

LENAWEE

100 YEARS AGO Veteran city clerk John Mawdsley publicly announced today that he will not be a candidate in the spring elections, thus ending a 33-year career in the post. He is the only clerk to have charge of the office in the present city hall, as at the time of his election, in 1884, the city offices were over a fire engine house on North Main Street. His announcement comes as a surprise as he has made no statements that he was contemplating retirement. For some time it has been known, however, that he has not been well and he cited his advanced age and failing health as the reasons for stepping down.

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NEWS BRIEFS

ADRIAN
Walk 4 Warmth on Saturday

Walkers are invited to join Adrian's annual Walk 4 Warmth on Saturday, Feb. 18, to raise money for utility bill assistance for Lenawee County families.

The downtown walk is sponsored by the Lenawee County Utilities Task Force and Community Action Agency (CAA). Its purpose is help families avoid shut-offs and other heat-related emergencies.

Registration with refreshments begins at 9:15 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 156 E. Maumee St. The walk starts at 10.

This year's theme is "March of the Penguins." Organizers invite anyone interested to wear black and white, or to come as they are. Pledge forms can be obtained by calling CAA at 517-263-7861.

ADRIAN
Guilty pleas in motorcycle pursuit

A plea agreement avoids a felony for an Adrian man accused of leading Lenawee County sheriff's deputies on a high-speed pursuit in August.

Donald Nicholas Badgley, 33, pleaded guilty Monday in Lenawee County District Court to reduced charges of attempted assaulting, resisting or obstructing police and driving while impaired. A reckless driving charge will be dismissed when he is sentenced March 7.

Badgley told District Judge Johnathan L. Poer that he initially stopped when a Lenawee County sheriff's deputy pulled him over, but then sped away on his motorcycle. He also said he has a medical marijuana card and uses the drug daily.

Deputies reported clocking Badgley at about 5 p.m. Aug. 30 driving a motorcycle 120 mph on Ridge Highway near M-50, then 70 mph on Sutton Road, east of Green Highway. They took him into custody after he slid into his home's driveway on Howell Highway and ran behind the house. They also reported finding some marijuana under the motorcycle's seat.

FULTON COUNTY, OHIO

Tips sought in truck theft

The Fulton County Crime Stopper Program is looking to the public for help in finding those responsible for stealing a truck from Swanton, Ohio.

Authorities are investigating the theft which took place Jan. 7. A 2005 dark purple Peterbilt 379 conventional truck cab, license plate PWE 1506, VIN No. 1XP5DB9X25N841896, was taken from the 3800 block of County Road A. The vehicle has "Expeditus" on the sleeper, with a knight's helmet, and a Grim Reaper picture on the auxiliary power unit. The truck cab also has a Department of Transportation number of 2345004, a motor carrier number of 8022331 and a truck number of 4086. The value of the stolen cab is \$30,000.

Anyone with information on the thefts is asked to call the Crime Stopper tip line at 800-255-1122. Tips may be left anonymously.

Information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible will earn the caller a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

UPCOMING TALK

Dennehy to visit Adrian College

Inspirational musician to speak during Disabilities Awareness Week

By Daily Telegram staff

ADRIAN — An international musician and motivator is coming to Adrian College March 15 to touch on his life of tragedy and triumph.

George Dennehy is scheduled to speak at 7 p.m. in the college's Tobias Room as part of Disabilities Awareness Week, sponsored through the Adrian College Office of Academic Services, according to a news release.

Dennehy's speech, titled "Undefeeted," is free and open to the public.

Dennehy, originally from Romania, was born without

arms. He was abandoned at an orphanage as an infant — an experience that very nearly killed him. However, his luck changed for the better when an American family adopted him and brought him to the United States. Here, he learned to play the cello, the guitar, the electric base and the piano — all with his feet.

His dedication afforded him the opportunity to play with regional



Musician George Dennehy will tell his story March 15 in the Tobias Room at Adrian College as part of Disabilities Awareness Week. SUBMITTED PHOTO

orchestras.

The world discovered Dennehy in 2012, when his cover of "Iris" by the Goo Goo Dolls went viral online. When the Goo Goo Dolls learned of him, they invited him to join them on stage at Musikfest, an event which draws thousands annually.

Since then, Dennehy has played alongside numerous musicians from across America and around the world. He also has become a motivational speaker, with a message that "every individual has a purpose and absolutely anything is possible."

For more information, visit the events page at adrian.edu.

Animal magic at Siena Heights



On Thursday evening, Siena Heights' Xi Omega chapter of the Beta Beta Beta biological honors society hosted Nickelodeon's Entertainer of the Year, Mark Rosenthal, for his live exotic animal show, "Animal Magic." Mark's show focuses on teaching the audience about the animals he shows, and does so with humor and authenticity.



Mark's fennec fox, Vixen, greets Nessie the dog. The two became best friends because when Vixen arrived, she had a broken leg, and had to be nursed back to health by Mark, causing her to have to live in the house with the Rosenthal family.

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Captain is a male Solomon Island Eclectus. These birds are one of the few species that are dimorphic, meaning that there are visual distinctions between the sexes.

BLISSFIELD VILLAGE

Local bank to sell Blissfield bridge bonds

By Mark Haney
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BLISSFIELD — Fixing the wooden pedestrian bridge between Ellis and Clara Bachmayer parks is going to cost less.

In November, village voters approved a 0.4-mill levy to fund an estimated \$335,000 repair of the circa 1977 structure. The bridge, which connects the two parks, was closed all summer because the wood beams have become unsafe.

The village was working with Public Financial Management of Ann Arbor on the bond sale. But before heading into the marketplace, village officials decided to let Blissfield State Bank make an offer.

"We had decided to give them a crack at it," village administrator Jim Wonacott said.

The bank offered an interest rate of 3.75 percent,

below what Blissfield expected would be the lowest interest rate in the bond market. Wonacott said the sale of the bonds by the bank will save the village about \$16,000 over the 15-year life of the repayment. A property tax millage will fund the repavement of the bonds.

"They gave us the proverbial offer we could not refuse," Wonacott said.

The village council recently took the first step in fixing the bridge over the River Raisin by hiring Poggenmeyer Design Group of Bowling Green, Ohio, to provide a hydrological study required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The study will cost the village \$2,800.

In other business

The village council also: ■ Approved the appointment of April Welch to the

village planning commission. Her term will end in November 2020.

■ Approved an amended agreement for the Michigan Main Street Program. The change alters the agency running the program from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to the Michigan Economic Development Commission and authorizes the village's Downtown Development Authority/Main Street office to use the Main Street's new brand.

■ Revised the village's capital improvement plan to accommodate changes called for in the recently approved utility plan and to allow for a more critical assessments the village's vehicle needs. The changes moved the purchase of a new police vehicle back a year and calls for more advanced planning for vehicles used by the Department of Public Works.



Bonds to be sold to fund repairs to the wooden pedestrian bridge over the River Raisin in Blissfield will cost the village less than expected. TELEGRAM FILE PHOTO BY VICKI SCHMUCKER

Assessed the changes made by Drews Place Properties, owners of the Blissfield Place adult foster care facility, to solve problems created with the sewer system. The property owners built a permanent structure to allow for a regular cleanout of the system.

"They did what we asked them to do," Wonacott said, "so as far as we are concerned, the situation has been resolved."

The village was considering taking action against the facility over the persistent sewer blockages at Blissfield Place.