



Weekly News

Tremont Rescue EMT Class

Tremont Rescue with PAEMS is hosting an EMT Basic class, beginning Dec. 29th and lasting through May 26, 2022. It will include an online portion and in-person learning.

For more information, [click here](#).



Did you know...?

Colonel William Rayburn Lackland

Described during his time as one of the best-known citizens in this part of the state, Colonel William Rayburn Lackland was a well-respected leader, Civil War officer and successful farmer, as well as loving father and faithful husband. He was a hard-working, deeply religious man, eloquent in his writing and speech. He remains today one of the most prominent men Tremont can claim.

He was born in McMinn County, Tennessee in 1830 to David and Elizabeth Hale Lackland. His family was one of the earliest pioneers in the Tremont area, making their home in an area later called Tennessee Point. William was just a toddler during the harsh and demanding years when his family was first settling their homestead.

During the terrible crisis of 1837, a financial crisis that started a major depression lasting until the mid-1840s, it became necessary for William to work to help support his family. He was just seven years old. Working at times for \$0.25 a day, he was determined to also save money to go to school. For several years he worked nights and mornings for his board and walked three miles for his education.

He became a livestock dealer at 16, starting with very little. But his hard work and determination enabled him to increase the business and pay off his parents' homestead. William then proceeded to add 330 acres to the land, for a total of 450 acres.

He married Miss Cordelia Warner of Tremont in 1849. Together they had nine children; eight lived to adulthood. The Lacklands had a deep appreciation for education and hard work.

The Civil War started in 1861, and by 1862, William raised a company of local men, many from Tremont, including three of his wife's brothers and many of his friends. William was commissioned a captain of

Company A of the 108th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers. He was involved in many battles and skirmishes and participated in the siege and capture of both Mobile and Vicksburg on the Mississippi River. In 1863, he was commissioned a major. He was promoted to Colonel by President Lincoln for "faithful and meritorious services during the Mobile campaign." He was mustered out at the end of the war, and though he was requested to stay and serve in the regular army, he declined.

His wife and family had endured hardships while he was serving, and he felt it was time to return to his farm, where he continued his livestock business. William donated a half-acre of ground for the purpose of building a schoolhouse which was known as Lackland School. He built the grand house on Augustine Road that still stands. (Today the extensively remodeled house is home to the fourth generation of the Aberle family, who own a large dairy farm there.)

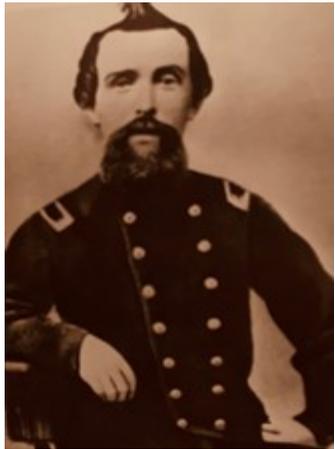
Tragically, just nine years later, he was killed in an accident. An article about his death in a copy of the 1874 Pantagraph of Bloomington, Illinois, stated that he died "...from the effects of an injury received on Monday, May, 25th, by being thrown down by his team while delivering grain at an elevator." The History of Tazewell County continues, saying that his death "on June 8th, 1874 resulted from injuries received in a fall on the corner of a wagon box." His funeral took place at his residence. It is reported that "a large procession of over 50 carriages followed the remains to the Tennessee Point Cemetery in Tremont".

Colonel William Rayburn Lackland was just 44.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society

With special thanks to the Mabel Lackland Frazer's compilation of Col. Lackland's Civil War Letters, "Dear and Ever Respected Wife."

Next week: Cordelia Lackland's story.



Colonel William Lackland



Lackland home built after the Civil War

Power Outage

Ameren has scheduled a power outage for the area marked in red for Monday, November 1st beginning at 5:30PM and anticipated to be complete by 10:30PM. Ameren should be distributing an outage notification to affected properties.

Power Outage

Monday, Nov. 1st
5:30PM - 10:30PM



Tremont Library

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

Bored? Games!

Wednesday, November 3rd
3-5 PM

Visit the library 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.

The Tremont Veterans Memorial: A Talk by Rick Otey

Location: Memorial at City Park
Monday, November 8th - 6 PM

November 11th, 2021 at 11:11AM marks the 10th Anniversary of the dedication of the Tremont Veterans Memorial. This staple landmark in the heart of the town remembers and honors Veterans from the area who have fought and are currently fighting for our freedoms.

Join us earlier that week on Monday, November 8th at 6PM to learn more about the Memorial's history and what it stands for from none other than Rick Otey, local veteran and beloved community member.

Meet at the Memorial at City Park. All ages are welcome.

Tremont District Library is Hiring!

Library Assistant

- 10-15 hours/week
- Afternoons/evenings and about 1 weekend per month.
- Must be available on Wednesday evenings 5-8 PM

This is the perfect job for a student (we work around school schedules) or an adult looking for part-time work on a fun, hard-working, and exceptional library team.

You will get to process books (get them ready for the shelves), help community members find information, assist with a variety of exciting library programs, and more. For full description and information, visit:

<http://tremontlibrary.com/jobs/>

YA Book Club

Tuesday, November 16, 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 to be added to our Remind group.

Baby and Me

Wednesday, October 27, 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.

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

Make-It Monday

Monday, November 8th (Next week-- mark your calendars now!) - 3:30-4:30 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:

- 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"

Learn to Play D&D -- Adults & Teens

Our beginner Dungeons and Dragons sessions have been so popular that there is a waiting list for more! Additional date(s) will open soon and we welcome more players to join. If you'd like to be contacted when another session opens up, contact Director Maria Ford, maria@tremontlibrary.com

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.

Monday

MS GB home vs Eureka - 5:30PM

Tuesday

MS BB home vs Bethel Lutheran - 5:30PM

Thursday

MS Speech home - 4:00PM

MS GB at Metamora - 4:30PM

Saturday

Cross Country State Finals at Detweiller Park

Around Town



Photo by Suzannah Kerr

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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