



Weekly News

Did you know...?

James Knowles Kellogg: Pioneer, Teacher, Mayor 1800-1888

It was meant to be a new and exciting adventure - moving west with a group of fellow New Yorkers. They would be one of the first families to settle a new town on the wild Illinois prairie. But within a year, young James Kellogg and his family would meet with tragedy. The year was 1835, known in central Illinois history for unrelenting rain, high water, and pools of stagnant standing water. James was struck with fever, likely cholera, as was his wife, Mary. Though James recovered, Mary and their unborn child did not. Their grave, in a lovely shaded grove, was the first one in the community.

After two years passed, James traveled back to New York. There he married his late wife's sister, Achsha Fisk. Together, they started a new family on his farm in rural Tremont Township, raising their son Francis and daughter, Anne, both born in 1840. At the age of three, Francis died. Two years later, a daughter, Mary, was welcomed.

James had been a successful teacher when he lived in the East. The first private school in Tremont was built on the southeast corner of the property where the 2004 Methodist church is today. When the school directors learned of his experience as a teacher, James was promptly employed to teach at the school for an annual salary of \$350.00. (Other sources say James built the school.)

In an 1841 letter to his father-in-law, James lamented, "My school has done as well as the times would permit, but scarcely anybody pays me anything. I shall abandon the school in the spring and try to collect something."

However, despite his frustrations, he kept the school going. In 1844, an advertisement was placed in the Tremont Whig, a newspaper published on Fridays in the 1840's, listing the subjects offered and the cost for each. The ad ended in this way:

"Special attention given to the moral and social as well as intellectual acquisition of the pupils..."

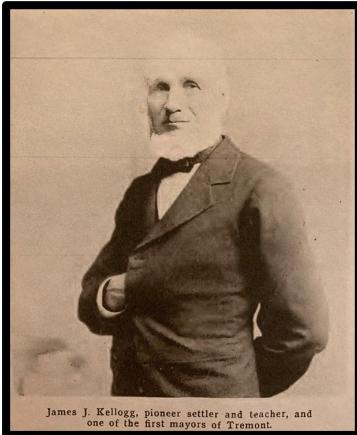
In 1846 another ad appeared in the Tremont Whig:

"The fall term of the Tremont Academy will commence on Monday, October 5th, under the superintendence of J. K. Kellogg. Having recently witnessed the most approved method of conducting similar institutions in the east...having procured apparatus for illustrating the principles of chemistry, national philosophy, astronomy, electricity, and magnetism...a thorough academical institution will not be surpassed by any similar institution in the state."

The 1840's were a time of many private schools. Kellogg's school was held from 1838-1851, making it one of the longest lasting of the time. When it closed, James Kellogg built a house nearby at 213 South Locust Street, and used a portion of the schoolhouse as a kitchen for the residence. In later years, daughter Mary lived there until her death from pneumonia at age 74 in 1924. The home became the new Methodist Church parsonage. Several pastoral families lived in the home until a new parsonage was built on the north side of town. The Kellogg home is owned today by Marilyn Toepfer.

James was an early settler and father who experienced the devastating loss of his wife and two children. He is remembered as a vital part of our early Tremont community. James Kellogg, who also served as a deacon in the Methodist church and as one of our early mayors, educated many of Tremont's first children.

Sources differed on some key details: Did James Kellogg build the private school? Was Anne Kellogg a twin of Francis? Was Anne Kellogg even a daughter to James and Ashcha? There were many spellings of Ashcha's name, as well.



James J. Kellogg, pioneer settler and teacher, and one of the first mayors of Tremont.



James K. Kellogg

Kellogg Home - 213 South Locust Street

Tremont Museum

LOCAL WOOD CARVERS' ART STILL ON DISPLAY!

Sundays through Oct. 10 from 2-4PM at Tremont Museum, Corner of S. Sampson and Madison Street in Tremont.

Tremont First National Bank

Tremont First National Bank is announcing a new bank branch will be built at 708 Woodlawn Road in Lincoln, IL.

They expect to start construction on the Lincoln Banking Center this fall and move into the new facility by the end of summer 2022.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Tremont Library

Make-It Monday

MONDAY AT 3:30 PM – 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:

- October: Hydraulics, Pneumatics, and Flying Rubberband Contraptions
- November: Solar System Models
- December: Animal Dioramas

Bored? Games!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021 AT 3 PM – 5 PM

Bored? Games! is back! Join us after school on the first Wednesday of each month for a fun-filled games day! Bring your own board, card, or table games or try one of ours. Ages 5+ welcome, under 8yrs must be accompanied by an adult.

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"

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 to be added to our Remind group.

Baby & Me Group

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 14th, October 28th, November 11th, December 9th, December 23rd

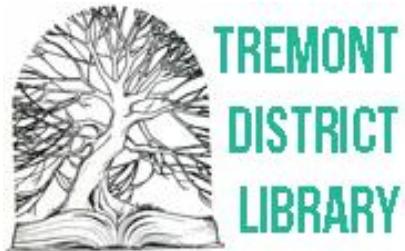
This fall, we'll be hosting Story Hour in the meeting room on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. No registration is required, so join us whichever days you'd like!

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

World Book Encyclopedia -- Free with your Library Card

Looking for lesson plans for homeschooling, to prevent summer slide, or both? Check out World Book's lesson plans! To access World Book, use your Tremont library card to login from home. <http://tremontlibrary.com/children-2/>



Monday

Golf Sectionals at Porta - 9:00AM

VB home vs Clinton - 5:00PM

FB (JV) home vs Dee-Mack - 5:30PM

MS GB at Midwest Central - 6:00PM

Tuesday

Soccer at Pekin - 4:15PM

VB at Fisher - 5:00PM

MS GB at Washington - 6:00PM

Thursday

MS GB at Illini Central - 4:30PM

Girls Swimming at Richwoods - 4:30PM

VB at Fieldcrest - 5:00PM

Soccer at East Peoria - 5:00PM

Friday

FB at Fisher - 7:00PM

Saturday

MS CC Sectionals at Germantown Hills - 10:00AM

Sunday

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

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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