

# 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.

The library has more than books for you!



The first wave of board games are here and ready for check out!



Want to listen to the book on CD but don't have a player? You can check out a CD player by asking at the front desk.



Don't forget that you can also ask to borrow our digital projector, screen and more.

## HOURS

MON/WED 9AM-7PM

TUES/THURS/FRI 9AM-5PM

SAT 9AM-2PM

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# Three Lakes Genealogical Society



Do you know Genealogy is one of America's fastest leisure activities in the United States? Are you curious about who "came before you" in your family? Come to National Genealogy Day at Demmer Memorial Library. Three Lakes Genealogical Society will have display at the library on **Saturday, March 9**. You are invited to see what Genealogy is, and how you might like to join the fun.

Three Lakes Genealogical Society (TLGS) invites genealogists of all levels to come to our meeting this month on Monday, March 25, in the Maple Room of Demmer Library. We begin with a business meeting at 1 pm. Our program, "Members Helping Members," will begin at 2 pm. You are welcome to bring a genealogical puzzle, otherwise known as Brick Wall, to the meeting so our members can give suggestions to solve that puzzle. If possible, please send that puzzle in advance to Barb at [sfligel\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:sfligel_2000@yahoo.com).

The TLGS At-Home Book Club Book of the Month is Sarah's Key by Tatiana De Rosney. It is available at Demmer Memorial Library, Olson Memorial Library and Amazon.com. It is a wonderful book about a girl whose family in France was torn apart in World War II.



Remember you are welcome to attend our meetings. No genealogical experience is necessary – just an interest in those who came before you. For more information about the Three Lakes Genealogical Society, please contact Nancy Bailey at 715-479-8971 or [familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org](mailto:familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org). We hope to see you!



## Ask Your TLGS Genealogist

Do you need help with your genealogy research? Help is available at "Ask Your TLGS Genealogist." A TLGS member is in the Local History Room of Demmer Library every Thursday from 2-4 p.m. No appointments are necessary. Need help but can't make it on Thursdays? Email [familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org](mailto:familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org) or call Nancy at 715-479-8971.



## Genealogy Tip

What is the Code of Ethics for Genealogy?  
Promote research results and opinions in a clear, well-organized manner and local history.  
Source: [theconversation.com](http://theconversation.com)

## Books the Other Channel Book Club

**Tuesday, March 26--6:30 PM**

**in person or via BlueJeans**

Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss *Remembering Laughter* by Wallace Stegner on March 26 at 6:30 PM.

Meet in person at the library or join online via BlueJeans. Email [demmer@demmerlibrary.org](mailto:demmer@demmerlibrary.org) to receive sign-in information if you don't receive it directly from the organizer.

Each book for the group may be checked out at the Demmer. Everyone welcome!

To register call 715-546-3391 or email [librarian@demmerlibrary.org](mailto:librarian@demmerlibrary.org)





## Monthly Writing Group

March 21st @ 1:00pm  
Demmer Maple Room

Beginning writers as well as established authors are encouraged to attend, share writing projects, successes and help each other.



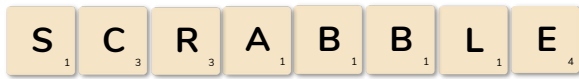
## Demmer Crafternoon

The 3rd Tuesday of each month

2:30pm

Demmer Library

Registration is required.



### Drop In Play

2nd & 4th

Thursdays

1 pm-3 pm

Demmer Fireplace  
Area

How many of us miss playing a good game of Scrabble? Stop by the Demmer on the dates and times listed as we bring Scrabble players together.



Demmer Memorial Library

and

Three Lakes Natural Resources Sub-committee presents:

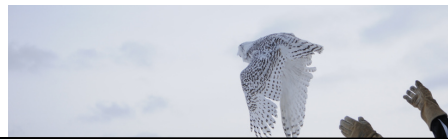


## Bird Presentation

Tuesday, March 12th

12:00pm

Demmer Maple Room



Wild Instincts Animal Rehabilitation Center out of Rhinelander will come and talk about their mission, human caused injuries to birds, and present a live bird or two. All ages are encouraged to attend.

The Demmer Library Board hosts:

## FIRESIDE CHATS WITH CANDIDATES

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 20, 2024

5:00-7:00 PM



The Demmer Library Board invites you to come and individually chat with your local candidates for the April 2nd election. Bring your questions and concerns and get to know those seeking to be your representatives.

Light refreshments will be served.



# EVENTS



## Story Hour Demmer Library Tuesdays@ 10 am

Story Hour is 30 to 45 minutes of stories, games, songs, and interactive fun.



Monday, March 4th  
3:30pm  
Tamarack Room



Crafts, games, trivia and more! Come ready to talk about the Tri-wizard Tournament



## Lego Club Monday, March 11th 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

@Demmer Maple Room. Lego Club is for children of all ages. Come and free build with your friends or play Lego Creationary.



## Pokemon Club



Monday, March 18th  
3:15 pm

Demmer Maple Room

Join us as we talk about Pokemon and learn how to play the card game.



# YOUTH ART CONTEST

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS MARCH 31ST

Kids ages 6-18

Draw, paint, or create an image from, or inspired by, your favorite book or character.

Submit your creations by March 31st to be considered for the grand prize of contributing to new Demmer wall art.

## DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CLUB

**First and Third Sundays @ 6:00pm**  
**in person at the Demmer Maple Room or virtual**  
Fight Dragons, Goblins, and more! Join us as we use Roll20 to virtually play D&D. Email [librarian@demmerlibrary.org](mailto:librarian@demmerlibrary.org) to get your invitation to our game.



## tic-TAC-toe

THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE DEMMER TEEN LIBRARY COUNCIL  
Youth Ages 12-18

**NO Teen Advisory Council for March!**  
**Happy Spring Break!!!!**

- Make decisions about teen spaces, programs and books.
- Earn volunteer hours needed for graduation.
- Participation looks good on college and job applications.
- FOOD & FUN!

# Booking Ahead

High interest titles added to the catalog and released in March.

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



*My Name Was Eden* by Elanor Barker-White

*The Atlas Maneuver* by Steve Berry

*The Deepest Kill* by Lisa Black

*In Sunshine or in Shadow* by Rhys Bowen and Clare Broyles

*Three-Inch Teeth* by C.J. Box

*A Haunting in the Arctic* by C. J. Cooke

*Neferura* by Malayna Evans

*The Dredge* by Brendan Flaherty

*Till There Was You* by Lindsay Hameroff

*Sisters of Fortune* by Anna Lee Huber

*Kilt Trip* by Alexandra Kiley

*The Haunting of Velkwood* by Gwendolyn Kiste

*A Step Past Darkness* by Vera Kurian

*Sun of Blood and Ruin* by Mariely Lares

*Hard Girls* by J. Robert Lennon

*Finding Sophie* by Imran Mahmood

*The Inmate* by Freida Mcfadden

*Easter Basket Murder* by Leslie Meier, Lee Hollis, Babara Ross

*Happily Never After* by Lynn Painter

*The Guest* by B. A. Paris

*Take Two, Birdie Maxwell* by Allison Winn Scotch

*Wartime for the Shop Girls* by Joanna Toye

*Women of Good Fortune* by Sophie Wan





# Historical Clippings

Three Lakes Museum

March 2024

## The Wheelbarrow Race of 1931

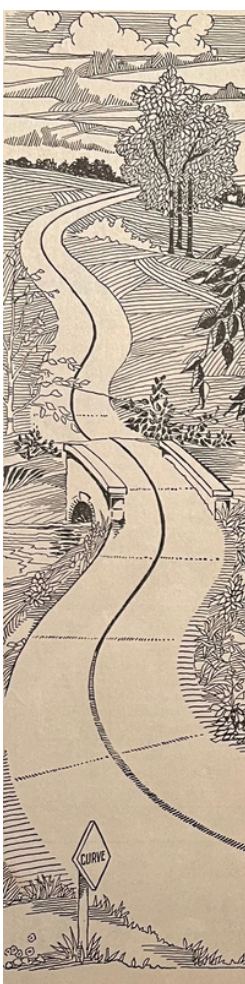
### 215 Miles, 10 Days and the Attention of the Nation

Something to think about next time you travel down Hwy 45

By 1915, logging the white pine in Wisconsin had run its course. The railroads that had been built to carry logs south from the northern forests to the cities had a new clientele. These same rails now carried tourists north, lured by the adventure the land and the lakes offered.

Businesses that grew around supporting the logging industry were now transforming to supply the seasonal travelers. For Three Lakes, this was the first in a series of transitions made over changing times to survive as a community.

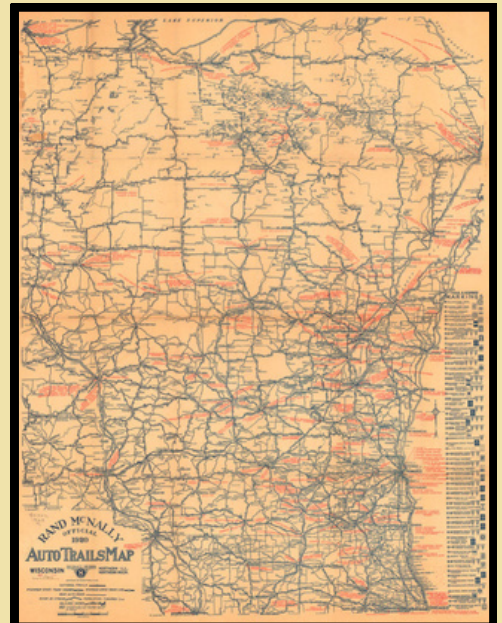
Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan, recognizing the potential that the cutover landscape of the Northwoods offered their economies, all began a campaign to improve road travel from the populated cities. Travel by automobile was definitely the future.



The plan in the early 1920's was to "understand the needs and desires of the motorist." The Milwaukee Journal published a yearly pamphlet, *The Call of the Open Road*, that in 1924 boasted that Wisconsin roads were "broad and safe and more accurately and plainly marked than those of any other state," with more than 10,000 miles of "excellent" highway and the counties maintaining another 10,000 miles of road in "good condition."

Advertising tempted road travelers with "hundreds of splendidly equipped hotels and resorts...appetizing foods, restful rooms, and courteous service...picturesque places ...

well kept campsites to rough it, and sleeping beneath the stars."



You don't need to be able to clearly read this 1920 *Rand McNally Auto Trails Map* to see where the 10,000's of miles were located in the state.

As there was a committed vision to continue to complete more "excellent" roads, the 1930 Wisconsin State Road Map shows that progress had been made.



In 1930, Three Lakes had two state highways that came into town, both gravel. State Hwy 26 (later to become US 45) had a number of sections that also remained unimproved along its north south length. To call attention to this, the Highway 26 Club created an event to celebrate a completed section near Fond du Lac - a 215 mile, 10 day wheelbarrow push from Waupun to Eagle River.



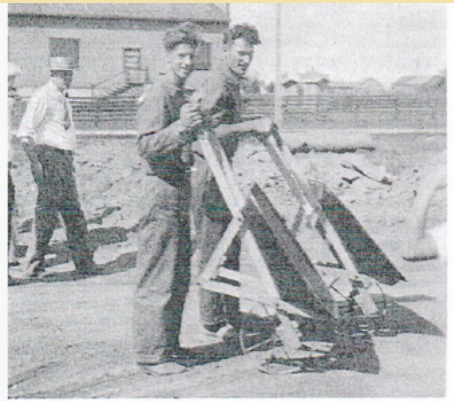
Walt Goldsworthy wrote about it in  
*The Pine the Plow and the Pioneer*, vol.2

Acclaimed as one of the top promotional events ever to be held in Northern Wisconsin, the Wheelbarrow Race of 1931, captured the imagination of the public from coast to coast. It was reported that 191 newspapers throughout the U.S. carried 425 articles that reached the combined readership of 8,896,353. The event was promoted to call attention to the need for concrete paving on Highway 26 (now U.S. 45). Fourteen racers took off from Waupun, Wis., on August 28, and arrived in Eagle River on September 6, amid a cheering response of spectators. Erwin Wahlers of Birnamwood was the winner, covering the 215 miles in 41 hours, 37 minutes and six seconds. This gave him a rate of 5.2 miles per hour. Second place winner was Herbert Anklam of Rosendale, Wis., who made the total "push" in 43 hours, 51 minutes and eight seconds. Third place winner was Paul Callum of Three Lakes, with the time of 46 hours, 11 minutes and five seconds. Four of the original contestants dropped out. Enroute, the contestants were hosted at the various towns where they overnighted, with food and dancing. On arriving in Eagle River the bands played and the contestants were paraded through the town to the fairgrounds where Angus McDonald of Three Lakes presented the prizes. Prize money was \$150 for first; \$100 for second and Paul Callum received \$50. All entrants finishing received \$5 per day expense money. They also were allowed to keep their wheelbarrows as "trophies" of the event. \*the incentive - money and sport\*



8/28 Waupun to Rosendale	14 mi
8/29 to Oshkosh	16 mi
8/30 to New London	33 mi
8/31 to Marion	24 mi
9/1 to Wittenberg	24 mi
9/2 to Antigo	24 mi
9/3 to Elcho	23 mi
9/4 to Monico	11 mi
9/5 to Three Lakes	20 mi
9/6 to Eagle River	11 mi

The miles listed in an August 22 press release add up to 200 miles. But 200 or 215,, give these guys a shout out when you drive on 45!



"World's Greatest Wheelbarrow Race" contestants, Erwin Wahlers, left, of Birnamwood, and Paul Callum, Three Lakes, right, as they prepare to leave Three Lakes for Eagle River on the final leg of the "big push" that ushered in a new era of paved roads for the North Country. (Harold Chapman photo)