



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>

Did you know...?

The first County Seat was located in Mackinaw from 1827–1831. Tazewell County was divided and McLean County was formed, so Mackinaw was no longer the geographic center. The seat moved to Pekin where it remained until June 1836, when it was moved to Tremont. The County Seat was moved from Tremont back to Pekin in 1850.

When Tremont's founders, John Harris, William Sampson, and Josiah L. James had the town plat drawn up by Nathaniel Currier (later of the famous Currier and Ives), it was arranged to have two squares. The Public Square was to be the center of the town and the center of business, and the Courthouse Square (108 E. Washington St.) was to be the location of the courthouse once Tremont won the County Seat. John Harris offered to donate twenty acres of land just south of town to secure the County Seat. In addition, the citizens of the town donated \$2,000 towards building public buildings. Tremont secured the prized county seat in 1836.

A temporary courthouse was built, and a new, grand permanent courthouse was first occupied in 1839. Prominent men to conduct legal business there were Judge David Davis, Abraham Lincoln, and Stephen Douglas, among others.

"About 1839, a complaint was raised by the people of Pekin against the county seat being at Tremont, and thereupon began a bitter warfare between the two places."

Meanwhile, with the designation as the County Seat, Tremont became a bustling place. In the 1840s, Tremont continued to prosper. More visitors meant hotels and restaurants were needed. The population in Tremont Township was listed as 1,967 in 1846. As noted in several sources, "After the county headquarters were moved back to Pekin in 1850, many Tremont townfolk were filled with bitterness and resentment, and soon after left this area."

By 1850, two of the three founders had left town. William Sampson moved to Como, Illinois in 1839. Josiah L. James, disillusioned after Tremont lost the County Seat to Pekin, moved to the Chicago area in 1850. John Harris lived all of his life in Tremont.

How might our town be different today if we had remained Tazewell County's County Seat?

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society



Tazewell County Courthouse, Tremont, IL

Tremont Library Events

Evening Tales Under the Tree

Thursday March 12, 6:30-7:00PM

Ages 0-6

Parents and children are invited for stories, songs, and activities to develop early literacy. Wigglers are always welcome! No registration required.

Bored? Games!

1st Wednesdays, 3:00-5:00PM

April 1 & May 6

Ages 5 and up

Drop by the library after school for board and card games. Bring your favorite game or try one of ours! Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Families are welcome!

Gallery 215

2nd and 4th Mondays, March 9-May 11, 3:15-5:30PM

Grades 5-12

A twice-monthly "open-studio" time for young artists. Learn new techniques and materials, or just work on your own project in the company of other artists. No registration required.

To Be Continued

Our book club for ages 7+ starts up again next week! Join us on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30PM to listen to "The Secret Zoo" by Bryan Chick. No registration required.

When Noah's little sister, Megan, goes missing. All clues point to the next-door zoo. Strange events and stranger animals make for an exciting adventure!

For more information about Library programs, call the library at 925-5432, or email tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com

Tremont Historical Society Program

Matt Haney, President of the David Davis Foundation will be the speaker on **Tuesday, March 17**, at 7:00 PM in the Tremont Baptist Church basement. He will speak about Judge David Davis, his ties to Abe Lincoln and Tremont during its county seat years, and Tazewell County. Everyone is invited to hear about this influential man!



Village of Tremont Variance Hearing

The Village of Tremont Zoning Board will conduct a Variance Hearing at 7:00PM, **Thursday, March 26, 2020** at the Village Hall.

The purpose of this hearing is whether to grant:

The construction of a ground mount solar array within the Village of Tremont.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PIN # 12-12-18-407-040

Commonly Known as: 500 E. Pearl St. Tremont IL. 61568

PETITIONER is Tammy Dugger and Eagle Point Solar

All parties having an interest in this above matter are to attend said meeting, on the time and date at the location so specified above, to voice their concerns.

Respectfully,

Glen Gulette
Code Enforcement Officer
Village of Tremont

Tremont Gallery/Pearl Street Stamping

"Make It Take It"

Friday, March 13th
10:00AM to 5:00PM

Stop in to Make a Free Greeting Card

Monday

HS Scholastic Bowl Regionals @ Roanoke - 4:30PM

Tuesday

HS Band & Chorus HOI Music Festival @ ISU

MS Scholastic Bowl @ South Pekin - 3:45PM

MS 8th grade Volleyball Regional @ Illini Bluffs - 6:00PM TBD

MS Dodgeball Tournament - 7:00PM

Thursday

MS Scholastic Bowl @ Blessed Sacrament - 4:00PM

MS 8th grade Volleyball Regional Final @ Illini Bluffs - 6:00PM TBD

Friday

MS Wrestling State @ DeKalb (if advance through Sectionals)

MS Band and Chorus Contest @ ICC

Make It Take It - 10:00AM-5:00PM
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Saturday

MS State Wrestling meet continues

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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