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Lakeside—Lester Park
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Fresh Eggs - Right from the Back Yard

Quite a few households have chickens in Lakeside. One of them is the Kogan family who has had chickens for about 8 years, since chicken permits started. Ryan Kogan had Australorps and then added different breeds over time. The chicks are ordered and arrive by mail. In the summer the chickens lay 5 eggs per day but when it's winter and shorter day light eggs are not laid as often. The chickens are active all year. He feeds the chickens more protein in the winter and more calcium in summer. His wife makes special chicken food of chickpeas and oatmeal and green bean salad. Garden clippings are also added to the feed. The water is heated in the winter to make sure it's liquid and available. Plastic wrap is put around the fencing

Ryan Kogan built the chicken coop himself and has had chickens for nearly 10 years.

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Why didn't the light rain hit the target?
It just mists.

A plastic rain barrel in Lakeside is ready to catch rain off the roof of a garage. Do you use a rain barrel?

***City of Duluth street sweepers** will be out this spring. Their spinning brushes help remove dirt and sand from the streets.*

DO YOU KNOW?

Where was Daniel Greysolon, Sieur Du Lhut born?

When did he come to Duluth?

When did he pass away?

See page 6 for answers

London Road

London Road did not continue across the Lester River until there was a bridge. Chester Congdon was involved in setting up the road that let drivers go along the shore—known as Congdon Boulevard today. The map is from the early 1920s.

A year-round farm in Lakeside?

Year-round fresh greens (microgreens) are available thanks to a Lakeside home business by Eddy Gilmore. He sells the greens to grocery stores and restaurants. A sprinkle of greens on a salads, sandwich or other dish adds some zip. One of his green's mix is called *Spring in your Step*. *Read the Meet a Neighbor inside on page 7.*

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***May 12**

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Day TRIPS 2024
Stillwater, MN
Mn State Fair Dates TBA

McCulloch Street Musings
from the Editor

THE WINTER WAS ODD. Where was the snow? Where was the ice on the lake? Did it feel like spring in February? Spring is on its way. The daylight is longer. Learn about wild orchids in our area on April 18. See info box to the right.

I did a bit of traveling again. I went and volunteered teaching English at a language café in Okazaki, Japan. It was my first time to Japan. I also spent some time in Tokyo and Kyoto seeing historic places and new cutting edge movements. I walked many miles a day, went on many trains, didn't hear much English, was the only one not with black hair most of the days, and took many photos. I was able to see the early blooming cherry blossoms. The last two days in friendly Japan was going east to the end of the train line to Chiba prefecture where one of Duluth's sister cities is located.

I rang the peace bell there with the president of the international cultural exchange program. The peace bell in the Japanese garden at Enger tower is a replica of that bell. I stayed with a friend who stayed with us when the delegates came to Duluth in the summer of 2019. I have many great memories. I saw over 100 surfers—the area is where the 2020 summer Olympics surfing competition was held. I saw many people bowing, smiling, biking, walking, and many successful little shops. Sitting on the floor was common there for all ages—it takes a bit of flexibility that, well, I need to work on.

Peace Bell in Isumi City Japan, one of Duluth's sister cities.

Will there be golf again at Lester Park golf area? This year will be the re-opening of road access to Brighton Beach. Amenities are still being added. The park definitely looks different than 3 years ago.

Do what you love.

Your neighbor, *Wendy*

Wild Orchids of the Arrowhead (NE Minnesota)

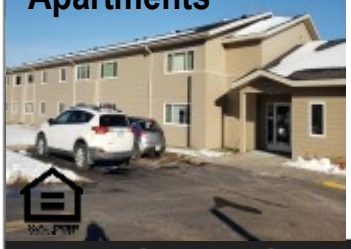
By Rubin Stenseng

April 18
(Thursday)

Lakeside Lester Park Community Club, 106 N. 54th Ave. E.
5:30 potluck dinner
6:30 program

Chalk message on a rock beside the Lakewalk near the Lester River Bridge. Duluth can have cloudy days but ***a sunny day*** *is always around the corner.*

Lakeland Shores Apartments



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Imagine

Imagine driving to Brighton Beach. Imagine having a picnic with a full view of the lake. Imagine sitting on a bench as the sun sets.
Work is moving forward to clear trees to make way for the new entrance road and exit road at Brighton Beach. The new entrance is just east of the former entrance and the new exit is near Grandma's Marathon 18 mile marker. Memorial benches and picnic tables will be put in as the remake of the park continues with an anticipated re-opening and ribbon cutting event this fall.

APRIL 15 is TAX DAY Filing Deadline
Free Tax Prep Sites
You may qualify for free tax return through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or AARP Tax-Aide.
Evergreen Senior Center (thr 4/14) 218-310-5744
Duluth First Covenant Church (thr 4/14)
Community Action Duluth (thr 4/7)
Duluth Public Library *(thr 3/29)

One Book Northland 2024 Book Selection
Disability Visibility: ***First-Person Stories from the Twenty-First Century.*** Edited by Alice Wong.
April 27 Noon to 4 pm Disability Visibility Fair, 1 p.m. Keynote by Gaelynn Lea, 2 p.m. community book discussion. Duluth Public Library.

A Handful of Events

April 3 Planting for Pollinators. 10AM. Mt Royal Branch Library.

April 18 (Thurs) **Orchids of the Arrowhead** Rubin Stenseng will share his expertise. 5:30 pm potluck—bring food to share, 6:30 presentation. Lakeside Lester Park Community Club, 106 N. 54th Ave. E. Free.

April 22 Fluttering into Spring Inspirational Upcycling and Downsizing 11 a.m. Kenwood Lutheran Church. Needle Art Guild Spring Luncheon. Catered lunch. 218-391-0605 $35

April 25 Transportation Equity Doc & Talk Series 6 pm. Bikes vs Cars Zeitgeist Zinema Free. Register at zeitgeistarts.com

May 3 & 4 Huge Book Sale Lakeside-Lester Park Community Club. 106 N. 54th Ave. E. 9 a.m - 4 p.m. All books 50c unless noted otherwise.

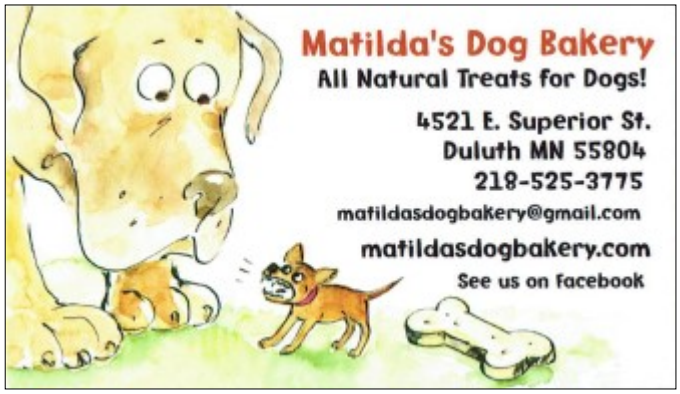
May 6 Twin Ports Genealogical Society—Annual Meeting. 6 pm. Mt Royal Branch Library

May 8 Craft Supply Swap 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Mt Royal Branch Library

May 12 Concert at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd 3 p.m. Local musicians. Celebrate Gabriel Faure.

May—Garden centers open!

New Parent Group with Doulas of Duluth
every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, 11am until noon. Duluth Main Library, Gold Room



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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 p.m.
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May 1988
The End of Bridgeman's in Lakeside

The restaurant was a popular place to eat or have ice cream at 4701 E. Superior St. Unfortunately due to a fire May 7, 1988 and total loss of the building Bridgeman's restaurant closed. The company's chief executive reported that the restaurant would not be rebuilt there due to the limited size of the property and limited parking. The restaurant had been a popular gathering place and was one of the neighborhood's oldest buildings. Thirty-five firefighters battled the fire for four hours. No citizens were injured and no other buildings were affected. Two firefighters were in the hospital temporarily for heat exhaustion.

The business employed 22 people. Larry Hagberg was the manager at the time. The most popular ice cream flavor sold was Vanilla. Bridgeman's had formerly been at 4501 E. Superior St.

Bridgeman's in Lakeside had been a popular gathering place.

as an ice cream shop (no food). Later that location became a dry cleaners and now is a driving school.

Bridgeman's started in Crookston, MN in 1935 and opened its first Duluth store in 1937. At one time there were 10 Bridgeman's in Duluth.

Thank you to Duluth Public Library history staff and Linda Blair for information.

Lester Park Recreation Working Group is forming at the request of Mayor Reinert to evaluate how the land at the former Lester Park Golf Course can be used year-round in the future. Part of the group's charge is to find a path to some operational golf at Lester Park for the summer of 2024. Golf anyone?

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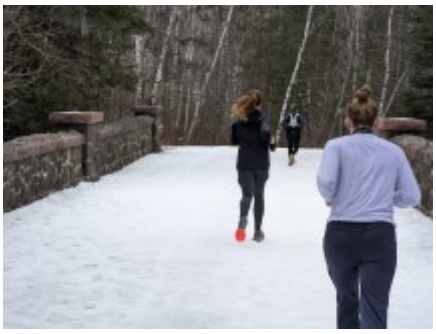
Runners Run at Lester Park event



Adventure Running Co. hosts running races in town. A winter time running event was held at Lester Park on February 3 where runners ran to see how many miles they could run in 4 hours. The winner covered 31 miles which was a course record. About 60 runners participated and most were from Duluth but runners from all over including Twin Cities, North Dakota, Canada and northern Wisconsin and other Minnesota areas participated.

Car Tune has relocated to 5631 E. Superior St.—look for the garage behind Stokke's Liquor.

From Car Tune Facebook page:

I dreamt I was a muffler last night, Woke up exhausted.

New Restaurant Coming Soon—Falestin

Palestinian food restaurant Falestin is on its way to open this spring at the former New London Café restaurant.

Brighton Beach University for Seniors at UMD walking group head out to Brighton Beach trail has a way for exercise, social time, and viewing the great Lake.

Caution when on trail at Brighton Beach. Due to road construction for the new road, trail users should **yield** to equipment needs for the work. There is also removal of invasive Scots pine trees happening at the park. Field work is being done this time of year to reduce the potential disruption to birds and bats by avoiding nesting and migrating times.

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to give shelter from the wind.
The chickens go through a big molt and shed feathers over time.

Some neighbors walking by ask about the chickens and enjoy visiting them. The yard is fenced and the chickens get to roam within the bigger fenced area at times in the summer accessing edible insects. The family enjoys heading to their backyard for fresh eggs and the chicken duties are not too much.

New metal roof for the Stone Chimney at Brighton Beach. Protecting it for years to come.

In the PAST

Lester Park Literary Club was active in the 1910s through at least 1930s and met at people's homes. In 1920 their program focused on Americanization. On March 12 the topic was Music as a Help in Americanization. March 26 the program was Americanization as related to Literature and Library. April 26: Public Health and Americanization. The group met twice a month.
Quotes the group shared were
** *There is beauty in willingness Even when we cannot meet expectations.*
** *They who do not read can have nothing to think and little to say.* Dr. Johnson

Full Moon
April 23 May 23

Answers from front page:

Born 1639 in Saint-Germain-Laval, near Lyon, France

1679 (Age 40)

Feb 25/26, 1710 in Montreal.

::: Community Resources :::

United Way 211 **Senior Linkage Line** 1-800-333-2433
Safe Haven 24/7. 218-728-6481
Teen Closet - gently used clothes 218-529-2230
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Meet a Neighbor Eddy Gilmore

Eddy grew up in Racine County, in Southern Wisconsin. He's been in Lakeside over 20 years. In his adult years he's been raising a family, enjoying neighbors, walking the dog, and building three businesses involving art, farming and writing.

Eddy loves living in Lakeside because *: "Most everything I need and love in life can be enjoyed right here, within walking distance."*

Eddy started the farm right in his home and he calls it Tiny Farm Duluth where he grows microgreens and sells them to local restaurants and groceries – and eats plenty himself – especially on top of an egg sandwich. He enjoys reading and various outdoor activities and raising a family and time with neighbors and the dog. Simple pleasures is what he seeks.

Eddy developed Tiny Farm Duluth growing microgreens that are sold to local restaurants and grocery stores. He also has written two books.

As a writer he writes a blog and has written two books : *The Emancipation of a Buried Man – a memoir about his childhood and adventures on his quest for knowledge and wisdom through experience.* The second book published in 2023 is *Lit Up: Out of the Cubicle and Into the Real World.*

His wife (interviewed in the Look at Lakeside issue Aug/Sept 2019 issue) creates surreal art and her artwork is on the cover of the new book. He also has dabbled in a podcast.

Haiku THINK SPRING

Snowfalls turn to rain
Snowbanks have become puddles
Splashed by little feet.

By Kathy A.

New life is coming
A growth burst will soon be seen
Leaves and flow'rs return.

By Wendy G.

Richard Hoeg continues to watch **Great Horned Owls** nesting in Lester Park beginning in late winter. See photos via his 365 Days of Birds blog.

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