



Weekly News

Did you know...?

Once Muddy Corner Boasts Many Businesses

The intersection of Illinois State Route 9 and old Route 121 (Baer Road) is a busy place these days. Over the last few years, a restaurant, a doctor's office, a dentist, a bike shop and a gas station have been built there. But this is not the first time that area has been developed. A Bloomington Pantagraph article titled "Crossroads Assumes Community Look" by Bessie McQueen of Tremont demonstrates that area was a busy place in the late 1930s through the 1950s.

The 1950 article relates, "About 20 years ago the crossroads was just a muddy corner and the road that is now Route 121 only came from the south to Route 9. In 1929, Route 121 was built and then merged with a lane that led to the north. In those early days it was sometimes necessary to follow the Peoria and Eastern Railroad tracks to get into town because even a horse couldn't negotiate the quagmire."

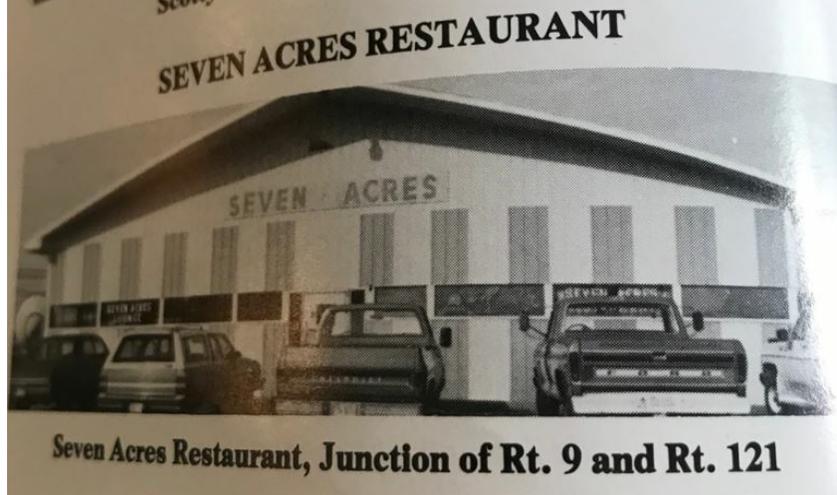
Once Route 121 was completed, "Louis Moser and William Bolliger recognized the possibilities of the increased traffic and built a service station on the southeast corner in 1924. It was the only business at that corner for the next four years. In 1938 a huge building was erected on seven acres of land to house Allis-Chalmers products. Later it became Seven Acres Tavern."

In 1942, four years later, Glen Gibson built a service station now operated by Ben Oertle. Next to go up was a grocery and meat market erected by Sam Glass just south of Seven Acres. Then, immediately following WWII, Stanley Bright and his father operated an airport south of the Glass Market."

"In 1948, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hoffman erected a café and home on the east side of Rt. 121 south of the Gibson Service Station. A year later the Tazewell Service Company constructed a large building on the northeast corner of the crossroads. Three motels followed soon after, as well as several new homes from the corner towards Tremont."

Then, for many years, the area lost businesses. Now, once again that corner has become a busy spot, and though old Route 121 is still there, the new draw is the nearby intersection of Illinois Route 155. As you observe the new businesses at the old location, can you recall other businesses that have come and gone in that area in the past?

~ Tremont Museum and Historical Society



Tremont Village Office

The Tremont Village Office is offering the option to view and/or pay your water bill online.

[Click here](#) for more information or to view/pay online.

Tremont Library

All Ages Winter Reading

Kids, adults, and teens, stop by the library and pick up a reading bingo sheet starting February 1st and lasting until the end of the month. Kids-- earn a prize for a bingo! Adults and teens-- earn a chance to win gift cards to local businesses with a bingo!

Make-It Monday (Two Ages: 5-7 or 8+)

March 1, April 5, & May 3

Use materials from home or register for a Maker Kit and follow a video to create a S.T.E.A.M. inspired project. Registration required. (If you registered in fall, this is a new session: please register again.)

In the Loop (Ages 8+)

Thursdays, Feb. 16 - May 20 -- 3-4PM

All levels of crochet! Learn how to crochet or work on your own projects in the company of other crafters. No registration, find our Zoom link on Facebook or request it by email. You supply materials, check out Miss Lizzi's Crochet Guide to help you get started!

Adult/Teen Crafts

Register for our other adult/teen crafts by calling or e-mailing the library:

- March 4th: Roll Your Own Candle
- April 1st: Confetti KnickKnack Tray
- May 6th: DIY Clipboard with Mod Podge

Do Genealogy Research at Home with Your Library Card!

Research AT HOME with your Tremont Library Card on HeritageQuest!

Access family genealogies, county and town histories, church and school histories, maps and atlases, vital records, tax lists, military records, wills, cemetery records, the complete set of US Federal Census Records from 1790 to 1930, and more.

Log in using your library barcode: <https://www.heritagequestonline.com/barcode?aid=3214>

Fine Art Friday (Age: 7+)

Dates: February 26, March 26, & April 30

Explore new mediums and new artists with this spring's Fine Art Friday series. Use materials from home or register in advance for an Art Box. If you registered in fall, this is a new session: please register again.

- February: Chalk & Oil Pastels
- March: Sculptures
- April: Mosaics

Tremont School District

Live Streaming Sports Events

Due to state guidelines that limit the school to 50 spectators in the gym for any given game, fan

attendance is limited to only those with tickets distributed through the players. To offer our supporters access to view games, Tremont District 702 is offering an option to view all high school and middle school home games via live stream online on the NFHS network. This option costs \$10.99 per month, but can be cancelled at any time. While this monthly fee is not ideal, it is a reasonable value when compared to admission costs for attending games in person. You can watch a month's worth of games for the cost of taking the family to one game in person. The school district does receive \$1 for each subscriber as a reward for using the service. All but 2 of the Heart of Illinois Conference schools for our high school conference use this service as well, which means you can also view away games. With the streaming service, you can also watch games on demand and not just live events. We can't wait for the opportunity to fill the gym with fans again, but for now, we're thankful that the athletes at least have a chance to play.

Please follow the following link to view the NFHS Network info and how to get started. This link also includes all information we have on how to view away games via streaming options.

<https://www.tremont702.net/o/athletics/article/391300>

Monday

MS Volleyball home vs Beverly Manor - 4:15PM (N. Gym)

MS Boys Basketball @ Beverly Manor - 4:15PM

HS Girls Basketball @ Eureka - 5:30PM

Tuesday

MS Boys Basketball home vs Olympia - 4:15PM (N. Gym)

HS Boys Swimming home (Pekin) vs Washington/Wethersfield - 4:30PM

HS Boys Basketball @ Eureka - 5:30PM

Thursday

MS Volleyball @ Washington Middle - 4:30PM

HS Boys Swimming home (Pekin) vs Metamora - 4:30PM

MS Boys Basketball home vs Washington Middle - 5:30PM (N. Gym)

HS Girls Basketball @ Dee-Mack - 5:30PM

Friday

HS Boys Basketball @ Dee-Mack - 5:30PM

Saturday

MS Volleyball @ Morton - 10:00AM

HS Girls and Boys Basketball home vs Fieldcrest - 11:00AM (Varsity games N. Gym)

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

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