



Weekly News

Tremont Spring Garage Sales

The 2021 Spring garage sales will be Friday & Saturday, April 23 & 24.

For the map of sales, go to: [Tremont Garage Sales Map](#)

Did you know...?

Tremont's Grecian Courthouse

From the highest point in the early days of the village, the new Tremont Court House, in all its grandeur, sat supreme. With few trees on the wide prairie, it could be plainly seen as far away as to the north of Morton.

Landing the county seat for Tremont was a key for achieving the prominence of the town the founders had planned. James Harris, William Sampson, and Josiah James set about doing that immediately. When they were able to accomplish their goal, they built a small, temporary court house until a permanent one could be built.

For the construction of the permanent building, contractor William F. Flagg of Bloomington was given specific instructions. The building was "... to be 40 feet wide and 60 feet long, including a portico 10 feet wide. Windows are to be closed with good blinds, the latter to be painted with four coats of paint, two of which are to be French green. Outside doors to be fitted with best locks and the entire building to be fitted in full Grecian order of architecture...said building is to be surmounted by a cupola, finished with octagon blinds and containing a good bell deck, and the dome to be surmounted with an iron rod supporting three gilt balls." At a cost of \$14,450, the building was ready to occupy by 1839.

The interior was described by Eugenia Jones Hunt in her book, *My Personal Recollections of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln*. She recalled, "The Court House was three stories, a red brick with a high basement divided into office rooms similar to the first floor, which was reached by a wide flight of steps. The very large court and ante rooms were on the second floor. The cupola with attractive circular seats, which attracted many sightseers to climb the long flight of steps to view the picturesque landscape, and the wilderness of a hundred years ago, had a huge bell to summon the lawyers to court." Legend has it that the initials "A.L." which were scratched on the wall inside the front door, were put there by none other than the lawyer, Abraham Lincoln.

The street leading to the courthouse, now James Street, was often called Lincoln Street because Lincoln frequented the courthouse so much while serving on the 8th Judicial Circuit. A large square planted with trees surrounded the building and a well sat off to the side to quench the thirst of the many travelers who came from around the county when court was in session.

The court house was frequented by several lawyers that history remembers, including the great orator and senator Stephen A. Douglas, who later challenged and debated Abraham Lincoln for the United States presidency, and Judge David Davis (later a U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice and then a U.S. Senator from Illinois).

It was at the Tazewell County Courthouse in Tremont that several notable events occurred, sealing its place in history. General James Shields famously challenged Lincoln to a duel there, which never occurred. Later, the two men even became friends. Lincoln also spoke in Tremont of seeing a slave on a Mississippi riverboat saying, "I'll hit the thing someday, and I'll hit it strong." In 1847, in his last court case

involving slavery, Lincoln argued in Tremont for George Kern of rural Metamora and J. Randolph Scott of Washington for harboring slaves. He was successful in getting the case dropped for lack of evidence.

Lincoln last spoke at the Tazewell County Courthouse in Tremont on August 30, 1858.

~ Tremont Museum and Historical Society

My Personal Recollections of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln written by Tremont resident and daughter of Lincoln friend John Albert Jones, is available for sale at the Tremont Museum.



*Tazewell County Courthouse in Tremont.
The painting currently hangs in the Village Hall*

Tremont Museum Open House

The Tremont Museum is a unique museum; few small towns have one at all. Displays ranging from early Tremont life to Tremont Veterans to innovations in farming are creatively displayed. It will be open this Sunday from 2:00-4:00PM. Admission includes both the main museum and the new Agricultural Heritage Museum next door: Adults \$5.00, Children \$3.00, Members are free, and senior rates are available. There is plenty of room for social distancing and we ask that masks be worn. It's a great Sunday afternoon activity!

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.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year is underway. If you have an incoming Kindergartener, please register your new student at <https://www.tremont702.net/o/grade-school/page/registration>.

The purpose of kindergarten screening is to do the best job we possibly can balancing our kindergarten classes by ability. Research shows that young children learn best when classrooms consist of children of varied learning levels. A balanced or heterogeneously-grouped classroom allows all children to learn from the teacher and each other.

Another reason for kindergarten screening is to give parents more information about their child's readiness skills, especially if they are considering waiting another year for their child to begin school. The results of these tests will show the range of the child's skills. Any child who is 5 years old by September 1 can enter Kindergarten regardless of scores. Sometimes parents decide to wait a year; that is their choice, not a district requirement.

Kindergarten screening for registered students begins Tuesday, April 27, from 8:00-3:30, and continues on Wednesday, April 28, from 8:00-2:00. Please sign up for an appointment through this link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EA5A628A7FFC52-20212022> **Kindergarten screening is being held at Tremont Community Center**, not Tremont Grade School. All Covid policies are in effect; children must wear masks, and teachers will sanitize between students.

If you wish not to have your incoming Kindergartener screened or have any questions, please email Becky Hansen at rebecca.hansen@d702.org.



Tremont Lions Club Pulled Pork Fundraiser

Saturday, April 24, the Tremont Lions Club will be selling their famous pulled pork sandwiches from 10:30 to 1:00PM or until they run out. You can find them located at the United Methodist Church parking lot.

Sandwiches will be selling for \$5.00. This is a fund-raiser to help support the clubs' local activities and events they sponsor throughout the year.



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

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) 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 22 - 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, 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, 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 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

Monday

MS Track home vs Beverly Manor, Washington Central - 4:30PM

MS Girls Basketball home vs Washington Central - 4:30PM

Tuesday

HS Softball V/JV @ U High (Fairview Park) - 4:30PM

MS Girls Basketball home vs MWC - 4:30PM

MS Wrestling @ Morton - 5:00PM

Thursday

HS Varsity Softball home vs Bloomington CC - 4:30PM

MS Track home vs Broadmoor, Edison - 4:30PM

MS Girls Basketball home vs Eureka - 4:30PM

Friday

Town-wide Garage Sales

HS JV Baseball home vs East Peoria - 4:30PM

Saturday

Town-wide Garage Sales

MS Wrestling home vs East Peoria - 9:00AM

HS Varsity Baseball home vs East Peoria - 10:00AM

Public Auction - 1:00PM
Tremont Area Park District building, 210 South Sampson Street

Sunday

Tremont Museum Open House - 2:00PM-4:00PM

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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