



Weekly News

Power Outage

There will be a power outage on Monday, November 15th, beginning at 8PM. All 1,120 customers within the Village will be without power from 8PM until approximately 11PM. The area shown in red will have an extended outage through the night until approximately 4AM.

*The above information has been provided to the Village by Ameren. Outage notification(s) will be made to all customers.



Public Auction

There will be a public auction on Saturday, November 20, 2021 for the personal property of Elizabeth "Libby" Mathers. The auction starts at 10:00 AM at 9683 Springfield Rd. in Tremont, IL.

Tremont Spirit Wear

Tremont spirit wear is now available for purchase on the JC Screen Printing website: <https://jcscreenprinting.com/collections/tremont-pto>

The site will remain open until Sunday, November 21.

Want items delivered to your student at school? At check out, be sure to choose "ship." During the check-out process, you will then be able to select the option "free bulk event pick up." Once these items arrive at the school they will then be distributed to the student.

*Please note that due to many factors items may not be delivered in time for Christmas.

Thank you for supporting Tremont schools!
Tremont PTO

Tremont Winning Communities Survey

Please complete our survey at <https://arcg.is/Xy80C> and supply your input to help shape your community.

Did you know...?

This article was printed here some time ago, but we are reprinting it today since it is in context with the Colonel Lackland family discussed in recent articles, and the Civil War.

Tremont's Drummer Boy

"...the Tazewell County boys were jubilant and anxious to move on to action," wrote Tremont resident Eugenia Jones Hunt, who lived in the "Red Brick" to the East of Tremont. 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 well-known 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 Cordelia's three brothers.

Throughout history there have been drummer boys accompanying troops into battle. Young boys often volunteered to be drummer boys, anticipating the thrill of leading troops to battle. These boys were usually much younger than the other men, some as young as thirteen. What they found instead of a thrill was intense danger and the brutality of war.

One of Lackland's letters to his wife carried worrisome news about DeWitt and another brother, 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 in the city on duty. DeWitt went out with the regiment."

In another letter Lackland wrote, "31 are killed and missing from our regiment. Nothing has been heard from DeWitt..." Unbeknownst to his family and regiment, DeWitt had been captured by Confederate soldiers. As he was taken prisoner, the boy smashed in the head of his precious drum so the Confederates could not use it. Oddly, they ended up allowing him to keep it.

DeWitt was taken to Andersonville Prison in Georgia, known today as the worst of the worst of prisons. It must have been beyond terrifying to the young boy. 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 was imprisoned there for six months, a prisoner exchange was held. DeWitt's name was not on the list because the Union Army believed he had been killed in action. When the officials called the name of a man who had recently died, DeWitt took his place and was freed. In the following days, someone kindly replaced the heads of his drum with new calfskin.

He arrived at the Army headquarters, where he was fed, cleaned up, and given a new uniform to replace his rags. He was sent home on a 30-day furlough. When DeWitt entered the Warner farm, skeletally skinny, his dad thought he was seeing a ghost. His family had been told he was dead. The family made sure their drummer boy was well-fed and cared for. Needless to say, after his unspeakable experiences, he came home a changed man, boyhood long left behind.

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

Based on an article by Gertrude Woerner Frederick of the Peoria Journal Star, March 25, 1996.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society



Civil War Drummer Boy

Tremont Library

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

Baby and Me

Wednesdays, 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: 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!

Any questions? Call 925-5432, or email Miss Lizzi at 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:

- December: Animal Dioramas

Tween Book Club

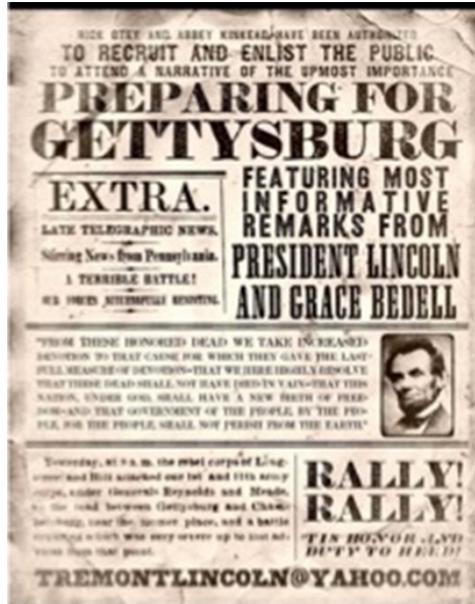
Kids ages 8-12 are invited to book club on the fourth Tuesdays of each month from 3:30-4:30PM. At each meeting we'll discuss the book we read, and then read the first chapter of the next month's book. If you like it, take home a copy and read the rest on your own. We'll have lots of copies available. Since we're just getting started, check out the detailed schedule below to see when you'd like to attend!

- 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"

Tremont Museum Lincoln Event

ALL ARE INVITED! TOMORROW!

"Preparing for Gettysburg" a short program, will be presented by Tremont's Lincoln presenter, Rick Otey, and 10-year-old Abbey Kinkead. They will be performing as President Abraham Lincoln and young Grace Bedell on Tuesday, November 16th at 7:00PM at the Tremont Community Center on South Sampson Street. The event is hosted by the Tremont Historical Society. Refreshments will be served, provided by Kay and Jim Sommer.



Tremont Lions Club Christmas Wreath Fundraiser

Our annual Christmas wreath fundraiser goes on sale Tuesday, November 23 at Tremont Oil and Eli's Coffee. All funds for this project are kept locally and given back to the Tremont Community through various projects and activities sponsored by the Tremont Lions Club. Tremont Lions Club is also selling the Dining Tour Books again this year for \$30.

To view the Lions Club flyer for more information, [click here](#).

Tremont Museum

The Tremont Museum will be closed the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend.

Monday

MS GB at Washington Central - 4:30PM

MS BB at District 50 - 4:30PM

Tuesday

MS GB at Peoria Heights - 4:30PM

Tremont Museum Lincoln Event - 7:00PM
Community Center

Thursday

MS GB at Morton - 4:30PM

MS BB at Germantown Hills - 5:00PM

GB home vs Princeville - 5:30PM

Saturday

Public Auction - Elizabeth "Libby" Mathers' personal property - 10:00AM
9683 Springfield Rd. - Tremont, IL

GB at Brimfield vs Peoria Christian - 1:30PM

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