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LOOK at LAKESIDE

Lakeside—Lester Park
bi-monthly newsletter since 2012

Goodbye Gabriel's

Ann (pictured on the right) and other volunteers devoted time to organizing the books and assisting customers..

By early May a popular place in Lakeside that has raised thousands of dollars for the community has closed down. A wide range of books, records, and CDs were regularly donated to Gabriels' over the years—with even more coming in since Covid. Ann Jorgeson has been the master with involving many community volunteers to sort the books and open the book shop for sales. Quite short notice was given to move out all the books - all the books were then offered for free. Book shelves were sold and some books and shelving went to schools, veterans, and to other people and places. The book shop originally helped fund St. Michael's School.

Children who visited the book store could pick out a free book each time. Some children then thought about if they could donate some of their own books so that other kid's could read them. Generosity. Giving. Recycling. Locals and out of town people would purchase - and donate– books. It was a well organized place filled with opportunities to learn. Could it reopen in another place? Is a new space available/possible…. ?

Once the basement of the Lakeside Professional Building was loaded with books. Now it's empty.

A Beautiful Bear

The home at 45th Ave. E. and Dodge St has colorful sculptures in the yard. Shawn Rooney's step dad, Russ Vogt, is an accomplished artist and made all 13 of the colorful creations. Columns, planters, and more add flashes of color year-round.

The bear was made about 30 years ago and weighs about 400 pounds. His name is Barry.

Support for local EPA Water Lab

The lab opened in 1967 as the National Water Quality Lab and became part of the EPA in 1970. Today over 120 people work at the Congdon Boulevard lab (GLTED—Great Lakes Toxicology and Ecology Division) conducting lab and field environmental research. University students, organizations and agencies collaborate with the lab. Contractors are also key to running projects. Potential significant cuts in research EPA staffing are likely in store in the near future.

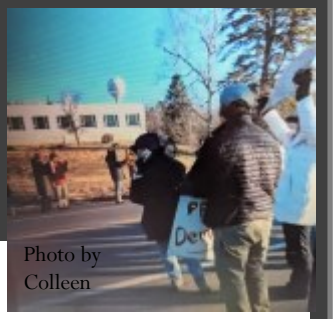

Photo by Colleen

Rallies Have Shown Support for the lab

March 25—200+ supporters stood along Congdon Blvd with support signage. Multiple Stand Up for Science gatherings on the steps of Duluth City Hall were held and on May 7 a press conference took place to talk about the importance of clean water and the work at the EPA. It's uncertain if many people will be losing their jobs. Students working with the lab have already been let go. How much more firing is ahead?

Magnolia blossoms at 4500 block of Superior St on the 80+ degree day in early May. Dandelions, daffodils and a diversity of other flowers are now here and more are on the way. Which ones are your favorite?

The only way to ensure rain is to give the garden a good soaking.

Weeds grow at the rate you pull them out.

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McCulloch Street Musings
from the Editor

WAIT, WAIT, WAIT and they're here. FLOWERS are emerging. Bushes, trees and straight from the ground are bursting. What the heck—this year I entered Fairlawn Mansions Peeps art exhibit. I made a scene of a Japanese garden with a bridge, pond, sculpture, and bonsai with the 4 peeps strolling around. A 'magic' cherry blossom tree was also part of my display. I gave a program in April on Volunteering Near and Far to a local group and provided music at a springtime tea. Besides volunteering and donating $ directly, another way to support local organizations besides your time is to support their fundraising online auctions. Head of the Lakes United Way has their annual spring auction. I bid on several things and 'won' a one night stay in Lac Du Flambeau, WI. We picked a date that had a United Way (the local one there) concert fundraiser at the hotel. The guest was a band doing Prince tunes with the main person Marshall, dressing like Prince, too. I learned more about Prince and like many of his songs. He wrote many songs that also were made big by other performers. Another silent auction item that I bid on and received was toward attending a class at North House Folk School in Grand Marais. In mid-May I went up for a 3 day beading class. We learned many variations and skills on beading and did some hiking at lunch and in the evening.

Summer in Lakeside will be a blast. Brighton Beach will be booming. Backyard time is full speed ahead. We will have simply gorgeous days in Duluth—warm but not too warm. BUT keep a hat, gloves and extra coat on hand though….. While doing some spring cleaning I found a brand new kite I bought years ago—this summer it's time to fly. Partly we went to *Mary Poppins* performance in April and the kite song is in my head. Enjoy summertime Northland events. Happy 4th of July.
See you around.
Do what you love.
Your neighbor, *Wendy*

Purple XPeRIeNCE (from Minneapolis) performed a concert in Lac Du Flambeau, WI in late April.

Red Flag/ Fires

In mid-May the state of Minnesota was in a Red Flag warning - wildfires could happen due to dry conditions. Three wildfires started that week and continued for well over a week. Over 37,000 acres burned north and west of Duluth. Over 150 structures were lost. 200+ firefighters worked to put the flames out and save structures.

Fill in the Prince song titles/lyrics

Little Red _____ When Doves _____ Let's Go _____

_____ Beret I would _____ 4 U _____ Compares to You

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High 5!

To Community Builders

To people who step in to improve or beautify the community/neighborhood. Please keep the neighborhood clean.

July 19 is Juneteenth - a federal holiday since 2021. Banks, post offices, libraries, and other places will be closed on this day.

Catch community **baseball** games at Portman. Or Duluth Huskies games at Wade Stadium. northwoodsleague.com

How many vehicles go by on an average day?

London Road traffic data (2023)

	40th Ave E to 47th Ave E	47th Ave E to 60th
AADT	12,968	10,834
HCAADT	784	757

AADT..annual average daily traffic, HCADT..heavy commercial annual ave daily traffic (trucks) Source: MNDOT

A Handful of Events

June 11 United Way Day of Caring Sign-up closes on June 9 Individuals or groups welcome. 218-726-4770

June 21—Grandma's Marathon Cheer runners passing through on London Road. A free **Health Fitness Expo** is open the public **6/19 4-8PM and 6/20** 10AM-8PM. DECC

June 26 Summerfest 5-9PM Earth Rider Brewery. Mentor North benefit.

June 28 CHUM Rhubarb Fest Asbury United Methodist Church, 6822 Grand Ave. Rhubarb foods, silent auction. Volunteer opp. Chumduluth.org

July 1-6 South St. Louis Co. Fair Proctorduluthfair.com

July 4 Duluth Fourth Fest 4 PM-10:30PM. Bayfront Fest Park. Free. Superior also has a parade and events.

July 9, 10 Downtown Duluth Days (formerly Sidewalk Days)

July 16 Water Safety Awareness Beach Party Park Point Beach House, 4750 Minnesota Ave. Noon-3 p.m. Learn about rip-currents, hypothermia, and how to stay safe around water. Prizes, music, activities. Free. Summer lifeguard schedule posted on parkpointbeach.org

July 19 and 20 Taste of Greece Festival Marshall School. 11AM-4PM. Food sales, Greek dancing. Free.

July 20 Lake Superior Day Barkers Island and other places. Love the Lake. Be with the Lake.

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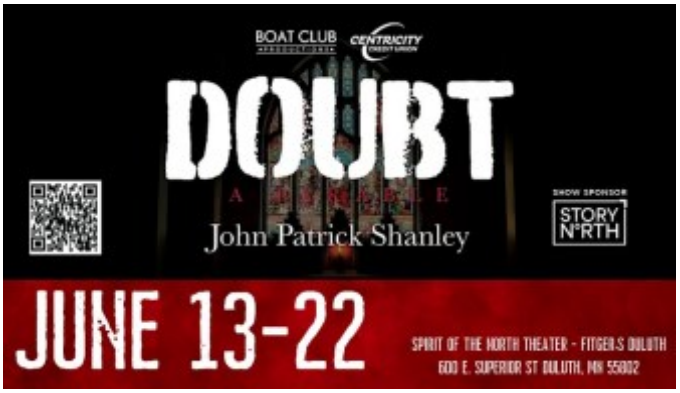

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Up on the Shelf

A wide ranges of salt and pepper shakers are for sale at The Scoop on 47th Ave. E.

SuperOne in Lakeside is one of several stores in Duluth that have fewer eggs for sales and limit eggs due to widespread avian flu outbreak in birds.

Farmers Markets
Locally—grown

Garden in your yard — open 24/7

TUES 2-5PM	**Central Hillside F.M.**	Essentia Health Parking Lot 503 E. 3rd St. Starts mid-June
WED 2-5PM SAT 8AM-noon	**Duluth Farmers Market**	13th Ave. E. 3rd St.
WED 10:45AM-2PM	**Superior Downtown Market**	1200 Block of Banks Ave. Thru end of Oct
WED 6-8PM	**Mid-week Market**	Duluth Best Bread 120 E. Superior St
THUR—Starts 6/26 11-1:30P (no 7/3)	**Civic Center Farmers Market**	In front of county courthouse by the fountain. Runs thr Sept.
THUR 3-6PM	**Lincoln Park F.M.**	Harrison Club 3002 W. 3rd St. Starts mid-June
Pre-order on FB Pickup on WED.	**Twin Ports REKO ring**	801 W. Central Entrance near Ashley Furniture Order ahead on
SAT 8:45AM-noon	**Barkers Island F.M.**	Barkers Island. May 17-Oct
SAT 9—Noon	**Carlton Co. Market**	904 Highway 33 S, Cloquet
SAT 10AM-1PM	**Two Harbors F.M.**	320 7th Ave. Burlington Station

^ ^ *Lakeside* BIZ/COM BITS ^ ^

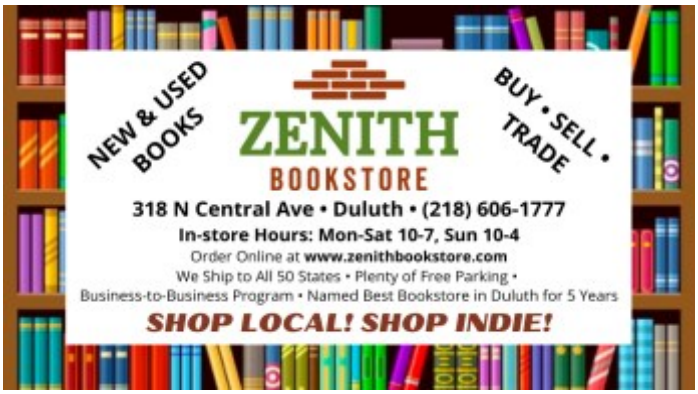
- **Homegrown Music fest** had a 1st time venue in Lakeside at **Spirit of the Lake Community Arts**. Multiple performers shared their talents. Live music and listeners filled the former sanctuary space.
- **Ecumen Lakeside** had the Boychoir and Duluth East Choirs come give programs in May. The events involved 100+ youth.
- **Swing Dance Lessons**

Experienced dancers and new dancers could learn basics and more techniques during the 4 sessions held at **Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd**. Plenty of people tried it out with moves with the foot work and transitions to different movements as the music played. Swing dance time there may return in the fall. Check on Facebook **Twin Ports Dance** – lists weekly local dancing opportunities.

- **Lakeside Presbyterian Church** had a rummage sale in May. Proceeds from the sale supported their mission projects: CHUM, Bethany Crisis Shelter, Damiano, Union Gospel, Duluth Chaplaincy, Seafarer's, and more. A scout troop sold meat sticks at the sale for their own fundraiser.
- Goodbye **Falastin** - Thank you, thank you

Duluth Studio Market, 512 N. 45th Ave. E., has changed hands. The new owner is Amber Nichols. The store will still carry local made and fair trade items. New additions will be pet items, even horse treats, home-made detergent and consumables. Classes will be taught on using resin to make suncatchers, key chains and other things. Amber was former manager at Lake Superior art glass and also does event photography, including for the inline marathon and Homegrown Fest. Winchester, her black and white dog, will often be in the shop to greet people. Duluthmarket.com and on Facebook.

Duluth East hosts a veggie, herb, and indoor plant sale in May (the date wasn't available ahead of time to be included in the previous LAL issue.) Students learn horticulture skills and grow the plants in the rooftop greenhouse.



Bike and Bank
A customer uses the drive- up window at US Bank.

The Duluth Public Library runs a summer **Adventure Book Club.** The book discussions are outdoors in the local parks once a month June through Oct and sometimes include an optional hike. Aug 8 discussion and outing will be held at Brighton Beach. *Crow Talk* by Eileen Garvin. 218-730-4200

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Thursdays
Beer Garden. Great Lake Aquarium. Symphony members provide music.
5-8 p.m.

Weekends
7 concerts will be held at Wade Stadium. **Back to Wade** series. Check online.

Food Trucks

Times vary
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*Look at Lakeside has an outdoor rack in the area, too.

Did you eat any local smelt this year?

Do you remember when the masons in Lakeside had their smelt fry? Share your smelting or other fish/fishing tales/ experiences with the LAL editor.

Landfill Change

Due to Superior's landfill at Moccasin Mike Rd reaching capacity in 2026, Duluth's garbage will soon be headed to Virginia on the range. Many more miles to travel. Please recycle!

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In Historic Dewitt-Seitz Marketplace In Canal Park

Boarded up buildings. Old signs. Vacant places. Places sitting empty in Lakeside. When will something move in? A former gas station, former chiropractic offices and the Lester Park golf club house—how will the buildings be used in the future or will the buildings be demolished?

Oh Lester Park Golf Course

Skiers use it. Trail runners use it. Dog walkers use it. What else? The working group for the land presented to the city council on April 28. It's been closed to golf for several years.

Main options ideas for the future
1. Develop it—hotel, 2 restaurants, shops, and ~450 housing units

2. Golfing with accessibility in mind

3. Golf and multi-use plan—then add hiking/biking trails, sports amenities. Get golf going this year.

Congrats Class of 2025. Best wishes for your future.

Get in Touch with the St Louis River

Water Wednesday—June 11 from 10 to noon at Harrison. Monthly series to swap stories, enjoy crafts, meet other river enthusiasts.

Community Paddle July 24 Chambers Grove Park. Free limited gear available. Must register. Find out about more events at **Stlouisriver.org**
A mosaic of tiles about the river are on display at the Duluth Folk School (the LAL editor and her husband each made one of the tiles.)

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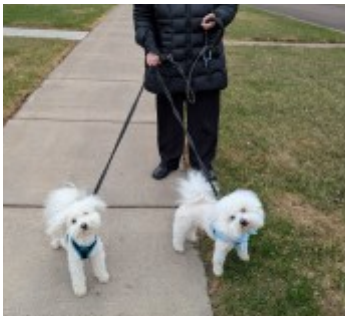
Nice artwork on the chalkboard at Amity Café.

June CHALLENGE
write a weekly journal entry. What is good? What can be improved? How?

Full Moon
June 11 July 10

Felix and Fritz out on a walk. The dogs would have blended in well with snow but we shouldn't be seeing snow for 5 or so months. Right?



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