



TREMONT ILLINOIS

Weekly News

Trick or Treating - Village of Tremont

Trick or Treating in the Village of Tremont will be tonight Monday, October 31 from 5:00-8:00PM.

Residents are encouraged to have a porch light on if they're willing to participate.

Louisa Jane



CHRISTMAS MARKET

LOUISA JANE

We will be celebrating...

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 3
5 PM - 8 PM

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 4
10 AM - 5 PM

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 5
10 AM - 2 PM

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TREMONT, IL 61568

20% OFF
CHRISTMAS & GENERAL DECOR

Tremont High School Industrial Program

THS REVIVES INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Sean Berry, Superintendent

One of the most common (and valid) concerns I heard during my time as high school principal was about the school's limited programming for students interested in the trades. When the decision was made to discontinue the industrial technology (a.k.a "shop")

program 13 years ago due to budget constraints, opportunities for students became limited. The return of an agriculture program a few years later helped to address some of what was lost, but not entirely. Finally, after more than a decade, THS is again offering an industrial technology program that includes an introductory level course along with courses in carpentry, metalworking, and computer-automated design.

The program was able to be added without the need for additional staff. A staff departure from another subject area led to some courses being shifted around and assigned to other staff members. This opened the door for reviving the industrial technology program without adding a new teaching position to the budget. Shane Chandler, a 2004 THS graduate and product of the previous industrial technology program, was hired to lead the program after teaching for more than a decade at Limestone.

The program currently has 53 students enrolled for the fall semester. Due to some space limitations and because it's the first year of the program, courses were purposely limited in size. More classroom and shop space will become available as the robotics team completes its building project on the east side of the school. The area the Roboteers will vacate within the school will become an expanded area for the industrial technology program.

Along with the industrial technology program, THS continues to offer an agriculture program. Caitlin Hays heads the Ag program in her first year at THS. Ag courses provide further opportunities for students to work with their hands and learn trades-related skills. The industrial technology and ag programs are currently sharing equipment in the existing ag shop but will have separate shop areas once the robotics building is complete. Work-based learning also continues to be a priority for the district through both the cooperative job program that allows students to earn credit for maintaining employment and the work-based learning program through Illinois Central College, which includes courses in nursing, EMT, fire science, welding, and construction.

We've been very fortunate to receive some donations to assist the industrial technology program and are very thankful to those who have been so generous. If you'd like to donate materials, tools, or other supplies to the industrial technology or agriculture programs, please feel free to reach out to the school. The high school phone number is 309-925-2051 or you can email the teachers: shane.chandler@d702.org or caitlin.hays@d702.org



Tremont Comprehensive Plan

A quick reminder of a public meeting at 6:00PM on Monday, November 7 in the Community Center to learn more about the Village's Comprehensive Plan and provide

additional input into the document.

To view the plan:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Tremont Lions Club

Membership Opportunity

If you've ever wondered who puts up the yearly Christmas Lights, recognizes outstanding students each spring, hosts the annual Halloween Parade, scatters candy-filled eggs across the park for children to hunt each Easter, and participates in several other volunteer opportunities supporting our community, look no further than your local Tremont Lions Club.

Interesting speakers present topics of local interest at our monthly meetings and dues support Lions International, one of the most respected and highly rated charities in the country. In short, the Tremont Lions Club needs more members to continue to thrive in the community and you are invited to attend one of our monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.

Please consider joining us on Tuesday, November 1 at 6:00PM in the Community Center. Women and men at least 18 years old are able to participate. The level of involvement in the various activities is completely up to the individual. The November 1 keynote address will be given by Wes and Rachel Berchtold who will be discussing the "Eli's story." We hope you can join us and consider membership in this long-time civic organization that continues to help make Tremont such a special place to live and work.

At each meeting, dinner is served, and your first visit is courtesy of the Lions Club. If you decide to join, meals are \$10 and yearly dues \$60 but the opportunity to provide fun activities for our children and financially support the values of Lions International is priceless. For meal planning purposes, please RSVP to membership chair Lion Mike Fuoss at: mike.fuoss1406@gmail.com or club president Jeff Hinman at: jeffhin64@gmail.com

Thank you for considering membership to the Tremont Lions Club!

Village Board Election

Election Packets Available at the Village Hall

Three seats will be available on the Tremont Village Board during the April 4, 2023 election. Interested individuals can pick up a packet at the Village Hall during business hours. Petitions can be circulated now and must be filed by November 28.



Robotics Competition - Roboteers

Come see what all the hype is about! This Saturday, November 5th, the Tremont Roboteers are hosting a robotics competition with 31 robots and 28 teams at Tremont High School. This is your chance to see what the robotics program is all about, what the students in your community are learning, and a chance to cheer on your local team!

The event is free admission so come and go as you please. Come hungry as concessions are provided. Competition is from 9:00AM - approx. 5:00PM with a 30-minute lunch break around 1:30PM. If you want the inside scoop, let the greeters know and we'll send a Roboteer your way to show you around! Also, if you haven't had a chance to see our new building by the middle school entrance, it's really coming along. Our mentors and supporting members are doing a fantastic job getting this built for our community!

Tackle Swap

Big City Fishing Gear will host a tackle swap at Tremont High School, in the cafetorium, on November 19th from 10AM-2PM. All proceeds of the table fee's go directly to the Tremont High School Fishing Club.

Did you know...?

Boyle's Grove Resort - "The Most Popular Resort in Central Illinois"

Early Tremont newspapers are dotted with articles about various groups in Tremont meeting for outings at the popular resort at Boyle's Grove. These activities were a very popular form of entertainment at the turn of the century. Located about three miles southwest of Mackinaw by a sandbar on the Mackinaw River, the Grove was a favored spot for recreation and relaxation.

John and Sara (Miars) Boyle moved to the Grove in 1872. Their first house burned; the photo is of their second home, built in 1895 by W.F Gerstner. At least two generations of Boyles made their home there over the years and began their resort, called Boyle's Grove.

The (Bloomington) Daily Pantagraph, May 29, 1887, called the resort, "...the most popular resort in Central Illinois." This lovely spot was the location of much fishing, wading, boating, shell collecting, games, picnics (even moonlight picnics!), camping, and shooting matches. Bands entertained and speakers spoke at various events.

The switch at Menert Station on the Big Four railroad line was a convenient stop, very close to Boyle's Grove. Groups made good use of the stop. The railroad sponsored a special train which left Bloomington at 8:30 in the morning for Menert Station/ Boyle's Grove and returned at 7:00 that evening. There was room for one thousand people and the fare was fifty cents for a round trip. On June 30, 1894, a picnic for employees of the Big Four was held there. The special train for picnickers started in Indianapolis, and fifteen more coaches were added in Urbana. It stopped at all of the stations to pick up employees and their families.

An article in the Bloomington Weekly Pantagraph of September 3, 1886 recalls: "...five coaches filled with 300 Sunday school children, teachers, parents and friends of the (Mackinaw) Christian Church enjoyed one long and delightful day on the banks of the Mackinaw...Some very fine fish were caught by the expert anglers. Boating was a great attraction for the young people, while swings, croquet and gathering shells were amusements for others. Mr. Boyle, as usual, was everywhere, looking after the comfort and good of the excursionists, making his house as open and free to everyone as the grove itself..."

Until 1887 or so, it appears that day trippers had to wade across a ford in the river or cross by boat to get to one part of the Grove. But an article in the Weekly Pantagraph, November 26, 1886 reports, "The new iron bridge at Boyle's Grove will be completed this week, when that pleasant resort will be made still more agreeable to...visitors. The town of Tremont will pay one-half, while the County of Tazewell has paid the other half."

As the century turned, groups from Tremont such as churches, lodges, and families made good use of the prime recreation area just a few miles east of town. It is easy to imagine men carrying baskets of blankets and lunches and women holding their parasols while lifting their long dresses to avoid dust or mud as they made their way from the train. And it is so easy to “hear” the joking, laughter, and high-spirited conversation as they looked forward to fun and festivities ahead.

It is unclear when the Grove closed as a resort, but today the secluded spot is peaceful and pastoral, giving no hint of its former heyday.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society
Lori Fuoss

Next week – Some of the unusual stories from Boyle’s Grove.

If you have photos the museum could copy, or more information about Boyle’s Grove, please contact us at Lfuoss@telstar-online.net.



Tremont Museum Exhibit

LAST CHANCE TO SEE “The Morton Pottery Story” exhibit!

Sunday, November 13, from 2:00-4:00PM at the Tremont Museum, corner of Madison and South Sampson Streets.

Admission is \$5.00. Seniors and children under 12, \$3.00. You don’t want to miss this excellent exhibit!

THE NIGHT THE STARS FELL – Save the date!

Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 7 PM

"The Night the Stars Fell" by Bill Kemp, McLean County History Museum Librarian, will be hosted by the Tremont Museum and Historical Society at the Tremont Community Center. Bill will take us back to Nov. 13, 1833, when, as he says, "the nighttime sky lit up like an Independence Day sparkler in what’s believed to be the most intense meteor

shower in recorded history."

Community Calendar

Monday

Trick-or-Treating - 5:00-8:00PM

MS Girls Basketball @ Eureka - 5:30 PM

Tuesday

MS Speech - 5:00PM
Cafetorium

Lions Club Meeting - 6:00PM
Tremont Community Center

Thursday

Louisa Jane Christmas Market - 5:00-8:00PM
210 S Sampson St

MS Girls Basketball HOME vs Metamora - 5:30PM

Friday

Louisa Jane Christmas Market - 10:00AM-5:00PM
210 S Sampson St

Saturday

HS Cross Country @ State - TBA

HS Swimming @ IHSA Sectional - TBA

Robotics Competition - 9:00AM-5:00PM
Tremont High School

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210 S Sampson St

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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