



Weekly News

Tremont Grade School Annual Santa Breakfast

The Tremont Grade School Annual Santa Breakfast will take place on Saturday, December 4, 2021 from 9:00 - 11:00AM.

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

Did you know...?

Stages South and East

In the early 1840s, two local stagecoach lines were established in central Illinois. One ran from Peoria to Springfield, likely down Springfield Road, and one ran from Peoria to Bloomington. Each was pulled by four-horse teams which passed daily through Tremont. The stages carried passengers, mail, and express packages.

A Tremont resident, Milton W. Gowdy was one of the drivers of these lines from 1852–1856. In their routes, the drivers carried many great men of the time, including the young attorney, Abraham Lincoln. If the weather was nice, Abe would sit next to the driver and tell stories and jokes the entire way from Peoria to Springfield.

However, travel was often tricky, demanding the driver's full attention, especially during the spring when the country was flooded with water. This meant he had to drive long distances through water, tiring and dangerous to horses and people alike.

The roads were terrible at best and deeply rutted. Passengers had to sometimes get out and help get the coach out of mud and muck. In the dry season, horses and passengers choked on dust and gnats. While the stagecoach was a convenience, passengers often endured uncomfortable travel in difficult conditions.

Though stories are told of robbers raiding stages, they never stopped Mr. Gowdy, although once he actually transported \$20,000 in gold from Peoria to Peoria!

Tremont, like many small towns, had boarding houses and hotels where people from the stage could spend the night. One boarding house in Tremont also served as the stagecoach stop. Lincoln is known to have stayed there. That house was located on South Sampson Street, where the current Share Closet is now located.

The coming of the railroad in 1867 did away with some of the stagecoach routes. However, the village of Dillon had no railroad and was still used for years by the Peoria to Springfield stage route.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society
(Reprint from an earlier article)



Typical stagecoach in early Illinois though not always with so many horses.

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!

- 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 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 museum will be open from 2-4PM on Sunday, December 12. After the 12th, the museum will be closed for the winter with plans to re-open in March. For private tours, call Rich Sauder at 231-1123.

Monday

MS BB at Broadmoor - 4:30PM

8th Grade Girls BB Regionals at Ridgeview - 5:30PM

HS Christmas Concert

Tuesday

MS BB home vs Hartem - 5:30PM

BB home vs Farmington - 5:30PM

Possible 8th Grade Girls BB Regionals at Ridgeview - 5:30PM

Thursday

MS BB at Georgetowne - 4:30PM

GB home vs IVC - 5:30PM

WR at Mt. Zion - 5:30PM

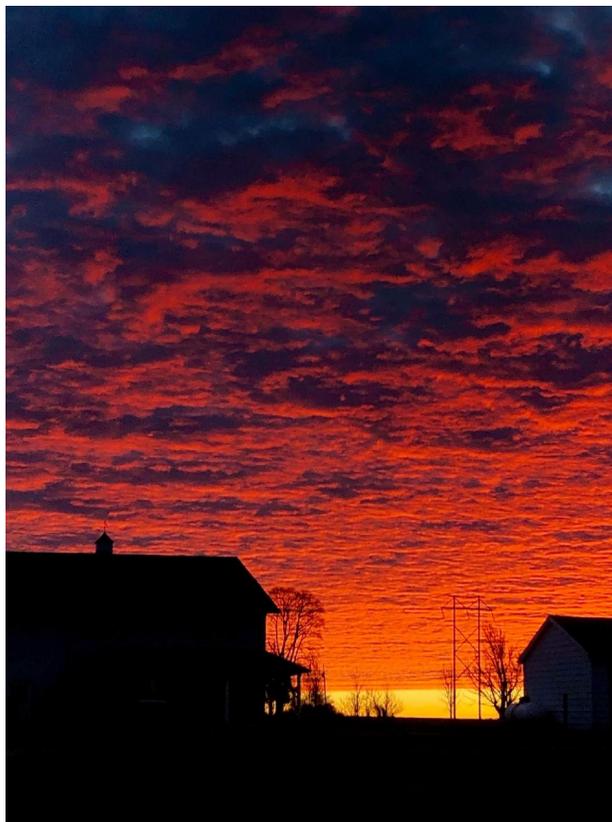
Friday

Boys Swimming at Pekin - 4:30PM

Saturday

Wrestling at Washington Duals - 10:00AM

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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