

# LENAWEE

**100 YEARS AGO** Owing to a door being left open in the “gym” last night at the high school, the water pipes running through the tunnel between the power plant and the school building were frozen, thus leaving both the high school and central buildings without heat. After two hours of hard work on the part of the janitors the heating system was repaired, and school was not interrupted.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact news editor David Panian at 417-2023 or email dpanian@lenconnect.com

**NEWS BRIEFS**

ADRIAN

**Community Action Agency offers homebuyer class**

The Community Action Agency will be hosting a free, six-hour homeownership course for anyone considering buying a home.

The two-part class will run from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at the CAA's Learning Center at 324 W. South St. in Adrian. The course will include numerous topics aimed to guide prospective homeowners through the homebuying process.

Those who cannot attend the free session can take the CAA's \$99 self-paced online course at [www.ehomeamerica.org/caa](http://www.ehomeamerica.org/caa).

Due to limited seating, registration is required. To register or receive more information on the course, contact Lisa at 517-263-7861 or by email at [jloughlin@caajlh.org](mailto:jloughlin@caajlh.org).



**ABOVE:** Seniors take part Wednesday in Tai Chi class at the Adrian Senior Center. Karen Basile from Dundee has been teaching the class, sponsored by the YMCA to help participants improve their balance.

## Lenawee Faces

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**DISTRICT COURT**

**The following appeared in Lenawee County District Court: PROPERTY OFFENSES**

Adam Charles Goetsch, 24 (birth date 10/21/1992), Adrian (also East Leroy): reduced third-degree retail fraud; \$100 fine, \$435 court costs.

Carmen Marie Hernandez, 52 (birth date 6/12/1964), Adrian: reduced false pretenses \$200-\$1,000; 24 months probation, \$200 fine, \$575 court costs, restitution to be determined, felony charge of false pretenses \$1,000-\$20,000 dismissed.

**ASSAULTS**  
Jackie Dominguez, 19 (birth date 12/21/1997), Adrian: second-offense domestic violence; two weekends in hard labor program, 24 months probation, \$100 fine, \$1,135 court costs.

**OTHER OFFENSES**  
Gregory Nelson Powell, 25 (birth date 6/5/1991), Adrian: reduced malicious destruction of property less than \$200 and first-offense domestic violence; 20 days in jail, \$1,385.32 restitution, 24 months probation, \$250 fine, \$625 court costs.

Jesse Lee Sterling, 38 (birth date 9/3/1978), Adrian: reduced stalking; one year in jail suspended with credit for time served, 24 months probation, \$200 fine, \$555 court costs, felony charge of aggravated stalking dismissed.

**PROBATION VIOLATIONS**  
Bobby Whiteeagle Delagarza, 22 (birth date 11/8/1994), Adrian: five days in jail with credit for time served, \$60 attorney fee.

Kirakorn Nishikawa, 19 (birth date 8/7/1997), Tecumseh: 90 days in jail.  
Michael Andrew Luft, 27 (birth date 9/22/1989), Adrian: 30 days in jail, \$400 fine.

Tyler Scott Boss, 30 (birth date 9/18/1986), Manistowic: three days in jail, \$400 fine.

Jerrud Alan Parr, 37 (birth date 6/6/1979), Manistowic: five days in jail, \$200 fine.

Terry Lee Kobus, 34 (birth date 11/14/1982), Tecumseh: three days in jail, 80 hours community service work completed before March or 10 more days in jail, \$100 fine.

Adam Charles Goetsch, 24 (birth date 10/21/1994), Adrian: 93 days in jail.

Chase Scott Byczynski, 24 (birth date 2/25/1992), Hudson: two weekends in hard labor program, \$400 fine.

Chelsea Taylor Deseranno, 23 (birth date 7/4/1993), Adrian: two weekends in hard labor program, \$400 fine.



**ABOVE:** Carol Siler practices her Tai Chi on Wednesday at the Adrian Senior Center.

**LEFT:** Alayna Griffin, 5, of Tecumseh has her makeup done during Saturday's "Princess Day" at the Tecumseh Center for the Arts.



**ABOVE:** Sally Brockton of Tecumseh cuts paper for her star template during Monday's "Wish Upon A Star" workshop at the Tecumseh District Library.

**LEFT:** Librarian Megan Rapp-Frye, left, begins folding her New Year star beside Irene Chapman of Tecumseh during Monday's "Wish Upon A Star" workshop at the Tecumseh District Library.

**SPOTLIGHT**

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Dubourg first came to the U.S. in 2008 to work as an instructor at the Culinary Institute LeNôtre in Houston. He taught at the school for four years and was able to obtain a green card — which allowed him to work anywhere in the U.S. — as well as getting an executive chef certification.

He came to Michigan when he was hired as the executive chef at Travis Pointe Country Club in Ann Arbor and bought a house in Clinton.

New ownership at the country club brought a new chef. Dubourg considered moving back to Houston. In May of last year, he saw an online ad looking for a new executive chef at Evans Street Station. The restaurant was looking for a replacement for Chef Alan Merhar, who left after being employed at Evans Street Station for 11 years. Having grown to appreciate the beauty and tranquility of the area, Dubourg applied.

Due to a communication mix up, Dubourg didn't hear back and went to Houston for three months, planning to stay. When he came back, he saw the position still open.

"So I contacted them again and they said, 'Well, we asked you to come over here,'" Dubourg said. "I said, 'I never got your email.'"

According to Beth Kennedy, general manager of Evans Street Station, they interviewed 12 candidates, including Dubourg, over the six month period and invited the five finalists to the restaurant for follow-up interviews and cooking demonstrations where each candidate was required to cook a four-course meal.

"He was one of the first people we spoke with and we really liked him," Kennedy said. "Luckily he changed his mind and decided to stay here."

Kennedy and the restaurant staff were impressed by Dubourg's cooking ability. But while the allure of a traditionally trained French chef was attractive, management experience and ability to

adapt to the American work environment was equally important. A chef throwing "hot pans at people" was something Kennedy said she was looking to avoid.

"We were talking about him coming up in France. That's one of the first things we talked about when we interviewed him," Kennedy said. "What's your management style? What are you like?"

The match has been a success according to Kennedy and Dubourg. Dubourg has spearheaded numerous changes that Kennedy, whose family owns the restaurant, believes has led to a refinement to the fine-dining establishment's menu.

Dubourg describes his style as "fusion," with significant French and Asian influences as well as the various styles he has picked up during his time in the U.S.

"I'm European, I worked in France, so, of course, I have French influence," Dubourg said. "But since I came to America, I've learned other styles. I've learned that French cooking is not the best

here. I mean, there's Asian, there's Japanese, there's a lot of different cooking I grew to learn so I try to put those influences in my cooking a little bit."

In months that he's been at Evans Street Station, he has reworked most of the menu. "I couldn't make food that's imposed on me," he said. "I need to put on my own spin. That's why we changed the menu fast."

Kennedy and Dubourg pride themselves on Evans Street Station being a "scratch kitchen" — meaning that all pastas, stocks, sauces and more, are made in-house in labor-intensive processes, utilizing as much locally sourced products as possible. Kennedy said the restaurant billed itself as modern Midwestern cuisine, though it has moved to a more international and eclectic style since hiring Dubourg.

"We've definitely kept our standards here at the restaurant and even raised them," Kennedy said. "His food is beautiful, it's refined. He's very detail oriented and is a great planner."