

■ Main Street 1.25 miles ROUTE 2

- 6 **The Lowry Cooperative Creamery Building** still stands on Florence Ave near HWY 55. It became a coop in 1909. The creamery was in business for 62 years when competition for the local farmer's milk from large milk plants brought about its closing in January 1972.
- 7 **The Lowry Legion Building** – was once the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. After the Depression which closed the bank, the building housed a grocery store whose owner was rumored to have slept in the vault. It was also a café at one time.
- 8 **The Lowry Post Office** began when the Ben Wade Post office moved to the city in 1887. The original post office was located in the "Old Lysen Building"; moved to a section of the old Lowry Grocery Store Building. It moved to its present location (once the Smedstad Meat Market) in 1934.
- 9 **The Hatchery Bar & Grill** was once a part of the Lowry Hatchery Poultry Barns. Around 1976, (years after its closure) it was remodeled and became "Chicks Bar". Since that time, the building has housed several bars including the current Hatchery Bar & Grill.
- 10 **The Lowry Village Hall** – aka- the old Fire Hall was built in 1902. The first known records for the Lowry Fire Company No.1 were dated May 22, 1899. The current Lowry Fire Department Building (built in 1978) is located directly east of the Lowry Village Hall.
- 11 **This home once housed the Lowry Clinic** – The Clinic was built in 1928 by Dr. L.L. Gibbon, who partnered with Dr. B. A. McIver. The clinic closed for its final time on January 1, 1963 and was remodeled into a family home.
- 12 **Lowry Gospel Hall** – The Plymouth Brethren of Lowry began when a gospel tract was mistakenly put in a Presbyterian Minister's oat box. That Minister along with a group of Scotch and Canadian immigrants formed the Plymouth Brethren Assembly. A log cabin was built 2 miles East of Lowry for worship, which was later destroyed by a tornado. This led to the building of the present structure in Lowry.

■ City Loop 1.5 miles ROUTE 3

- 13 **Benwade Covenant Church** started with a group of Swedish immigrants, who came out of the spiritual revival that was active in Sweden during the 1860's and 1870's. In 1892 the group built a church on the lot where the Ben Wade Covenant Cemetery is located. In 1960 the church was moved to its present day location in the city of Lowry.
- 14 **Rainbow Rider** is the public transit system serving the West Central Minnesota counties of Douglas, Grant, Pope, Stevens, Todd, and Traverse with handicapped accessible buses as well as a Volunteer Driver Program. It is available to all people in the six county area and has no income or age restrictions.
- 15 **Lowry Lumber Company Building** – The first lumber company was owned by Sawyer and Arnold and was destroyed by a Cyclone in 1897. The building was rebuilt on its present day location and remained a lumber yard for many years. Currently, the building houses Memory Mercantile Antiques.
- 16 **Prairie Lakes Coop Elevator** – The existing elevator was built in the 1920's. In 1937 it was sold to the McCabe Company who managed it until it was sold to Farmer's Union Grain Terminal Association in 1958. G.T.A. built an annex and feed mill in 1976. It became Harvest States Coop in 1983 and today is owned by Prairie Lakes Coop.
- 17 **Quinco Press** began in 1968 when five West Central Minnesota newspaper publishers met to form a central printing organization following the 'offset revolution' marking the end of the letterpress printing of newspapers. It was named for the five county seat newspapers that formed the organization. The first newspaper rolled off its press in August, 1969.

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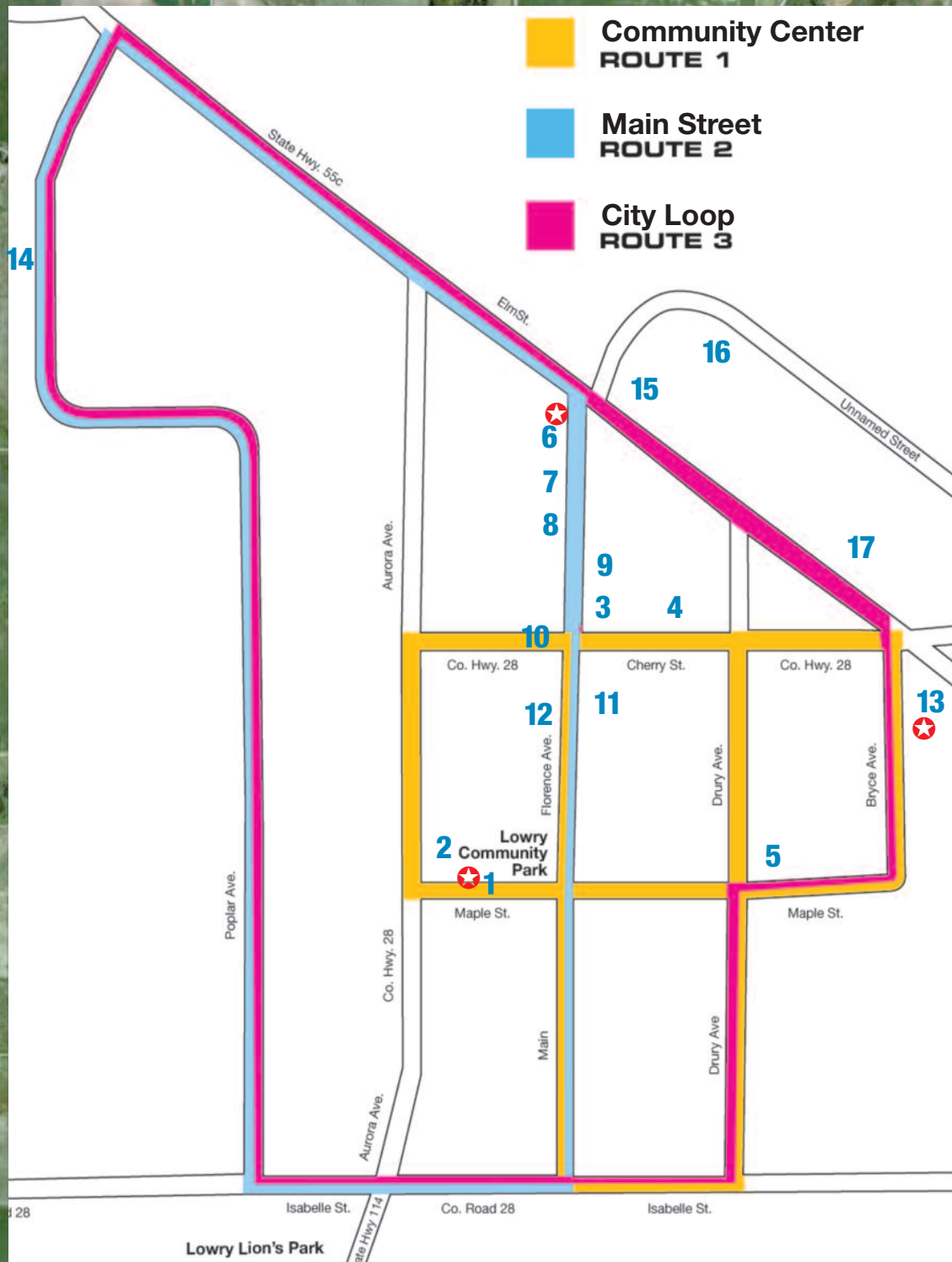
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Community Center ROUTE 1 .8 miles

- 1 **The Lowry Community Center** building was once part of the Lowry School Building that was built in 1902 for \$10,000. The current lunch room, entry, locker rooms, and gym were added to the facility between 1955-1979. The school closed in May 1983. A portion of the building stands today and serves as the community center and city office.
- 2 **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** – Began as St. Pauli Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Lowry meeting in a log church 1 ½ miles West of Lowry. In 1904 a frame building replaced the log structure on the same site. In 1920 the church merged with the Nazareth Church and the building was moved to a foundation at its current location. The move process cost a total of \$7000 and took a week to move.
- 3 **The Lowry State Bank** was first organized in 1899 but wasn't officially chartered until December 1907. It moved to its present day location in 1912 or 1913. In 1923, the majority control of the bank was sold to several Lowry residents. It assumed the assets and liabilities of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Lowry in 1932. In 1982, the Mork family established Financial Services of Lowry, Inc. which became the parent company of the Lowry State Bank.
- 4 **Lowry Manufacturing Company** began as a small company in one of Lowry's old blacksmith shops. Finding a demand for "Lowry Bins," plans were made to build its first building. Land was purchased east of the Lowry State bank (on a block of land that had been the site of the Lowry House Hotel & Livery from 1886 to November 1924 when it burned down) and was built in 1973. The company has added on several times since it was built.
- 5 **This Old Home** was the site of the Hoplin and Nelson Family Funeral Service of Lowry in the 1920's. The lower level of the Hoplin Family Home was used as a preparation room and casket display and the family room was used for services. The funeral home moved to the city of Glenwood in 1946.