



Weekly News

Village Minutes

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

Boy Scouts Monicals Fundraiser

Tuesday May 18th

Monicals Pizza locations: Morton, Pekin, Washington

Please print the flier ([click here](#)) and take with you for checkout. Tremont Boy Scout Troop 84 will receive 20% of the bill from Monicals.



Did you know...?

What Became of Tremont's Founders?

They were the visionaries of a settlement on the Illinois prairie. Josiah L. James and John H. Harris were friends and had traveled to Illinois together from their homes in New York. While there, they decided to return to New York to gather a group of people together who would be willing to move and start a colony. From those gathered, the two men, as well as William Sampson, were chosen to travel back to Illinois to choose a location.

A promising spot was located, and the three men laid the town out, to be called Tremont for the three obvious high points in the flat, nearly treeless prairie. The settlers arrived, and the town was established in 1835. (Earlier articles here described how the young town grew and even became the seat of Tazewell County. However, the town suffered when the county seat was moved to Pekin permanently in 1850, after only about 15 years.)

The town stumbled a bit at the setback but continued to do well. But by 1850, only one of the three founders remained. The main street in town has always been called Sampson Street, though originally, North Sampson Street was one of three main streets around the public square, where the earliest business district was located. When the railroad came to town in the 1860s, the business district began to move to the South Sampson Street area. However, William Sampson was the first to leave town, after only a few years. He moved to Como, Illinois, but ended up in Chicago, where he died of cholera in 1851. Why he left is not known for sure. However, history is unclear whether Sampson had been appointed Tremont's first postmaster, or if it was actually his brother. In any event, whoever it was, there were some legal problems, and the postmaster had to resign. Maybe this humiliation had something to do with William's departure?

Losing the courthouse to rival Pekin permanently was a bitter pill for many in Tremont, including Josiah

James. He was interested in politics, so in 1850, wasting no time, he bid Tremont farewell and moved to Chicago. It was there that he died in 1866.

John Harris actually had the most reason to leave. After all, he had personally given the land specifically for the courthouse square, and when the county seat was moved, he was not allowed to have his land back. However, he stayed in Tremont his entire life, as did many of his descendants.

Despite losing two of the three founders who had envisioned the town, and the all-important county seat as well, Tremont has continued to thrive as a close-knit, civic-minded community.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society



Pictured Above, John H. Harris, one of Tremont's founders.

Volunteers Needed For Booksale

Tremont District Library will be holding their annual book sale this year during the Turkey Festival provided we get enough volunteers. Volunteers work 2-hour shifts during the festival or can help set up/tear down. Much of the Turkey Festival is planned to be drive-through, but the County Fair tent where the Booksale is held will be open for folks to walk up. Please note that the health department is requiring facial coverings for everyone during the festival.

Working the book sale is a fun and easy way to volunteer. Sign-ups are at the Library front desk!

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!

Crochet Group: All Ages!

Please note this is a VIRTUAL PROGRAM.

Do you love to crochet or would you like to start learning how to crochet? This all-ages group is for you! Once a week on Thursday afternoons, Jan. 21 - May 20 from 3-4pm, Miss Lizzi will host a virtual meeting over Zoom. Beginners and seasoned crocheters alike are welcome to join and create in the company of others. If you're just beginning, Lizzi will teach you the basics and we can begin a small project together. Participants can also show off projects they are proud of! There is no registration required-- e-mail lizzi@tremontlibrary.com for the link to get in!

Make-it Mondays

Join Miss Nicole for S.T.E.A.M. inspired videos and projects! In May we will be studying DENSITY! There is a video and project geared towards 5-7-year-olds, and one for kids 8+. Call 925-5432 to register or e-mail us at tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com

Virtual Read-Aloud Group

Have you checked out our Virtual Read-Aloud group lately? It's full of fun, perfect for you and your preschooler!

Every other Thursday, we post a Story Hour Room, an interactive web page with links to read-alouds, rhymes, and songs. We even have kits at the library to go along with craft tutorials! Our past themes have included Sloths, Underwear, The Alphabet, and many more and this week we'll be featuring Earth Day!

Hop on over to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3351260734902359> to get in on the fun!

Young Adult Book Club

Teens ages 13-19 are invited to join Tremont Library's Young Adult Book Club. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm on Zoom. Email tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com to register your phone number or email for our Remind group and receive zoom links.

- *May: Dancing at the Pity Party by Tyler Feder*

Copies of each book are available at the library!

Monday

HS Track @ LeRoy - 4:00PM

HS V Baseball home vs EPG - 4:30PM

HS V/JV Softball @ EPG - 4:30PM

Tuesday

HS JV Baseball @ Eureka - 4:30PM

HS Wrestling @ El Paso - 5:30PM

MS Wrestling home vs Eureka - 5:30PM

Wednesday

HS JV Baseball @ GCMS - 4:30PM

HS JV Softball @ Normal West - 4:30PM

Thursday

HS Track @ Eureka - 4:00PM

HS V/JV Baseball @ Ridgeview - 4:30PM

Friday

HS Track @ Olympia Relays - 4:00PM

HS Wrestling home vs Olympia, Mercer County - 6:00PM

Saturday

HS JV Baseball DH @ Dee-Mack - 10:00AM

Sunday

HS Graduation - 2:30PM

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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