

THE LIBRARY PAGE

Demmer Memorial Library, Three Lakes, Wisconsin 54562



Connecting people to the TRANSFORMATIVE power of knowledge by providing opportunities to explore, learn, create, and share

April is National Volunteer month, a time to recognize and show appreciation for volunteers in our communities. The Demmer Library wishes to thank those who have contributed and continue to contribute to accomplishing the library's mission stated above.

By participating in opportunities to share, explore, create and learn as volunteers, the library and community organizations benefit as well as the individuals themselves in achieving personal goals.

This past year has presented unanticipated and unusual challenges for volunteer engagement. Many in-person and on-site activities have been replaced by virtual, socially-distanced endeavors, often with surprisingly good outcomes. Often it is the volunteers themselves who have suggested the means for carrying on positive efforts. New ways may well continue after the need for alternatives created by COVID have passed because of their success.

The Demmer Library had already begun a process of

evaluating, rethinking and reinvigorating volunteer engagement at the library through the strategic planning process. A recently obtained grant brought about a series of conversations with library and community volunteers to encourage reflection on what being a volunteer means to individuals as well as to the organizations offering volunteer experiences. Although the words may differ from those in the Demmer mission, the values of sharing, exploring, creating and learning within organizations and for individuals have been clearly expressed by participants in the conversations.

As we celebrate the contributions of volunteers during this month, let's make a commitment to express appreciation throughout the year. In addition to kind words, deciding to become volunteers may show that we value such contributions. The Demmer Library welcomes you to join in the long-standing tradition of being a Library volunteer.

HOURS

TUES-9AM-5PM

WED-12PM-7PM

THURS-9AM-5PM

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Speaker series: Catena Three Lakes

Catena Three Lakes is an ongoing speaker series with the mission of connecting the people of Three Lakes through a series of stories about the past, present, and future of the community while providing opportunities for engaging and transformative conversation. Each event pairs two presenters with different takes on the same theme.

Events will be live Streamed on Bluejeans and filmed at the **Three Lakes Center for the Arts**.

Event starts at 6:30 PM

April 7: Introducing: Forward Three Lakes

April 28: Forward Three Lakes Implementation Teams



For more information, follow Catena Three Lakes on Facebook.

Three Lakes Genealogical Society

The next meeting is on Monday, April 26, at 1:00 p.m. It will be in the Maple Room at Demmer Memorial Library as well as on BlueJeans.com. The topic is a demonstration to familiarize members and other interested local genealogists with the We are Three Lakes site and/or Now is the Time to Plan Your Genealogy Trip – On the Road or Virtual (postponed from last month).

Looking ahead to May - we will begin our series of instructional videos about DNA. The first one is DNA Kindergarten Part 1: intro and DNA Science. More DNA videos will be presented at our June, August and September meetings.

Remember, if you decide to test your DNA, be prepared for the possibility of surprises called Missattributed Parentage Events or Non-Parental Events. These include possibilities of different parents than you know, cousins, etc. This has happened in our society. DNA can help you connect with relatives you know and relatives you don't even know about. It also might be helpful in finding parents/families in adoptions.



Ancestry.com Library Edition continues to be available from free from home as a service during the pandemic. You can access www.ancestrylibrary.com with your Demmer Library card login:

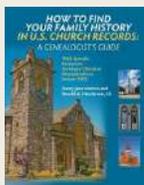
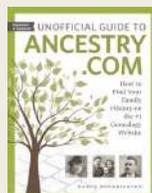
1. Visit www.demmerlibrary.org and click on "Library Account Log In" on the right side.
2. Enter your card # and four-digit pin.

1. Click "Ancestry Library" at the top of your account page.

New Books in the Local History Room:

How to Find Your Family History in U.S. Church Records: a genealogical guide by Sunny Jane Norton and Harold A. Henderson

Unofficial Guide to Ancestry.com by Nancy Hendrickson



Ask Your TLGS Genealogist

Coming soon! The Three Lakes Genealogical Society (TLGS) will be offering a service called "Ask Your TLGS Genealogist." The purpose of this service is to offer one-on-one opportunities to anyone who has family history or genealogy questions. The Society, in cooperation with the Demmer Library, will set up a day of the week to be available in the Local History Room for people to drop in for research help. Help on BlueJeans.com also will be available.

Genealogy Tip

Joining a local genealogical society, such as the Three Lakes Genealogical Society, can be an invaluable support system for experienced and novice researchers. These expert researchers can give advice and answer questions about getting started, organizing research, and overcoming research brick walls. Joining a genealogical society is a great place to find new friends with shared interests.

For more information about TLGS or to ask for help with your genealogy, please email familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org or call Nancy at 715-479-8971. You also can look at our website at 3lgl.org; be advised the site currently is being updated.

Coffee and Kids

Thursday, April 15, 2021
10:00 AM on Bluejeans



Everyone is learning, sharing, and providing support for each other at Coffee and Kids!!!! What is Coffee & Kids?

It is a parent-led discussion group, facilitated by 3 educators. What do we talk about? The sky's the limit!!! We want to focus each session on answering questions related to you and your children, addressing your concerns as a parent, and providing you with support. We are here for YOU!! E-mail librarian@demmerlibrary.org for the link to the meeting. We hope you will join us on Thursday, April 15 at 10:00 A.M. Feel free to bring a friend as well!

What to Do (and Not Do) When Children Are Anxious

Adopted from an article published by Clark Goldstein, PhD

Is your child experiencing anxiety? If so, here are some suggestions that you may find helpful. The best suggestion is to do what you do best.....love them!!

1. The goal isn't to eliminate anxiety, but to help a child manage it.
2. Don't avoid things just because they make a child anxious.
3. Express positive—but realistic—expectations
4. Respect feelings, but don't empower them.
5. Don't ask leading questions.
6. Don't reinforce the child's fears.
7. Encourage the child to tolerate her anxiety.
8. Try to keep the anticipatory period short.
9. Think things through with the child.
10. Try to model healthy ways of handling anxiety.

Children's Book for anxiety



For the full article and list of books, go to the Coffee and Kids Resource page under Services at www.demmerlibrary.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Library week

For National Library Week we will be featuring all of our librarians reading children's stories. Check our Youtube channel to see each librarian reading to you and your family!



Story Hour & Take and Make for Kids Tuesdays @ 11:00 am

Looking for activities to fill long winter days with children or grandchildren? Ms. Charlotte is here to help! Join her online every Tuesday at 11:00 am for Story Hour via BlueJeans video conferencing. Email demmer@demmerlibrary.org to receive a meeting link and let the fun begin!

Story Hour is 30 to 45 minutes of reading books, flannel stories and games, songs, and interactive fun. A weekly Take and Make craft project that goes along with the theme of the week is available from the box outside the library door. You don't have to live in Three Lakes to join in the fun; if you have a child in your life that would enjoy Story Hour, they can join from anywhere.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CLUB

Saturdays @ 10:00 am via Roll20

Fight Dragons, Goblins, and more! Join us as we use Roll20 to virtually play D&D. Email librarian@demmerlibrary.org to get your invitation to our game.



Books the Other Channel Book Club

Tuesday, April 23--6:30 PM
via BlueJeans



Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss Run at Destruction by Lynda Drews on April 27 at 6:30 PM.

Meetings will be held online during the COVID-19 pandemic closure. Email demmer@demmerlibrary.org to receive sign-in information if you don't receive it directly from the organizer. An in-person option may be available. Each book for the group may be checked out at the Demmer.

To register call 715-546-3391 or email librarian@demmerlibrary.org

Booking Ahead

High interest titles added to the catalog and released in April/May

Give us a call to put your name on the list - (715) 546-3391



A Gambling Man by David Baldacci

Three Missing Day's by Colleen Coble

Bone Rattle by Marc Cameron

The Devil's Hand by Jack Carr

Sooley by John Grisham

What the Devil Knows by C.S. Harris

Curse of Salem by Kay Hooper

Follow Your Heart by Brenda Jackson

Mother May I by Joshilyn Jackson

Life's Too Short by Abby Jimenez

A Distant Shore by Karen Kingsbury

When a Stranger Comes to Town by Michael Koryta

The Last Bookshop in London by Madeline Martin

When the Stars Go Dark by Paula McLain

The Drowning Kind by Jennifer McMahon

The Bookstore on the Beach by Brenda Novak

Sunset on Moonlight Beach by Sheila Roberts

Finding Ashley by Danielle Steel

The Last Night in London by Karen White

Historical Clippings

Three Lakes Museum

April 2021

The Little Lake That Almost Did

Connecting Maple Lake to the Greatest Chain of Lakes in the World

Three Lakes was established in 1881 as a railroad stop, the name being based on the three closest lakes, Maple, Rangeline and Townline. Of those, only Rangeline and Townline were part of the chain of 28 connected lakes of the Eagle River. Maple Lake was a solitary body of water located closest to town.

The town of Three Lakes had been developed by the railroad to serve the logging industry but within a short period of time the railroad was bringing settlers to the area to reclaim the land and lakes the loggers had laid bare. They came for many reasons and moved out away from the town to populate and develop the land around the many lakes.

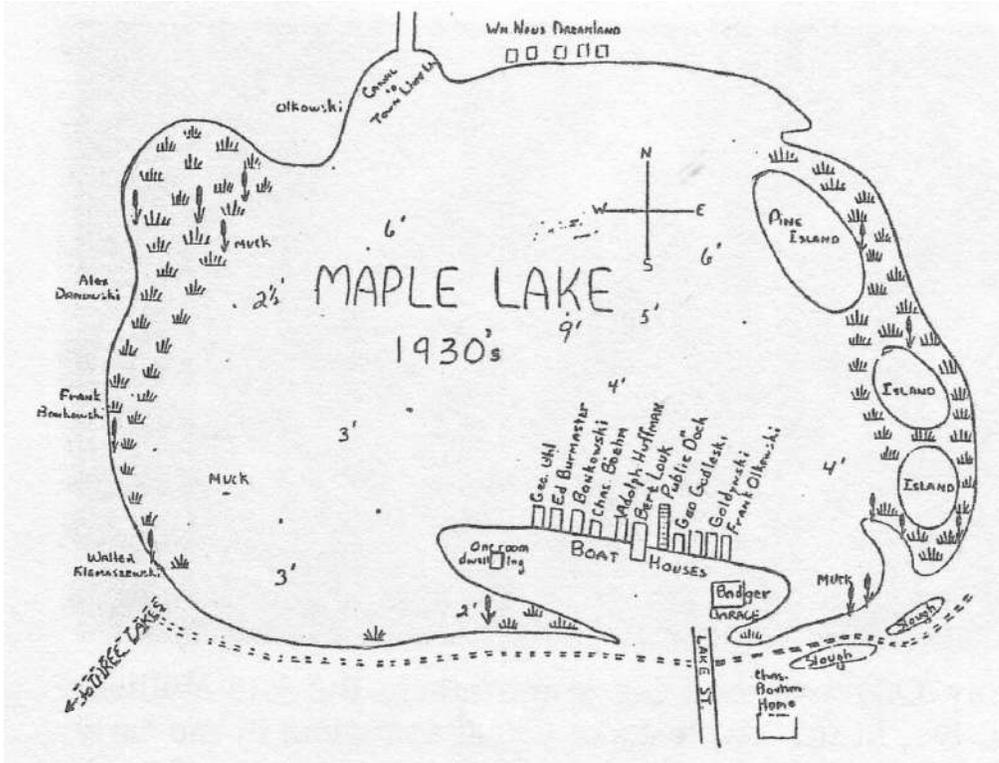
Early on they traveled and moved their supplies using the connected lakes for transportation as there was no established system of roads yet into the far reaches of the woods and along lake shores. Farmers and merchants and even the mailman set up water routes to move their wares.

The train coming through town twice a day brought the mail, supplies and people and dropped them off in town. The challenge then was to get everything and everybody to all of the destinations as resorts and cottages popped up along the miles of lakefront.



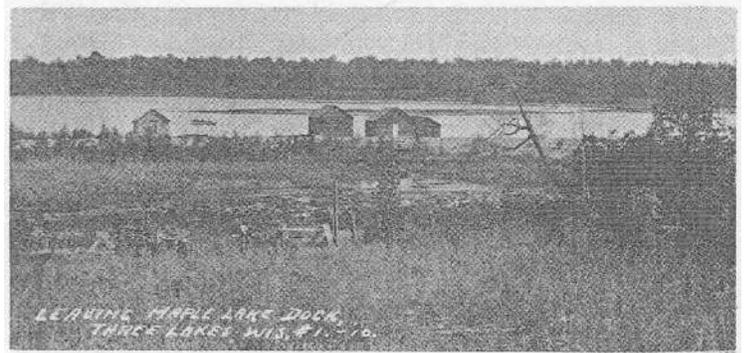
Sometime in 1903 or maybe earlier, the idea began floating around that it might make good business sense to connect Maple Lake to the Chain by digging a canal to Townline Lake.

The Three Lakes Canal and Transportation Company was established and sold shares for 25¢. They purchased an old dredge and dug the canal from Townline toward Maple Lake stopping just short of it. They blew out the last section of dirt with dynamite. What happened then was unexpected.



It was estimated that there was a two foot difference in lake levels, Maple being higher. But actually it was much more and the water level in Maple dropped eight feet. This resulted in vast swampy areas of muck and sinkholes and a giant sandbar. Some wells in town went dry. It made Maple part of the chain though and soon a transportation waterway. Initially a toll house collected fees to cover the cost of continued dredging but protests ended that.

As time and nature settled into the “new” Maple Lake, buildings and boathouses began to show up on the sandbar including Ed Epler's Badger Garage.



By 1939 with a network of roads servicing even the farthest reaches of the lakes, the town decided that it was time to install a dam and cut Maple Lake off of the Chain and restore it to its original level. Property owners signed off on riparian ownership and the fire department leveled the buildings on the sandbar with their new high power hoses. Ed Epler moved his Badger Garage to Superior Street across from the hardware store. Between October 1941 and December 1942, the water level in Maple Lake rose almost five feet. By 1972 nature had returned Maple to the lake we know today.

The canal still remains although nature will probably reclaim it eventually. You can still see it today running parallel to the road to the Townline boat landing. A reminder that Maple Lake made itself part of the greatest chain of lakes in the world at least for a little while.

| Membership Tiers | | | |
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| Settlers | \$25-\$39 | Archivist | \$500-\$999 |
| Preservationist | \$40-\$99 | Archivist | \$1000-\$1999 |
| Pioneer | \$100-\$249 | Historian | \$2000-\$2999 |
| Explorer | \$250 - \$499 | President's Circle | \$3000 |

Cumulative donations over a year can help you "level up" to the next membership tier.

Detach form and return with check made out to **Three Lakes Historical Society**, "membership" in memo to: **Three Lakes Historical Society / PO Box 250 / Three Lakes WI 54562** or visit www.threelakesmuseum.org/membership.html to complete online with credit card or PayPal.

Name _____

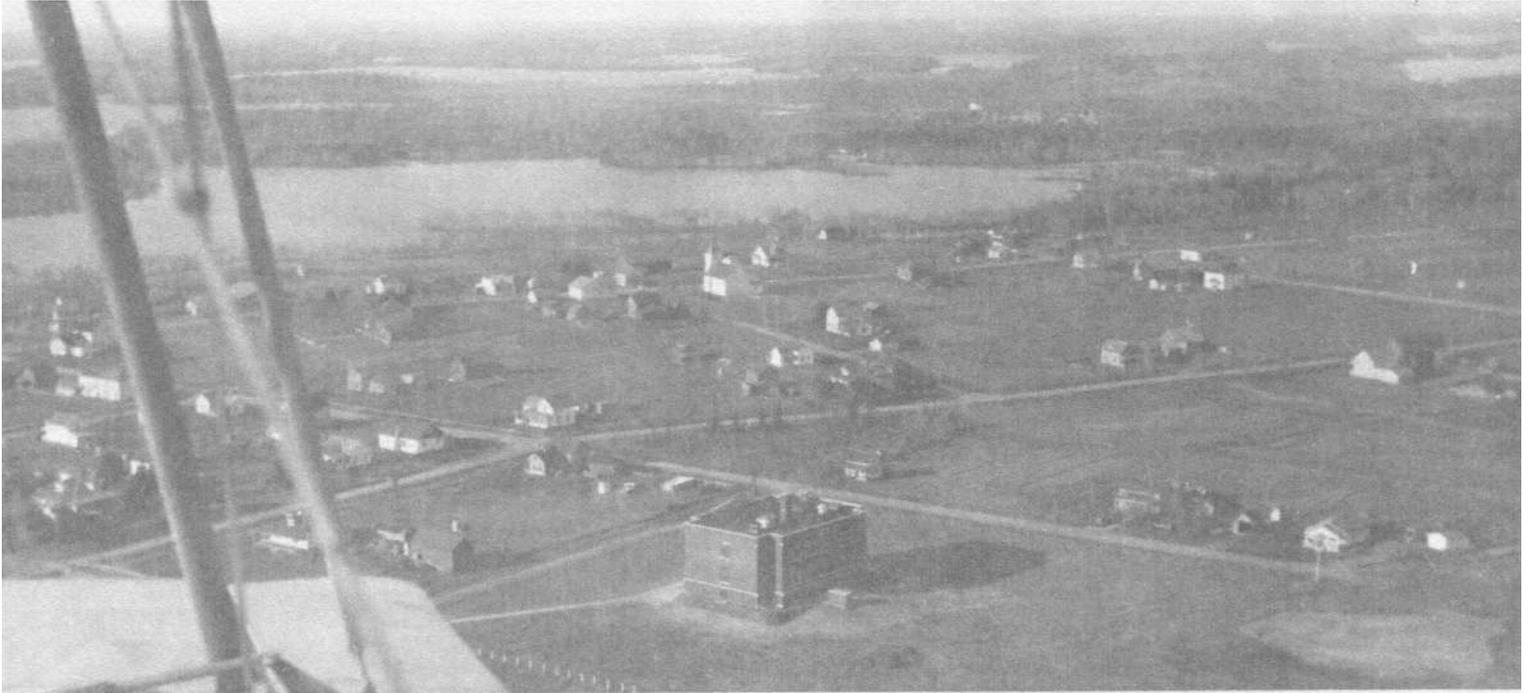
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From the Archives



Air view of Three Lakes taken in 1929-30 by Norman Brewster, looking northeast across Maple Lake before it was raised to its present level. Note churches (white) in center and high school (brick) in foreground.

In Memory



It is with great sadness we share Susie Sorg has passed away. As you probably know, Susie loved her job at the museum. Transitioning from the Museum Assistant to the Director's position was a dream come true for her. She knew Three Lakes so well, loved talking with people, and was committed to enabling the museum to fulfill its mission. She will be missed.

To view the entire obituary, [click here](#).