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A book by Tom Langmyer

From the dust cover: Thirteen million people live within just a few miles of Lake Erie. From an historical perspective, it is the lake that brought them here in the first place. Lake Erie is sometimes ignored or forgotten. Lake Erie: History and Views brings this natural wonder to center stage, for she is the center of the region.

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Buffalo native writing new book on Lake Erie

CHICAGO -- A new book written about the history of the Lake Erie region will be released in time for the holiday season, 2009.

“Lake Erie: History and Views,” written by Tom Langmyer, combines flowing narration, factual summaries, historic photographs, engravings, maps and antique postcards from the author’s extensive collection, as well as current photographs to tell the story of this vast inland sea. Starting with the creation of Lake Erie during the Ice Age, the story describes the lake’s discovery by Europeans, the battles for its control, how people settled and developed the region around the lake, and how the population grew along its shores.

The Circle of Cities and Towns chapter is most comprehensive, covering the history of most municipalities around the lake. The reader is also taken behind the scenes aboard a 1,000-foot lakeboat, the *Walter J. McCarthy Jr.*, on a journey up the Great Lakes.

Langmyer was born in Buffalo, N.Y., and has been fascinated with the Great Lakes from an early age. He has read about the lakes, traveled around them and spent much of his life near them. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Grove City College in Pennsylvania, and has worked in broadcasting for more than 25 years. He is currently vice president and general manager of WGN Radio in Chicago and serves on the board of directors of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce and several other organizations.

Langmyer enjoys history, travel, reading, photography, cycling, kayaking and playing ice hockey. He is also a private pilot. He lives in the Chicago area with his wife and two children, and makes frequent trips back to the shores of Lake Erie.

The Blue Water Group, LLC, a Missouri Corporation, is publisher of “Lake Erie: History and Views.”