



Weekly News

Village Minutes

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

PTO Brick Fundraiser

The Tremont Grade School PTO Brick Fundraiser deadline is quickly approaching. You still have the opportunity to purchase a personalized, engraved 4x8 brick to be a part of the renovated TGS playground project. A personalized brick is a great way to honor loved ones, friends, alumni or to show your family's support. All bricks will be placed on the grade school grounds. The deadline to order is **September 30, 2020**. Completed forms can be returned to the Tremont Grade School office (Attn: Tremont PTO). To view the form, [click here](#) or visit the [Tremont Grade School Page](#).



Did you know...?

Our Civil War Drummer Boy

The Tremont Museum is in possession of several original Civil War letters and some transcriptions of

others. Copies of some of these are part of the veterans area at the museum.

"The Tazewell County boys were encamped near Tremont. We enjoyed visiting...they were jubilant and anxious to move on to action," wrote Tremont resident Eugenia Jones Hunt. It is likely that one of those boys was a drummer boy from Tremont Township, Dewitt Warner. He was the 17-year-old brother-in-law of one of our prominent Civil War-era residents, Colonel William Lackland.

In 1862, then Captain Lackland raised Company A of the 108th Regiment in which many Tremont men enlisted, including his wife Cordilia's three brothers. One of Lackland's letters to his wife carried worrisome news about DeWitt and another of her brothers, Hiram:

"Memphis, June 18, 1864

Dear and ever respected wife. It is rumored, but not believed that part of our men were taken prisoners near Corinth. They have not been heard from for several days. Hiram is still on the city on duty. DeWitt went out with the regiment."

In his following letter, Lackland wrote, *"31 are missing from our regiment. Nothing has been heard from DeWitt..."*

Unbeknownst to his family and regiment, DeWitt had, in fact, been captured by Confederate soldiers. When he was captured, he smashed in the head of his precious drum so the enemy would not use it, but they actually ended up allowing him to keep it.

Dewitt was taken to Andersonville Prison in Georgia, known today as the worst of the worst war prisons. The conditions were deplorable and by the end of the war, 14,000 prisoners had died of starvation, disease, and lack of shelter there. After Dewitt had been there six months, a prisoner exchange was held. DeWitt's name was not on the prisoner list because the Union Army believed he had been killed in action. But when the name was called of someone who had recently died, DeWitt took his place and was freed.

He arrived at the Army headquarters, where he was fed, cleaned up, and given a new uniform to replace his rags. Someone kindly replaced the head of his drum with new calfskin. He was then sent home on a 30-day furlough.

His family had been told he was dead. When DeWitt came home, skeletally thin, his dad thought he was seeing a ghost. Needless to say, after his horrible experiences, DeWitt came home a changed man, boyhood long left behind.

DeWitt Warner married Myra Hampton in 1869. Together they had five children. He was a storekeeper and farmer in Allentown. He and his family moved to Kansas in 1885. Until his death in 1930 at the age of 85, his most prized possession was his battered drum.

~ Tremont Historical Society

Much of the above information is from an article by Gertrude Woerner Frederick of the Peoria Journal Star, March 25, 1996.

Community Shred Day

When: October 3, 2020 – 9:00AM-12:00PM

Where: Tremont Office – 134 S Sampson St.

Other items that will be accepted are laptops, towers, switches, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, and cell phones. No TV's, microwaves, or household appliances will be accepted. Please wear a mask to attend.

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 available starting September 7th and 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 Aug 18 - 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.

Fall Story Hour (Ages 3-6)

Thursday, Sept 17, 24, & Oct 1

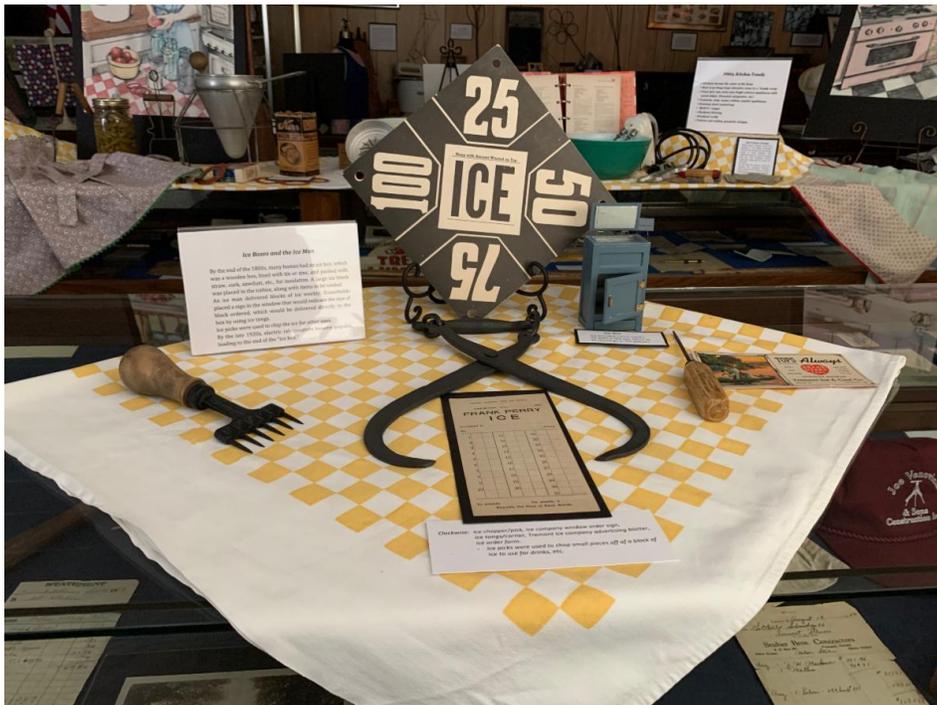
Sign up now for Fall Story Hour! 30 minute videos with stories, rhymes, and early literacy activities for children ages 3-6. Register in advance is required to pick up a Craft Kit to go along with each week's video. Videos can be viewed in our Virtual Storytime Facebook group, or sign up to receive links to the videos on Youtube.

Apron Strings and Kitchen Things Exhibit

JUST ONE WEEKEND LEFT

"Apron Strings and Kitchen Things," the innovative display at Tremont Museum, will be open Saturday and Sunday September 26 & 27 from 1:00-4:00PM. The displays are made up of vintage aprons, kitchen items and a taste of kitchen styles of the mid-1800s-1960s. Don't miss this one!

Admission to the special exhibit also includes the Tremont Agricultural Heritage Museum next door. We are using extra cleaning precautions, and ask that social distancing and masks be used. There is plenty of room for a safe visit!



Tremont UMC Youth Programs

Tremont UMC youth and children's ministry is starting back up. Please click on the links below to register.

Ignite (K-4th Grade) Wednesday 6:30-7:30 PM

<https://forms.gle/uiTLZQLkPT4N5Kn36>

Roots (5-8th Grade) Wednesday 6:30-7:30 PM

<https://forms.gle/9eLjk3tpGTYywdvH9>

Anthem (High School) Sunday 2:00-3:30 PM

<https://forms.gle/vuj6wmd5kyiRvi6i9>

Contact Daniel Bean with any questions you may have.

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Notice of Public Hearing - Trailer Ordinance

Pursuant to State Statute, public notice is hereby given of a public hearing before the Village Zoning Board of Appeals on a proposed amendment to the Village's Zoning Code, such hearing to be held on September 24th, at 6:00PM, at the Tremont Community Center, 216 South Sampson Street, Tremont, Illinois.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the proposed changes to the Trailer Ordinance for The Village of Tremont.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance and the amendment to the Zoning Code are available at the Tremont Village Hall, 211 South Sampson Street, Tremont, Illinois, and on the Village website at www.tremontil.com.

Glen Gulette
Code Enforcement Officer
Village of Tremont

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.

Monday

HS Golf @ Highland GC vs Heyworth - 4:00PM

Tuesday

HS Golf (JV/V) @ Coyote Creek vs Illini Bluffs - 4:00PM

MS Baseball @ Germantown Hills - 4:15PM

MS Softball Home vs Germantown Hills - 4:15PM

MS Cross Country Home vs Washington Central - 4:15PM

Wednesday

HS Girls Swim Coop Home (Pekin) vs Dunlap - 4:30PM

Thursday

HS Golf and PCS TBD - 4:00PM

MS Cross Country Home vs MWC - 4:15PM

Saturday

HS Cross Country @ Dunlap Invite - 9:30AM

MS Baseball Home vs Olympia (DH) - 10:00AM

MS Softball Home vs Olympia (DH) - 10:00AM

Farmers Market - 8:00-11:00AM
City Park

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,

Haas IT Solutions, Inc. on behalf of Tremont Winning Communities

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