# Long Prairie Welcomes You!



# Welcome!

**Welcome to Long Prairie** 

Long Prairie is beautifully located at a bend in central Minnesota's Long Prairie River. As the river flows northward in Todd County, it breathes life and loveliness into this vibrant, diverse community. The river is a constant feature in an area that has evolved from an early settlement and Indian Agency; to a focus on farming and printing; to modern day manufacturing, processing, and work-at-home opportunities.

Today, Long Prairie reflects on its past by offering historical views via the Todd County Museum, the Christie House Museum, Riverside Park, and several memorial sites. It celebrates the present by offering an 18-hole golf course; one of Minnesota's last drive-in theatres; diversity in restaurants and shops; water themed recreational opportunities; a Summer in the Park concert series; chamber orchestra concerts; festivals, fairs, and fun.

To honor and preserve the past, present, and future, Long Prairie is proud to have schools; the court, legal, and veterans' system for Todd County; and many organizations for individual, family, and general community enrichment.

Long Prairie looks to the future with awareness of internet and technological needs. Roads, bridges, and general infrastructure improvements are ongoing. For the best, up-to-date information on what's happening in Long Prairie, check out the Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce website at longprairie.org.

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# Calendar of Events

### MAY

Cinco de Mayo Latino Festival: May 5, 2024, Latino food and entertainment, check longprairie.org for current information (2025 TBD).

Memorial Day service, parade and program, is held annually on Memorial Day. 9:45 am: Memorial service at Riverside Bridge. 10 am: Parade from cemetery to Central Ave. Followed by program at Veterans' Memorial.

### JUNE

Concert at the Park kicks off Prairie Days on Friday, all other concerts are on Thursday evenings, June – August on 1st St S between the Christie House and the Veterans Memorial.

Farmers Market, Friday afternoons from 2–5:30 pm, June through October, Hwy 27 & 8th St NE.

Prairie Days family friendly events early in June. FRIDAY: Concert in the Park, Long Drive-In movie. SATURDAY: Country Cruisers car show, Christie Home tours, inflatables, fun activities, games, artists, food vendors, beer garden, evening parade, bands and entertainment from 12–11 pm. SUNDAY: Disc Golf activity at Lake Charlotte and other activities. A full calendar of events is available at longprairie.org or call 320.732.2514.

### JUNE/JULY

Todd County Fair (June 27–30, 2024 & 2025 TBD), is held annually, offers 4-H and open class competitions, entertainment, food, display booths, demo derby, tractor pull, midway, games, and concessions. toddcountyfair.com

### **AUGUST**

**National Night Out** first Tuesday in August.

**City Wide Garage Sales** first weekend in August.

### **SEPTEMBER**

**LPGE Homecoming** September 20, 2024, Parade, 2 pm, Homecoming Football Game 7 pm (2025 TBD).

#### **OCTOBER**

Halloween Trick or Treat, Downtown and US 71, 3–5 pm

**Halloween Trunk or Treat**, First Baptist Church, 5–7 pm

#### **NOVEMBER**

**Bright Nights**, Friday evening after Thanksgiving. Lighted parade, Open Skate, Santa, music, and family activities downtown Long Prairie.

Arts & Craft Show, a great place to find that perfect gift for everyone on your list, this one-day event brings in over 150 exhibitors, and happens yearly the Saturday after Thanksgiving. For questions or to reserve vendor space, call or email the Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce at 320.732.2514 and chamber@longprairie.org

New Year's Eve Orchestra
Concert at the LPGE secondary
school, December 31, 2024.
Check Long Prairie Chamber
Orchestra Facebook page for more
information.

Visit the...



The mission of the Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce is to promote Chamber members while enhancing the livability and connectedness of the community.

The Chamber is a resource for local events, activities and attractions.

Luan Thomas-Brunkhorst, Director (320) 732-2514

chamber@longprairie.org | www.longprairie.org

42 3rd Street North | Long Prairie MN 56347

# Map of Long Prairie



# Resources

### **City & County Services**

Long Prairie City Hall longprairie.net | 320.732.2167

Long Prairie Police Department 320.732.2156

Todd County Courthouse 320.732.6447

Economic Development 320.533.3112

Business Resources | 320.732.2128

Post Office | 320.732.3222

Todd County Alcoholics Anonymous 888.245.7356

Todd County Health and Human Services | 888.838.4066 320.732.4500

Todd County Sheriff | 320.732.2157

Veterans Services | 320.732.4418

### **Other Services**

#### Daycare

longprairie.net | click on Life in Long Prairie (Daycare)

#### Housing

longprairie.net | click on Life in Long Prairie (Housing)

Central MN Housing Partnership 320.259.0393

#### **Transportation**

Rainbow Rider | 800.450.7770

Senior Volunteer Transportation 218.894.6300 | 320.732.4500

Todd County Veterans Van Service 320.732.4418

#### **Abuse & Domestic Violence**

Hands of Hope | handsofhope.net 320.732.2319 | 888.732.2319

#### Mental Health & Rehabilitation

Better Days Treatment | Long Prairie 320.777.9833

CentraCare Behavioral Health Services 320.200.3200

Embrace Recovery – Alcoholism treatment program | 320.732.2200

Lakewood Behavioral Health Services 800.525.8344 | 218.894.8835

Lending Hands Community Services 320.630.9498

Lifesteps Counseling Center 320.732.3344

Northern Pines | 320.732.6602

#### **Senior Services**

Senior Center | 320.732.2282

Todd County Council on Aging 320.533.4637

#### Food & Access

Food Shelf | 320.732.0979

Hilltop Regional Kitchen LSS – Todd County Home Delivered Meals 218.738.5563

### **Health Care**

CentraCare – Long Prairie Clinic and Hospital | centracare.com 50 CentraCare Dr | 320.732.2131

Long Prairie Health Care Center 20 Ninth St. SE | 320.732.2141

Comfort Chiropractic 124 Lake St S | 320.732.3383

Knute Nelson Home Care & Hospice knutenelson.org | 320.429.7732 Hart Mall, 221 Central Ave, Suite 3

Lakeland Dental Clinic 917 1st Ave SE | 320.732.6141 Lakewood Health System – Browerville 30535 241st Ave | 320.594.2231

Long Prairie Chiropractic
33 1st St N | 320.732.4357

Mathiason Chiropractic 18 2nd St N | 320.732.4357

Meadow Place Assisted Living 220 CentraCare Dr | 320.732.7315

Medical Marketplace at Lakewood Health System 221 Lake St S #102 | 320.732.3051

Prairie Family Dental Clinic 220 Lake St S Suite 103 320.533.4010

Valley View Estates Assisted Living valleyviewassistedliving.com
1104 4th Ave NE | 320.732.3516

#### **Financial**

American Heritage National Bank 24 2nd St S | 320.732.6131

Magnifi Financial 701 Lake St S | 888.330.8482

Mid-Central National Bank 610 Lake St S | 320.732.6191

Minnesota National Bank 706 Lake St S | 320.732.2133

Jeff Berg Financial
22 3rd Ave SW S | 320.732.6425

Edward Jones 7 Lake St S Suite 2 | 320,732,3108



# Resources

### The WAVE/Saludos Welcome Center

The WAVE/Saludos Center welcomes newcomers to the area and offers information to help them settle in.

The name Welcoming Advocates Valuing Everyone, or WAVE, was chosen to represent the greeting and reception newcomers will experience from this helpful enterprise. Saludos is the Spanish translation for "wave."

Goals of WAVE/Saludos include:

- organizing support groups to provide advocacy and information about resources and opportunities
- consulting and connecting with community partners to be just, equitable, diverse, and inclusive
- providing orientation and education around areas that may be different from newcomers' places of origin
- developing a protocol for handling immigration issues, prioritizing emergency needs, and assisting with paperwork for citizenship, renewal of Green Cards.

WAVE/Saludos is located in the same building as the library and Chamber of Commerce office at 42 3rd St | 320.732.2514

### Faster than Broadband

Todd County and Long Prairie continue to work toward improving high speed internet access. High-speed fiber internet is available in the city of Long Prairie and some of the surrounding area. It is provided through Consolidated Telecommunication Company (CTC). Connections with speeds up to one Gig improve bandwidth and reliability. Fiber Internet offers:

- opportunities for online trainings, and e-learning
- growth of home-based businesses
- access to tele-health
- telecommuting for employees.

### **Todd Field Airport**

Access to Long Prairie doesn't stop with the roads and river. You can also fly into the airport just south of town. At an elevation of 1,333 feet, Todd Field has one runway designated 16/34 with a 3,000 by 75-foot asphalt runway. A small lounge and bathroom in the arrival/departure building make this a comfortable stop in your flight plan.

### Great River Regional Library, Long Prairie

The Long Prairie Library is one of the 32 locations in the 5,000 square mile Great River Regional Library system. With access to the materials in all of these libraries, the Long Prairie Library offers a wide-ranging collection of books, CDs, DVDs, and online services.

### **WELCOME CENTER - CENTRO DE BIENVENIDA**



42 3RD ST. N LONG PRAIRIE, MN 56347

DIRECTOR/A Luan Thomas-Brunkhorst | 320.732.2514

U of MN Extension SNAP Ed & INTÉRPRETE Elizabeth Quillo | 320.339.1131

INTÉRPRETE Johanna Díaz Torres | 787.902.5785

WELCOMING ADVOCATES VALUING EVERYONE | DANDO LA BIENVENIDA, CREANDO ENLACES COMUNITARIOS, VALORANDO A TODOS

## Resources

### **Area Employers**

With a historical foundation in agriculture, Long Prairie's economy has expanded to represent a broad base of businesses and industries. As the county's government center, Long Prairie's historic and remodeled courthouse is both a landmark and a prime employer. Healthcare and education provide jobs to many throughout the region. Food-related industries including meat and egg processing, pasta production, and vegetable packaging offer many more employment opportunities. Printing, transportation, and technology fill out the profile for career potential with the recent installation of fiber Internet technology expanding work-from-home options.

#### **Employment & Career Resources**

CareerForce MN Career Resource | careerforcemn.com 609 13th Ave NE Suite G, Little Falls

#### **Leading Employers**

CentraCare – Long Prairie | centracare.com 50 CentraCare Dr

Central Bi-Products Rendering | centralbi.com 25498 US 71

Chandler Industries | chandlerindustries.com 513 6th St NE

Dan's Prize LLC | dansprize.com | 810 1st St S

Daybreak Foods Inc. | daybreakfoods.com 609 6th St NE

Enterprise CP | premierpantry.com | 100 Banta Rd

Long Prairie Grey Eagle Schools | Ipge.org | 205 2nd St S

Long Prairie Packing Co. | americanfoodsgroup.com 10 Riverside Drive

Minnesota Fresh | 24487 US 71 | 320.732.2202

Todd County Government Offices | co.todd.mn.us 215 1st Ave S Suite 300

### **Life Is Better at Your Library**

Your local public library has a lot to offer like: Learning and leisure, Travel books, Recipe books, Gardening books, Craft books, Bestsellers, Music CDs, Audio Books, DVDs, Internet services.

Check out all these and more at www.griver.org



Monday: 11:00 - 7:00 Tuesday: 10:00 - 6:00

Wednesday: 11:00 - 6:00

Thursday: 11:00 - 6:00 Friday: 11:00 - 3:00

Saturday: 9:00 - 12:00



42 Third St. N. Long Prairie MN 56347 320-732-2332



# Churches

American Lutheran Church | 215 9th St SE | 320.732.2932

Emmanual Evangelical Lutheran | 511 Todd St N | 320.732.4234

First Baptist Church | 401 4th St S | 320.732.2179

**Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus** | 310 First Ave N 320.345.1305

Iglesia Cristiana Pentecostés Movimiento Misionero Mundial Hart Mall, 221 Central Ave | 701.373.1030

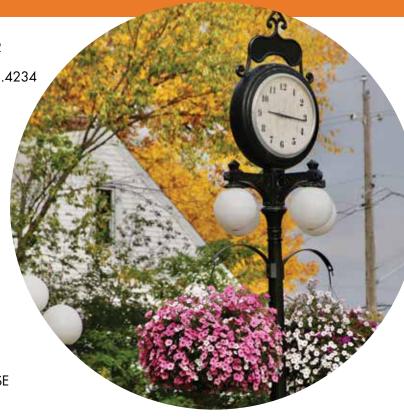
Peace United Church | 524 Central Ave | 320.732.2242

**River of Life Church** | 410 9th St NE | 320.732.2730

**St. John Vianney Church & School** | 18910 Eclipse Loop 320.732.4274

**St. Mary's Catholic Church & School** | 409 Central Ave 320.732.2635

**Trinity Lutheran Church, Preschool & Daycare** | 610 2nd Ave SE 320.732.2238







# Schools

### Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Public Schools

The Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Public School serves students from K-12 along with supporting Early Childhood and Head Start Programs. The Early Learning Program has received the highest Parent Aware rating of four stars. The Elementary school is two blocks from downtown at 205 2nd St S, while the secondary building (grades 7-12) is located on the East side of town at 510 9th St NE. The district serves approximately 965 students K-12 and has over 30 students in Early Childhood programming. LPGE offers a robust Multi-Language Learner program that performs well above the state average on meeting student goals. Our High School offers the opportunity for students to receive their AA degree right on campus with the College in the School program. Strong after-school, community education, and summer programs exist to provide opportunities for all ages. LPGE offers arts programs from K to 12 with program options available for visual arts, theatre, and music. The music program has received a superior rating at state for over 30 years straight. LPGE offers high-quality staff such as the 2023 MAFCS Teacher of the Year, regionally recognized staff for excellence, and coaches who have been recognized in their programs such as girls' volleyball and gymnastics.

lpge.org | 320.732.2194

**Long Prairie–Grey Eagle Community Education** lpge.k12.mn.us | 320.732.2194

Combining spiritual and academic training, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel School has served the Catholic community for nearly 170 years. It continues to offer a Christ-centered education for students in grades Pre-K through six.

St. Mary of Mount Carmel School

stmaryslp.org | 320.732.3478

### **Trinity Lutheran Pre-School**

This program is education based, family oriented, and Christ centered. It offers year-round childcare for infants (pending licensing), toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children. This is a licensed program with the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Trinity is a Four-Star Rated Parent Aware Program.

Trinity Learning Center Monday – Friday: 7 am – 5 pm

trinitylp.com/preschool | 320.732.2238

### St. John Vianney School

Located just south of Long Prairie, St. John Vianney School is a private Catholic school educating students in grades K-8. With a usual enrollment of 45-50 students, the student body primarily comprises children of the members of the parish though others are accepted. The school staff is made up of eight teachers and three assistants.

18910 Eclipse Loop | 320.732.4274



# Schools

#### **Adult Education Classes**

Adult Education (AE) Classes offer basic skills development in reading, writing, math, digital literacy (computer skills), English language, and more. AE Classes require no tuition (although some courses may require materials fees and/ or GED test fees) and provide for flexible scheduling, individualized curricula, online/hybrid learning options, and self-paced learning.

Classes are held weekly in Long Prairie, Little Falls, Staples, and Wadena. Classes in Long Prairie are located at the Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Elementary school building.

205 2nd St S

For more information and to schedule a consultation, please contact Bryan Tollefson. Cell: 218.639.7292 or Email: btollefson@fed.k12.mn.us.

### **Todd County Extension Service**

co.todd.mn.us | 320.732.4435

### The Area Learning Center (ALC)

The ALC is an alternative to traditional school that provides a caring atmosphere of acceptance and encouragement to students who have discontinued their schooling or are at risk of not completing school with their graduating class. The ALC also provides targeted services for grades K-8, remediation for grades 8-12, and adult programs for learners to improve basic skills.

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 3 pm

Night School: Monday 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

308 1st St South | 320.732.6638



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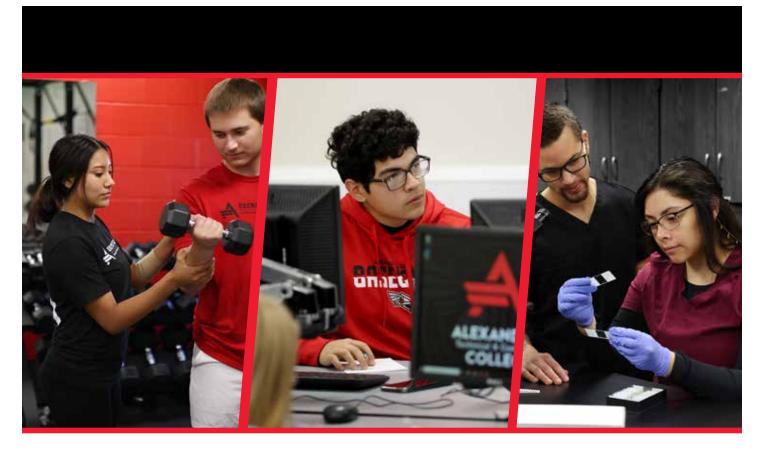


**Sauk Centre** 131 12th St. S. 320-527-0050

**Long Prairie** 706 Lake St. 320-732-6612



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# Historical Activities

The Christie House is a beautiful example of life and medical care in the early to mid-20th century. Maintained as a museum and open seasonally for tours, it is managed by the Christie Home Historical Society (CHHS). When it comes to preservation of this historic doctors' home, the CHHS, lead by officers Peter Klick, Mary Jo Klick, and Sara Weigel, follows the requirements of the National Historic Register. In the past two years, the siding has been repaired, and the house and its companion carriage house have been painted. The third floor walls have been re-plastered and painted and all of the windows in the house have been re-glazed. The porch decks have also been repaired and refinished.

The house is in tip-top shape and ready to host the annual Cars and Carriages Show in June and provide a scenic backdrop for the Thursday evening summer concerts. A Halloween happening is in the planning stage as well as other possible events.

Tours are \$8 for people over 12, with under 12 free but must be accompanied by an adult. Tours are available for individuals or groups by calling or texting Rita at 320.491.5033. For membership or donations one can contact Peter Klick 612.267.0290, Mary Jo Klick 320.732.3691, or Rita Dahlen 320.491.5033. Meetings are held monthly May thru October usually on Saturday mornings.

christiehome.org

**The Todd County Museum**, on the east end of Central Ave, offers an expansive look into the history of the entire county. The facade features murals by artist Nancy Packard Leasman and displays scenes from pre-settlement to modern times.

toddcountymuseum.com | 320.732.4426

The Historic Todd County Courthouse is a

dominant feature of the landscape overlooking Long Prairie. Built on a hill in 1883, the building required over 100 tons of stone for the foundation and 400,000 bricks for the structure. In 2010, a project was undertaken to renovate the courthouse to preserve its historical features and observe modern accessibility requirements. An addition to the original structure concentrated the county sheriff's facility, government offices, and social services for easy access. Visitors are welcome during regular business hours.



Veterans' Memorial Park has been a prime feature of Long Prairie's landscape for nearly 30 years. Last summer Steve Klick, Pete Berscheid, and Mike Hengemuhle coordinated a dust-off and polish-up of various features of the park. The large mural wall was repainted (Roger Reinardy and assistants), and the Korean War mural was repainted (Jason Anderson). Signage was redone or replaced and the rock base was pulled out and replaced for easier access around benches and for stability of the benches (landscaping, Daniel Klick). The helicopter and military tank were repainted and the helicopter sealed against the elements, and some of the cement in the walkways was redone (Terry Crider). Long Prairie extends a big thank you for the generous donations and efforts that went into establishing the memorial several decades ago and to the organizations and individuals who have maintained and restored it to continue to represent the veterans of Todd County well into the future.

To honor a veteran by adding their name or names to the commemorative walls, contact Veteran's Service Officer Pete Berscheid at 320.732.4418 or Mike Hengemuhle at 320.428.4003. Donations may be made to the memorial by contacting Berscheid or Hengemuhle.

Nature Activities

**Long Prairie River State Trail** | Public landings for canoe, kayak, and tubes are located 4.5 miles west of town on Cty 38 and in town at the intersection of US 71 and Hwy 27.

Lake Charlotte Park, Swimming Beach, Fishing Pier, Boat Launch | Lake Charlotte Rd & 6th St SE

Disc Golf | Lake Charlotte Park, south of town on US 71

**Mosaics and Murals** | Harmony Park, 4th Ave SE & Lake Charlotte Park

**Outdoor Ice Rink** | December – February at Soldiers Field between Todd St N and 3rd Ave NE

Riverside Park | Located on Riverside Dr just west of US 71

**Walking Trails** | Visit Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce office for maps.

Other Parks | longprairie.net - click Life in Long Prairie - Parks

**Hunting** | Surrounded by miles of gravel roads and farm fields, Long Prairie provides some of the state's best pheasant and whitetail deer numbers. Public Land is limited but can be found at dnr.state.mn.us/maps/compass/index.html.

### **Long Prairie River**

A State Water Trail, the Long Prairie River originates 26 miles west of town at Lake Carlos and flows east and north for 96 miles, finally feeding into the Crow Wing River. Along the way it offers infinite opportunities for canoeing, kayaking, tubing, fishing, and shooting sports.

Lake Charlotte Park

Situated on the edge of town is Lake Charlotte, a local natural treasure that provides a wealth of outdoor activities both on and off the water. The lake is 144 acres in size and 84 feet at its deepest, making it ideal for swimming, boating of all kinds, and fishing. A public access and fenced fishing pier make

enjoying the lake a breeze.

Covering a sizable stretch of the lake's northeast shore is Lake Charlotte Park, a combined project of the city and the local Lion's Club. The park offers a swimming beach with a bathhouse featuring a colorful mosaic and mural, as well as a host of other amenities: playground equipment, a picnic shelter, sand volleyball courts, a softball field, a fenced-in basketball court, a 12-hole Frisbee golf course, and public restrooms. Together with the natural beauty of the lake, the offerings at Lake Charlotte Park make it a delightful place to spend summer days.

More information about local lakes and fishing opportunities can be found through the MN DNR websites: dnr.state. mn.us/maps/compass/index.html | dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/search.html?id.



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# Nature Activities

### **Long Prairie Area Trails**

If walking or biking is your chosen recreation, you can find great trails in and around Long Prairie. Look for the four marked walking trails through the city and to Lake Charlotte. Ask for trail maps at the Chamber of Commerce office.

There are 16 more trails extending 443 miles, all within a 60-mile radius of Long Prairie. Go to traillink.com/city/long-prairie-mn-trails/ to find a perfect trail for you.

#### **Art in Nature**

Harmony Park, found just south of the middle school and north of the football field, is a great place for a morning stroll or an evening meander. Circumvent the ponds or the Blue Sky mosaic planters and ponder the universal connection of art and nature. Plan a picnic or pick-me-up moment in the shelter on the north side of the park. And don't neglect to appreciate the nature of the trees and flowers planted specifically to harmonize with other features of the park.







**Dragon Willow Winery** | dragonwillowwinery.com 23419 210th St | 320.428.0456

Long Prairie Chamber Orchestra Concerts | thelpco.org

**Long Prairie Country Club** | longprairiecountryclub.com 406 6th St SE | 320.732.3312

**Long Drive-In** | thelongdrivein.com 24257 Riverside Dr | 320.732.3142

**Vitality Wellness** | ccvitalitywellness.com 50 CentraCare Dr | 320.732.7234

**Cornerstone Pines** | cornerstonepineschristmastrees.com 19180 281st Ave, Grey Eagle | 320.732.3299

**The Sportsmen's Club** | South US 71 320.732.2719 | 320.267.8919

#### **Pickleball**

Pickleball is all the rage and Long Prairie hosts both indoor and outdoor games. The former tennis court across from the elementary school has been redrawn as a pickleball court and hosts this fun sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. The courts are available at any time for the public to use. Keep an eye out in the community education brochure for updates on more formal indoor and outdoor times as they become available. Check longprairie. org for more information or contact Community Ed at 320.732.2194 ext 2109 | 320.533.0941.

#### Soccer

If you like to kick a soccer ball around, Long Prairie now has a place to do it. The River of Life Church took the initiative to build an artificial turf field that is a little less than a quarter of the size of a full field. Located at 410 9th St. NE, the field is partially fenced to help contain the ball during play. The area is open to the public at any time but since there is no permanent lighting, yet, play is limited to daylight hours. Goals, beyond scoring during games, are to add lighting, install bleachers, and organize weekly adult 5 on 5 league. Anyone may use the soccer field, the church just asks that players respect the property and clean up any trash. For info email LP@rlcmn.church or call the church at 320,732,2730.

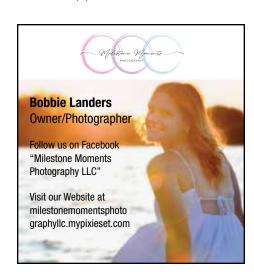


### **Vitality Wellness**

A membership-based wellness facility accessible to all ages and abilities. This multipurpose facility provides community access to a full gym with cardio and weight equipment, warm-water therapy pool with designated open swim hours for all ages, onsite locker rooms with showers, fitness studio for group fitness and access to on-demand classes in multiple languages. Programming and classes are offered to support emotional, intellectual, occupational, physical, social, and spiritual wellness. Members enjoy 24/7 access to amenities, while guests can purchase a day-pass.







### **Long Prairie Country Club**

The Long Prairie Country Club offers a magnificent 18-hole golf course situated among massive oaks and rolling prairie grassland. Combining challenge and beauty, this course is an exciting place to play again and again. The club house is fully serviced with a pro shop, food and drinks bar, and event space.

### **Community Garden**

Pick a plot and plant a lot, or a little. It's up to you what you make of your own  $20 \times 20$  foot or  $40 \times 40$  foot plot. Spring plowing and grass mowing of the adjacent areas are provided. Water faucets are available for irrigation. Enjoy access to the pavilion where you can chat with other gardeners about the best carrots to plant or how to deter the deer. Post garden related notices on the bulletin boards or share seeds and ideas. Contact the Chamber of Commerce to reserve a garden spot in the community garden located just south of the Baptist church or east of the Long Prairie football field.



### **Dragon Willow Winery**

Dragon Willow Winery, just a couple miles south and west of Long Prairie, has been making and selling wine in their tasting room since 2017. A small, family-run operation, the vineyard and winery are hands-on for Dawn and Curt Richter. As their children, Jayden and Arya, grow, they are getting their own pruning tools, learning to bottle, and gaining experience in other aspects of the wine business from the ground up.

Dragon Willow Winery started with 5 wine varietals and is now up to 11. Some are small batch wines that cycle in and out of availability. Apple wine is coming back and new to tasting room will be Itasca, Petite Pearl, White Marquette, and King of the North.

Thirteen standard cold-tolerant varieties are grown on two plots, totaling 2,000 vines on 2.5 acres.

Late winter and early spring are busy times with pruning and wine making. Summers are full of activity for the Richters with regular tasting room hours, often with one-on-one attention to visitors, along with monitoring the growing grape crop. Fall brings harvest, a time when friends and family gather to help bring in the bounty for its start in the process from the first crush to the final label.

Dragon Willow Winery opens each year on a weather-dependent schedule, usually by mid-April to early May. Normal hours are noon to 5:00 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The tasting room and gift shop remain open until Christmas. Check out the winery website at: dwwinery.com for lots of sweet information on the winery. Also check their Facebook page for updates on opening and any special events (like the Dragon Willow Wine and cheese pairings at the Redhead Creamery). 320.428.0456



### The Long Prairie Senior Center

The Long Prairie Senior Center is open three days a week (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 10 am–3:30 pm) with a regular calendar of activities. Gather with friends over coffee and treats, work on a jig-saw puzzle, experiment with provided craft supplies or bring your own materials and spend time with like-minded folks in a cozy spot next door to the Long Prairie library. Watch for information on meals to be served in the center's fully licensed kitchen. Legal aid is available on the second Tuesday each month and foot care is offered on the second and fourth Wednesdays by appointment. You might also rent the meeting space for family gatherings or business get-togethers. Check out the Long Prairie Senior Center on Facebook for the monthly calendar, special events, and announcements or call 320.732.2282.

### **Visit Amish and Mennonite Businesses**

The Amish live a simple life with a reluctance to adopt modern conveniences. Horses and buggies are their primary transportation; their clothing is plain. They value rural life, manual labor, humility, and adherence to their Christian doctrine. Mennonites maintain some of these traditional lifestyle components but do not refrain from using motor vehicles. Their clothing, while modest, includes more color.

The Amish run a number of businesses in Todd County. Offerings in the Long Prairie area include saddle repair, bridles, dog collars, leashes, hardwood flooring, cedar and oak chests, picnic tables, lawn furniture, decking, pallet components, lumber cut to order, log structures, metal roofing, trim, nails, screws, closure strips, handmade baskets, and various craft items. It's common to find Amish vendors offering roadside service with quilts, baked and canned goods, and other items. Amish greenhouses offer a huge assortment of spring planting options. Two former Amish families offer caskets, urns, fish houses, boat covers, and tarps. Amish and Mennonite stores are sprinkled throughout the county. They specialize in baking and cooking products, kitchen tools, and books, among other items.

Check out the list of Amish businesses, addresses, and contact information at longprairie.org.



### **Long Drive-In Theatre**

Drive-in theatres once dotted the nighttime landscape, but no more. Long Prairie's is one of the last of these classic venues and one of the best summer destinations. Generations of theatre-goers have enjoyed movies under the stars since 1956. Digitized to embrace 21st-century technology, the Long Drive-in will continue to offer feature films, concessions, and special events for years to come.



#### **Cornerstone Pines**

Getting your Christmas tree is about more than just a tree when you visit Cornerstone Pines east of Long Prairie. This family-run farm offers hours of fun and memory-making for your whole family. Take a walk down the trails of this beautiful property and cut down your own tree. Have a chat with Santa, enjoy craft activities in Mrs. Claus's cottage, and explore elf tunnels. Find gifts and decorations in the gift shop. Enjoy hot chocolate, sleigh rides, and a petting zoo.

#### Winter Fun

Options for both indoor and outdoor ice skating exist in two locations within the city limits. Skate indoors at the Todd County Expo Arena on Sundays from 5-7pm. Skate outdoors in the evenings at a well-lighted ice rink at Soldier's Field on the north side of town. Find cross country ski trails or make your own in one of the area parks. Follow marked snowmobile trails or strike out across a frozen lake for ice fishing. Enjoy an activity that's been shared by generations of Long Prairie families and slide down Water Tank Hill. And don't forget to attend the winter holiday parade and outdoor visits with Santa.





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# Shopping

### **Specialty**

**110 Coffee** | 110-coffee-co.com | 110 Lake St S 320.533.3131

**Bargain Barn** | 151 Central Ave | 320.732.4162

**CentraCare Gift Shop** | 50 CentraCare Dr 320.732.2141

**Hats Off Coffee** | 416 Central Ave | 320.732.4226

**Hayley & Rae Boutique** | hayleyandrae.com 110 Lake St S | 320.533.3005

**Rodriguez Fashion** | 22339 US 71 | 320.732.2113

**Viva Tobacco & More Smoke Shop** | 253 Central Ave 320.533.3343

### CentraCare Gift Shop

Located to the left of the registration area in the Long Prairie Hospital, the Gift Gallery is sure to have a special item for a hospitalized loved one or friend, or a unique product for a variety of occasions. The small space is packed with inspiration. Long Prairie Gift Gallery Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 10 am - 2 pm Wednesday 8 am - 4 pm

#### 110 Coffee

The hottest coffee spot in town. Sharing a building with Hayley and Rae Boutique and Salon Serenity, adjacent to Long Prairie Plumbing and Heating on Highway 71, this coffee shop has a great location in the middle of Long Prairie. With a trendy, spacious atmosphere and delectable food and beverage options, 110 Coffee is a great place to meet your friends or plug in your computer for some workalone time. Bring a book and cozy up with your coffee cup.



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### **Groceries** | Liquor

Abarotes Lopez Grocery | 514 4th Ave SE 320.533.3303

**Chavez Market** | 220 1st Ave S | 320.357.3075

**Coborn's** | 645 Lake St S | 320.732.6202

Farmers Market | Hwy 27 & 8th St NE | 320.732.2514

Mi Pueblito Market | 120 Central Ave | 320.732.1912

Novedades Bronco | 270 Central Ave | 320.732.7112

**Riverside Liquors** | 1 Lake St N | 320.732.2626

Thorson's Farm Market | 646 Lake St S

### **Long Prairie Farmers Market**

On Friday afternoons from June to October, a collection of tents and canopies pop up for the Long Prairie Farmers Market. Locally grown produce and artisan products are among the treasures to be found here. Located at the bottom of Water Tank Hill on the corner of HWY 27 and 8th St S.

### Hardware | Farm | Building Supplies

**Ace Hardware** | 820 Commerce Rd | 320.732.2185

Long Prairie Fleet Supply | 940 Commerce Rd 320.732.6195

**Long Prairie Lumber** | 102 1st Ave SW | 320.732.6641

### Convenience Stores | Gas | Auto

**Dollar General** | 109 Lake St S | 320.316.3525

Family Dollar/Dollar Tree | 305 Lake St S 320.357.6005

**Casey's General Store** | 206 Lake St S | 320.732.6876

Holiday Stationstore | 14 Lake St S | 320.732.6721

**Little Dukes** | 645 Lake St S | 320.732.6202

**Northern Star Cenex** | 904 1st Ave NE | 320.732.6670

Sinclair Gas Station | 10 Central Ave | 320.732.2535

**Auto Value** | 840 Commerce Rd | 320.732.6115

**D & D Auto Repairs** | 24345 Riverside Dr 320.732.6861

J & R Auto Care Center | 860 Commerce Rd 320.732.6764

**Crickets Tire and Auto** | 626 Lake St S | 320.732.3874

Napa Auto Parts | 900 Commerce Rd | 320.732.6168

O'Reilly Auto Parts | 305 Lake St N | 320.732.2015

**Petrie Towing** | 24345 Riverside Dr | 320.732.1955

**Wolters Body Shop** | 25 1st Ave N | 320.732.4046

Long Prairie Car Wash | 20 8th Ave S | 320.533.0226

**PJ's Car Wash** | 880 Commerce Rd | 320.630.2905



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### Salons | Barber Shops | Nails

**D & J Stylists** | 125 Central Ave #3 | 320.732.2455

**Head Quarters** | 220 Lake St S | 320.732.1088

**Legend Kutz** | 22339 U. S. Hwy 71 | 320.732.6675

**Penny M Barber Shop** | 150 Central Ave | 570.328.8848

**Salon Serenity** | 110 Lake St S Suite 1 | 320.491.7199









# Places to Eat

**110 Coffee** | 110-coffee-co.com | 110 Lake St S 320.533.3131

American Legion | 714 Commerce Rd | 320.732.4045

Countryside Restaurant | 10 Lake St S | 320.732.2712

**Dairy Queen** | 710 Commerce Rd | 320.732.2776

**Griff's Pizza** | 136 Central Ave | 320.732.6875

Irish's | 220 Central Ave | 320.732.6122

McDonald's | 306 Lake St S | 320.732.1006

Ming Dynasty Restaurant | 210 Central Ave 320.732.3288

**Mi Pueblito Restaurant** | 120 Central Ave (in Mi Pueblito Market) 320.732.1912

**Pan de Vida Bakery** | 275 Central Ave | 320.732.9000

Prairie Fire Nutrition | 282 Central Ave | 320.874.1291

The Red Lounge | 239 Central Ave | 320.533.3127

**Shady's Midway Gas, Bar, & Grille** | 17908 US 71 320.533.3127

**Subway** | 121 Lake St S | 320.732.3400

**Taqueria Chavez** | 263 Central Ave | 320.533.1222

Thunder Lodge | 22056 US 71 | 320.732.6966

#### **Chavez Event Center**

The event center is available for use by anyone in the community. It can accommodate around 250 people. Catering is offered and outside catering is also welcome. To learn more about reserving the center, stop in at the market next door.







# Camp S'more Campground

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- Large shaded, full hookup sites with 50 amp service
- Tent sites also available
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#### Also Available:

- Float trips on the Long Prairie River
- · Fishing boat rental
- Sportsman's Condo, 100% polyurethan hunting blinds for sale
- Outfitted spearfishing (Dec-Feb)

# Places to Stay

**Budget Inn** | longprairiemotel.com 417 Lake St S | 320.732.6118

**Prairie Ridge Inn** | 646 Lake St S | 320.357.3230

The Maynard Cabin, a Civil War era log cabin Air BnB John King jfk353@gmail.com | 320.732.3321

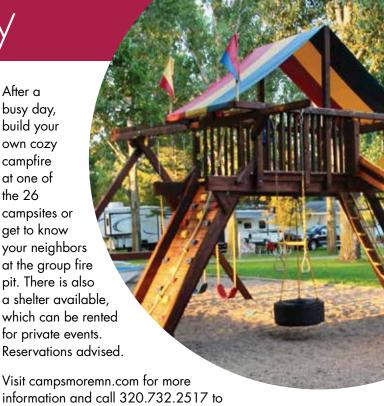
Camp S'more Campground | campsmoremn.com 24797 US 71 | 320.732.2517

### Camp S'more

Camp S'more is more than just a place to park your camper or pitch your tent. It caters to families and offers the extras. The children's castle play system is a hit with the younger set and will entertain them for hours. Older children, teens, and adults will find friendly competition with bean bags, yard Yahtzee, kickball, and croquet. The campground offers canoe and tube rentals along with transportation to and from the DNR river landing four road miles and six river miles from town. Scheduling is flexible for campers, visitors, and anyone who wants to spend some time on the Long Prairie River.

After a busy day, build your own cozy campfire at one of the 26 campsites or get to know your neighbors at the group fire pit. There is also a shelter available. which can be rented for private events.

information and call 320.732.2517 to schedule canoe and tube rental. Ask for Chris.







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