



## Weekly News

### Monthly Business Spotlight

#### High Shine Detail

Location: 412 W. Jefferson

High Shine Detail is a mobile detailing service. They come to your home or work and treat their customers' vehicles like their own. High Shine also has a shop if you prefer to bring your vehicle to them. The difference that separates them from the rest is the willingness to go above and beyond. High Shine services include: Tire & Wheel Restoration, Hand Wash, Tar Removal, Light Scratch Removal, Sealant/Wax/Ceramic Coating, Carpet & Seat Shampoo, Interior Dressing, Industrial Leather Conditioner, and Full Vehicle Sanitation.

They also offer referral discounts and regular maintenance plans.

You can contact them at 941-702-0710 or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/clearcoatskryptonite>



### Village Minutes

To view the most recent village board meeting minutes, please go to: <http://www.tremontil.com/tremont-board-of-trustees.php>

### Did you know...?

#### Tremont - The New York Association's Experiment

"The town of Tremont is rising up as if by magic," announced the Sangamon Journal on April 4, 1835. But it wasn't really magic, of course. It was vision, planning, energy and hard work.

It all started in 1833, when John Harris and Josiah James of New York came to Central Illinois on a prospecting tour. On their way home, Mr. James suggested they gather a group of people to organize a colony. Once in New York, they solicited friends and held a meeting for the interested parties. A committee made up of Harris, James, and William Sampson was chosen to locate land for their new colony. The interested parties agreed. John Harris was chosen as their treasurer and they soon found a spot well-suited to starting a colony.

The New York Association, as it was sometimes called, envisioned a town that would grow in importance. They planned a generous public square in the center of the town and large lots with broad streets and alleys. They determined that there would be a drawing among the colonists for either city or agricultural lots, paying according to the value of the lots. After a while, they had 26-year-old Nathaniel Currier (who later paired with James Ives, as in Currier & Ives,) draw up the village plat map. This can be seen today in the Tremont Museum.

Then in 1834, about 50 enthusiastic people came by wagons to the wide-open prairie to settle the town. With them, they brought some furniture and the bare necessities that would be required. According to *The History of Tazewell County*, published in 1905, "The colonists...brought with them the culture and spirit of New England..."

Upon arriving here, the colony set about getting things done. Immediately upon arriving, they purchased 14,800 acres of land. The land patents were signed by President Martin Van Buren.

Ads were placed around the state for skilled workers, such as the one above from the *Sangamon Journal* on April 4, 1835. In the same newspaper, there was a report on the bustling activity in the new town site: "Last week the first house was raised in Tremont. This week seven more were to be raised. Many others are in preparation, and all will be completed as speedily as possible." Soon, businesses such as a tavern, a wheelwright, a grocery and boot shop, and a cabinet shop, to name a few, began to locate around the public square.

The New York Association had a plan and they vigorously pursued it. A first order of business was to erect a schoolhouse near the corner of S. Walnut Street and S. Sampson Street, and also a church. That same year, they established a U.S. Post Office. William Sampson's brother was named as the first postmaster. The next year, in July, 1836, by a vote of 28 to one, it was decided to incorporate the town.

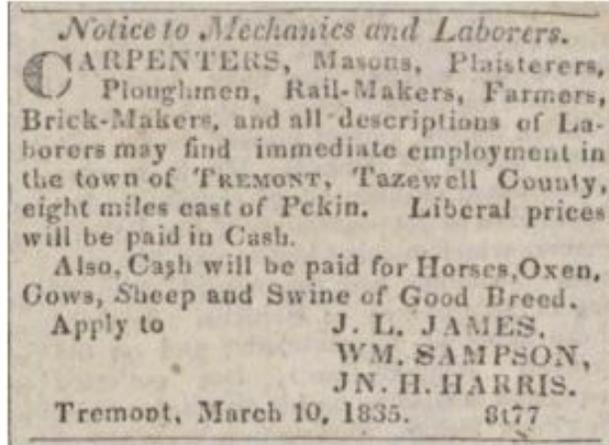
The state legislature formed a committee to permanently locate the county seat. In 1835, the committee came to Tremont and met with, "the generous and enterprising" John Harris, who offered twenty acres of his own land and relayed that the town would pay \$2,000 for the public building. At this time, the revenue for the entire county was less than \$1,400! Tremont was awarded the county seat, which had formerly been in several temporary locations in Mackinaw. This decision was met with much joy in Tremont, no doubt, as the Association was determined for the town to be a center of commerce for the county. The men planned a beautiful courthouse square at the end of what would be called Broadway, a wide block at the courthouse square on South James Street. (Note – The early plat map shows Broadway – a grand approach to the courthouse, but for some reason, that never happened.) Work began immediately on a temporary courthouse, until the more elaborate one could be built, which it was, in 1839. Soon, the jail was moved from Mackinaw to Tremont as well, and an addition was built on as a residence for the sheriff.

A railroad would be important to the growth of the new county seat. So, also in 1835, James and Harris were two of the investors in a railway from Pekin to Tremont in this county. But by 1837, the economy had turned, the state was almost bankrupt, and what work had been done on the railroad bed was disbanded. Though there were a few more attempts through the years, no railroad was built through Tremont until 1867. By then, the county seat had been moved to Pekin, where it remains.

From the *Sangamon Journal* April 4, 1835, "The committee who have conducted the affairs of the Association evinced much judgement in the selection of a location...all members of the company are satisfied and pleased with their prospects. It is said there is not a discontented individual among them, and why should there be? Surrounded by the most lovely country – of unsurpassed fertility – in a healthy and genial climate – in a society of their own choosing - why should they be discontented? The success of this experiment will undoubtedly lead to the formation of similar Associations."

As Illinois was being settled, about one-third of new towns survived. The odds were against the new village, but because of the wise advanced planning by the Association, *The History of Tazewell County* relates, "No thoughtful person can look back over the history of this community without concluding that few places in Illinois were begun under more auspicious circumstances." Tremont thrived as if by magic.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society



## Tremont Museum

**Museum Hours** - Come learn more about Tremont's history!

The Tremont Museum will be open on 2nd & 4th Sundays from 2:00-4:00PM. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. Senior rates are available.

We are able to take cash only.

## 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.

## Public Notice

### Public Auction for the Sale of Property

Notice of Sale by Public Auction, Tremont Area Park District, Sale of Property, 210 South Sampson Street, April 24, 2021.

The auction will begin at 1:00 PM, and the building opens at 10:00 AM. The minimum opening bid for the property shall be \$200,000.00. For additional information regarding the building or terms of sale, please contact Tremont Park Director Trina Burge at 309-925-3811. A legal notice was published on 4/1/21 and 4/8/21 in the Pekin Daily Times. The Park District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

This prime main street property sits in the center of our very own Tremont Village downtown area. The building brings endless opportunity with a 3,850 sq foot finished open room, two half bathrooms, a certified ready kitchen, and 1,025 sq foot heated industrial garage, shop, and workbench area with wood shelving and loft with wood shelving for excellent storage options.



## Tremont Library

### Temple Grandin -- The Way I See It: A Personal Look at Autism & Asperger's

Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 6PM CDT

Register now for this special online event at <http://bit.ly/39neep2>.

Temple Grandin, PhD, one of the most accomplished and well-known adults with autism in the world, addresses the real issues of autism that parents, teachers, and individuals on the spectrum face every day. She offers helpful dos and don'ts, practical strategies, and try-it-now tips, all based on her insider perspective and a great deal of research.

Twelve area libraries, including your own Tremont District Library, have partnered together in order to present this big, special online event. Register today!

### 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 15 - 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

- 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 Vanderbecker's 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.

- 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

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## **Monday**

MS Track home vs Delavan, Georgetowne, Eureka - 4:30PM

MS Girls Basketball home vs Washington Middle - 5:00PM

## **Tuesday**

MS Girls Basketball home vs Beverly Manor - 4:30PM

MS Wrestling @ Olympia - 5:00PM

HS Football home vs Heyworth - 7:00PM (Senior Night)

## **Thursday**

MS Track home vs S. Pekin, St Thomas, Riverview - 4:30PM

MS Girls Basketball @ Metamora - 4:30PM

## **Saturday**

MS Wrestling home vs Ridgeview, Olympia - 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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