



TREMONT ILLINOIS

Weekly News

Tremont Museum

This Sunday, March 27, would be a great day to come and see what Tremont is all about!

There is something to interest everyone of all ages. The museum will be open from 2:00-4:00 PM at the corner of W. Madison Street and S. Sampson Streets. Admission is by freewill donation.



Thank you from the Jost Family

Thank you so much for supporting the Hoops for Hope event on Saturday! What a turnout! People were lined up waiting for the doors to open, and the school was buzzing with people until after the game was over. It's incredible to think that every member of our family (from both sides including all the cousins) was there; some traveled quite a distance just for this event.

Lifelong friends enjoyed the event and enjoyed seeing the outpouring of support from the school. The vast array of community members present was amazing. We saw several of my classmates from the class of '97. There were also classmates from my siblings' classes in '95 and '03 and every class in between and since then. Several of my former volleyball players and their families from the good ol' days of coaching middle and high school volleyball here attended the event as well.

I saw many families of my current students and so, so many families of our girls' new Tremont friends and classmates. High school student council members and honor society members were flitting around from job to job to make sure that this event went off without a hitch! Community members that didn't even know me, my husband, or any of our girls also came to support the event because that's what community members do. They see a need in their community and rally around that need.

There were elementary musicians donating their time to perform at halftime, and pep band members added pep and energy to the game. The faculty, alumni, students, and coaches who prepped for and played in the game gave up their time to provide us with some much-needed entertainment, and Mr.

Barrow donated this time to MC the evening! We are still having a hard time fathoming the amount of money raised for our family.

The amount of time and items donated for this cause was truly remarkable: food, cakes, basket raffles, silent auction items, and TIME! The amount of time that Mrs. Wicks, Mrs. Keech, and their students put into this event is what helped make it such a success! I'm sure there were countless others who all had a part in this event; thank you for doing your part.

A cancer diagnosis can be so, so scary. But, being a part of this community throughout this journey and diagnosis has been the biggest blessing in all of this. We are all so very thankful to be a part of this community once again. Savannah is a very strong young lady, but having the entire town rooting her on every step of the way has made these last ten weeks go by quickly.

Thank you! Thank you for attending the event. Thank you for eating a pulled pork sandwich! Thank you for buying tickets for 50/50, carnival games, or raffle items. Thank you for all the bids on the silent auction items. Thank you for all of the monetary donations. From me, my husband, and the three Jost girls: Thank you so very much for your love and support! Savannah may have been the MVP of the basketball game, but all of you are the MVPs of showing true community support to those in need!

Love,

Nick, Stacie, Savannah, Avery, and Mackenzie Jost



Did you know...?

The Road to Lilly's Demise

Today, Lilly, Illinois, is a small gathering of homes off State Route 9, just west of Mackinaw. But once, it was a flourishing little community.

What happened? When recently visiting with an old plat map in hand, we discovered that the streets are not even named as they originally were. Today William and Broadway Streets are called Killion and Winkler, and the two north-south streets, Lindsey and Hay, are roughly Killion and Lilly. Gone are the post office, stores, the grain elevators, the stockyard, the bandstand, blacksmith shops and the railroads.

William Lilly, who first settled in the area, built his home, which also served as an inn. The inn was popular with those traveling along the Peoria Road (now the Old Peoria Road), linking Bloomington, Danvers, Mackinawtown, and what is now Peoria. He accumulated one of the largest tracts of land in the township and farmed the land.

We know that part of the town's history included a terrible cholera epidemic. In fact, the Western Whig, July 28, 1849 reported that William was "severely afflicted in the loss by cholera, of his wife and son, Joseph. Others of the family have been sick, but they are recovering."

The Western Whig of August 1, 1849 further reports that two doctors who attended the sick at the Lilly home and inn also died of cholera. In addition, two of the inn's guests were taken by the bacterial disease and were buried in the Lilly Cemetery.

The railroad quit stopping at Lilly at some point, a huge blow to the town, which led to the end of the depots, the grain elevators, and likely some businesses. And, at some point, several stores burned in a fire.

It is unknown just when the town officially ended, or why the streets were renamed. The history is proving difficult, if not impossible, to locate.

The popular Lilly Orchards were bulldozed in the late 1940s, and in the final blow, William Lilly's historic inn went up in flames due to an electrical fire in May of 2014.

~Tremont Historical Society

TBA Disbursement Meeting

The Tremont Betterment Association will be having their disbursement meeting on March 24th. If you are a local organization wishing to request money from the TBA, fill out the disbursement form and submit it no later than March 23rd. The form can be found on the Tremont website here:

<https://www.tremontil.com/tremont-betterment-association.html>

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.



Tazewell County Broadband Initiative Survey

The Tazewell Broadband Planning Committee is promoting an important survey. Together, they are working to stimulate Tazewell County's economy through strategic broadband investments, mapping, and planning.

Answers to this survey will help identify areas where broadband Internet access is unreliable or unavailable and what the people of Tazewell County need broadband to do for them on a daily basis.

These results will help our committee and County leaders determine the areas that need additional support in providing citizens with the broadband capacity needed to grow our economy, both locally and statewide.

The survey will take about 5-10 minutes to complete. You can access the survey at connecttazewell.com

Tremont District Library

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)

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:

- 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: Thermo-chromic 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! Winners will be announced today. Pick up your birdhouses April 1st

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.



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](#).

Monday

BB @ Princeville - 4:30PM

SB home vs Havana - 4:30PM

Wednesday

JV BB home vs East Peoria - 4:30PM

Thursday

JV BB home vs Washington - 4:30PM

Friday

BB @ IVC - 4:30PM

Saturday

SB home - 10:00AM

BB vs Prairie Central, Havana - 10:00AM, 2:00PM

Sunday

Tremont Museum Open - 2:00PM-4:00PM
Corner of Sampson and Madison 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,

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