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Spring Spawn

On land, in trees, in waterways - spring time is egg laying time. Populations in nature expand one hatching and one fledging at a time. Some species have migrated hundreds of miles. Some fish also migrate to lay their eggs. Sturgeon have lived in the St. Louis River and in Lake Superior in centuries past. These fish were extirpated in the early 1900s due to pollution and overfishing. In some areas, such as near Manitoba sturgeon were so plentiful and weren't viewed as edible, except by the indigenous people, that the fish were just removed and turned into fertilizer.

In spring the MN DNR staff tag sturgeon, handling about 300 fish per spring season and analyzing the health of the individuals.

In our area a project over 5 decades long has been focused on bringing back Lake Sturgeon. The MN and WI Department of Natural Resources have worked on efforts to restock sturgeon on the lower St. Louis River. Thirteen year classes have been brought to our area and put in below the Fond du Lac from 1980 to the year 2000. It takes about 25 years for female sturgeon to be able to reproduce and a shorter period of about 10-15 years for males. Each fish when mature also doesn't spawn every year. The current spawning population has many more males. Since at least 2011, natural reproduction has been documented. The sturgeon being seen now are up to 65" long. One hundred fifty of the sturgeon in the St. Louis River have been tagged

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Take Care of Boulevard Trees

Information from City of Duluth Forester Clark Christenson

Homeowners can help the boulevard tree in front of their house. The younger the tree the more your help will have an impact on the vitality of the tree.

1. Protect the tree from weed whips and lawn mowers. The City installs a tree guard on each tree we plant but those become damaged, lost or eventually removed. If the tree has very smooth bark (which many young trees do) that is a sign that it isn't thick and lawn equipment can damage the bark.

2. **Water the trees.** The City waters trees for a year after planting but only if we are entering or in a drought. As long as we get regular rainfall (preferably once a week) the trees will be fine. If it's been a week or two since the last rain and the tree in front of your house is younger, feel free to water it with 5-10 gallons.

3. **Avoid using salt on the sidewalk.** Excess salt creates poor soil conditions for trees, grass and most landscape plants. Consider using a grit instead of salt or be more selective in the areas you apply salt.

Community Potluck

April 12 6-8PM
Wednesday
Lakeside Lester Park Community Club
Bring a dish, salad or dessert to share—
Provided: Plates and silverware

RSVP if you'd like.
Wendy, Look at Lakeside.
wendyupnorth @gmail.com

Watch Bunny Cam

At Hook's Hollands (from Ohio) on YouTube.

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Local Art & Gift Fairs
local history programs
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dulcimer music & lessons

McCulloch Street Musings
from the Editor

MORE AND MORE SIGNS of SPRING will be appearing. We've had the snowy, snowy long winter. We'll have the mud season next and still need to wait patiently before the green leaves return.

Gardening centers will be opening soon and garden seeds are already for sale. I have daffodils and tulips bulbs in water (pre-chilled bulbs). The green shoots are growing. I made painted cardboard flowers to add some color and rolled roses out of old maps from Gabriel's bookshop.

I used to work in Environmental Services with the City of Superior. The municipal wastewater plant was fun to give tours and do other outreach relating to helping keep water clean. There are things people shouldn't put down their drains and as for stormwater pollution prevention, people can play a significant role of not leaving grass clippings, making sure pet waste is picked up, and fixing vehicles that leak oil. Also, washing a car on the grass is much better than letting the suds run down the storm drain that goes out to Lake Superior. In this issue, WLSSD is announcing some of their programs and efforts to help keep our waters clean and their open house. I also contacted the city forester for tips on caring for our trees. As much as I like wild mammals and birds, I am curious about insects (like bees) and aquatic life. I chatted with a fisheries specialist to learn more about the sturgeon in our area. The sturgeon look ancient. Isn't it interesting that some fish migrate? It's not just birds moving in the spring.

Are you thinking ahead? To gardening season? To when school is done for the year? Planning a wedding, grad party, or get together? Spring has its own busyness to it. Take time though to notice the emerging flowers and birds in our neighborhood. Come to the April 12 potluck if you can. Share what you love about spring time in Lakeside.

Your neighbor,
Wendy

50th anniversary of the Lake Superior Railroad museum @ the downtown Depot! Look for events coming up to celebrate.

May 6 First passenger North Shore Scenic Railroad train will be coming through. The scenic train has been running excursions for 35 years.

Green Thumb?
Share your Garden
If you'd be willing to have your yard included in the Lakeside area **garden tour** to be held late July, contact wendyupnorth@gmail.com All proceeds will go to the community.

New mailbox on East Superior St just past Lester Park.

Lakeside has about 3,000 boulevard trees made up of over 30 species planted by the city.

# of library cardholders Duluth Public Library (2021) 40,228

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Do you have a story idea? A photo to share? Send a message on Facebook or an email.

See **sturgeon** up close at the Great Lakes Aquarium. Six species of sturgeon are the Great Lakes Aquarium. Volunteer SCUBA divers feed the sturgeon bottom feeders.

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March 1 was declared by the mayor to be **Duluth East Nordic Ski Day.** The proclamation included that the Duluth Girls and Boys winning the Section 7 Nordic Ski Championship, both the Duluth East Girls and Boys Nordic Ski Teams were undefeated for the season, and both have earned the Gold Award for having a GPA over 3.5.

Medallion Hunt Location in Lakeside
Washington Park was the site where the 95KQDS 2023 Twin Ports Medallion was found this winter. Julie Johnson won the grand prize by finding the 3" clear disk. Over 40 people brought shovels and were digging in the snow in the park after the 14th clue said the medallion was in a park named after the 1st president.

The **Preserve the Gateway Facebook page/group** is made of local community members whose aim is to insure the preservation of the environmental, historic, and aesthetic integrity of an historic lakeshore neighborhood. The group does not want the roundabout to be put in at 60th Ave. E. and London Road. The group believes an alternative solution is feasible which will both serve the purpose of promoting safe travel of vehicles, and pedestrians alike as well.

Lester Park Golf Course?? The course will be closed for golf play and minimal agronomy maintenance continues. Low-impact leisure is allowed on some areas of the grounds. It's TBD for the 2024 season if 18 holes and range will open for play. **In 2025 the course will permanently close.**

Lakeside Lester Park Community Club water damage has been repaired! Available for rentals. Llpccduluth @gmail.com 218-591-3372

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> District 1 city councilor (incl Lakeside)
> At-Large City Councilors (2 openings)
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May 5

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Sturgeon article continued from Front page

acoustically, enabling analyses of movement behavior. Over 2000 sturgeon have been tagged with passive technology, which helps biologists track survival and growth. Acoustically tagged movement data suggests that most spend the rest of the year within 10 miles of the St. Louis River estuary. About one-third will remain in the St. Louis River year-round. But some have been found in more distant locations—even as far as Ontario's Black Bay.

"The good news is the established population is now migratory and coming back to the St. Louis River to spawn. But, the sturgeon population isn't fully restored here."
Dan Wilfond, Fisheries Specialist, MN DNR, Knife River

Tens of thousands of fry have been released in the river, imprint on the area, and know to return to the river. The eggs were hatched at Genoa National Fish Hatchery in Wisconsin. Fingerlings have also been released and tend to have a greater survivor rate. In the river area below the Fond du Lac dam and near Chambers Grove special rock formations have been put it, called weirs, to serve as locations where spawning would occur. Other fish, including walleye, white sucker and bass benefit from the weirs. The efforts to bring a sustainable population of Lake Sturgeon back is ongoing. Healthy rivers are ecosystems where an abundance of aquatic life live and where people can enjoy recreational activities year-round.

STURGEON FACTS

65-90 YEAR LIFE SPAN FOR MALES AND OVER 150 YEARS FOR FEMALES

CAN GROW BEYOND 6' AND OVER 200 POUNDS

STURGEON HAVE LIVED ON EARTH FOR >200 MILLION YEARS.

Harvesting sturgeon is illegal (always in this system). Angling is permitted, except from April 15-June 15 you cannot intentionally angle for Lake Sturgeon (to protect aggregations of spawning stock) **All Lake Sturgeon captured must be immediately returned to the water.** Sturgeon are on the road to a healthy population today and far into the future.

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A Look at the **PAST**

Lakeside Professional Building

FROM CHURCH TO SCHOOL TO TENANTS 1914-today

A building's life continues in Lakeside. What was an early church and Catholic school along Pitt Street still stands 109 years later. Let's look at what is currently in the Lakeside Professional building, 4915 E. Superior St.

1981. Gabriel's bookstore moved into the former school cafeteria in 1994 after the school moved to the former Lakeside School.

A single story brick building with buttresses was built in the fall of 1914 to serve as a chapel where Catholic masses were held. Prior to that church services had been held in the firehall at 51st Ave E and Dodge St. In 1921, the decision was made to add upper stories and expand the foundation to the front and back of the building to make room for a school. The second floor served as the school and the church was moved up to the first floor. The entrance was on 4924 Pitt St.

St. Michael's School opened in 1923 offering grades 1 through 8 with enrollment of 72 students. Enrollment numbers expanded to near 150 as the Lakeside community rapidly grew. Dominican Sisters from Springfield, IL ran the school until 1981. After the sisters, all local teachers were hired to teach.

In April 1955, the church and rectory at 4901 E. Superior was built and masses were relocated to the new building, leaving the neighboring building to continue as a school.

The building in the background is 41 years older than St. Michael's Church next to it. It has served as a church, then a school, and then office/storage spaces. Dominican Sisters taught and ran the school through

A house had been removed from the site of the church. The house was where the sisters running the school lived until they moved to a house purchased on the other side of the school.

The 2200 square foot space in the basement became the student cafeteria and gymnasium. In 1973, the school celebrated its 50th anniversary. At that time 149 students were enrolled. In 1977 kindergarten was added to the school and in 1985 the two oldest grades were eliminated from the curriculum. A Montessori preschool was added in 1990. By 1994 the decision was made to move the school to a building at 4628 Pitt St that formerly was Lakeside School (Lakeside School building was built in 1893 with additions in later years). This new home for St. Michael's school existed there until 2017 when the school closed.

Worship, school lessons, eating lunch together, and celebrating holidays and life milestones were part of the building's first 80 years (1914 until 1994). After the school left the building the plan was to rent the rooms to local organizations and businesses. Since the late 1980s a bookstore, *Gabriel's —Second Hand Prose*, was in the house to the east (the former convent). In the fall of 1994 after the school moved out, the bookstore moved to the basement. Books, books, and more

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A variety of woodworking skills was learned by the students.

Skis Made by Students!

The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders of **Spirit of the Lake Community School** made beautiful, traditional Nordic skis with their woodworking teacher John Finkle. Mr. John showed students how to steam bend slabs of maple, oak, and birch to make the subtle curve needed for a smooth glide.

The skis are shorter than many Nordic skis, offering greater maneuverability and flexibility in different conditions. The skis have leather toe bindings and back bindings for ease of use. These kinds of skis have been used by human beings for thousands of years, and provided the children with an opportunity to be a part of that history.

Mr. John says these skis can and will last the children a lifetime (and maybe longer).

This project was valuable practice in wood carving, steam bending, and lacquering. The children are excited to try out their new skis in the deep snowfall from the March storm!

The One Vegetable, One Community vegetable of the year is **Collard Greens.** FMI dcgp.org.

High 5!

The **Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd** held weekly UFF-DA Crockpot Lenten meals. The proceeds went to **Snacks for Schools**. Totes are filled with snacks for students without snacks at Lester Park Elementary. This multigenerational service project began last fall.

A & W (Apps & Websites)

—**GetGreen app** is available for free. Learn more eco and sustainability topics with Eco3, a local organization in Duluth.
—Visit **USGS WaterWatch** and view an animation of data on stream flow peaks. Notice how northern Minnesota's peak flows are much later than other parts of the U.S. waterwatch.usgs.gov
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books were donated by the community. Volunteers ran - and continue to run - the used book shop. The money raised was used to support the school; now the funds go the building expenses of the church and the Lakeside Professional Building itself.

How is the building used today?

Nine tenants occupy the building using the former classrooms, cloak room, gymnasium, and kitchen. Some tenants use the space for storage only. Some use the space as office space. Spectrum Research has had an office there since the mid-1990s. Bella Terra has an office in the building and likes their space in the building—using the old chalkboards to display their material. Local and Minnesota people as well as folks from many states and other countries have come in to view their exhibits. A small kitchen is available for tenants to use. Old-time radiators heat the building and clinks and clunks are heard every now and then. A piece of Lakeside's past stands along Superior St as cars travel by each day year after year.

*Gabriel's bookstore is on the lowest level and has shelf fixtures from the downtown Duluth Carnegie Library . Some bookshelves were built by an Eagle Scout. *The upper story halls have adult feet walking through compared to the 7 decades the building was used for youth as St. Michael's School. *The backside of the building faces Superior St.*

71 years as a school

Historic photos' source: St. Michael's archives
Other photos and article written by LAL editor, Wendy Grethen

-Thank you to Mary Ann Haugen-Harriss for digging into the St. Michael's archives. She attended St. Michael's School as did her mother and others in the family. Recollections are that students of different ages were in the same classes at times.

Community Resources

United Way 211 help with health & human services, free tax site info
Senior Linkage Line 1-800-333-2433
Ruby's Pantry First United Methodist Church.
3rd Thurs. Registration begins 4:30 PM
TOPS Taking Off Pounds Sensibly
5:30PM Mondays at Lakeside Pres. Church
AA meetings in Lakeside
5:30PM on Fridays, Lakeside Pres. Church
7:00 PM on Thursdays, Lutheran Church of

DRCC GLENDALE, located in Lakeside, is currently hiring for the following positions:

Assistant Program Director (APD) who is outgoing, flexible and dependable to provide direction and leadership necessary to assist staff; and, who will work alongside the Program Director performing administrative duties while maintaining a warm, friendly home in which persons being served are given the opportunity to reach their optimal level of independence. This is a Full-Time position that has a 40-hour per week work schedule. Hourly wage is $17.75 per hour. Specific hours to be discussed at interview but would work every Sunday – Thursday. The benefits package includes: paid vacation and sick, eligible to participate in the medical/dental insurance, flexible spending account (FSA), supplemental insurance options, employer-paid basic life/AD&D and LTD insurance, and the 401(k) plan with Employer Match and Profit-Sharing. Our desired candidate will be passionate about improving the lives of others, possess maturity, integrity, honesty, and patience.

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All applicants must:

- ☐ Be passionate about improving the lives of others
- ☐ Be at least 16 years of age
- ☐ Maintain valid driver's license with no restrictions
- ☐ Be able to pass a background check
- ☐ One year of experience working with individuals with disabilities is preferred

For more information,
contact Liz DeLuca at 525-1913,
or apply on our website,
drccinfo.org.

WLSSD Open House Coming Up

Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD) is here to help with all things spring! Spring cleaning, garden prep, yard waste disposal, repurposing, and painting – we've got you covered! On Friday, April 21st , 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., WLSSD is having an open house to usher in spring.

Open House
April 21 9AM-4PM

Are you feeling a "spring" in your step for spring cleaning? Spring is a perfect time for cleaning out your medicine cabinets. WLSSD's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility will be hosting a **pharmaceuticals and sharps collection** during our open house from 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Proper disposal of sharps and medications helps keep family and friends safe, protects sanitation workers, and prevents damage to our environment. Learn more: **Medicine Disposal | WLSSD** on the web. As long as your spring cleaning is on a roll, bring us the chemicals and paint from your basement that need a new home or safe disposal. Your leftover paint or and stain can become someone's epic spring project!

Have you been saving up your film plastic for recycling? Bring that to our HHW facility as well! Plastic grocery bags, zip-top bags, bubble wrap, and other stretchy plastic films can be recycled through a specialty program (but don't belong in your recycling bin at home!). If you can't make it to our open house, you can drop off your recyclable film plastics in bins at WLSSD's HHW facility, Materials Recovery Center, and the region's rural recycling sites.

Did the heavy snow drop some branches and trees in your yard? Bring them to us! Drop off leaves (for free), and trees and logs ($10/cubic yard) during the spring re-opening of our Yard Waste Site on April 21st, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Yard waste is ground up and composted along with food scraps from the community. Speaking of compost, we'll have our fresh batch of Garden Green® ready to go, too!

WLSSD is located at 2626 Courtland Street in Duluth. Please call with questions: 218-722-3336.

A Few Events

April 21, 22 & 28/29 9AM-4PM **April 23** 11AM-3PM
Rummage Sale/ Spring Liquidation Sale
Lakeside Lester Park Community Club, 106 N. 54th Ave. E. Find bargains! Support the club. There will be many free items, too.

May 11 and May 12
Mother's Day Plant Sale
Duluth East High School. Room 3005. House plants and small floral arrangements. 8:30AM-4PM

May 20 May Faire
Spirit Lake Community School, 5401 E. Superior St. 10AM-3PM Maypole dancing, cake walk, petting zoo, bouncy house, may crowns, face painting, music, puppet show, nature crafts & more. Free event. Open to all.

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