



Weekly News

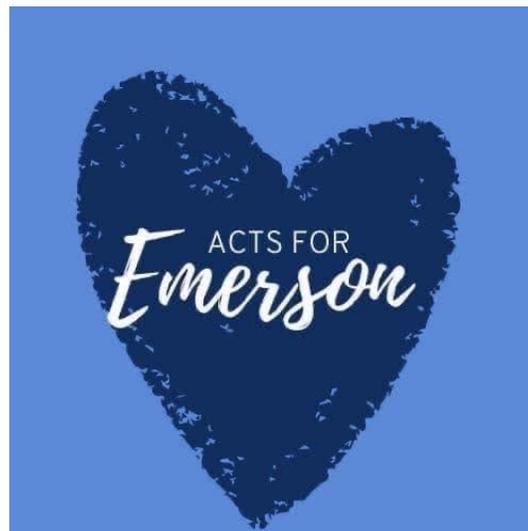
Acts For Emerson

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Tremont Middle School Eighth Graders

Fourteen-year old Emerson Howell, who passed away this summer, loved to live and lived to love. She shared joy everywhere she went. Although this event has been very tragic, it has led to astonishing developments in Tremont and throughout many communities. Her family and friends have turned this devastating situation for the better by creating "Acts for Emerson". Acts for Emerson is any act of kindness that spreads love and joy to others. For instance, a person could buy someone's drink at their favorite coffee shop or pray for someone else! Every act of kindness, no matter how big or small, can make a difference in another's life.

Acts for Emerson is an inspiring movement spreading across the country, and countless great deeds have been done. Many supplies have been donated to various organizations and charities. Another specific act was the donation of a large tip to a server at an eatery. The Tremont Middle School Student Council created apparel to spread awareness about Acts for Emerson. With the profits, a tree will be planted in her memory. Acts of kindness have no limitations. Although the big acts are wonderful, small ones are equally as effective and can also help inspire others.

There are many ways to contribute to Acts for Emerson! Every effort matters, regardless the size of the deed. Practicing commendable gestures is a good way to boost one's lifestyle and integrity. It doesn't have to be something big; it can be as simple as holding the door for someone, or calling a loved one. Although Emerson is no longer with us, we can continue to spread joy as she did in her time with us.



Did you know...?

The Washburn Women
Tremont Philanthropists

A park-like lot at the corner of N. Sampson and Park Streets, part of the Cullinan office property, has a story to tell. That spot was once home to the Washburn family. The home belonged to Esther Rogers Washburn and her husband William Washburn. William was born in Bridgewater, Massachusetts in 1834, and Esther was born in Danby, Vermont, in 1842. The two met and married on February 18, 1862. They had two children, Alice, who was born and died in 1863, and Lunette "Nettie" Washburn who was born the next year. At some point the couple moved to Illinois, where Nettie was born. Not much is known about William, who died in 1904.

In the decades since, there has been much confusion about the two Washburn women; they somehow ended up being confused, one for the other, or both as the same person.

To be clear, Esther was the mother, and Nettie, who never married, lived with her mother even as an adult.

Esther is the one who bought and donated the first building for the Tremont Library. In fact, to honor her, the library in Tremont for years was called The Esther Washburn Library. Before her donation, the library had rented several locations around Tremont. The building she bought had enjoyed many previous lives, and today is known as Joy's Barbershop on S. Sampson Street.

Nettie is the one who paid to educate a young girl down her street, sending her to the Art Institute in Chicago. Nettie and her family encouraged Viola Norman's artistic abilities, and Nettie commissioned her to sculpt the statue known as "The Barefoot Boy." The statue, which stands directly across the street from where the Washburn house used to stand, was donated to the town by Nettie Washburn.

Viola grew to be very successful in her unusual career as a sculptor and teacher, well-known in artistic circles. Unfortunately, Nettie died in 1918, at age 54, before seeing the extent of Viola's success. Nettie was in California at her death. It is not known if she was visiting or living there at the time, or what caused her death.

Esther had lost both of her children and her husband. She lived to be 85 when she died in 1927 of a stroke. She had no immediate heirs. She died leaving an estate of \$100,000, a good sum especially in 1927. An article from The Peoria Star on October 16, 1929 states that Esther left no will but had made bequests or pledges to Methodist Hospital and Illinois Wesleyan University. Esther's generosity reflected some of her other interests.

Both women left Tremont richer in terms of art and literature. Their contributions are still important to the village today.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society



Esther Washburn. There is no known photo of Nettie Washburn

Notice of Public Hearing - Annexation Agreement

The Village of Tremont Village Board will hold a public hearing on October 5, 2020 at 6:45PM at the Tremont Village Hall, 211 S. Sampson St., Tremont, Illinois, for the purpose of considering and hearing testimony regarding a proposed Annexation. Agreement calls for the annexation of approximately 25.6 acres of vacant land located just east of Chestnut Street near Lee Street and Margarete Street (part of PIN 12-12-19-400-014), the rezoning of the property, once annexed, to the R-1 Single Family Residential District and matters relating to the development of the property.

The Annexation Agreement, the annexation of the property and the rezoning of the property will be considered by the Tremont Village Board at its regular meeting on October 5, 2020 at 7:00PM at the Village of Tremont Village Hall.

Tremont District Library

Take Home Craft-- Beaded Mask Holder (Adults/Teens)

Sign-up to make a beautiful necklace that holds your mask for you! How-to video is available on Facebook or our website. Supplies are limited, register for your kit by calling 925-5432 or e-mail tremontlibrary.circulation@gmail.com

Career/Job Hunting Proofreading Services

Get help with proof-reading and improving your resumes, cover letters, or admission essays. Drop off in-person, "ATTN: Maria" or e-mail: TremontLibraryWritingHelp@gmail.com

Early Literacy Tip Tuesdays

Tuesdays through Dec 15

Find short videos highlighting Early Literacy skills and book recommendations for ages 0-5 on our Facebook and website on Tuesdays through December 15.

Make-It Monday (Kids)

Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7

Register for a kit or use materials from home, and follow a video to create a S.T.E.A.M. project. Two Maker Kits, one for ages 5-7 and one for ages 8+, will be released the first Monday of September through December.

Read Aloud Zoom Book Clubs

We have two read-aloud Zoom book clubs for ages 7+ starting next week! New this fall is our To Be Continued Abridged group! This group features shorter sessions. To register for either group call 925-5432 or email tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com.

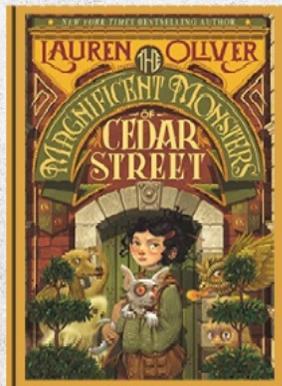
Our To Be Continued group will be reading "The Magnificent Monsters of Cedar Street" on Tuesdays from 3:00-4:20PM, Sept. 29th - Nov. 10th. Learn more:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1682530758568449>

Our To Be Continued Abridged group will be reading "Charlotte's Web" on Thursdays from 3:00-3:50PM, Oct. 1st - 29th. Learn more:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1006290879799008>

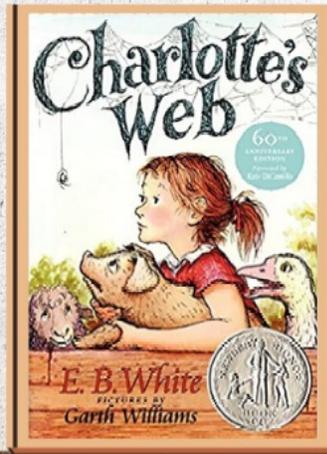
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"Cordelia Clay loves the work she and her father do together: saving and healing the remarkable creatures around Boston at the end of the nineteenth century. Their home on Cedar Street is full to the brim with dragons, squelches, and diggles, and Cordelia loves every one of them. But their work must be kept secret—others aren't welcoming to outsiders and immigrants, so what would the people of Boston do to the creatures they call "monsters"? One morning, Cordelia awakens to discover that her father has disappeared—along with nearly all the monsters. With only a handful of clues and a cryptic note to guide her, Cordelia must set off to find out what happened to her father, with the help of her new friend Gregory, Iggy the farting filch, a baby dragon, and a small zuppy (zombie puppy, that is)."

Tuesdays Sept. 29th - Nov. 10th, 3-4:20pm

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"Some Pig. Humble. Radiant. These are the words in Charlotte's Web, high up in Zuckerman's barn. Charlotte's spiderweb tells of her feelings for a little pig named Wilbur, who simply wants a friend. They also express the love of a girl named Fern, who saved Wilbur's life when he was born the runt of his litter."

Thursdays Oct. 1st - 29th, 3-3:50pm

Dean's List

Des Moines Area Community College President Rob Denson recently released the names of students eligible for the Summer Semester Dean's List. To be eligible, a student must have completed a minimum of six credits and earned a 3.5 to 3.99 grade point average for that semester

Those recognized from Tremont:

- Joelle Ulrich, Liberal Arts

Tremont Park District

The November 3rd ballot includes a resolution asking voters for approval to allow Tremont Area Park District (TAPD) to sell the building at 210 Sampson Street. TAPD currently owns multiple buildings and has a long-term goal of providing a centralized location for community recreation needs. Voter approval for this resolution would allow the park district to take the first step toward that goal.

TAPD welcomes community questions, however, due to our small staff size we ask that questions be submitted in writing via email at tapdfacres@gmail.com. TAPD commissioners thank you for your interest and look forward to answering your questions. Residents are invited to attend an informational meeting October 12, 7:00-8:00PM at the Tremont Community Center, 214 South Sampson St.

For information regarding the Tremont Fitness Center hours as well as group fitness classes including tabata, yoga, spin, and personal training, please see our website www.tremontpark.org or call us at 309-925-3811

Monday

Public Hearing - 6:45PM
Tremont Village Hall

Tuesday

HS Golf Regional @ Coyote Creek

Thursday

HS Girls Swim Coop home (Pekin) vs Richwoods/BCC - 4:30PM

Friday

School Early Dismissal - 11:30AM (11:20AM GS)

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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