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- *Dean Butler*, “Almanzo Wilder”
from the Little House on the Prairie TV series

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Discover Laura: The Little Town Adventure Starts Here

Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society



TOUR ORIGINAL HOMES

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

Exhibit

The First Families of De Smet:
The story behind the real people who shaped Laura's Little Town.

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May

Mon-Sat 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

June, July, & August

Mon-Sat 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
and Sunday 12 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

September-April

Tues-Sat 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.





De Smet. Delightfully Different.

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



LOCATION

Sioux Falls, SD
100 Miles (1.75 Hours)

Rapid City, SD
350 Miles (5 Hours)

Minneapolis, MN
250 Miles (4.5 Hours)

Omaha, NE
275 Miles (4.5 Hours)



TIME ZONE

Central Time



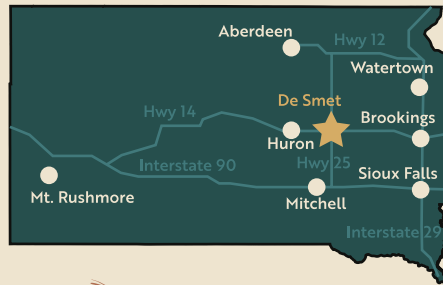
POPULATION

1,100



PODCAST FEATURE

Listen in and learn about Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little Town on the Prairie. Produced and presented by Travel South Dakota.



HUNTING & FISHING

Great opportunities for both. Outdoor recreation is a part of our way of life.

Glacial lakes provide year-round fishing opportunities, and open prairies provide habitat for an abundance of water fowl and ring-neck pheasants, the South Dakota state bird.



WEATHER:

July

AVG High: 87 • AVG Low: 62

January

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



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WHEN TO VISIT

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

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



WORD PRONUNCIATION & DEFINITIONS

Slough:

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

Chislic:

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

Great Stories Start Here.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



As Mayor of the City of De Smet, it is my honor to welcome you to our Little Town on the Prairie. You may notice that we are a little different around here. The people who you meet as you walk the streets, visit the businesses, and take in the attractions truly love to live here, and enjoy sharing it with anyone who comes to town!

Things are always happening in De Smet. We have completed several exciting projects including a large hospital expansion and renovation, an incredible, up-to-date athletic complex, new homes and apartment complexes. An active life is important, and one can find more than enough to keep busy in De Smet. Our Event & Wellness Center has events taking place constantly including concerts, conferences, community theater presentations, regional meetings and cultural events. The walking path and fitness center stay busy, with memberships available that offer 24-hour access. Feel free to stop in for a visit, relax in the comfortable reception area seated by the fire. Take a tour and consider the facilities for your next event!

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 the birthplace of famous prairie artist Harvey Dunn. We are also one of South Dakota's popular hunting and fishing destinations year-round. We offer hotels, bed and breakfasts, and charming Airbnb's for our lodging needs. Don't forget the campgrounds either!

De Smet provides a wide variety of services and activities for citizens and visitors alike. A stroll down the streets of our 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, two chiropractic clinics, dental services, 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.

We are especially proud of our top-notch education system. Take a drive down 3rd street and take in our brand new, state of the art, Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary School just completed in 2024. The community really came together to support the construction of this learning community as it forms the next generation of our growing town.

You may also notice that we continue to have signs of progress throughout the neighborhood and streets. Numerous projects are underway to improve our infrastructure and position us for the future.

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 and discover for yourself why De Smet is a great place to live and work. A place you can call home.

- Gary Wolkow, Mayor of De Smet

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

Welcome to our city!



**Come see what De Smet has to offer.
We look forward to your visit!**



THE CITY OF DE SMET

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SOUTH DAKOTA

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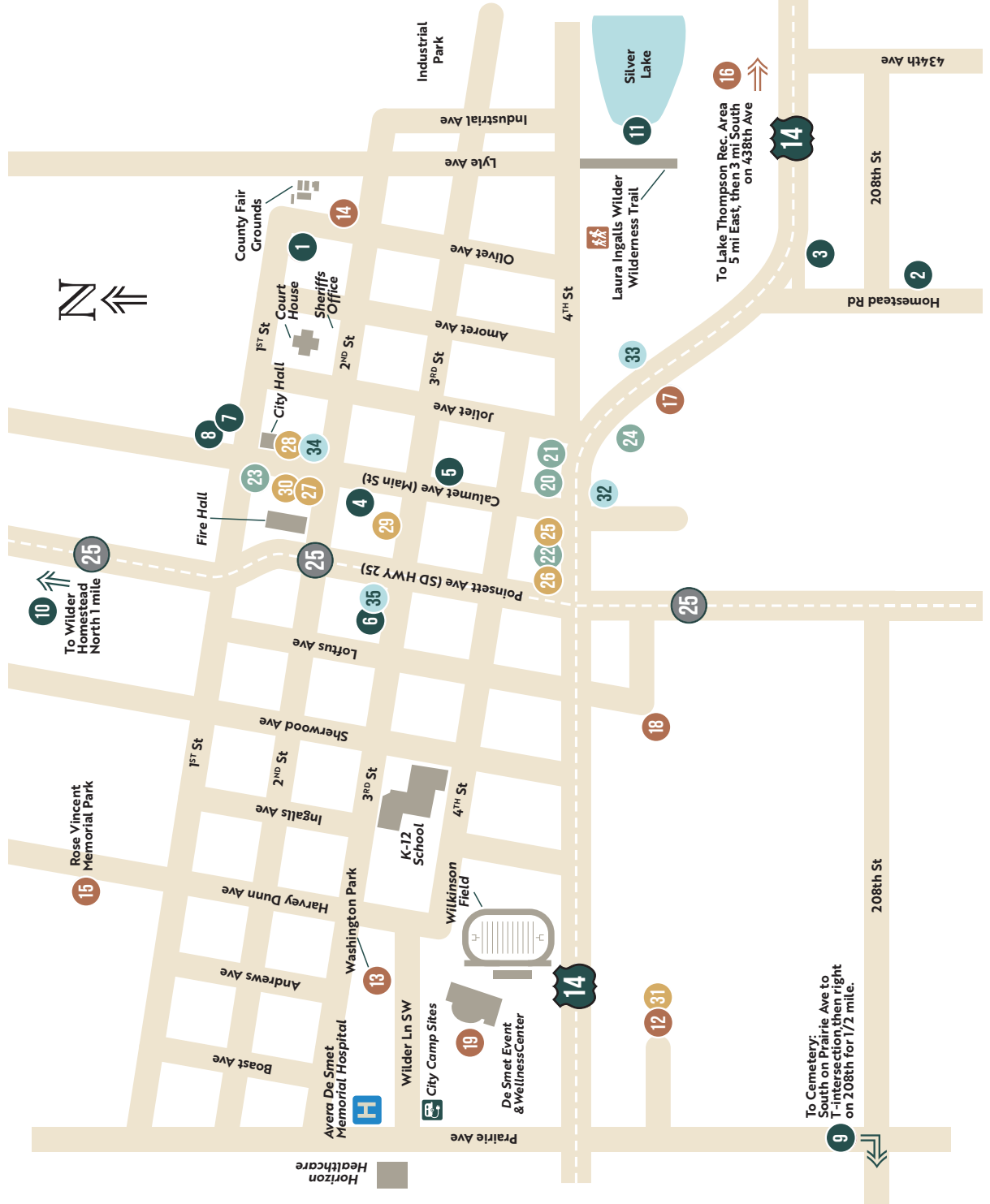
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LAURA INGALLS WILDER MEMORIAL SOCIETY

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

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

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

Join their guided tour 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, and the Brewster School replica. Step inside the last home of Ma and Pa to admire Charles Ingalls' craftsmanship. Don't miss their exhibit, where you'll see history up close - original Ingalls-Wilder artifacts that bring Laura's Little Town to life.

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.

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SEPTEMBER - APRIL

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9:00am to 4:00pm
Closed Sunday & Monday



Laura's Living Prairie

2 INGALLS HOMESTEAD

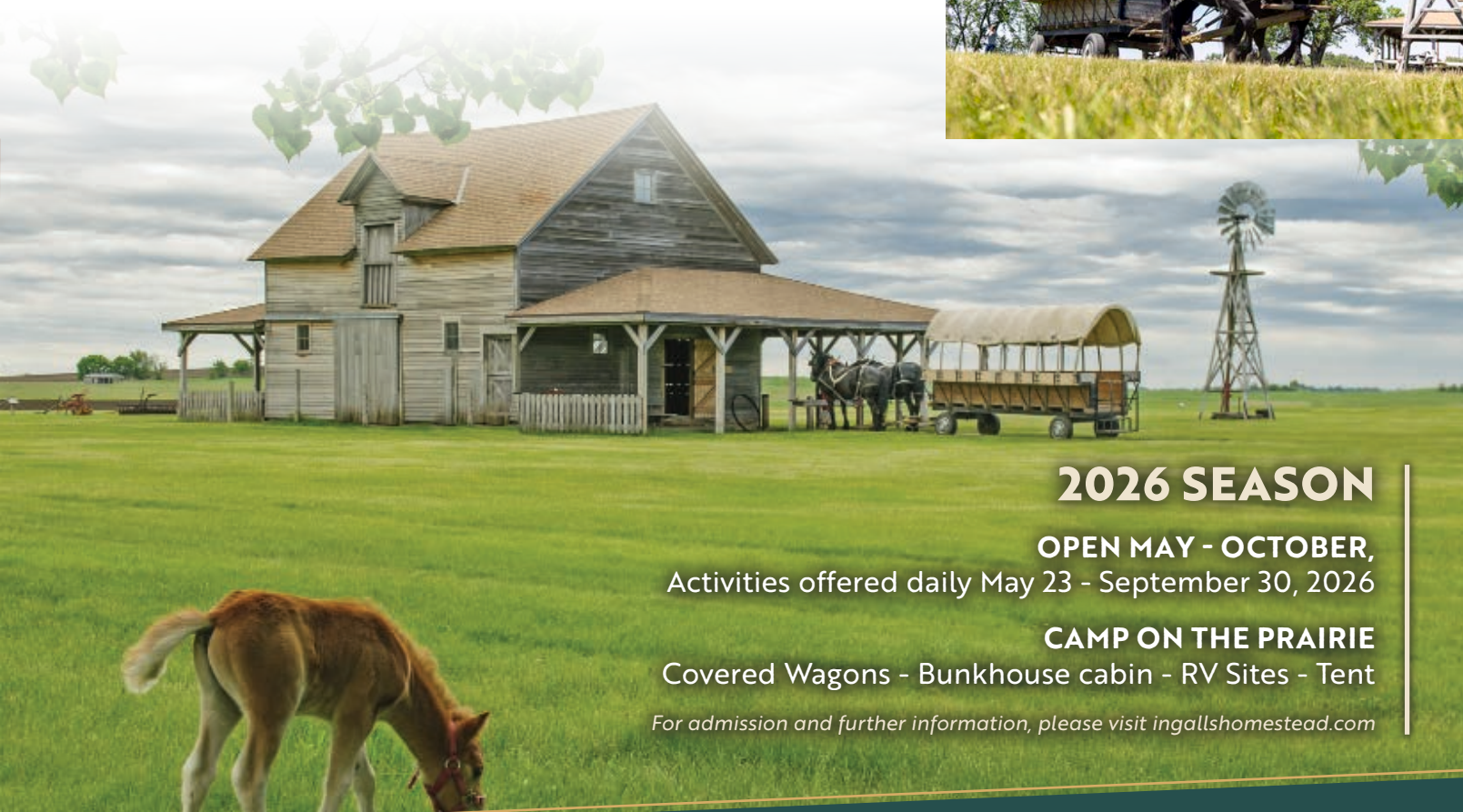
Experience the lifestyle of pioneer homesteaders at the Ingalls Homestead. Twist hay, grind wheat, make rope, and drive a horse drawn covered wagon across the native grass prairie to an authentic one-room country school. Imagine living on Laura's wide-open prairie.

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

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

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

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OPEN MAY - OCTOBER,

Activities offered daily May 23 - September 30, 2026

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Daughter of the Prairie

LAURA'S DAKOTA STORIES

De Smet SOUTH DAKOTA

July 10,11,12
17,18,19
2026 24,25,26

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PERFORMANCE AT
8:00 PM



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BEAUTIFUL DE SMET

Our Opportunity

De Smet's historic main street district is beloved by residents and visitors alike! Recent construction on Calumet Avenue, De Smet's main street has created an incredible opportunity to build tomorrow together.

The Beautiful De Smet fundraising campaign is making the most of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build an environment that welcomes visitors and residents alike. New features and amenities will help everyone enjoy the historic downtown that Laura Ingalls Wilder described in her 'Little House' books.

Double Your Impact

Please consider a tax-deductible gift to help create a more beautiful De Smet. A generous donor is offering a 1:1 match of your donation to make your gift go farther!

Build Tomorrow Together

Beautiful De Smet is a fundraising campaign of the De Smet Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations can be made online or mailed to De Smet Community Foundations, PO Box 42, De Smet, SD 57231. For more information, call Rita Anderson at 605-203-0216 or email giving@beautifuldesmet.org.



4 THE LOFTUS STORE

In The Long Winter, Mr. Loftus's general store 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. Daniel Loftus came to De Smet in late 1879 and established a general merchandise store that he ran successfully until his death 43 years later. The original building still stands on Calumet Avenue, De Smet's main street, and is a favorite stop for visitors.

5 SCULPTURE TRAIL

Launched in 2023, the Sculpture Trail features sculptures along Calumet Avenue, De Smet's main street. This public art experience is full of beauty and creativity and features new sculptures added in spring 2026. Each sculpture base contains a QR code that leads visitors to more information about the artist and the artwork.

10 WILDER HOMESTEAD HISTORIC MARKER

Located just one mile north of De Smet, the quarter-section Almanzo Wilder homesteaded is now an open-prairie pasture with a historic marker. Almanzo Wilder arrived in De Smet with his brother and sister in the summer of 1879, and they each filed homestead claims.

Almanzo also filed on a tree claim one mile north of his homestead, now the Wilder Field Airport. He built a home for Laura on the tree claim, and they moved after their marriage. The following year, they moved to Almanzo's shanty on this homestead claim where they lived when Rose Wilder Lane was born before moving back to the tree claim.

11 SILVER LAKE

Silver Lake, a pothole lake formed by the melting glaciers, is located just east of the De Smet. The Ingalls family lived near Silver Lake in the Surveyor's House during their first winter in the area. The Big Slough sits just south of this area, with US Highway 14 crossing through it.

The Laura Ingalls Wilder Wilderness Trail begins at 4th Street & Lyle Ave. This ¼ mile path is the first phase of a larger project to create trails and an observation tower that will allow viewing of this important historic landscape.

Harvey Dunn Society *presents*
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Plein Air Paint Out
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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*

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



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

Drive a covered wagon, attend a one-room schoolhouse session, and hands-on pioneer activities. Activities are available daily, Memorial Day Weekend through September 30.

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



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NEW FOR 2026!

Daughter of the Prairie - Laura's Dakota Stories

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

A new era comes to the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant prairie stage! Debuting in summer 2026, Daughter of the Prairie: Laura's Dakota Stories is the final installment in our new three-part series of summer theatrical productions. Join Laura and her daughter, Rose, as they craft Laura's memories from the early days of De Smet, becoming a school teacher, and to her marriage with Almanzo into the beloved Little House books.

TICKETS & EVENT INFO

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

PREMIUM TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

A limited number of premium tickets are available for each performance. Premium ticket benefits include reserved seating, reserved parking, a performance program signed by the cast, a meal at the concession stand, and a limited edition gift exclusive to premium ticket holders.

OVER 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY THEATER

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

TAKE IN MORE THAN JUST THE SHOW!

Cemetery Tours, Prairie Church Service, and Live Music every weekend!

A visit to De Smet during the performance weekends offers a chance to take in special activities and entertainment. Step back in time with our Cemetery Tour at 3pm each Saturday afternoon (July 11, 18, and 25). Entering its fifth summer, this tour features stories of De Smet's early residents. This free event offers a special look into history. On Sunday mornings, enjoy the peaceful prairie with a non-denominational church service held at 10am on the pageant grounds. Community spiritual leaders guide this time of reflection and rejoicing.

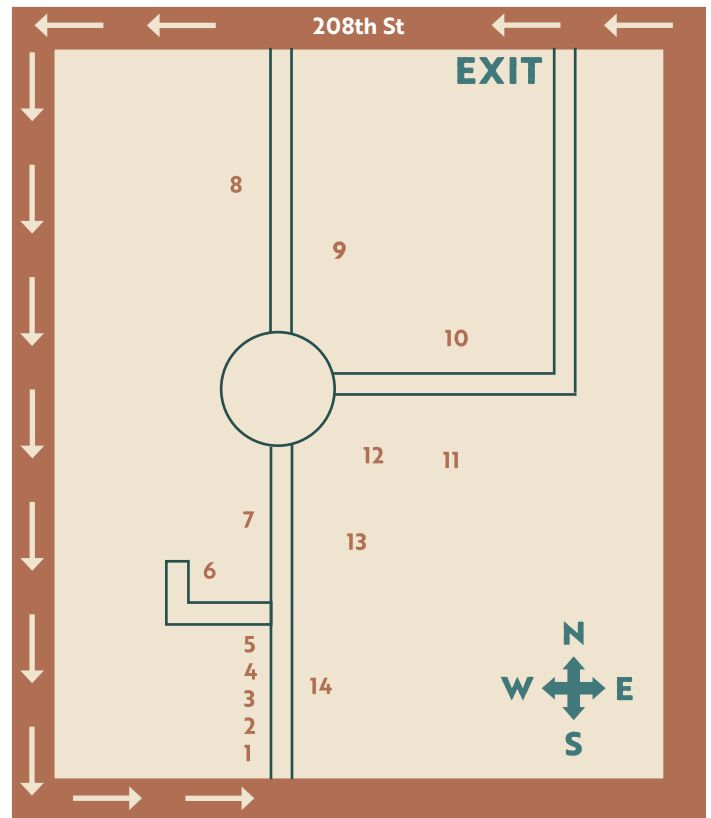
Each night prior to the performance, activities and entertainment are available on the pageant grounds beginning at 6pm. Guests are welcome to a wagon ride. Children can participate in old-fashioned games or have their face painted. Musical groups perform on our prairie stage beginning at 6:30pm. Visit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



9 DE SMET CEMETERY

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

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



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





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9 "THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE"

Located on the south side of the De Smet Cemetery, the "Garden of Remembrance" is designed "for the living" as a place where all who visit will find comfort and peace of mind. Having witnessed a great deal of tragedy with classmates and peers, the De Smet High School Class of 2008 spearheaded building this beautiful garden. There are no names placed in 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. The Garden of Remembrance is handicap accessible and open to everyone.

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

MANCHESTER MONUMENT

Just 8 miles west of De Smet on US Highway 14, the Manchester Monument celebrates the rich history of Manchester, South Dakota.. Manchester is the hometown of renowned artist Harvey Dunn, and Grace Ingalls Dow lived in Manchester after marrying her husband, Nathan. In 1961, as part of the Dakota Territory Centennial celebrations Manchester hosted the Keloland Centennial Goldrush with nearly 150,000 people attending. Most of the town was destroyed by a massive F-4 tornado in 2003. Following this disaster, the Manchester monument was built on the community's historic gathering sites of the town hall and historic town pump.



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

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8 DEPOT MUSEUM & HARVEY DUNN SCHOOL

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

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

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

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

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

Important Artifacts on display, including:

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

New items are regularly coming in such as the new addition of an original De Smet hitching post which can now be found on the beautiful grounds.

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

Adjacent to the museum is the school house attended by Harvey Dunn and made famous in his painting "After School."

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THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DE SMET THAT PA INGALLS HELPED BUILD

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



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

MASONIC LODGE HAS LONG TIME HISTORY WITH INGALLS & HARVEY DUNN

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



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

LAKE THOMPSON

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

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

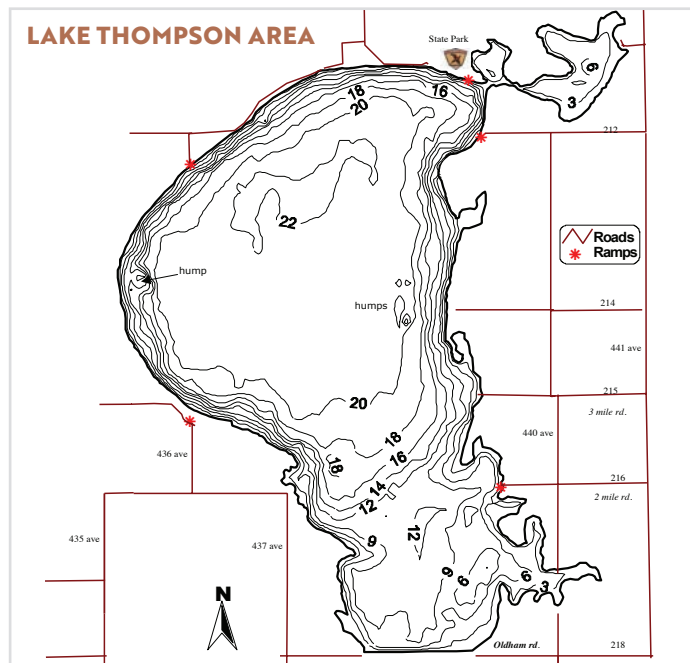
Lake Thompson Recreation Area offers 103 campsites, four cabins and a five-bedroom group rental lodge perfect for hunters, fisherman or reunions. A playground, beach, boat dock, two comfort stations, dump station and fish cleaning station are also available.

SPIRIT LAKE

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

DRY LAKE #2

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





Town History

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Historic De Smet Figures

LAURA INGALLS WILDER



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

In 1879, the Ingalls family moved to Dakota Territory after Charles Ingalls accepted a railroad job and stayed the winter in the Surveyors' House. In the spring of 1880, the family established a homestead claim southeast of De Smet and watched the town rise up from the prairie. The following winter, 1880-1881, became known as one of the most severe winters on record in the Dakotas, which Laura later described in her book, *The Long Winter*. Once the family was

settled in De Smet, Laura attended school, made many friends, and met homesteader Almanzo Wilder (1857-1949). This time in her life is well documented in her "Little House" books.

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

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

ROSE WILDER LANE



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

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

Rose taught herself several languages and began her writing career in 1910 when she took

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

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

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

FATHER PETER JOHN DE SMET



Among the missionaries to come to South Dakota was Father Peter John De Smet, a Belgian-born Jesuit priest, for whom De Smet was named. He first came in 1849 at which time he intended to establish missions among the Dakota Indian people. Father De Smet ministered to the dying Indians during a terrible smallpox epidemic. It is recorded that he was a devoted Christian, performing many acts of heroism. Although the priest

never actually came to De Smet, the first townsmen kept alive the memory of a man who dedicated himself to exceptional service. A statue in his honor stands in Washington Park.

AUBREY SHERWOOD

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

HARVEY DUNN

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

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

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

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



See page 16 - Harvey Dunn School for more information.

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2026 DE SMET COMMUNITY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MARCH 2026

- 3 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
- 11 De Smet City Council Meeting, Event Center
- 25 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park

APRIL 2026

- 1 D&D Math Contest, Event Center
- 4 Children's Easter Egg Hunt, Washington Park
Sponsored by De Smet Community Women, Wash
- 5 Easter Sunday - Special Easter Services at our local churches
- 7 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
- 8 De Smet City Council Meeting, Event Center
- 12 De Smet Concert Series: Travelin' Moberys - 3:00pm, Event Center
- 17-19 All School Play
- 22 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, De Smet, Washington Park
- 23 FFA Banquet, De Smet School
- 25 Prom, De Smet School

MAY 2026

- 1 Middle School & High School Spring Concert, De Smet School
- 3 De Smet Concert Series: Richie Lee & The Fabulous 50's - 3:00pm, Event Center
- 3 Athletic Award Banquet, De Smet Event Center
- 5 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
- 6 Baccalaureate
- 9 Graduation for the Class of 2026, 2:00pm, De Smet School
- 10 Mother's Day, Flowers and Gifts Available in De Smet
- 11 Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary School Spring Concert, De Smet School
- 13 De Smet City Council Meeting, Event Center
- 23 Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society Tea Party and Special Event (that including Harvey Dunn!) Watch for Details!
- 25 Memorial Day
- 27 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, De Smet, Washington Park

JUNE 2026

- 2 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
- 8-12 TADA Performing Arts Summer Camp
- 9 Community Meeting, 7:00am, Oxbow Restaurant, All Invited
- 10 De Smet City Council Meeting, Event Center
- 12-14 Old Settler's Day, America 250
- 20 City Wide Rummage Sales
- 21 Father's Day
- 21 De Smet Concert Series: "Christmas in June", 3:00pm, Event Center
- 24 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, De Smet, Washington Park

JULY 2026

- 4 10:00 PM - Spectacular Fireworks Display sponsored by De Smet Fire Department
- 7 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
- 8 De Smet City Council Meetings, Event Center
- 10-12 Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant, 8:00pm, Pageant Grounds
- 17-19 Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant, 8:00pm, Pageant Grounds
- 22 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park
- 24-26 Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant, 8:00pm, Pageant Grounds
- 25 A Day with Laura at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society, featuring Jessica Michna. (Featured on Cover)
- 28-31 Kingsbury County Achievement Days, De Smet 4-H grounds

AUGUST 2026

- 1 Kingsbury County Achievement Days, De Smet 4-H grounds
- 4 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
- 9 De Smet Concert Series: Chad Lee Duo, 3:00pm, Event Center
- 12 De Smet City Council Meeting, Event Center
- 13-16 Harvey Dunn Plein Air Paint Out, Events held throughout the community.
- 16 Harvey Dunn Plein Air Paint Out Wet Sale, De Smet Event & Wellness Center, 11am
- 20 Open House for De Smet Schools
- 25 De Smet School - First Day of School
- 26 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, Noon, De Smet Washington Park

SEPTEMBER 2026

- 1 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
- 9 De Smet City Council Meeting, Event Center
- 20 De Smet Concert Series: Pianomania! Rockin' the 1950's, 3:00pm, Event Center
- 23 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, De Smet Washington Park

OCTOBER 2026

- 6 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
- 14 De Smet City Council Meeting, Event Center
- 17 Pheasant Season Opener
- 28 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, De Smet Washington Park
- 31 Trick or Treat Main Street from 3-5pm

NOVEMBER 2026

- 3 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
- 11 Veterans Day Progra, De Smet School
- 11 De Smet City Council Meeting, Event Center
- 14 De Smet Craft Fair hosted by the De Smet Community Women, Event Center
- 25 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, De Smet Washington Park
- 26 Thanksgiving
- 27 Black Friday
- 28 Small Business Saturday - Shop our local businesses and support them this holiday season

DECEMBER 2026

- 1 "The Sharing" Community Meal, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church
- 6 Tour of Trees, Chili Cook-off, Cookie Walk, Santa Visits @ Event Center
- 6 Cookie Walk sponsored by De Smet Community Women
- 8 Community Meeting, 7:00am, Oxbow Restaurant, All Invited
- 9 De Smet City Council Meeting, Event Center
- 23 Feeding SD Food Giveaway, De Smet, Washington Park
- 24 Christmas Eve - See special church services at our local churches

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OLD SETTLER'S DAY

Celebrate America's 250th birthday with De Smet during our Old Settler's Day Celebration held the second weekend in June. Cake and ice cream will be served! Events include a parade down Main Street at noon, car show, vendor fair, live music and children's activities. Old Settler's Day is 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. For more information contact Chad Kruse, 605-854-3773.

FANTASTIC 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

Conclude your 4th of July celebrations with De Smet's excellent fireworks display at 10:00 PM in the northwest part of De Smet is well-known as one of the most spectacular displays in the region.

55TH ANNUAL LAURA INGALLS WILDER PAGEANT

Experience Laura Ingalls Wilder's stories come to life on the outdoor prairie stage. Held the first three weekends in July following the July 4th holiday, De Smet has proudly presented this family-friendly event since 1971. For more information, see page 13.

HARVEY DUNN SOCIETY 18TH ANNUAL PLEIN AIR PAINT OUT

Held the second weekend of August, artists of all levels from several states gather to enjoy painting on the prairie as artist Harvey Dunn did. This is the longest running Plein Air event in South Dakota.

Activities, workshops, and special events are held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The public is invited to view the artists' creations Sunday August 10th at the Event Center. Artworks may be purchased at this closing event. For more information, see page 11.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS & EVENTS

Kick off the holiday season the first Sunday in De Smet. Stock up on goodies for the seasons when De Smet Community Women host their Cookie Walk. Visit Santa, vote for your favorite decorated Christmas Trees, and enjoy a warm meal at the De Smet Area Chamber of Commerce's Tour of Trees.

On Christmas morning, the De Smet volunteer firemen have a long-time tradition of delivering treats to children and grandchildren spending Christmas in De Smet. If you have children visiting for Christmas, please let them know.

COMMUNITY CLASSES & CAMPS

PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER CAMP



The TADA School of Performing Arts from Hampton Roads, Virginia brings the opportunity of a musical theater and film to De Smet for the fifth year. All ages

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Disney's Frozen Jr. will be the musical theatre camp experience in June 2026! This Summer Intensive camp will take place June 8-12, 2026 concluding with two performances on Friday, June 12 for the public. Directing the camp will be Michelle Pudwill-Shiels, with over 25 years of experience in the performing arts world

Acting for Film with James Shiels is back again in 2026! This class offers a gateway to the captivating realm of storytelling through film. Participants will explore the art of acting for the camera, delve into the intricacies of filmmaking, and take home lasting memories of their on-screen adventures. Contact the Event Center at 605-854-6060 for details.

CPR & AED CLASS

If sufficient interest is received, a class is scheduled for the community. The CPR/AED classes are for individuals interested in learning lifesaving skills. These hands-on sessions teach participants how to respond confidently in emergencies. To sign up or express interest, call 605-854-6060.



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LODGES

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HOTELS

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

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

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



De Smet School District
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RECREATION

13 WASHINGTON PARK

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

Washington Park amenities include:

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

CAMPING RATES

With Electricity: \$20/night	Rate for all others: \$10/night	For More Info Call 605.854.3731
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14 4-H PARK & COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

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

15 ROSE VINCENT MEMORIAL PARK

Located two blocks west of Hwy 25 in northern De Smet, Rose Vincent Memorial Park hosts a basketball court which was redone in 2024, playground equipment and various perennial and annual flowers. This park was officially dedicated in 1993 and remains a peaceful place for picnicking and playing.

18 SWIMMING POOL

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

HOURS

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

ADMISSION:

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

SEASON PASSES:

Single - \$50.00 Family - \$100.00

LESSONS: \$25.00

SUMMER LEAGUE & CITY RECREATION

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

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

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

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

VOLLEYBALL:

Ages 5th & 6th graders;
September through October

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12 KINGSBURY COUNTY COUNTRY CLUB GOLF COURSE

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

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

Adult League Information:

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

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

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.

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All Day: \$20 / Person
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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. Visit their Facebook page for daily specials.

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

OUR SCHOOL HAS A RICH TRADITION OF SUCCESS ACADEMICALLY.

- De Smet High School rated "Exemplary!"
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- DHS graduates have a very high completion rate at post-secondary institutions (universities & colleges).

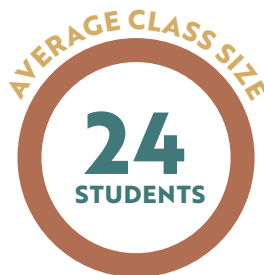
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We recently completed a construction project to become a one-building campus to allow for collaboration among preK-high school students and staff. The community supported this \$9 million dollar project during a bond election.

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

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



Abi Van Regenmorter
Superintendent of Schools

De Smet High School Proves To Be 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 has been proven again and again as both the boys and girls prove very successful in their seasons.



De Smet Boys win SD State B Boys Basketball Championship 3 years in a row - 2021, 2022 and 2023. They were State Runner-Up in 2024.



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

CITY GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

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

DE SMET ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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

DE SMET CITY STAFF:

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605-854-3731
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 Library Assistant.....Dianne Mollner
 Event & Wellness Center Director.....Kristy Hubbard
605-854-6060
 Event Center Custodian & Maintenance.....Ryan Bickett

POLICE



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

I know you will enjoy the City of De Smet and its friendly people as much as I do. This community

provides many activities including recreation and schools. We are also the home of Laura Ingalls Wilder and are near the Lake Thompson Recreation Area.

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

- Steve Strande, Kingsbury County Sheriff
 605 854-3339

CITY UTILITY RATES

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

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

CITY-OWNED RESTRICTED USE SITE

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

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

AIRPORT

The De Smet Municipal Airport (6E5), also known as Wilder Field, located 2 1/2 miles north of De Smet on Highway 25, has a 3,700 ft paved runway and is open to air traffic 24 hours a day. 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.

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De Smet Rescue

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

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



Fire Department

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



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KINGSBURY COUNTY COURTHOUSE & VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

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

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

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

KINGSBURY COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION:

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

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

HAZEL L. MEYER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Mr. Loftus, a well-known merchant, was a man who valued books and his store became De Smet's first lending library. In 1926, the Mother's Club established a lending library circulating 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 and was located in city hall 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 in 1968 and was renamed the Hazel L. Meyer Memorial Library in 1981. Once again outgrowing the space, a new children's addition was added in 2003.

The library now shares over 23,000 books, as well as puzzles, games, magazines, large print books, graphic novels, and an extensive South Dakota book collection. Striving to spark the love of reading in all ages, the library hosts many activities including book discussions, author teas, a First Library Card program, a Summer Reading program and a Daycare Book Bag program. Library Book Bingo is enjoyed by adults from January to April and Fireside Fridays are a warm addition during the month of December.

The library has received a four-star rating in the Library Journal Ratings Index. It also serves as a proctored test site and used by many for online course testing.

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.

Library hours are weekdays from 12:30 to 5:00 pm, and stays open until 6:00pm on Wednesdays. For further information, call 605-854-3842 or email desmetlibrary@cityofdesmet.com, or follow them on Facebook.



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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

4-H CLUBS

The SDSU Extension, Kingsbury County Office focuses on educational outreach to youth through different clubs, afterschool programs, in-school enrichment programs, day camps, overnight camps, and multiple other community, regional, and state events. The 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, please contact the Extension Office at 605-854-3851 or kingsbury.county@sdsu.edu

AMERICAN LEGION POST 138

The American Legion Post is very active with a great, newly renovated Legion Hall. Meetings held at 7:00 pm the first Monday of every month - 106 3rd St SW. Any Veteran interested in joining may contact Harvey Hubbard at 262-894-0935.

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 Heather Kruger at 605-203-3010.

BEEF BUCKS

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

DE SMET AREA ARTS COUNCIL

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

DE SMET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber is an active group of business people who sponsor many civic functions including Old Settler's Day. For info contact Chad Kruse at 605-854-3773.

DE SMET COMMUNITY WOMEN

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

DE SMET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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

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.

INTER-LAKES COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP (ICAP)

A community-based nonprofit serving primarily low income families and senior citizens in a 14 county area. Programs available in Kingsbury County include: 60's plus dining, Case Management & Protective Payee Services, Early Head Start, Emergency Food and Shelter, Health Insurance Marketplace, School Supplies, and much more. For a full list of programs call 605-854-3701 or www.interlakescap.com

KINGSBURY COUNTY CANCER CARES, INC

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

KINGSBURY COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH DAKOTA

This county-wide group represents and promotes the cattle-industry on the local, state & national level. They also give out scholarships to local graduates and contribute to the Beef to School program. Call Nick Wilkinson, 605-203-0711.

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 605-291-9916.

KINGSBURY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

PEO

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



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

SENIOR MEALS

Meals are prepared and fed to senior citizens ages 60 plus at Covered Wagon Bakery & Cafe 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 605-854-3688 by 10:00 AM. This program is sponsored by the Interlakes Community Action Partnership.

SHIINE

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

SNOWDRIFTERS

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

SOUTH DAKOTA PORK PRODUCERS COUNCIL

This highly respected organization is a leader advocating for sustainable, responsible growth of the Pork Industry that benefits our producers, consumers, and communities. Call 1-800-830-PORK or 605-332-1600.

THE 'SHARING' MEAL

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



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DE SMET NONPROFITS THAT YOU CAN PARTNER WITH THROUGH GIVING

De Smet was named 2017 Philanthropic Community of the Year for South Dakota due to generous gifts by residents and visitors. The value of giving back has set De Smet apart from other communities and has allowed us to accomplish many outstanding projects that improve quality of life and attract new residents and businesses to De Smet.

DE SMET COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

This bedrock foundation supports community projects. Give to a specific project or general community fund. Family endowments are encouraged. All funds go directly to the community. The foundation is volunteer led with no administration fees. Contact Rita Anderson 605-203-0276, rita@desmetsouthdakota.org.

The De Smet Community Foundation is currently fundraising for a variety of capital projects. The De Smet Event & Wellness Center is seeking to complete paving of its parking lot. Beautiful De Smet (see page 10) is a capital campaign to purchase improvements and amenities that will enhance De Smet's downtown for residents and visitors alike. The Legendary Highway 14 Tower Trail Project is developing a recreation trail with a viewing tower of the Silver Lake area.

LAURA INGALLS WILDER MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Your thoughtful donation enables us to share our collections and programs with visitors around the world keeping our heritage alive for future generations. 605-854-3383

DE SMET EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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

AVERA DE SMET MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

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

LAURA INGALLS WILDER PAGEANT SOCIETY

Having the honor of presenting Laura Ingalls Wilder's stories for over 50 years is made possible through the myriad of volunteers and your generous donations. desmetpageant.org/donate

HARVEY DUNN SOCIETY

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

Prairie House Manor Bed & Breakfast

Listed on the National Register of Historic homes, the Bed and Breakfast was the home of Thomas H. Ruth. Ruth was the first banker in De Smet, Mayor in 1889, and Commissioner of Public Schools and Lands as well as being mentioned in Laura Ingalls novels. A truly unique place to stay. Garth Williams, Dean Butler, and Melissa Gilbert have all stayed in this lovely home.



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DE SMET EVENT & WELLNESS CENTER AND SPORTS COMPLEX 705 WILDER LANE SW • 605-854-6060

The De Smet Event & Wellness Center celebrated its 10 year anniversary in 2025 and has established itself as THE 'gathering place' for the community since its opening in 2015. We have constant activity in the building. You can stop in and see people walking on our Avera Walkway, working out in our Carmon Wellness Center, playing soccer on our event hall floor, rehearsing for a dance recital or play in our Midstate Theater and Conference Room or attending a meeting or viewing an art exhibit in our Conference Center West or Meyer Meeting Room.

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

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



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.

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- ▶ Wellmark Fitness Challenge
- ▶ Art Exhibits, Craft Fairs and Art Classes
- ▶ City Sponsored Indoor Soccer
- ▶ Regional Meetings
- ▶ MMA Events
- ▶ And much more fun!



Recreation activity information on page 28.



DE SMET COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Since opening in 1997, Horizon Health has proven to be a tremendous asset to the entire region. The beautiful 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 years to come.

Horizon Health offers 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 Health 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 them online at www.horizonhealthcare.org. Walk-Ins welcome at Health Clinic.

HORIZON HEALTH-CLINIC PROVIDES:

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

HORIZON HEALTH-DENTAL PROVIDES:

- ▶ Pediatric Dentistry
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Horizon Health-Clinic Hours: Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Horizon Health-Dental Hours: Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 6:00 pm
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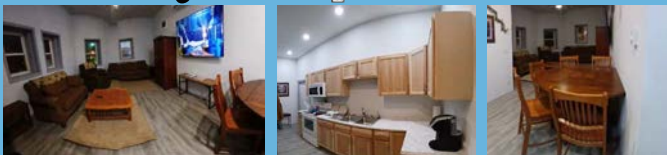
THE VILLAGE ASSISTED LIVING CENTER

The De Smet area is fortunate to be home to an excellent assisted living facility. The Village Assisted Living, LLC opened its doors in the fall of 2019. It provides 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

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



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


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


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MAKE DE SMET YOUR HOME!

LOCATION

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

POPULATION

Approximately 1,100

MOVE TO DE SMET

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Kingsbury County Transit	605-830-1676



MARY JO AND MATT WERTZ

Came for family, Open Space, and Laura Ingalls Wilder

Mary Jo and Matt Wertz came to De Smet from Waynesburg, Georgia, but their roots are deep in small town America having both grown up in the rural Pennsylvania community of Hamburg. Mary Jo has family in the De Smet area, and as a huge Laura Ingalls Wilder fan, she was excited at the possibility of moving to this Little Town on the Prairie. After some time of searching for employment, the couple saw that the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society was seeking a new executive director. As a pharmacist, she thought the chances were slim but thought to herself "just apply", and the rest is history!

Matt brings his decades of experience in the Navy followed by a time as a civilian contractor to De Smet. After many years sitting in a windowless office, he enjoys each minute spent in the sun taking care of the De Smet Cemetery and more. Married in 2016, they are delighted to call this community their home. One little known fact about the couple is that they both have education in theology and are very active in their parish.



PATRICK & ERICA BURGER & FAMILY

Serving the community of De Smet

The Burger family recently arrived in De Smet in order for Patrick to become the new pastor of De Smet Community Church. But their story begins long before that. Patrick and his wife, Erica, both grew up in New York State, far from the prairie vistas of South Dakota. Erica in Flushing, and Patrick in Newburgh. Married in 2018 they served God in various capacities: Erica as a teacher and Patrick as an evangelist and pastor. However, after a time, they felt God leading them to new pastures. Those pastures were full of horses as the couple found their way to Carthage, just miles from De Smet, for Patrick to work as an equine trainer while they both continued to share the Gospel through Bible studies and worship services.

In 2024, the Community Church, seeking a new pastor, invited Patrick to fill the position. Now settling into life in De Smet with their three young children, Erica and Patrick continue to grow in their enjoyment of this community, the people who make it unique. Erica is an accomplished musician who also offers violin lessons. One little known fact about the Burgers is they love to keep their family active through practicing the martial art Tang Soo Do.

DE SMET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WELCOME TO DE SMET... WHERE POSSIBLE BECOMES REALITY!

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We want you in De Smet, and we are committed to helping you find the right fit. For more information, contact the De Smet Development Office at 605-854-9011 or email grace@desmetsd.com.

If you know of a business looking to relocate or a family searching for a place to call home, we're here to help make that connection!

Grace Aughenbaugh | Economic Development Director
De Smet Development Corporation
PO Box 42, De Smet, SD 5723 | 605-854-9011 (office)
grace@desmetsd.com

NEW BUSINESSES IN DE SMET:

COVERED WAGON CAFÉ & BAKERY: David Worden purchased the former Ward's Store & Bakery. The new Covered Wagon Café & Bakery remains a welcoming place for locals and visitors alike, offering great food and a warm, familiar atmosphere.

RISING HOPE COUNSELING: Will provide counseling services in De Smet on Tuesdays at the United Methodist Church.

TINY TILES: Trisha Wallen produces custom magnets that serve as thoughtful gifts or personalized addition to your space.

THE LOCKER: A new meat locker will be joining De Smet. With over 10 years experience, Terrill Koellner is looking forward to sharing her products and services.

PRAIRIE FIRE BAR & GRILL: Located at the Kingsbury Country Club, Prairie Fire Bar & Grill offers great food, a welcoming environment for everyone, and a space to host events.

THE VAULT & DOC'S LOOKOUT: Two new lodging options have opened in De Smet. Located on the corner of Calumet Avenue and Third Street, you will find that the two Airbnb's have been restored and decorated to reflect the units' earlier uses.

THE 605 HOUSE & INGALLS FLAT: Victoria Albrecht and Austin Alyward opened two short-term rental properties in 2025. The "Ingalls Flat" features hand-painted artwork by area artists. "The 605 House" sits at the edge of town, giving you the peace and quiet of the prairie.

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1. AMERICAN ENGINEERED PRODUCTS

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



2. DESCO ARCHITECTURAL

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



3. FREEDOM MANUFACTURING

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



4. LYLE SIGNS

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

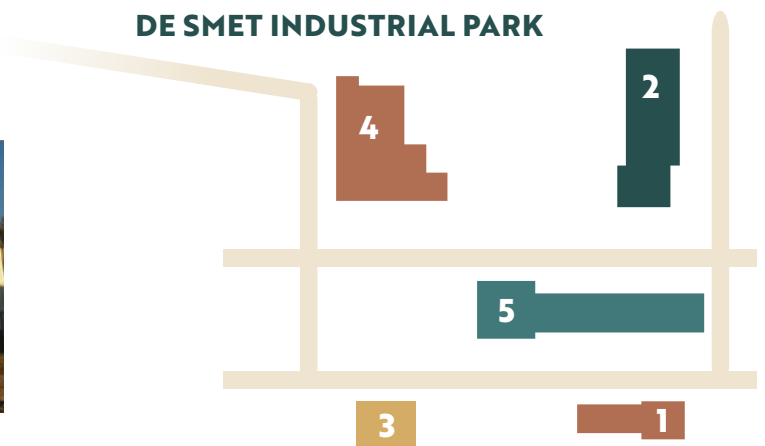


5. ULTIMED

- Medical device manufacturer
- Headquartered in Excelsior, MN
- De Smet manufacturer since 2001
- The only pen needle maker in the United States
- Employs 25 employees in multiple shifts
- Worldwide distribution
- Expanded their building & operations, completed in 2014



DE SMET INDUSTRIAL PARK



CMI ARCHITECTURAL INC.

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



LEGEND SEEDS

- Established in De Smet in 1990
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- 85 employees in all locations, 35 in De Smet headquarters
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COMMUNITY HONORS

DE SMET WELCOMES NEW MURAL

Muralist Cheyenne Renee chose De Smet as the South Dakota site for her 50 in 50 project. Her goal is to paint a mural in every state highlighting areas that value scenic beauty and small businesses. De Smet's new mural is number 32 of 50. It is located at the corner of 2nd Street and Calumet Avenue.



PRAIRIE HOMECOMING EVENT A SUCCESS

De Smet welcomed actors Dean Butler, Charlotte Stewart and Wendi Lou Lee from the Little House on the Prairie television series to celebrate the newly released documentary Little House Homecoming, directed by Jonathan Parker. Special screenings of the documentary, panel discussions, book readings, and autograph sessions helped visitors have a unique Little House experience in De Smet.

IN THE NEWS

AARP featured an article by Berit Thorkelson "Bookmark These U.S. Travel Spots for Readers," that highlighted De Smet and four other destinations that "let travelers see where beloved American authors' stories originated, helping to keep their legacy alive."

Real Simple shared piece by Erica Finamore, "These Vacations are Lit," featuring literary destinations. Finamore visited De Smet noting that Laura's Little House on the Prairie "does in fact exist!" She highlighted the various sights in De Smet, its proximity to Sioux Falls, and activities available to guests, like corncob doll making, pony cart rides, and interactive exhibits.

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