



## Weekly News

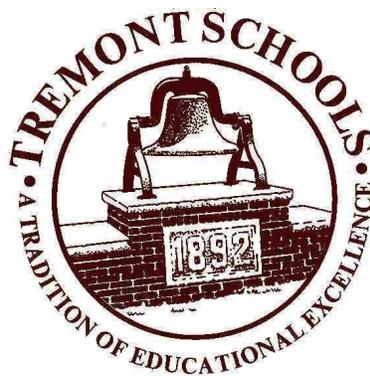
### Tremont Board of Education

#### Meet the Candidates Video

April 6th is Election Day and five candidates are running for three positions on the Tremont Board of Education. Three incumbents – Renee Kaiser, Todd Kilgus, and Volkan Sumer – are running for re-election while Michael Henderson and Jeff Reynolds are two newcomers challenging for a seat. Voters can select up to three candidates on Election Day.

Each candidate was recently interviewed virtually by district superintendent, Sean Berry, using questions submitted by the public. Their responses were recorded and compiled to create a Meet the Candidates video. The video can be accessed through the link below or through our school district website.

[Meet the Candidates Video](#)



### Did you know...?

#### Boyle's Grove: A Sampling

Last week's article told the story of Boyle's Grove, "The most popular resort in Central Illinois," not far from Tremont. Area newspapers in the late 1800's and early 1900's were dotted with articles referring to the resort two miles west of Mackinaw. There was even a rail stop at nearby Minert's Station, serving as a mode of transportation to and from the Grove. Reports of picnics for school, Sunday school, social and family groups were many. Below is just a sampling of the reports in the Bloomington Weekly Pantagraph about the pleasurable resort.

#### September 7, 1883

"Mr. H.O. Hoffman and a number of his lady and gentleman friends constituted a picnic party that went to Boyle's Grove Sunday and spent the day fishing in the Mackinaw River and picnicking on its banks. They returned last evening, but they were not heavily laden with fish."

#### June 12, 1885

"Mr. Johnnie Sims, the expert pigeon shot, goes to Boyle's Grove today to join Mr. Eugene Hampton in a match to be shot today against Messrs. Jacob and Harts Puterbaugh of Tazewell County, two of the champion shots of their locality."

**September 3, 1886**

"A party of boys camping out at Boyle's Grove are reported to have shot a large gray wolf yesterday. If the report is true, those boys will be a set of heroes with their fellows."

**June 24, 1887**

"The G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) post has decided to have a picnic, and will invite neighboring posts to join them at Boyle's Grove. No date has been set, but the Ladies' Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans will be invited."

**July 15, 1887**

"Mr. Boyle talks of building a hotel in his grove to accommodate the people that will seek his all-year-round resort. He sees a large boom and is happy."

**August 5, 1887**

"The westbound passenger train of the I. B. & W., which passed Boyle's Grove (at Minert's Station) about 1 p.m. on Thursday, set fire to the grass of the right of way of the road near Mr. Boyle's house. The railroad fence caught fire from the grass and 64 rods of it were consumed. From this fence, a cross fence on Mr. Boyle's farm ignited and the fire rushed toward his barn at an alarming pace. The neighbors flocked to the assistance from all directions and, but for their aid, the barn and residence must have been destroyed. It was a close call and the horses and cattle were removed. About 40 acres of Mr. Boyle's pasture was burned over, which at this time of the season is in itself a serious loss..."

**August 29, 1890**

"There will be a two days' blackbird shoot at Boyle's Grove August 27 and 28. On Wednesday the purses amount to \$25 and Thursday the purses amount to \$29."

**May 15, 1891**

"Mr. John Boyle of Tremont is having a toboggan slide built at his place. The run will be from the bluff above the old mill dam down to the iron bridge and return."

**February 2, 1894**

The Weekly Pantagraph reported about a group of men spearing black bass and channel cats by spotting them through the ice, following them until they hid under some leaves, cutting a hole in the ice, and spearing them. The fish that were caught weighed from 12-15 pounds each. "One fishing party got 100 fine fish, another 120, while a third got 200 pounds of choice ones."

**July 12, 1895**

"At Boyle's Grove, near Mackinaw, are two natural curiosities. They are the Rachel Cave and the Great Otter Slide. The cave can be entered only when the river is low. One can go back with a lantern about seventy yards, when one comes to a twenty-foot precipice where the water pours over it in a stream about three feet wide and a foot deep. This precipice is called the 'Snake and Shoe'. It derives its name from its resemblance to a snake's head and to a large shoe. The head resembles that of a large snake and the body that of a high-top lady's shoe.

"The 'Otter Slide' is near the cave and is about twenty feet high. It is caused by a spring flowing out of the hill and down over blue clay, which when wet, is very smooth. The otters collect there at night and slide from the spring down into the river."

**August 16, 1895**

"W.F. Gerstner and Co. are building a fine farm residence for Martin Boyle at Boyle's Grove on the Mackinaw." (This must refer to the second home, built after the first burned down.)

**July 21, 1899**

"The DeMolay band of Bloomington are picnicking at Boyle's Grove on the Mackinaw, and give a band concert every day at 8:20".

From these and many other newspaper articles, it is clear that today's idyllic spot by the Mackinaw was once a lively and fun-filled place for people in our area to enjoy nature and take a reprieve from their everyday lives.

~Tremont Historical Society

## Summer Rec Baseball & Softball Registrations

### Summer Rec Baseball and Softball Registrations are Open!

Register online at [www.tremontpark.org](http://www.tremontpark.org) or stop in the office during staffed hours. Registration forms will also be available in the vestibule and can be left in the drop box along with payment. Flyers were also sent home with school age children.

Registrations need to be completed by March 31st, 2021. Keep looking at the website for the team evaluations.



## Tremont Library

### Do you want to make a difference in your library and in the community?

Consider becoming a library trustee! Tremont District Library is seeking well-rounded, energetic applicants who can assist the Board of Trustees with the many challenges the Library will be facing in the next several years.

#### Board members are responsible for:

- Working with the Director to develop long-range library plans and policy
- Assuring sound fiscal management
- Serving as a liaison between the community and the library

To be eligible to be a trustee applicant, you must be a resident of the Tremont Library District. An information packet, including Tremont District Library history, its services, its governing bylaws, and the duties of trustees is available at the library desk, or contact Director Maria Ford ([maria@tremontlibrary.com](mailto:maria@tremontlibrary.com)) for more information.

Board members are a dedicated group of community members. They vary in interest, profession and age, but are united in their devotion to the library. Please consider becoming a Trustee!

#### Reserve the Library Meeting Room for Individual Use

Need some quiet time outside of your house? The library is opening up the meeting room for individual reservations. It's a great place to study, read, listen to music, or attend an online class or meeting.

At this time, the meeting room is for individual use only. Only one teen/adult at a time and no groups. (However, there is an exception for childcare. If you are caring for children from your own household, they may join you in the meeting room-- it's a great place for read-alouds!)

Times available:

- 10-12pm, 2:30-4:30pm, 5-7pm during weekdays, and 10-12pm during the weekends.
- One reservation is allowed per day, and two per week. Call 309-925-5432 to reserve a time.

#### In the Loop Crochet Club

Thursdays, April 1 - May 20 -- 3-4PM

All ages welcome. We have room for more crafters in our crochet club! This program is now open to all ages, yes, that's adults too. Learn more about In the Loop and find the Zoom link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/398151324827050/>

#### Adult/Teen Take-Home Craft

Spots are filling up fast! Register for our other adult/teen crafts by calling or e-mailing the library

- April 1st: Confetti KnickKnack Tray
- May 6th: DIY Clipboard with Mod Podge

#### To Be Continued...

A read-aloud book club for ages 7+. This season we'll be reading *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street* by Katrina Yan Glaser. We will meet over Zoom on Tuesdays 3-4PM, each week March 16th – April 20th. Call 925-5432, email [tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com](mailto:tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com), or register in person to receive Zoom invites.

### Make-It Monday

S.T.E.A.M. related crafts and videos on the first Monday of each month. Want a Maker-Kit? Call the library (925-5432), email [tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com](mailto:tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com), or visit us in person to reserve yours today! Past craft kits are available while supplies last.

- April 5th – Magnets
- May 3rd – Density

### Virtual Story Hour Room

All new! This season Story Hour is being offered through virtual Story Hour Rooms. These rooms include links to read-aloud videos, rhymes, craft tutorials, and other fun resources for your preschooler. New rooms will be released every other Thursday through May 20th along with craft kits. To access Story Hour Rooms, please join our Virtual Read-Aloud Facebook group or email [tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com](mailto:tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com) to receive links.

### Fine Art Friday (Age: 7+)

Dates: 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.

- April: Mosaics

## Lions Club Easter Event

### Mark Your Calendars

#### Tremont Lions Club Easter Event

When: Saturday, April 3 from 9AM-12PM

At: Tremont Baptist Church

Tremont Lions Club will be hosting an Easter Event Open House for all children through 4th graders. Easter Bunny will be on hand to pass out bagged Easter Egg Treats (Sorry, no hunt yet this year due to COVID restrictions). More information on the event to follow.



## Community Shred Day

The 2021 Community Shred Day will be held at the Tremont First National Bank on Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 9:00AM-Noon. Please [click here](#) for more information.

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## Monday

HS Volleyball @ Flanagan-Cornell - 5:00PM

HS JV Football @ Lexington - 5:30PM

## Tuesday

MS Girls Basketball home vs Broadmoor - 4:30PM

## Thursday

HS Volleyball home vs Fisher - 5:00PM

## Friday

HS Football @ Fisher - 7:00PM

## Saturday

HS Volleyball @ Tri-Valley - 9:00AM

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### Around Town



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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.

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Thank you,

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