



TREMONT ILLINOIS

Weekly News

Did you know...?

The Winter of the Deep Snow

Winter, when it came in 2021, came with both beauty and vengeance this year in the form of an ice storm and snow. We can all likely recall particular winters due to their extreme cold, ice, or heavy snow. However, looking back into the records of Tremont area winters, one in particular really stands out. It was the winter of 1830-31, one hundred and ninety-one years ago. The town of Tremont was about four years from being established, but the area already had some residents here and there. Life in winter was always rough for those pioneers, but that winter, snow began falling on December 29 and continued to fall for three days and nights, averaging about four feet deep, but drifting as high as 20 feet deep.

The History of Tazewell County relates the story of that winter. "Great suffering was experienced...for weeks the sun was not visible...there was plenty of corn...but when the snow came, none had been gathered. There was so much work to be done in the building of homes, and no place to store the corn, it (had been) left standing in the fields and they would gather it as needed. Wild game at this time could not be found. The suffering of the pioneers was very great. Human tongue could never adequately describe the trials endured by these early settlers. Dark forebodings crept into every cabin, starvation stared them in the face, and meals were very meager. For many weeks the people were absolutely blockaded and remained so until starvation compelled them to go in search of food..."

"To get wood they would cut the trees off at the top of the snow and when spring came and snow disappeared, they often found stumps ...ten to eleven feet in length." Bones of deer and other animals were so plentiful it was hard to walk in some places without stepping on them."

"During that winter, it snowed 19 times from December 29 to February 13. The (winter of the) deep snow was a landmark for the pioneers. They recorded events from it, before or after the snow. People living in the area at that time and babies born at that time were called 'Snowbirds'."

~ Tremont Museum and Historical Society



Photo of the Snowbirds still living fifty years after the event.

Notice of Public Hearing - Annexation Agreement

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, February 1, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., at the regular meeting of the Village of Tremont Board of Trustees, at the Tremont Community Center located at 216 S. Sampson Street in Tremont, Illinois, the annexation into the Village of Tremont of the below described parcel of property will be considered, at which time all interested persons are invited to attend. The property in question is owned by the Board of Education of Tremont Community Unit School District No. 722.

To view the notice of public hearing, [click here](#).

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Early Childhood Screening

Tremont School District #702 will be holding an Early Childhood Screening on Thursday, February 4, 2021. All children ages 0-5 living in District #702 are eligible.

This is not a Turk Center or Kindergarten Screening. The purpose is to screen developmental levels in motor skills, general knowledge, social skills and speech/language skills in order to assess the need for special education services. Further evaluation may be recommended.

If you have concerns in the areas listed or would like reassurance that your child is progressing well, you can call and make an appointment with Lisa Miller. 925-3823 Ext 252.



Variance Hearing

The Village of Tremont Zoning Board will conduct a Variance Hearing at 7:00 pm., Thursday, January 28, 2021 at the Tremont Community Center.

The purpose of this hearing is whether to grant

A variance to Chapter 1203 (4) To allow the construction of a detached garage to be 900 square feet, which is 500 square feet larger than allowed in an R-1a zoning district

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PIN # 12-12-20-102-002

Commonly Known As: 105 Grandview Ln. Tremont IL. 61568

PETITIONERS are: Todd Wirtjes

All parties having an interest in this above matter are to attend said meeting, on the time and date at the location so specified above, to voice their concerns.

Respectfully,

No calendar events

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