



Weekly News

Eli's Small Business Saturday

Eli's is becoming a one-stop, shop-small destination on Small Business Saturday! Join us **November 26th** for pop-ups with local vendors, our full holiday drink menu, brand new merchandise, and specials on all of the above! Vendor pop-ups at each shop will run from 9am-2pm. In Tremont, you can shop The Copper Rabbit and ForPhiona, and enter a raffle and have your polaroid snapped by Emily Kae Photo! Visit www.eliscoffee.com/holidays for a full list of events and special offers.



Vendor Show

Kick off your Christmas shopping and join us for a local vendor event to celebrate Small Business Saturday! Find these vendors in the lobby of Tremont First National Bank from 9am-12pm on **November 26th**.

- Body Essentials by Tekla
- Cows and Crosses Boutique
- Crafts by Angela
- James Street Bakery
- Mary Kay Cosmetics
- Norwex
- Tupperware
- Usborne Books

Vendor Show!

Start Christmas shopping with local vendors



November 26th / 9am - 12pm / First National Bank in Tremont

Tremont Comprehensive Plan

Public Comments Accepted for the Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan for Tremont is available for review on the Village's website at tremontil.gov and at the Village Hall and Library. You can also click the button below. Public comments will be accepted through December 15 and placed in the document. The Village Board of Trustees is scheduled to act on the Comprehensive Plan on December 19.

While the Village Board commissioned the plan through a partnership with the Tri-County Planning Commission, all community groups and taxing bodies can benefit from the data collected. A comprehensive plan is a critical component as the inevitable changes over time occur in every community. Evaluating current strengths and weaknesses can assist leaders and community groups as they grapple with their collective visions for the future.

Written commentary on the plan can be submitted via email to: villageoftremont@comcast.net. No names will be associated with the submissions, but they will be part of the public record.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Did you know...?

The Tazewell County Poor Farm in Tremont

Before the Social Security Act was passed in 1935, each county or town took care of its own poor, along with the mentally ill, disabled, and homeless populations. In Tazewell County, this took place at the Tazewell County Poor Farm, or Poor House, located on the property where the Tazewell County Health Department is today, about two miles West of Tremont, off State Route 9. Originally, around 1870, it was located on Robison farm property nearby. On March 5, 1877, the (Bloomington) Pantagraph stated, "There are at present, 69 males, 47 females and 16 infants. There have been three deaths during the year."

An article in the Pantagraph on August 27, 1900, touts a new building just completed there for the residents on the 224-acre farm, and states that the other buildings on the property were old but in good condition. At that time, there were 82 people housed there, along with staff and the Superintendent who lived in a separate residence sometimes with his or her family as well. The first superintendent of the Poor Farm was Sarah C. Hall, who was

followed by several others.

By 1911, two old frame buildings were to be removed, and the superintendent's home was to be moved 200 feet and turned half-way around. There would be three new buildings: a new residence for the superintendent, a building for females, and a hospital building, all of brick and stone with slate roofs. This building project was full of controversy, though, since the finished work quality was seen as poor, and bills kept pouring in with no one claiming responsibility for the orders.

No one ever wished to be a resident at any poor farm. There was great stigma attached to needing to reside there. In fact, it was a constant issue, even for the children. They were not welcomed by the public school because they supposedly made the school overcrowded, and not as much money was paid to the school as was for other children. Therefore, people felt the children were not legally entitled to attend the schools. But one report from 1873 stated that the County Board Poor House Committee had recently visited the Tazewell County Poor Farm, and, "by observation and conversation with the paupers, they found the inmates without exception as happy and well-contented as any class of like persons could be expected to be." Later, in 1900, another article stunningly reveals, "forty of these (residents) are insane or weak-minded and some of them are obliged to be kept locked up."

In 1883, another report mentions that the cost of keeping 73 inmates came to "about \$14.00 a year, 27 cents per week, or 4 cents a day." However, there were times that residents had to be evicted. The Pantagraph of March 18, 1885, listed eight names, saying that these "inmates of the Tazewell County Poor Farm will be taken to the asylum at Kankakee this morning."

It was called the Poor Farm because of the actual, working farm there, where inmates worked as they were physically able. A 1900 news article stated that, of the property, 60 acres was in corn, 35 in oats, seven in potatoes, four in garden, and more in pasture and meadow. There were 100 head of hogs, 20 cows and 12 horses. The article went on to say, "Tazewell has the best and largest garden of any county farm in the state. All the vegetables used during the entire year (at the farm) are grown on the place."

Seven decades after its beginning, the Board of Supervisors on September 10, 1941, voted to "close and abandon the County Home for the use of elderly poor people." About 19 inmates were removed to other quarters. Many were removed to the State Hospital.

Later, the buildings were used for a Home for the Aged (a nursing home), and then a home for Dependent Children (an orphanage).

More next week.

Tremont Historical Society, Lori Fuoss



TAPS/HSLC Fundraiser

Tremont First National Bank is hosting a fundraiser for TAPS and the Humane Society of Logan County (HSLC) from November 28 to December 16. If interested, please click the buttons below for an information flyer and the wishlist.

INFORMATIONAL FLYER

WISHLIST

Tremont Holiday Lights Contest

Tremont Winning Communities is excited to host a Holiday Lights Contest for the homes within the Tremont 702 School District. Let's spread some Christmas cheer by decking the halls! The only qualification is that the home's decorations are lit up and able to be seen at night. From simple to extravagant, we want to see them all!

To participate in the contest, please send your name and address via email (tremontwinningcommunities@gmail.com) or a direct message on Facebook (www.facebook.com/tremontwinningcommunities). Entries must be in and lights on by December 12th. A list/map of participating homes (addresses, no names) will be available December 13th.

TWC board members will be driving by the entries over the course of the evenings of December 12-14 and choosing a winner to be announced on Facebook and the Tremont Weekly Newsletter on the following Monday. The winner will receive a prize from local businesses and bragging rights until next year. We can't wait to see your lights!

Please click the button below to view the flyer.

CONTEST FLYER



Tremont Commerce Association Ribbon Cutting

On November 12th, Tremont Commerce Association hosted a ribbon cutting at Silver Spoon.



Community Calendar

Monday

HS Girls Basketball @ Brimfield - 5:00PM

MS Boys Basketball HOME vs Washington Middle - 5:30PM

HS Boys Basketball @ Brimfield vs Midwest Central High School - 6:30PM

MS Girls Basketball vs 7th Regional - TBA

Tuesday

HS Boys Basketball @ Brimfield - 8:00PM

Wednesday

HS Boys Basketball @ Brimfield vs Knoxville - 5:30PM

MS Girls Basketball vs 7th Regional - TBA

Friday

HS Girls Basketball @ Brimfield vs Knoxville - 2:00PM

Saturday

Small Business Saturday at Eli's - 9:00AM-2:00PM

Small Business Saturday Vendor Show - 9:00AM-12:00PM
Tremont First National Bank

HS Boys Basketball @ Brimfield vs Princeville High School - 5:00PM

HS Girls Basketball TBA

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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