



## Weekly News

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### Water Main Flushing

The annual water main flushing will be this week from October 18-22.

### Lions Club Halloween Costume Parade

On Friday, October 29th, the Tremont Lions Club is holding their annual Tremont Halloween Costume Parade at 6PM. This is for kids ages pre-school through 4th grade and parents.

[Click here](#) to view a flyer with more information.

### Did you know...?

#### The Story of Tennessee Point Cemetery

The tall iron archway is nearly hidden by the trees that have encroached over the years, as nature tends to do when left alone. But if you look closely, you can see that the old arch says, "Tennessee Point and Walnut Cemetery." The cemetery is home to some of this area's earliest and hardest pioneers.

Many have noticed this small cemetery at the top of the hill on Lake Windermere Road, but few are aware of its significance. It was, in fact, the first recorded land for burial purposes in Tazewell County.

It is said that James Chapman built a log cabin near the area, making him the first settler in what would later become Tremont Township. It is also said that William Sterling, from Sangamon County, Illinois, was the first permanent white settler in the township. He and his wife and three sons, the youngest being just two months old, arrived with only one horse and a wagon. He was left with no horse when the one he had wandered away. They arrived in time for the infamous "Winter of the Big Snow" in 1830.

Approximately 13 adults and 8-10 children, some just infants, left McMinn County Tennessee to travel 700 miles and settle here because of the talk of fertile ground. Among them were William and James Broyhill, Michael Trout, and David Lackland. David and Elizabeth Lackland's daughter, Margaret, was the first non-native child born in the future Tremont Township. More Tennesseans arrived to settle, until the area was referred to as Tennessee Point. In 1841, several more settlers created farms along what is now Illinois State Route 9.

In 1831 (some sources say 1841), Michael Trout, William Sterling and James Broyhill bought an acre of land for \$5.00 from Horace and Eliza Richmond to establish the cemetery. It was meant for the people of Tennessee Point "... for graveyard or burying ground and for no other purposes whatsoever forever." Mrs. Sterling's was the first death in the community, in 1832. She is buried at Tennessee Point Cemetery.

Nearly all of the graves for these earliest settlers are located in the back part of the cemetery – a tranquil spot on a hill overlooking Mud Creek and the wide prairie below, now farm fields. Ironically, James Broyhill's grave is not located in the cemetery he founded; it is about a mile away on the original Broyhill land.

The cemetery today consists of three parts. The back section is the original Tennessee Point. The Southeast part is the Black Walnut Addition, and the Southwest section is the Briggs Cemetery, which was moved from Elm Grove. Many veterans of wars dating from the War of 1812 are resting in this spot.

It is interesting to stroll quietly through the cemetery, noting the names, dates, and variety of headstones. To stand there, wondering about their stories, reminds of the old epitaph:

*"Remember friend as you walk by.  
As you are now, so once was I.  
As I am now you will surely be  
Prepare thyself to follow me."*

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society

*Families who have ancestors in this cemetery are asked to contact Cinda Klickna, [cinda.klickna@gmail.com](mailto:cinda.klickna@gmail.com) to add to the data bank for the individuals there. In addition, help is needed to maintain this historic site, recognized by the Illinois State Historical Society. Currently, it is maintained by the Augustin family. Another goal is to erect a marker to share the cemetery's history.*



Cemetery entrance



Grave of David Lackland, 1797-1858 (Not the original stone)

## Tremont Museum

Tremont Museum will be open this Sunday, October 24th from 2-4PM on the corner of S. Sampson and Madison streets.

## Tremont Library

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

### YA Book Club

Tuesday, October 19, 7:00 PM

Our YA Book Club is back and re-imagined with a whole new name... Hogwarts' Half-Bloods! Teens ages 12-19 are invited to join us at the library on the third Tuesday of each month at 7PM to discuss a monthly book pick and enjoy a drink from Eli's. Copies of each month's book are available at the library for anyone interested!

If you'd like to keep up to date with Hogwarts' Half-Bloods, email Lizzi at [lizzi@tremontlibrary.com](mailto:lizzi@tremontlibrary.com) to be added to our Remind group.

### Baby and Me

Wednesday, October 20, 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.

### Lego Day!

Friday, October 22nd, 12:00 - 3:00 PM

No school? No worries! Come to the library to show us your Lego skills! Miss Nicole will also be hosting unique individual and group challenges, so there's lots to enjoy! Ages 5+, no registration required.

## 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!

Story Hour is perfect for ages 3-6. Miss Maddie reads stories, sings songs and rhymes, and does activities that all encourage early literacy and improves socialization skills in the youngest of library patrons. We know a group setting is new for lots of kiddos this age, so wiggles are welcome! Make Story Hour a step you take in preparing your child for life-long learning.

Any questions? Call 925-5432, or email Miss Lizzi at [tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com](mailto:tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com)

## Make-It Monday

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!

- **October 26th** - Discuss "Because of Winn-Dixie" and read the first chapter of "Real Friends" by Shannon Hale
- **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"

## D&D For Teens (12+)

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Play a one session game of dungeons and dragons and learn the basics, led by Library Director and DM, Maria Ford. Registration required– call 309-925-5432 or e-mail [maria@tremontlibrary.com](mailto:maria@tremontlibrary.com)

*The adult session is full, but if you are an adult who wanted to play, call the library to get put on a list! If we have enough folks signed up we'll open up another session for adults.*

## Try-It Illinois!

For the entire month of October and November, you can have access to dozens of databases through the Illinois State Library "Try-It Illinois" program. From crafting to history to financial literacy, and much, much more-- there's a database for your interest!

Databases have access to ACCURATE and in-depth information that you cannot find simply by using an internet search engine.

Try-It! Illinois is located at [www.finditillinois.org/tryit/](http://www.finditillinois.org/tryit/)

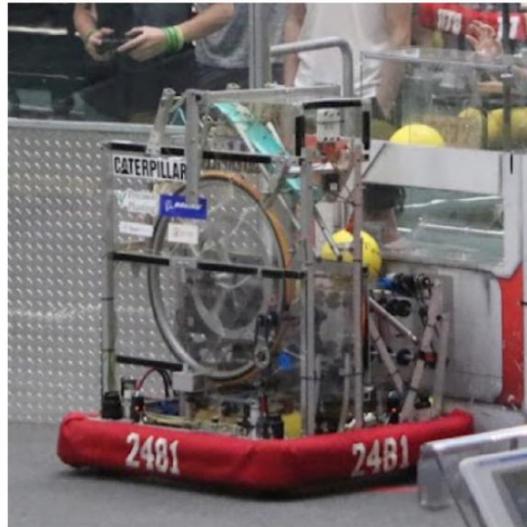
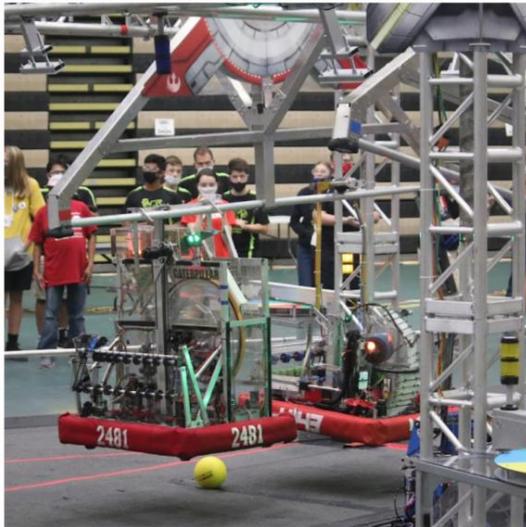
E-mail [maria@tremontlibrary.com](mailto:maria@tremontlibrary.com) for the username and password!

## Tremont Roboteers

The Robots Are Coming!

Have you ever wondered what your local world-class robotics team does at a competition? Have you missed seeing competitions these past few years due to Covid? If so, THIS SATURDAY, October 23rd is a date you will want to mark on your calendar! Team 2481 is hosting its first-ever offseason event here in Tremont, at the high school gym. All are welcome, and the event is free! Although this event is smaller than a typical regional, we will still be hosting 18 teams from several states, and this lower-key event will give you an opportunity to see what a robot game looks like, meet the students, see what the high schoolers in your hometown are learning through this program, and buy some root beer floats! You can come for 5 minutes or 5 hours. Competition starts at 9:00AM and will run until a winner is declared (around 4:00PM)!

If you are unable to attend, but want to check out the matches, we will post the live link on our Facebook page Saturday morning! Follow us on Facebook @Team2481Roboteers.



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## Monday

MS GB at St. Pat's - 5:30PM

FB (JV) at EPG - 5:30PM

JV VB at Lexington TBA

## Tuesday

MS GB home vs Germantown Hills - 5:30PM

VB at Mackinaw TBA

## Wednesday

JV VB at Lexington TBA

## Thursday

VB at Mackinaw TBA

## Friday

FB home vs Fieldcrest - 7:00PM

## Saturday

Roboteers Competition - 9:00AM  
Tremont High School Gym

Girls Swimming at Pekin - 10:00AM

HS CC Regionals at Eureka - 10:00AM

MS CC State Finals at Normal - 10:15AM

VB at Mackinaw TBA

## Sunday

Tremont Museum Open - 2:00-4:00PM

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### Around Town



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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.

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Thank you,

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