



Weekly News

Did you know...?

The Village Blacksmith

Prior to the invention of automobiles, the horse was king. Horses provided farm work and transportation.

It only stands to reason that the most prestigious people in town were the blacksmiths. Because they were so essential, they were very well-paid. To become a blacksmith required years of study, and a head for business.

In the 1800s, blacksmiths shod horses and mules, as most know, but they were also needed to create everyday items from tools for building, farming, and war. In communities old and new, they handmade everything made from iron, including kitchen utensils, hinges, door and window latches, rakes, hoes, plows and wagon wheels. These could not be found at a local hardware store.

As those items became mass-produced, blacksmiths evolved their businesses into making and repairing wagons and carriages, which were still not produced by factories. Repairing metal items became a bigger part of their business. They also were ferriers, keeping horses' feet healthy and well-shod. In this way, they continued to remain vital members of the community.

Tremont had several skilled blacksmiths over the years.

Next week: Tremont's Blacksmiths.

~ Tremont Museum and Historical Society

Tremont District Library

Tremont District Library is hiring:

Cataloging Library Assistant (Part-time)

Visit [our website](#) for more information.

Decorate the Library with Birdhouses!

Calling all artists ages 1-101!

Pick up a birdhouse at the front desk from now until Friday, February 11th. Decorate it using your own supplies and imagination at home-- then bring it in the week of March 1st to display at the library! Adults, teens, kids, and family groups are all encouraged! Prizes and ribbons will be awarded. Limit of one birdhouse per household-- stop by the library for more details and to sign up!

Story Hour

Thursday, February 24th, 10:30am

Ages 3-6

Story Hour is held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 10:30-11:15am. No registration is required, so join us whichever days you'd like!

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. Wiggles are welcome! Make Story Hour a step you take in preparing your child for life-long learning.

Make-it Monday

Miss Nicole loves to learn about the world around her and create cool things, and that's what Make-It Monday is all about! Join her once a month to make a cool S.T.E.A.M. related project! No registration required, ages 7+.

Upcoming topics:

- March: The Human Body
- April: Thermochromic Slime
- May: Levers, Pulleys, Catapults... Oh My!

Baby & Me

Wednesday mornings, 10:30am

New and experienced parents are invited to join Miss Nicole on Wednesday mornings for a parent/baby support group. Meet other parents in the area, make friends, enjoy new toys, lots of books, and a must: free coffee.

The focus of this group is parents and young children ages 0-3, but other siblings are always welcome! No registration required, drop in whenever works best for you.

Chapter One: Monthly Read-Alouds

Ages 8-12, no registration required.

Each month at our Chapter One meeting, participants can enjoy quiet activities while listening to the first few chapters of a new book. If you like what you hear and want to finish the story yourself, extra copies will be available to check out! You aren't required to be at every meeting, just attend what months sound good to you!

Upcoming reads:

- February 22nd – Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate
- March 22nd – Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

Monday

MS VB at Delavan - 4:30PM

GB at Farmington (Regional) - 7:30PM

Tuesday

MS VB home vs Washington Middle - 4:15PM

MS WR home vs Illini Bluffs, Evans, Rochester - 5:30PM

Thursday

MS VB home vs Dee-Mack - 4:15PM

HS Scholastic Bowl home - 4:30PM

WR State at U of I

Friday

BB home vs Ridgeview - 5:30PM

WR State at U of I

Saturday

Girls Track at IWU Shirk Center - 10:00AM

Boys Swimming Sectionals at Normal Community

WR State at U of I



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,

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