



## Weekly News

### 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.



### 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!

#### Book Quarantining Has Ended!

Tremont District Library is no longer required to quarantine books, and so your online account will now be completely accurate! Yay! No more wondering if you really returned a book while it's sitting at the library in quarantine-- books are returned when we receive them. If you're curious about the book quarantine guidelines and why they've changed over time, libraries in Illinois use data from the REALM Study (REopening Archives, Libraries and Museums). REALM studies COVID droplets on real-world library materials. Any science and/or library-lovers out there can learn more about the study here:

<https://www.oclc.org/realm/home.html>

### **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!

### **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](mailto: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](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!



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

### **A Time of Adversity**

The earliest settlers had to be a hardy group in order to survive those first harsh years in Central Illinois. The weather in the decade of the 1830s was extreme in every season. While the settlers were working to get their homes, barns and gardens established, the elements fought them.

**1830** - The earliest settlers, just prior to the founding of Tremont, have gone down in history as "Snow Birds" due to the "winter of the big snow". (This event appeared in detail in an earlier article here.) According to the 1905 History of Tazewell County, "No event in the memory of the early settlers made such a lasting impression as the big snowfall which continued for three days and nights ... drifting in some places as high as 18 to 20 feet." From December 29th until February 15th, it snowed 19 times. Settlers had been so busy erecting homes that they had not had time to bring the crops in for winter; many starved nearly to death.

**1831** - It is recorded that there was frost in every month of the year. Crops were planted, but never able to ripen. Another year of crops lost.

Beginning in **1834**, Illinois suffered from Asiatic Cholera. The Governor of Illinois was the first in the state

to die of the disease. At that time, no official death records were required by law. Newspapers normally printed few obituaries at that time, and there was a general censoring of all news of Cholera deaths in order to protect business interests. The disease would strike, and in 1-3 days, death inevitably followed. The survival rate was just 7%. Nearby Pekin and tiny Lily were affected, while Tremont, just beginning to settle, had one recorded death.

**1835** - This was a year memorable for high water, according to Tremont resident Millie Troll in her 1925 History of Tremont, Illinois: "Late in April it commenced to rain and continued through the summer. The great prairies then uncultivated and undrained, were one vast lake. The storms would gather with fearful rapidity...the falling of rain was frightful, the vivid lightning and crashing thunder were a terror...very little in the way of raising crops was attempted that summer".

Troll continued, "In the early part of July, a storm of rain, thunder and lightning occurred which for severity has never been equaled, it is believed. The consequences of this rain were dreadful. The earth was filled with water and every little hollow was a stagnant pool to engender disease. After the fierce storm demon had passed, a silent pestilence arose from the green prairie and stalked resistless among the inhabitants."

**1836** - January brought the "sudden change." The day before the change was snowy, changing to drizzling rain, which turned to slush. The next day, the temperature plummeted so suddenly that cattle were stuck and had to be cut out of the frozen mud, and a great many creatures perished. Some people froze to death, and others survived, though if they were caught outside when the change happened, their clothing froze solid. (An earlier article here told the story of the freak weather change.)

**1837** - A great drouth (drought) visited the Tremont area. Millie Troll again wrote of the event. "For seven weeks not a drop of rain had fallen and for a previous period of nearly twice that length of time, the few showers that had fallen were barely sufficient to lay the dust. There were no dews. The earth gaped under the merciless sun, vegetation was parched to ashes. The trodden roads were piled with dust. Sickness which had begun early in the summer in various parts of the county, increased in malignity. The longer the drouth held, the more fatal grew its ravages. For weeks the heavens were watched for clouds or some sign of mercy, but in vain. In the meantime, disease and death stalked abroad. The pestilence claimed its victims in every home, in some whole families were prostrated, and the sufferers were dependent upon the kindness of their neighbors and friends to minister to their wants. The fevers took their most malignant and fatal character in the bottom lands, those bordering on the streams...One could ride miles in those regions and pass seemingly deserted cabins, but on entering find several persons in the same dark room, tossing and raging in the various stages of the fever. This spread through the entire county and the Village of Tremont paid its tribute in death and severe illness of many of its citizens. There were but three or four wells in the village that offered any water and that was used with judicious care. On the 14th of September occurred an eclipse of the sun and all hoped that some change would be wrought by this great event, but their hopes were in vain."

That those settlers were able to survive their first decade of remarkable adversity and retain their hope is hard to imagine. Luckily for future generations and for the town of Tremont, their great faith, determination and strength of character brought them through.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society

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## Monday

HS V Baseball home vs Lexington – 4:30PM

MS Track home vs Morton, Eureka – 4:30PM

## Tuesday

HS JV Baseball @ Heyworth – 4:30PM

HS V/JV Softball @ Lexington – 4:30PM

MS Wrestling @ Kingsley – 5:00PM

## Thursday

HS Track @ Heyworth – 4:00PM

HS V Baseball @ Eureka – 4:30PM

HS V/JV Softball home vs Eureka – 4:30PM

MS Track home vs Broadmoor, East Peoria – 4:30PM

## Friday

HS V Baseball home vs Cornerstone Christian – 4:30PM

## Saturday

HS JV Baseball DH home vs U High – 10:00AM

HS Wrestling @ Princeton – 10:00AM

HS V/JV Softball @ Limestone (with East Peoria) – 12:00PM

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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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