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LOOK at LAKESIDE

Lakeside—Lester Park
bi-monthly newsletter since 2012

LAKESIDE IS HOT !!!

It's cold outside but hot inside!

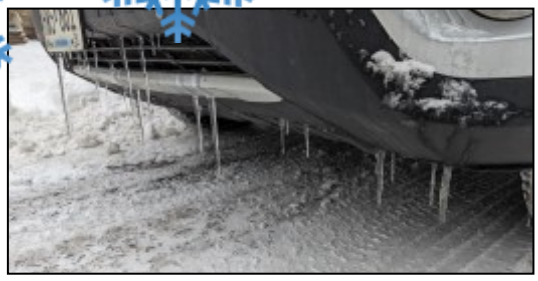
It's sad to see New London Café close. Thank you for the great food and service.!

You're hungry. What can you eat? Lakeside has several restaurants ready to serve food flavor sensations or prepare hot take-out for you to enjoy at home. Sammy's Pizza has multiple wide pizza ovens ready to bake your favorite pizza. Daxton uses the pizza peel to move the pizza from the 500F oven to the take-out box.

The pizza oven at Lake Superior Brewing rotates inside and is heated to 800F to quickly cook Neapolitan style pizza –co-owner Sarah Maxim takes a hot bread out—bread is baked daily there.

Brian working at New London Café makes a masterful display of cooked cage-free eggs and drizzles hollandaise sauce to make the veggie benedict.

Four outdoor ice rinks at Portman were popular places this winter. Warm up indoors then back to the ice.



Have you ever seen "snow hedgehogs?" Use your imagination. These were on E. Superior St.

Baseball player snowman holding a bat, a balancing snowman, and other snow people are around the neighborhood. Icicles hang off roofs, cars (hanging like teeth), light posts, and other places—even on men's beards.

Say Ice in Other Languages

il ghiaccio (Italian)
la glace (French)
hielo (Spanish)
jaata (Finnish)
gelo (Portuguese)
eis (German)
is (Norwegian/ Swedish)

Ski Hotline
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Thursday, Feb 29 is a leap day!

The next Leap Years will be in 2028, 2032, and 2036.

People with Irish ancestry make up over 15% of the population in the northeast U.S. states. In Minnesota we have about 10%.

This home on Lombard St has a beautiful mural on their garage painted by the family.

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Next Deadline *March 12

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McCulloch Street Musings
from the Editor

I HOPE YOUR NEW YEAR is off to a fantastic start. On a walk on Christmas Day at 48°F we saw a worm wiggling across the sidewalk. How strange to have such warm weather in the first part of winter.

It has finally arrived. Now white snow decks the land and winter recreation is on, except for the Beargrease Marathon. Blue sky and the snow-covered trees and it almost looks like paradise.

How many layers do you wear on the minus degree days? Keep safe in the cold, cold days. On an evening winter walk on the Lakewalk I spotted a very bright shooting star glide across the sky.

I've been experimenting with soup recipes—mostly plant-based. Carrot soup, gumbo, and vegetable soup. There are many recipes out there! Also, I've been exploring baking with alternative flours.

I'll be headed to the far East soon to volunteer teaching English for a few weeks. Do the assignment to upper right. That's the clue where I'm going. New experiences ahead.

Do what you love.
Your neighbor,
Wendy

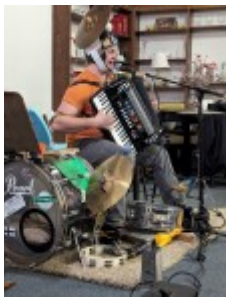
Ice "candle" pillars were spotted in the Lester River upstream of the pedestrian bridge in the park. Some were over 5' tall. The river foam looked like Cool Whip.

Wild rice is not a true rice but a species of grass. **Cooked wild rice has about 30 per cent fewer calories than brown rice** as well as 40 per cent more protein. It also contains more fiber, potassium and zinc.

Assignment: Write a Haiku

First line has 5 syllables
Second line is seven syllables
Third line is 5 syllables

Send a Lakeside or spring haiku to the editor to be shared in the next issue.



Thank you
to those who came to the Steve Solkela concert on January 6 at the community club. Steve puts on quite a show with his talent and array of instruments.

LOCAL ART & GIFT FAIR

Treasures of the Earth
Things made local from natural materials, recycled/repurposed materials. Nature art.

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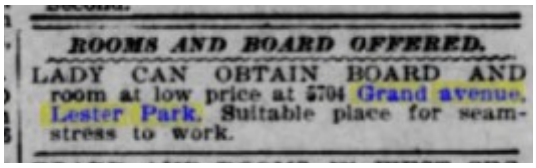
Grand Ave or Superior St?

What we know as Superior Street in Lakeside was called Grand Ave from 1890s until ~1904.



ROOMS AND BOARD OFFERED.

LADY CAN OBTAIN BOARD AND room at low price at 5704 Grand avenue, Lester Park. Suitable place for seamstress to work.

Above ad gives Grand Ave address in Lakeside. (September 28, 1886 Duluth Evening Herald) This is now Superior St. The area from 40th to 44th Ave. E was called Oxford, then Cambridge, then Superior St.

Announcement in July 20, 1921 Duluth Herald.

Casino!?

DON'T FORGET THE

DANCE

CASINO—LESTER PARK

THURSDAY, JULY 21

Comveeder Club

A Handful of Events

Feb 3 Cold Front
City of Duluth. Bayfront Park
Winter activities. Free. Noon to 6PM. Luge sledding hill, snow play area, ice skating, curling, Bonfires. Fire spinners.

Feb 8 ***The Future of Water in Duluth***
7:30-9PM. College of St. Scholastica

March 1 Singing with the Stars
Fundraiser for the Duluth Playhouse
www.duluthplayhouse.org/box-office/special-events/singing-with-the-stars

March 15 St. Patrick's/St. Urho's Bingo 6PM snacks. 6:30-8 Bingo. Wear green or purple to celebrate. Suggested donation for cards appreciated.
Lakeside Lester Park Community Club, 106 N. 54th Ave. E.

March 17 Flute, Cello and Piano Trio
3pm Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.
Freewill donation to benefit local hunger needs through Second Harvest.

3rd Thursdays Sustainable Duluth
Community How-to Workshop Series for your household 6-7:30PM City of Duluth Dovetail Café, Duluth Folk School
Pre-register. Food provided.
z.umd.edu/sustainableduluth

Saturdays through April 27
Jazz at the Depot 3-6PM $6

T.A.N **Thank a neighbor**

TB and WG on McCulloch St. would like to thank BM on Gladstone for snowblowing in the alley.
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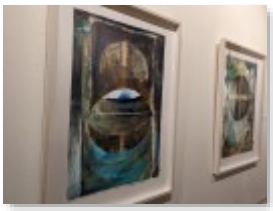
Gas Station Update The Cenex gas station at 5402 E. Superior St replaced their counters for a fresh look for 2024.

EPA Hosted a Blood Drive

The Environmental Protection Agency by the Lester River held a mobile blood drive on January 18. Five donation loungers had staff busy collecting life-saving blood. On the wall were stats on blood: 1 in 7 people entering a hospital will need blood. 1 in 3 people will need blood in their lifetime. 38% of us are eligible to donate blood, yet only 7% do. Shortages of blood often occur during the summer and winter holidays.

Great Lakes Fly Shop business is for sale John Fehnel started a fly shop business in Duluth in 2000. His store at 4426 Regent St has been in Lakeside in 2010. He has hosted movies, classes, and trips. John plans to go fishing in his retirement.



Congratulations to Lakeside artist Sharon Dawson Sharon had an art show at the Duluth Art Institute—*Above, Below, Within.*

Respiratory Illness Dogs are usually allowed in at **Matilda's Dog Bakery** but due to an increase in respiratory illness in dogs the store requests that dogs not be brought in at this time for safety. Check for updates.

A group formed last year called **MNeurodivergent Duluth.** Follow on Facebook. ND is ADHD, ASD, TS, DCD, SLD, etc.

Duluth Poetry Chapter Bring a poem to share. Writing time with writing prompts given. The meeting is currently every Sunday at 1 PM at Wussow's Concert Cafe.

GETTING AROUND BY TRAIN

Steam train coming up to 60th Ave. E. in the early 1890s. In 1892 street cars were put in and the trains couldn't compete. Depot structures were removed and relocated. The Lester Park station relocated to Knife River. The Lakeside depot (pictured above) was moved to Tower -Soudan.

Building tracks, running train cars—moving people. Travel from Fond du lac to New London/ Lakeside could finally be done in the late 1800s. The union depot was in downtown Duluth as a hub for incoming trains. Immigrants migrated north using other train routes or came to the area via ships.

At the beginning 17 train routes ran southbound from Lester Park and 17 northbound from Endion to Lester Park. A short railroad spur allowed carrying material back to the main line from Howard Siding Lumberyard at 47th Ave E.

At Endion station (near 21 Ave E) a turntable was put in in 1881 and Engine House for trains to change directions. The train could be turned which was important because there was a fire hazard for steam engines backing up. The turntables were armstrong at first – turned by hand. Later, motors turned the direction of the tracks. At 36th Ave east a gravel platform was along the tracks and had a stock chute for cows and horses. Farms were still in the area.

In December 1886 to give employment to people more railroad projects were added. A small depot shelter was built at 47th Ave. E. (then called Sargeant Avenue) as the Lakeside Land Company was forming. First it was called London Depot, then New London Depot and eventually Lakeside depot.

A larger depot was put in at Lester Park – 60th Ave. E on the lower side and east side. It was later replaced by one at East Lester River by 61st Ave. A small station was at Crosley Park where Jay Street crosses the tracks in November 1890 which was a waiting room only structure.

Railroad crossings had small shacks where people were stationed to guard the crossing for safety. Horse carriages and eventually automobiles were

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New Season

New Career Opportunities?

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Lent is Feb 14 through March 28 this year. It starts with Ash Wednesday. Lent is an acknowledgement of the 40 days the Bible says Christ spent in the wilderness.

DURING LENT THREE MAIN THINGS ARE DONE: **PRAYER**, **FASTING** (ABSTAINING FROM SOMETHING TO REDUCE DISTRACTIONS) AND **GIVING OR CHARITY**.

Lent is observed in the Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, Methodist, Moravian, Oriental Orthodox, Chur of the East, United Protestant and Roman Catholic traditions of Christianity.
Source: cru.org, Wikipedia.

St. Michael's Catholic Church in Lakeside said their Christmas tree sale broke a record this season. All trees were sold within 12 days of the start of the sale. The profits raised over $6300.
Pancake Breakfasts are held for members and the community.

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crossing the tracks and to prevent or reduce collisions people would help at the crossings. Mostly retirement-age men worked these positions and used flags to add safety as traincars came by.

Smoke inspectors were another position in the early railroad days and railroad companies would be fined if too much smoke was produced. Steam produces white billows, the darker billows are unburnt fuel and are an environmental and fire hazard.

::: Community Resources :::

United Way 211 **Senior Linkage Line** 1-800-333-2433
Mental Health **HDC** 218-728-4491
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Teen Closet - gently used clothes 218-529-2230
Lakeside Lester Park Community Club* llpcc.org
Portman Community Recreation Center*
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Meet a Neighbor

The Golden Girls

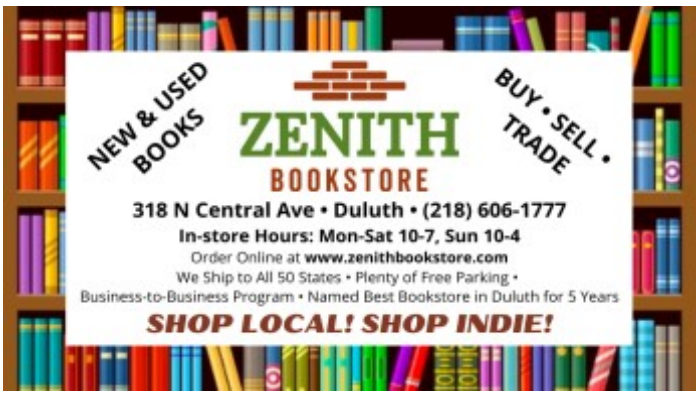
We enjoy sharing the story of how the pandemic facilitated developing new friendships in our old ages through the creation of a charity project.

People become friends in interesting ways and even unusual times. Bea was looking for a way to stay social and do good in the community during the fall of 2020. She recruited others in the Lakeside apartment building where she lived to gather in the hallway by an open window, being socially– distanced and very careful in the early Covid time. Eventually each went in for vaccinations and boosters as available.

The ladies used circular looms training each other how to use them, bought yarn, and made hats. Hats, hats, and more hats. Some were baby hats for the nursery wards at the local hospitals and larger sizes were also made. These went to the hospitals, Damiano, Chum, Life House, and Kids Closet. Head bands were made and donated to Teen Closet. Some of the hospital baby hats were made in holiday colors. **To date the ladies donated ~2,000 hats!**

Dona Schafer, Bea Larson, Dorothy Nettleton, and Judy Hay —didn't know each other well before the pandemic but they've become supportive and have been knitting, and do many things together since.

The ladies' ages range from 70s to 90s. They've had a lot of chuckles together as they gather and even have wine at times—then calling themselves the Happy Hookers. The start of the covid-19 pandemic isolated many people but these gals soared through the times, making new friendships, socializing safely, and made a whole lot of hats for the community.



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Full Moon
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March 25

February 10 begins the **year of the Dragon** and is believed to foster growth, progress and abundance. The dragon is related to success, intelligence and honor in Chinese culture.
Source: South China Morning Post.

High 5!

Mary Ann Harriss and **Gina LaFond** are part of Beatitudes in Action at **St. Michael's Catholic Church.** Volunteers help with **Laundry Love** where free laundry service is available to low-income individuals. The funds to cover the expenses are raised by churches. **On one Tuesday morning shift 48 loads of laundry and 50 dryer loads were done serving 30 individuals at the cost of $325. Lakeside Presbyterian Church** also helps for shifts. Coordinated by CHUM. Laundrylove.org

March is Women's History Month
Who are you inspired by?

March 8 is International Women's Day

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Ash Wednesday Pancake Dinner 5:00 p.m.
& Worship 6:30 p.m. - February 14th

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