



Weekly News

Tremont Betterment Association 2022 Disbursements

Disbursements from the 2021 festival:

Tremont In Touch (Afterprom) - \$7,000
Boy Scouts of America, Tremont Troop 84 - \$2,000
Tremont District Library - \$1,400
Tremont Lions Club (village street light Christmas decorations) - \$8,000
Tremont Roboteers - \$4,000
Tremont School Nurse (AEDs) - \$5,000

Did you know...?

Turn of the Century Obituaries

Francis Nabor* Dead

**Not actual last name*

From the Tremont News, August 6, 1901:

"Francis Nabor died at the county farm Saturday evening, after a short illness, and was buried Sunday.

"It seems strange and hardly fair (that) one who was possessed of so much wealth a few years ago should die in the poor house. Money all gone, friends gone, and cast out without a place to lay his head, only at the county house. Some will say he ought to have known better; perhaps he had, but if he didn't there should have been a conservator appointed for him.

"We have known the deceased for a great many years and we do not think that he ever saw the bright side of life for a single day, but perhaps he was not to blame. All that can be said now that he is gone is, 'poor old man.' "

Generally, obituaries do not speak ill of the dead, though some, like the one above, are the exception! In fact, around the turn of the century, the opposite was usually the case, with glowing and flowery tributes to the deceased, especially the women. An example is:

The Death of Mrs. Estella Norman

Tremont News, 1923:

"...She was a woman highly respected by all who knew her. One who was very generous and kind to all her neighbors and friends and was never so happy as when she could do someone a kind act. While she was ill during the Holidays, she thought of others and sent presents and to the sick, boxes of fruits and words of cheer. Her passing will be keenly felt in this community where she had resided most of her entire life and the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community goes out to the husband and children of a faithful and loving wife and kind and indulgent mother."

Small town newspapers rarely had an obituary writer on staff. Often, the obituaries were written by the funeral home director. The trend was to extoll the virtues that were valued by the community, such as Christian faith, generosity, kindness, motherhood, and friendliness. Other adjectives included honorable, frank, honest and loving, etc.

These obituaries were more like eulogies than objective death notices. They often contained flowery

descriptions that could not always be trusted as fact.

During the Industrial Revolution, men were no longer remembered so much for their attributes. Instead, many obituaries focused on the prominence and wealth of the deceased, such as for Thomas A. Davis in 1899:

"(He was) reputed to be one of the wealthiest residents...he owned considerable land...he amassed an immense fortune."

Next week – More about early Tremont obituaries

Note: The Tremont Museum is selling volumes one and two of Tremont obituary books for \$5.00 each. The obituaries are from very early Tremont through 1988. They can be purchased at the Museum on 2nd and 4th Sundays from 2:00-4:00 pm, cash or check, or call 309-840-0094. They make very interesting reading. Many generations of some Tremont families are included.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society

Tremont Townwide Spring Garage Sales

The Town-wide spring garage sales will be Friday and Saturday, April 29th and 30th.

If you would like to participate:

Please sign up at Village Hall or email your information to tremontgaragesales@gmail.com to have your sale put on the map and pay \$2 fee that will be put towards advertising. You must sign up by April 22nd to be printed on the map.

If you have further questions, you can contact Linda Drake at:

Email: tremontgaragesales@gmail.com

Phone: (309) 202-080

Tremont District Library

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: 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.

Summer Recreation Baseball & Softball Registration

Little Turks T-Ball (age 4-6 / Co-ed): \$50.00 Resident-**NOT OPEN YET**

6U Modified Coach Pitch (Co-ed): \$50.00 Resident

Boys 8 & under / Girls 8 & under: \$75.00 Resident

Boys 10 & under / Girls 10 & under: \$85.00 Resident

Boys 12 & under / Girls 12 & under: \$85.00 Resident

Please note: additional \$25.00 fee charged for non-residents

Registration ends 4/15/2022 due to shirt order processing

* Register online at www.tremontpark.org (please note there is a 3% processing fee)

* Stop in during staffed hours to complete a form and make payment.

* Watch website and Facebook for T-ball registrations

Tremont Museum

The Tremont Museum is open this Sunday, April 10th.

FREE ADMISSION, donations gratefully accepted.

2:00-4:00PM, Located at the corner of S. Sampson and W. Madison Streets.



Photo ca. 1920, unknown boy and location

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 @ LeRoy - 4:30PM

SB @ LeRoy - 4:30PM

MS Track @ Canton - 4:30PM

Tuesday

HS Track @ Manito - 4:00PM

BB @ Manito - 4:15PM

Wednesday

BB vs GCMS - 4:30PM

SB vs GCMS - 4:30PM

Thursday

BB @ Havana - 4:30PM

SB @ Glasford - 4:30PM

HS Track home - 4:30PM

Friday

BB home vs Lexington - 4:30PM

SB home vs Lexington - 4:30PM

Saturday

BB @ Williamsville - 10:00AM

SB home vs Bloomington CC - 10:00AM

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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