



## Weekly News

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### **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.

### **Notice of Public Hearing - Amendment to Zoning Code**

The Village of Tremont Zoning Board will hold a public hearing on May 27, 2021 at 7 P.M. at the Tremont Community Center, 216 S. Sampson St., Tremont, Illinois, concerning a proposed amendment to the Village's Zoning Code. Only one accessory structure shall be allowed on a residential property in Districts R-1a, R-1, R-2a and R-2. The size of the structure shall not exceed three percent (3.0%) of the property size. One additional gazebo or pergola will be allowed with the same size constraints as the accessory structure. The gazebo or pergola may have a knee wall not to exceed 36 inches in height measured from the floor. The gazebo or pergola shall not be enclosed and shall not be used for storage. By order of the Zoning Board of the Village of Tremont, Tazewell County, Illinois.

To view the notice of public hearing, [click here](#).

Glen Gulette  
Code Enforcement Officer

### **Notice of Public Hearing - Annexation Agreement**

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., a public hearing will be held by the Village of Tremont Zoning Board at the Tremont Community Center, located at 216 S. Sampson Street in Tremont, Illinois, concerning the rezoning of the following described real estate to the B-2 General Commercial District

To view the notice of public hearing, [click here](#).

### **Tremont Garden Club**

The Tremont Garden Club is having a hosta sale at the small shelter area or parking lot at City Park.

**Date:** May 22  
**Time:** 8:00AM



## **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 Museum**

### **Tremont Museum Welcomes You Back!**

Sunday, May 23, 2-4 PM, corner of S. Sampson and Madison Streets  
Admission includes both museum buildings; members receive free admission.  
Plenty of room to socially distance.

## **Did you know...?**

### **Tremont and The Underground Railroad**

Many who live in Tremont today do not realize the important role Tremont played in the Underground Railroad. Many are puzzled as to why the Underground Railroad was even needed here – after all, Illinois was a “free state,” and slavery was illegal. That is true, but the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 prohibited people from aiding slaves in their escape to Canada. The reasoning was that slaves were the property of their owners and must be returned to them. It is estimated that between the 1820s through the Civil War, over 800 slaves were helped to freedom in Tazewell County alone.

Slavery was illegal in Canada. Several routes through the northern states were established to help runaway slaves escape. Those who were “conductors” helped the slaves move secretly in the night from one “depot” to the next. A depot might be a home, barn, or even the woods. The historic “Red Brick” home in Tremont (still standing) was one such depot, owned by conductor John Albert Jones. A trap door is concealed in the floor of a bedroom, leading to a crawl space where people could hide if needed. Codes were used to alert the escapees or the conductors, such as bird calls, lit lanterns in windows, and ribbons tied in trees. Coded language was also implemented, such as a “package” to arrive soon, or a certain response to a question asked.

There were a few routes that led through Tazewell County. Who organized each of these routes and the stops along the way remains unknown. Due to the secret and dangerous nature of the mission, specific documentation is rare to non-existent. What is known is all who participated, the slaves, and their “friends” were in constant danger.

Slave hunters sought escaped slaves for profit. Slave owners often offered large rewards for the return of slaves, but often the hunters took captured slaves to St. Louis, where they could be auctioned off for a larger amount. Of course, the law also was on alert. The Fugitive Slave Act held the federal government responsible for finding and returning slaves. Those who hid slaves or helped them move from station to

station did so at great risk and for no glory. In fact, they received no recognition at all for their efforts, even years later when they died, because assisting escaping slaves remained controversial for many years. Luckily, those committed to the goals of the Underground Railroad did what they did because they knew it was the right thing to do. But if caught, they faced a minimum of six months in jail and a minimum of \$1,000 in fines,

Tremont's known conductors were Josiah and Levi Matthews, John Albert Jones, Freeman Kingman, and Absalom Dillon. They will be honored in a first-ever event in Tremont as part of a series of events in Tazewell County. **Save the date of Saturday, June 12 - 3:45PM** in the front yard of Marc and Christie Bailey's historic "Red Brick" home, 412 E. South Street. The Tremont Historical Society is honored to host the Heritage Ensemble and a long overdue recognition and celebration of Tremont's courageous Underground Railroad Conductors. Parking and seating will be limited, bring lawn chairs if desired.

*Sponsored by The Tazewell County Genealogical and Historical Society, NAACP Peoria Branch, the Village of Tremont, The Tremont Turkey Festival Committee, Tazewell County Clerk John Ackerman, and Tremont Museum and Historical Society.*



*Below: Barn owned by Josiah Matthews in rural Tremont, and the Jones-Menard "Red Brick" residence where slaves were hidden. (Referred to as the "Red Brick" because it was the only brick residence in Tremont when it was built.) Both buildings still stand today.*

## **Tremont Library**

### **Summer Reading: Reading colors your world!**

Get excited for Summer Reading! For all ages, birth-adult! Registration starts June 1.

### **100 Books this Summer (Ages 1-5)**

Read 100 books w/ your child, June 1-August 7.

### **Summer Reading Game (Ages 5-12)**

Complete a reading goal & earn prizes, June 1-July 17

### **Adult & Teen Summer Reading**

Adults & teens, read 3 hours/week for a chance to win prizes! June 1-July 17

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

Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 6PM

Find the link to register at [TremontLibrary.com](https://www.tremontlibrary.com)

A live, virtual talk given by Temple Grandin, PhD, one of the most accomplished and well-known adults with autism in the world. Twelve area libraries, including your own Tremont District Library, have partnered together in order to present this big, special online event. Register today!

### **Story Walks**

Dates/Times: New story up each week, June 1st - July 12th

Location: South East Pond

Description: Enjoy the weather and a story with our Summer Story Walks! Walk or ride around the South East Pond and follow signs displaying fun picture books.

### **Life-size Candyland**

Dates/Times: Wednesday, June 9th, 10AM-8PM

Location: Tremont District Library

Description: Enter the world of Candyland with this life-size game! Follow the trail around the library and earn prizes! Groups limited to either immediate families or four players. All ages welcome.

## Story Hour

Dates/Times: Thursdays, June 10th - July 22nd

Location: Virtual

Description: Check out our Virtual Read-Aloud Facebook group for interactive Story Hour Rooms! Rooms include video read-alouds, rhymes, activities, and craft tutorials. Craft kits available at the library. Perfect for ages 3-6.

### 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](mailto:lizzi@tremontlibrary.com) for the link to get in!

### 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](mailto: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!

## Merchant's Day

Merchant's Day is happening once again! Join your favorite local merchants and friends on Sampson Street and Rt 9 on Thursday evening, June 10th from 4-8PM. Join us for live music, food vendors and local restaurant specials, plus lots of shopping, in addition to the first night of carnival rides at the Tremont Turkey Festival! See our Facebook event page for an up-to-date list of activities and vendors!

<https://fb.me/e/Uk8CPnf3>



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## Monday

HS Track home vs Heyworth, Eureka, Dee-Mack - 4:00PM

HS V Baseball home vs Tri-Valley - 4:30PM

HS V/JV Softball @ Tri-Valley - 4:30PM

## Tuesday

HS JV Baseball home vs LeRoy - 4:30PM

HS JV Softball home vs Dee-Mack - 4:30PM

MS Wrestling @ Washington - 5:30PM

## **Wednesday**

MS Wrestling @ LeRoy - 6:00PM

## **Thursday**

HS Track @ LeRoy - 4:00PM

HS V Baseball @ LeRoy - 4:30PM

HS V/JV Softball home vs LeRoy - 4:30PM

## **Friday**

HS V Baseball home vs Pekin - 4:30PM

## **Saturday**

HS Softball @ Metamora - 12:00PM

## **Sunday**

Tremont Museum - 2:00PM-4:00PM  
Corner of S. Sampson and Madison Streets

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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,

Haas IT Solutions, Inc. on behalf of Tremont Winning Communities

