

TREMONT ILLINOIS

Weekly News

Village Minutes

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Fire Department Open House

Most people just trust when they have an emergency, a call to 9-1-1 will get someone on the way to help. Have you ever really considered what it takes to make that happen in a small town? This is your chance to find out.

The Tremont Fire Department's annual open house will be **Sunday, October 16 from 1-4 PM.**

Bring your kids and let them shoot a fire hose or take a ride on a fire truck. This is also a great opportunity to come talk to the firefighters in a relaxed atmosphere and see what being a volunteer firefighter entails. Like us, you might discover it is something you want to pursue.

As a volunteer department, we are always looking for new members, and they are getting harder and harder to find. Don't just live in your community, help protect it.

We look forward to seeing you on the 16th.

For more information about our department, visit TremontFire.com.

Did you know...?



Rare Piece Has an Interesting Story to Tell

The generations of the Rapp Family, owners of Morton Pottery Works, had definite leanings to the right, politically. They created campaign G.O.P. elephants and ashtrays for Republican candidates, including Richard Nixon and Everett Dirksen. But there was one notable exception.

Some special pieces were made for the 1960 campaign of Democratic Presidential candidate John F. Kennedy. And there was a meaningful reason why.

During World War II, Gilbert Rapp, son of Samuel W. Rapp, served as a pilot for the United States Naval Air Service. He and John Kennedy's older brother, Joseph, Jr., trained together, became close friends, and, as co-pilots, flew bombing runs over Germany. In their book, *Morton Potteries: 99 Years, Vol. II*, Doris and Burdell Hall wrote,

"Gilbert was killed on March 31st, 1944, while on one of those missions. Later, Kennedy was also killed while returning from a bombing mission. In memory of his brother and the man who served with him, John Kennedy wrote a collection of tributes that he called, *As We Remember*. The Gilbert family was presented with an autographed copy of the limited-edition book. When John Kennedy was nominated for President, he had no problem getting orders filled for his campaign mementos by Morton Pottery Company."

However, the statuette pictured here was not for the campaign, rather it was a tribute. And it is rare. It replicates the iconic photo of three-year-old John-John Kennedy, saluting at the funeral of his father, President John F. Kennedy. Since the Associated Press photograph was copyrighted, the pottery was not allowed to continue producing the little figures. One of the few that were produced will be on display at the Tremont Museum during "The Morton Pottery Story" exhibit. This is one of the many pieces from the Elton and Helen Rapp collection, loaned by their son, Mark Rapp.

Tremont Museum & Historical Society
Lori Fuoss

The First National Bank in Tremont Wins Excellence and Innovation FORVIS Award

Kraig Lounsberry, president of the Community Bankers Association of Illinois (CBAI), and Wes Johnson, director at FORVIS, announced that The First National Bank in Tremont won for its entry: "Downtown Revitalization Project." The award was presented at the Recognition Luncheon at CBAI's 48th Annual Convention & Expo on Saturday, October 1, at the Marriott St. Louis Grand in St. Louis, MO.

The First National Bank in Tremont and the village of New Holland worked together on a large project for the village of New Holland's downtown. The project consisted of a newly constructed bank building located on Route 10, relocating the current village offices,

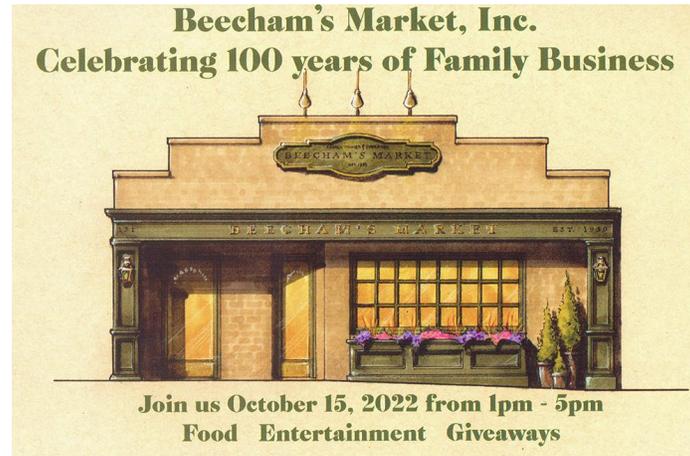
community center and historical society, and the donation of a building in between the old bank building and the new bank location.

To read the full article:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Beecham's 100 Year Anniversary Celebration

Beecham's will be celebrating 100 years of family business on October 15th from 1:00-5:00pm on Sampson Street in front of the store.



Tremont Library

Preparing for Gettysburg

October 13th - 6:00pm

Location: Tremont Community Center

We are excited to host Abraham Lincoln (Rick Otey) and hear him speak about his nomination through the Civil War, 1860-1865. Great for adults, teens, and older children.

STEAM Lab Plus (ages 7+)

Mondays Oct. 10, Nov. 7, & Dec. 5

3:30-4:30pm

S.T.E.A.M. Lab Plus is perfect for ages 7+ that want to learn about the world around them. Participate in group activities to learn about the Scientific Method, learn about Cause and Effect, make something to take home, and so much more!

Story Hour (ages 3-6)

Second & Fourth Thursdays (Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8 & 22)

10:30-11:15am

Story Hour is perfect for ages 3-6. Miss Maddie reads stories, sings songs and rhymes, and does activities that all encourage early literacy and improves socialization skills in the youngest of library patrons. We know a group setting is new for lots of kiddos this age, so wiggles are welcome! Make Story Hour a step you take in preparing your child for life-long learning.

Minecraft Days (ages 7+)

Saturdays Oct. 15th, Nov. 19th, & Dec. 17th

10am-12:30pm

Hop on our library realm to create with friends! A signed code of conduct and your own device is required (laptops or phones work great) -- contact the library for more details.

Baby & Me (ages 0-3)

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30am

A support group for new & experienced parents.

Tremont Library Refresh

Tremont Library is getting new carpet, paint, and a circulation desk. (Our beautiful children's area will remain as it is.) Building closure starts Monday, October 17th and will last until the project is completed.

Tremont Library cards work at area libraries, so it's a great time to visit Morton, Pekin, Mackinaw, or another area library. Watch our website, facebook, & front door for updates.

No items are due during the closure! All the shelving in the adult area will be emptied and moved, so we won't have anywhere to put returned items until we reopen. Please help us by keeping your stuff until we open again.

Bored? Games!

Wednesday November 2nd 3:00-5:00 pm

Note: Held 3-5pm on the first Wednesdays of the month during the school year

Drop by the library after school for board and card games. Bring your favorite game or try one of ours! Ages 5+, children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Families are welcome!

Lego Afternoons

Monday, November 14th

3:30-4:30 pm

Work together to build amazing creations! Try out new sets, stop motion videos, and other challenges. Ages 6+, no registration required.

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10:30 am - 11:15 am

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Louisa Jane Grand Opening**Save the Date - Louisa Jane's Grand Opening**

Join us for the Grand Opening of our newly remodeled retail store in downtown Tremont. We can't wait to share this new space with you and look forward to seeing you there to celebrate with us!

When:

- Thursday, October 20th 5PM-8PM
- Friday, October 21st 10AM-5PM
- Saturday, October 22nd 10AM-2PM

Where: 210 South Sampson St.

DON'T MISS THIS!



Grand Opening

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH 5-8

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST 10-5

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND 10-2

LOUISA JANE

210 SOUTH SAMPSON STREET
TREMONT, ILLINOIS 61568

Water Main Flushing

Annual Water Flushing to take place the Week of October 17 - 21.

Water Main flushing allows any sediment and stagnant water to be removed from the distribution system and also provides an opportunity to test the operability of the hydrant.

During flushing, water may become temporarily discolored and customers should avoid washing clothes until the water has cleared. These steps are taken to improve the overall water quality within the distribution system and to ensure the delivery of the highest quality water possible.

Thank You for your Patience, Tremont Public Works Dept.

Tremont Museum - Exhibit

"The Morton Pottery Story" exhibit will continue on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 2:00-4:00pm through November 13. Admission is by cash or check only, \$5.00 and \$3.00 for seniors and children under 12.

Community Calendar

Monday

HS F-S Football HOME vs Fisher - 5:30PM

Tuesday

HS Swimming @ Notre Dame - 4:30PM

HS Volleyball @ Eureka - 5:00PM

MS Girls Basketball HOME vs Pekin Broadmoor - 5:30PM

Wednesday

HS Swimming @ Richwoods Freshman Invite - 4:30PM

Thursday

MS Girls Basketball @ Dee-Mack - 4:30PM

HS Swimming @ Pekin vs Pontiac and Metamora - 5:00PM

HS Volleyball @ El Paso-Gridley - 5:00PM

Preparing for Gettysburg Presentation - 6:00PM
Community Center

Friday

HS Football HOME vs El Paso-Gridley - 7:00PM

Saturday

HS Cross Country @ HOI Conference - TBA

MS Cross Country @ State - TBA

HS Volleyball @ Delavan Tournament - TBA

HS F-S Volleyball @ F-S HOI Tourney - TBA

Beecham's Celebration - 1:00-5:00PM

Sunday

Fire Department Open House - 1:00-4:00PM



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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