

# **Weekly News**

# **Village Minutes**

To view the most recent village board meeting minutes, please go to:<u>http://www.tremontil.com/tremont-board-of-trustees.php</u>

# **Public Auction**

There will be a public auction on Saturday, November 20, 2021 for the personal property of Elizabeth "Libby" Mathers. The auction starts at 10:00 AM at 9683 Springfield Rd. in Tremont, IL.

### **Tremont Spirit Wear**

Tremont spirit wear is now available for purchase on the JC Screen Printing website: https://jcscreenprinting.com/collections/tremont-pto

The site will remain open until Sunday, November 21.

\*Please note that due to many factors items may not be delivered in time for Christmas.

Thank you for supporting Tremont schools!

# **Tremont Community Planning Open House**

The Village of Tremont and Tri-County Regional Planning Commission invite you to attend a Community Visioning Open House on Thursday, November 11, at the Methodist Church Family Life Center.

You're welcome to come anytime between 5:00 and 7:00PM. Dan Mathis is cooking complimentary barbeque pulled pork sandwiches, and you'll have an opportunity to win some prizes from local businesses. Bring your family to enjoy some great food, view exhibits, and supply your input to help shape your community!

For more information, click here.

Can't attend? Please complete our survey at Tremont Survey Link.



# **Tremont Rescue EMT Class**

Tremont Rescue with PAEMS is hosting an EMT Basic class, beginning Dec. 29th and lasting through May 26, 2022. It will include an online portion and in-person learning.

For more information, click here.

### Did you know ...?

#### **Dear and Respected Wife**

Cordelia Warner Lackland doesn't get enough credit.

She married William Lackland on the 15th of February, 1849. She had known William since childhood; their families were among the earliest pioneers in the Tremont area, living in a settlement called Tennessee Point.

They soon started their own family. Their children were Lunette, Melvin, Adda, John Jarvis, Alice, Mary, and William R. II. William also increased his livestock business. At the time of the Civil War, William raised a company of local men, including friends and three of Cordelia's brothers. They became Company A of the 108th Regiment at Camp Peoria. William was Captain. The men soon saw a great deal of the war.

As with many other women in those terrible days, Cordelia remained behind, worried for her country, her husband and her brothers. With several small children, the farm, and William's business to run, Cordelia was completely overwhelmed at times. At least once she wrote to William, begging him to come home. William replied by saying he missed his home, but could never be a quitter. He intended to stay until the war ended. He directed her to get someone to help do the chores; she should not take them on herself. Cordelia dug in and did what needed to be done, and it appears she did it well.

Through his letters, William advised her often from afar about his business affairs. Some of the advice is as follows:

March 9, 1864, "Be sure to have the colts branded before they are turned to grass." June 18, 1864: Do not keep any more stock in that new pasture than you can help as they will spoile (sic) the meadow for next year." March, 1865, "Have my bay horse well taken care of do not let him be moved off the place. Raise as many colts as can be from the stock of mares...tell Jarvis to go in the chicken business pretty extensively for I have a good appetite for chickens." Cordelia did her best.

During the war, her brother, Emery, became ill and died in a hospital. Another brother, young Dewitt, was missing and thought to be dead. He was taken prisoner and sent to the notorious Andersonville Prison. In an odd twist of fate, he was released after six months and came home for a 30-day furlough, looking like a skeleton. The only reassuring thing was that letters from William continued to arrive. He wrote often asking after the children, saying in one letter, "Hoping to see you soon. I close by sending my love to my little ones who are the pride of my heart." All were anxious for his return.

William finally did return when the war ended, having attained the rank of Colonel. In the years following, Cordelia and William welcomed two more children to their family, Leonard and Thomas. Work on the farm continued, and the colonel had a handsome home built on Augustine Road for his large family. Then, just nine years later, tragedy struck, and he was killed in a farm accident. Unbelievably, Cordelia had to go to court to be named guardian for her own six minor children!

Their children grew to be impressive adults, with their parents as role models. For much, or in some cases, most of their formative years, Cordelia was the lone parent. All five sons attended Illinois Wesleyan University in Normal, Illinois. Leonard received an honorary doctorate and became a trustee of the school. Melvin was president of his class and took a more extensive course in mathematics than any graduate of the university. He became a mathematics professor there. Thomas, William and John Jarvis were in business and farming. John Jarvis was elected Representative to the Kansas State Legislature. William started the Morton Bank.

Colonel Lackland was well-known in his time and has continued to be known as a major personality in Tremont's history. Though less known, his wife Cordelia has her own legacy to claim.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society

Dear and Respected Wife, the Letters of Colonel William Lackland to Mrs. W. R. Lackland, compiled by Mabel Lackland Frazer



Cordelia Lackland

### **Tremont Library**

Stay up to date on all upcoming library programs by visiting us on Facebook or our online calendar: <u>http://tremontlibrary.com/calendar/</u>

**TWO EVENTS Honoring Tremont Veterans** Talk by Rick Otey (all ages) -- Monday November 8th at 6 PM

Special Story Hour (ages 3-6) -- Thursday November 11th 10:30 AM Moment of Silence -- Thursday November 11th at 11 AM (right after Story Hour)

All events will be held at the Memorial at City Park.

In honor of the upcoming Veteran's Day holiday, and the 10th anniversary of the Veteran's Memorial, the

library is proud to be collaborating with local Veteran Rick Otey and his insight of the Tremont Veterans Memorial at City Park.

First, Mr. Otey will be at the Tremont Veterans Memorial on Monday, November 8th at 6PM to talk about the history behind our local landmark. All ages are invited to this talk to learn about how local Veterans have impacted our history and freedoms.

Secondly, our dual-monthly Story Hour will also be hosted at the Veterans Memorial on Thursday, November 11th at 10:30 AM. Parents and their preschoolers, ages 3-6, are invited to meet some local Veterans, learn about the different parts of the memorial, and celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Memorial's dedication.

Following Story Hour, at 11 AM on the 11th, we'll be having a moment of silence in honor of all Veterans. All ages are invited to join us at the Veteran's Memorial. News 25 will be there to document this program, please join us to show your support!

Learn more about these programs here: https://fb.me/e/1IIK61nqw

#### Baby and Me

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM

New and experienced parents are invited to join Miss Nicole on Wednesday mornings for a parent/baby support group. Meet other parents in the area, make friends, enjoy new toys, lots of books, and a must: free coffee.

The focus of this group is parents and young children ages 0-3, but other siblings are always welcome! No registration required, drop in whenever works best for you.

#### **Story Hour**

Thursdays: October 28th, November 11th, December 9th, December 23rd

This fall, we'll be hosting Story Hour in the meeting room on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. No registration is required, so join us whichever days you'd like!

This week there is a Special Story Hour (ages 3-6) at Tremont Veteran's Memorial on Thursday November 11th 10:30 AM. See above for more information.

Any questions? Call 925-5432, or email Miss Lizzi at tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com

#### Make-It Monday

Monday, November 8th - 3:30-4:30 PM

Make-It Mondays are back for another season, but this time we're inviting you to the library to create with us in person!

Children ages 7+ are invited to join Miss Nicole on the second Monday of each month after school to learn about and create a S.T.E.A.M. project. There is no registration, just drop in!

This Fall's projects:

- November: Solar System Models
- December: Animal Dioramas

#### **Tween Book Club**

Kids ages 8-12 are invited to book club on the fourth Tuesdays of each month from 3:30-4:30PM. At each meeting we'll discuss the book we read, and then read the first chapter of the next month's book. If you like it, take home a copy and read the rest on your own. We'll have lots of copies available. Since we're just getting started, check out the detailed schedule below to see when you'd like to attend!

- November 23rd Discuss "Real Friends," pick out books for Spring 2022, and read the first chapter of "How to Train Your Dragon"
- December 14th This is a special one on the second Tuesday! Discuss "How to Train Your Dragon" and then enjoy a pizza party while watching the movie "How to Train Your Dragon"

### **Tremont Museum Lincoln Event**

Rick Otey and Abbey Kinkaed will portray President Abraham Lincoln in "Prepare for Gettysburg." The performance on Tuesday, November 16th is sponsored by the Tremont Museum and Historical Society and will be held at the Tremont Community Center on S. Sampson St.

The public is invited!



# Monday

MS BB at Rankin - 5:00PM

MS GB home vs Olympia - 5:30PM

### Tuesday

MS BB home vs Eureka - 5:30PM

# Thursday

Veterans Day Event - 11:00AM Veterans Memorial, City Park

Community Vision Open House - 5:00 - 7:00PM Methodist Church Family Life Center

MS GB home vs Edison (North Gym) - 5:30PM

MS BB home vs Delavan (South Gym) - 5:30PM

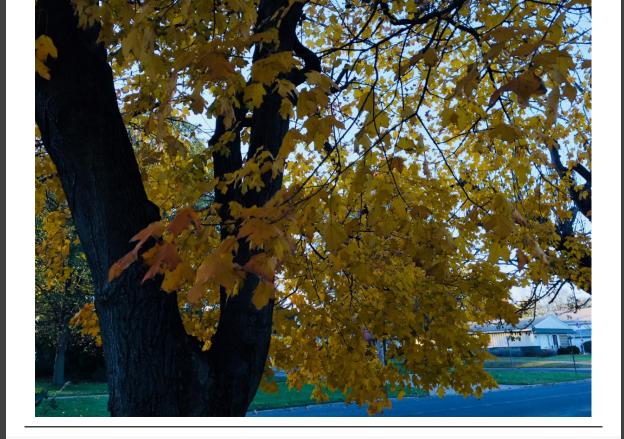
# Friday

Madrigals Event - seating starts at 5:30PM

### Saturday

Madrigals Event - seating starts at 5:30PM

**Around Town** 



Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

Thank you,

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