



Weekly News

Village Minutes

To view the most recent village board meeting minutes, please go to <http://www.tremontil.com/tremont-board-of-trustees.php>

Community Shred Day

Tremont First National Bank will be hosting a community shred day at their Tremont office on Saturday, May 7 from 9AM - noon.

For more information, [click here](#).

Did you know...?

Our Neighbor, Lilly, Illinois

You've seen the sign pointing to Lilly if you've traveled east on State Route 9. Lilly is the site of what was once a thriving little town on the prairie.

In 1835, William Lilly and his wife, Elizabeth, were the first to settle in an area about two miles east of Mackinawtown, as it was called then. Coincidentally, this would have been the same year pioneers were founding and settling the village of Tremont.

William would become a farmer. Over the years, he would amass 800 acres, becoming one of the largest landowners in the township. One of the first things he and Elizabeth accomplished was the building of their home, a large inn on the Peoria Road. The road today is called Old Peoria Road, running parallel to State Route 9 to the north. Peoria Road linked Bloomington, Danvers, and Mackinawtown with Peoria.

The inn, with 15 rooms and walls five bricks thick, was a popular spot for travelers. Abraham Lincoln and other lawyers and judges were among visitors there as they traveled the 8 judicial circuit. All of this occurred two to three decades before the town of Lily was established.

Lilly's early founders' vision was modest. Early plat maps show two north-south streets, Lindsey and Hay, and two main east-west streets, William and Broadway. A church and a school were erected. Residents shopped at six different store buildings. The Carey grocery also sold machinery and hardware. There were two busy blacksmiths, two grain elevators, and a stockyard, which no doubt lent certain odors to the community. For several years, Lilly boasted its own post office. In addition, the town erected a bandstand where the residents found entertainment in concerts. Lily thrived during the late 1800s and the early 1900s, especially once the railroad came through.

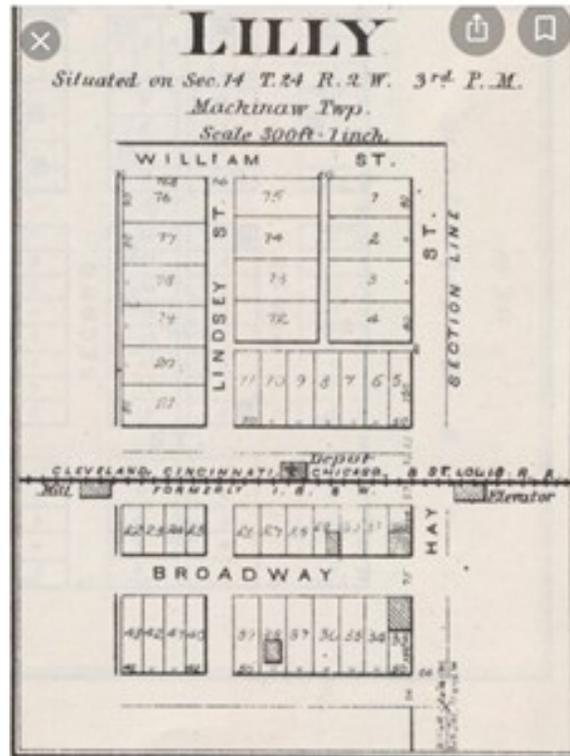
In 1869, Lilly's first railroad tracks were laid, running east and west, bisecting the town. Lily was a stop on the old Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western Railway. Later, both the Illinois Traction System and the Big Four Railroad had depots there. The railroads were a big draw for businesses and brought in more settlers.

In 1899, The Lilly Orchard Company located northwest of Lilly. Trees bearing pears, apples, plums, cherries, and peaches, as well as bushes of blackberries, grew there and drew people for many miles around.

The future looked bright for the small Central Illinois town.

Next: "Lilly's Demise and Tragedies".

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society



1891 Plat map of Lilly, Illinois

Tremont Museum

We're Back!

The museum will be open 2nd and 4th Sundays from 2:00-4:00PM throughout the year. Both buildings will be open and admission is by donation. We are happy to schedule times for groups or individuals by appointment. Call Rich at 309-231-1123.

Let's Talk Turkey!

Ever wonder why Tremont is so turkey-oriented? Why are the school teams called "the Tremont Turks?" Why do we have an annual Turkey Festival? Greg and Steve Sinn have been researching and will present "The History of Turkey Production in Tremont" on Tuesday evening, March 15, at 7:00PM at the Tremont Community Center. They will answer these questions and much more! The program is hosted by the Tremont Museum and Historical Society. Refreshments will be served. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Quilters Needed

Come help quilt on our next Quilt of Valor which will be presented to a Tremont Veteran.

Where: Tremont Community Center

When: March 22-24

Come and go from 9AM to 2PM.

Lunch is provided and no previous experience is needed.

If you have questions, call Joyce Ropp at 309-925-5059.



TCA Meeting

The Tremont Commerce Association will be hosting their March meeting this Tuesday, March 15th at 12:00pm at the Community Center. We welcome all businesses in or near Tremont to join us as we get an update from Village Project Manager Jeff Hinman on the state of various projects around town, including Sampson Street work, anticipated Route 9 changes, and more.

Kindergarten Screening

Kindergarten screening for the 2022-2023 school year will be held Wednesday, April 20, through Friday, April 22, at the Tremont Community Center. You may sign up for an appointment by clicking this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EA5A628A7FFC52-20222023>

Students who attend the Turk Center can choose to either schedule an appointment through this link or choose to be screened while they are at the Turk Center. Please let Jennifer Hendrickson know which option you decide.



4-H Adventures in Nature

Beginning in April, 4-H Adventures in Nature will release theme-based challenges at the beginning of each month. Families can choose to participate in as many of the challenges as they would like, and most challenges can be completed in any outdoor space. Prizes will be awarded to those that complete challenges and submit their results.

For more information and to sign up, [click here](#).

Tremont District Library

Chess and Checkers Day!

Saturday, March 19th 10:30-1:00pm

Do you love checkers or chess? Join us for a special tournament at the library! Ages 7+. No experience? Learn from Miss Nicole and Miss Lizzi as well as other young chess and checkers enthusiasts.

No registration is required, just drop in to be added to the bracket. Prizes to be announced!

Coming up soon: Evening Story Hour

Monday, March 28th: 6:00-6:45pm

Story Hour is an early literacy group perfect for preschool aged patrons. Under the direction of Miss Maddie, kids read stories, sing songs and rhymes, do activities, and practice their developing socialization skills!

These sessions are just like our Story Hour sessions on Thursdays, but in the evening! Themes will be different than our Thursday sessions, so no matter if you attend daytime Story Hour regularly or not, there will be something new for you to enjoy. No registration required, wiggles are welcome

Hogwarts' Half-Bloods (YA Book Club)

Tuesday, March 15th, 7pm

Ages 12-19 are invited to join us to discuss a monthly book (or two) pick and enjoy a drink from Eli's. Copies of each month's book are available at the library for anyone interested! If you'd like to keep up to date with Hogwarts' Half-Bloods, email Lizzi at lizzi@tremontlibrary.com to be added to our Remind group.

Upcoming reads:

- March 15th – “The Selection”, “The Elite”, & “The One” by Kiera Cass
- April 19th – “Happily Ever After”, “The Heir”, & “The Crown” by Kiera Cass
- May 17th – “The Maze Runner” & “The Scorch Trials” by James Dashner

Make-it Monday

3:30 - 4:30 PM

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! Upcoming topics:

- April: Thermochromic Slime
- May: Levers, Pulleys, Catapults Oh My!

Baby and Me

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM

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.

Story Hour

Thursdays: March 24th

This spring we'll be hosting Story Hour in the meeting room on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. No registration is required, so join us whichever days you'd like!

Any questions? Call 925-5432, or email Miss Lizzi at tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com

Birdhouses

We have so many beautiful birdhouses decorating the library! Birdhouse voting starts now! Pick up your ballot and cast your votes before March 18th. Winners will be announced March 21st.

Pick up your birdhouses April 1st

Tuesday

TCA Meeting - 12:00PM
Tremont Community Center

MS Scholastic Bowl home vs Pekin Edison - 3:45PM

JV BB at Tri-Valley - 4:30PM

Historical Society Turkey Talk Program - 7:00PM
Tremont Community Center

Thursday

MS Scholastic Bowl home vs Midwest Central - 4:00PM

Friday

HS Track at Illinois Wesleyan - 4:00PM

Saturday

BB home vs Peoria Christian - 10:00AM and 12:00PM

SB at East Peoria - 10:00AM and 12:00PM

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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