in De Smet.

Multiple levels of care are available to serve you and your family at the right time and in the right place for anything from preventive care to chronic illness to injuries.

**Clinic care at Avera Medical Group De Smet:** Primary care providers in De Smet handle sickness, injury and preventive services during normal business hours. Your provider knows you best, so this is the best option whenever possible. Specialty care, including cardiology, oncology and hematology, is available via physician outreach and telemedicine.

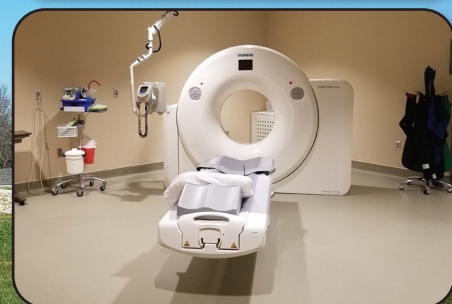
**Home Care and Hospice:** Avera@Home offers home care and hospice services in De Smet, including services in the home and at long-term care and assisted living settings in the community. Whether someone is recovering from a major illness or living with a chronic health condition, they can benefit from home health care tailored to their specific needs.

**Emergency care at Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital:** Our two updated emergency rooms accommodate the latest technology as well as patient comfort. Emergency services should be saved for the most serious and life-threatening medical conditions. Avera De Smet's 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. Local providers are backed up by 24/7 access to telemedicine, putting the local team in immediate contact with emergency medicine specialists.

**Hospital services:** Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital offers a wide range of diagnostic and outpatient care, including CT, digital mammography, ultrasound and nuclear medicine. Outpatient services include cardiac rehab, pulmonary rehab and physical therapy. When inpatient care is needed, patients have access to private rooms in our hospital's updated inpatient wing.

"We're fortunate to have convenient clinic and hospital care at one updated health care campus. Through an excellent local team and the strength of the Avera system, patients in our community have access to a tremendous wealth of health care services," said Steph Reasy, Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital Administrator.

**For more information on services available at Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital, call 605-854-3329 or stop by 306 Prairie Ave S.W.**



## Sharing God's Love...

### GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY

Since opening our doors in May of 1968, the Good Samaritan Society- De Smet has worked hard to make sure our residents, families, and staff feel loved, valued, and at peace. Good Samaritan Society- De Smet focuses on providing the highest quality of care and life for our residents. Our homelike environment is created by providing delicious meals, ample activities, privacy, clean rooms, and excellent service.

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## De Smet Continues to be a Community of Beauty and Innovation

Current Projects Include:



### Legendary Highway 14 Tower Trail

As development of this tower and trail system, designed to feature Silver Lake, the Big Slough and surrounding area, continues we are excited to announce the kick off of an international architectural design competition! We have partnered with Buildner's to offer the opportunity to architects around the world of designing the future observation tower purposed to allow visitors a panoramic view of the natural wetlands complex just as Laura Ingalls Wilder would have seen it years ago. The contest will bring innovative design and creative engagement to the project as we move forward.



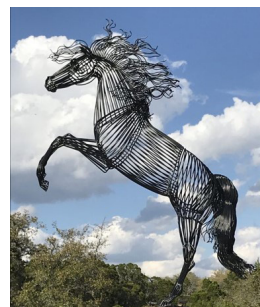
### New Elementary School Underway

Currently in the construction phase and scheduled to be complete by fall of 2024, the new Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary School will be a shining accomplishment for educational excellence by this community. Made possible by a bond that passed with massive voter support, this new building will give our wonderful teachers and incredible students a cutting edge and engaging environment in which learning will take place.



### Main Street Revitalization

As the City of De Smet engages in replacing aging infrastructure under Calumet Avenue, we have an opportunity to go above and beyond! In partnership with the De Smet Development Corporation, our Main Street will be rebuilt with beautiful wide sidewalks, trees, safer pedestrian crossings, places for businesses to display their wares, patrons to sit and enjoy the surroundings, and much more!



### De Smet Sculpture Trail

Launching this spring is a new arts and culture experience! The De Smet Sculpture Trail will feature six beautiful works of art placed along Main Street. 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.

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20135 436th Ave  
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nimble@itctel.com

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De Smet, SD 57231  
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De Smet, SD 57231  
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De Smet, SD 57231  
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De Smet, SD 57231  
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Industrial Park  
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De Smet, SD 57231  
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### Hawkins Painting

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De Smet, SD 57231  
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### Holland Construction

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[www.kec-sd.coop](http://www.kec-sd.coop)

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De Smet, SD 57231  
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De Smet, SD 57231  
605-854-9252

### Schubloom Construction Inc.

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605-203-1020

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De Smet, SD 57231  
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De Smet, SD 57231  
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### Purinton Abstract is 117 Years

Joseph Purinton 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 of De Smet celebrated their 100 years of business in 2012.**

## We Salute These Businesses For Over 100 Years of Service

### O'Keefe Implement



O'Keefe Implement is a family owned and operated business that was established in 1916 by J.E. O'Keefe and his brother Pat. Originally located in Yale, South Dakota, they relocated due to the depression of the "Dirty Thirties" to a location near De Smet, South Dakota. J.E. operated O'Keefe Implement in the Pearson's old livery barn. This livery barn is mentioned in

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...**that** a group of students from the De Smet Middle School entered a video contest called "What's So Cool About Manufacturing?" They created a video showing the manufacturing processes and interviewed the employees at DeSCo Architectural regarding the different jobs available in manufacturing.

## DeSCo Architectural

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

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## O'Keefe Implement

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

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- International distribution

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- Manufactures & sells any size signage globally
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- Moved from Lyle, MN to De Smet in 1974
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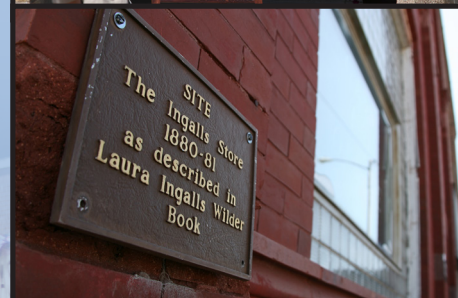
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- De Smet Trading Company
- Wilder Welcome Center
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- DeSign's Salon

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– Jamie Lancaster | Economic Development Director | De Smet Development Corporation  
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## **David and Amanda Fields** *Our Story*

David, Amanda, and their four girls moved to De Smet in October of 2020. They moved here from Laurel, Maryland where they had been living and working for the last 18 years. When COVID hit and everything closed down, they got a wake-up call from God that they needed a better place to raise their kids; someplace that they could raise their girls where they could have more freedom and away from all the noise and social issues they didn't need to be a part of at such a young age.

After much prayer, they felt very led to De Smet, a place they had visited just two years earlier on a surprise RV trip for Amanda's 40th birthday. They traveled to all the places that Laura Ingalls Wilder had lived around the Midwest and De Smet was their favorite town. They decided to move in July and by mid-October, they had packed up their house, sold it, and drove two moving trucks across the country. People in the community they didn't even know came to help them unload the trucks, showing the full South Dakota spirit.

Since moving, Amanda has taken over as the general manager and marketing manager, cook, and baker for Grumpy's Grill and Pub in town. The two older girls, Isabella and Calliana have both gotten jobs after school and have very much settled into small-town life. The two little girls, Charlotte and Evangeline are loving the safeness and ability to be able to ride their bikes all over town and play with friends whenever they want. David is still flying back and forth across the country to work back in Maryland, but is opening a bait and ammo shop in town called Fields Fish and Game, which he hopes to be open by June. They could not be happier with their move and are thankful for God being very clear where he wanted them.

## **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.

# Wilder Life

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## **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.



## **Dr Willa & Rich Weisel** *Moved Chiropractic Business to De Smet*

Dr Weisel, DC and her husband, Rich, moved to De Smet about one year ago from central Pennsylvania. Like many others during this time in the history of the United States, they yearned for a state where they could enjoy traditional freedoms. And, the decision to move to South Dakota seemed to be God's plan.

Dr Weisel is a chiropractor, a Palmer graduate. She examines your body's joints and how they function to determine treatment. She incorporates soft tissue treatment and provides guidance for exercise and nutrition to accomplish strengthening and rehabilitation towards optimal health. Also, Dr Weisel examines feet and provides custom casting for orthotics to correct arch deficiencies. Dr Weisel is certified in animal chiropractic and has treated a wide variety of animals including dogs, horses, cats, as well as pigs, a deer, a llama, etc...

Rich is working locally for GCC, the concrete company. They have two dogs that they enjoy walking daily. The Weisels are so thankful for the kindnesses shown to them by everyone in De Smet they've met and come to know.



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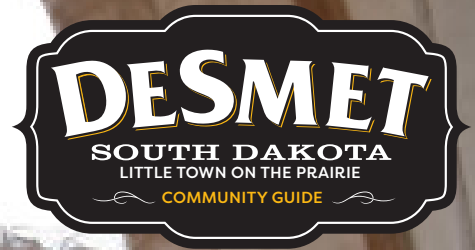
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18. See Huge Farm Equipment At Large Implement/Agri-Businesses
19. Eat Great SD Food – Try Chislic!
20. Camp In Covered Wagon Or By The Shores Of Lake Thompson
21. And So Many More Fun Things To Do!