



Weekly News

TREMONT FFA

From Hamburgers to Helping Local Farmers, Tremont FFA Members Deliver Respectfully submitted by Riley Poisal, Chapter Reporter

On Thursday, October 12, Tremont High school FFA handed out meals to the farmers and their workers delivering grain to the East Plant. They distributed 100+ sacks full of burgers, chips, drinks, and homemade desserts at one of the local grain elevators (Tremont Cooperative Grain CO.). They also got to learn a little bit about what happens behind the scenes at the elevators.

This event was definitely laying our foundation for a mental wellness/help network initiative for Tremont community farmers, and their families. A huge goal of ours coming into this event was to pair students up with farmers as mentors, check-ins and then to start being proactive by creating a network of many people who can help another fellow farmer out. For instance, in the case of a family health situation, death, lack of workers, etc.

The farmers loved it and were very eager to get their food after a long day of work. Tremont FFA would love to thank our farmers for their hard work and effort that they put into the work they do. If you are interested in joining the network email Jenny Schweigert at jenny.schweigert@d702.org.

Did You Know...?

Tremont's Most Historic Home

Tremont's most historic house was built in the 1840s in the Greek revival style. This home is well-known in architectural circles. In Tremont, it is known by many names: The Underground Railroad House, The Redbrick, The Jones-Menard, and some refer to it still as The Wagenbach House.

Today the home, located at 412 East South Street, is owned by Marc and Kristie Bailey, who have been working over the years to restore it to its former self. They are fully aware of its remarkable history, though many in Tremont are not.

The home was originally built by John Albert Jones, patterned after a home he had owned earlier when he lived in Washington, D.C. It is described in *The Architecture in the Old Northwest Territory* by Rexford Newcomb in this way:

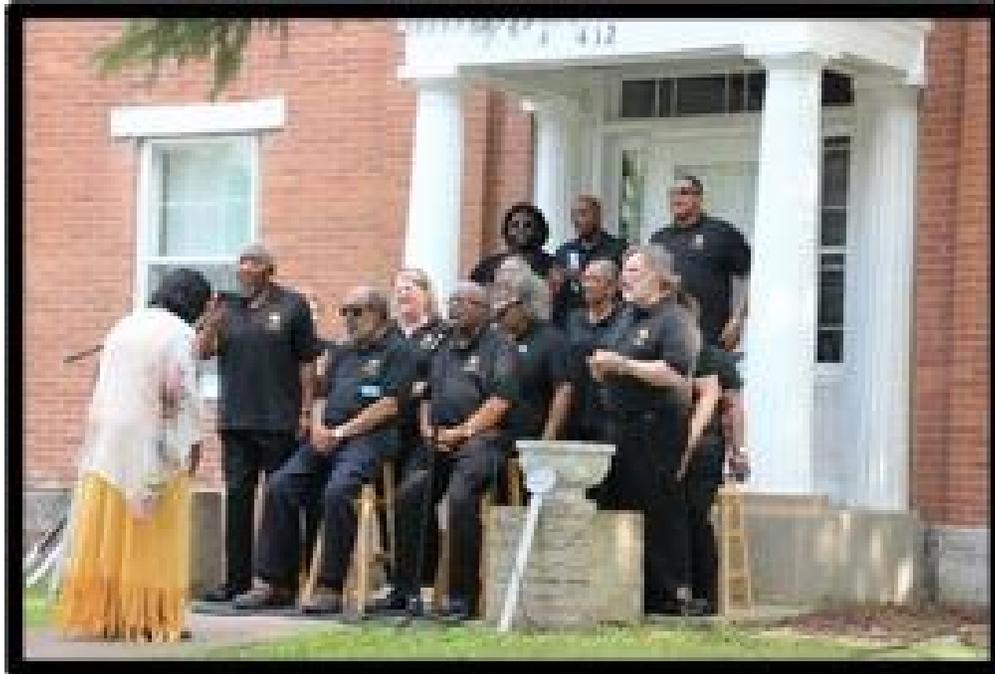


Jones-Menard Home in Tremont

“Of sure classic lineage is the Jones-Menard house at Tremont, built in 1845 by John Albert Jones and purchased in 1866 by Peter Menard. It is a two-story brick edifice with pedimented ends and plastered walls. A small Doric porch covers the entrance which is on the long side of the building. There is a fine staircase of black walnut within the ample hallway; and in the rooms on either side are fireplaces of simple Greek lines.”

A *Peoria Transcript* article from November 14, 1941 by John Drury of the *Chicago Daily News* as part of a series on old Illinois Houses states, “The façade of the house, whose faded red brick and white trim form a pleasant contrast to the dark pine (tree) shading, is distinguished for its simple dignified classical design. Here one finds the portico with fluted Doric columns as well as cornices and pilasters of the typical Greek revival house of the 40s. (1840s) The inside hallway contains a fine stairway of black walnut. Off the hall are large commodious rooms, each adorned with fireplaces in the classical style.”

Abraham Lincoln was quite familiar with the Jones home. When he was a lawyer on the 8th Circuit Court of Illinois, he was a frequent visitor to the Tremont Courthouse, which at that time was the Tazewell County seat. He often stayed with his great friend, John Albert Jones. He stayed so often that one bedroom was dubbed, “the Lincoln bedroom.” Jones was very political and held a Lincoln rally in 1860 at his home. At that event, 40 people dined in the large dining room.



The Peoria Heritage Singers performed outside of the Jones-Menard house during an Underground Railroad Recognition event in June of 2021, sponsored by Tazewell County Clerk, John Ackerman, in cooperation with Tremont Historical Society.

The home has a trap door in the Lincoln bedroom that covers a small crawlspace, and a trap door the leads to the roof. Because of these features, Jones' abolitionist views, and the location of the home, which at that time was in the country outside of the town of Tremont, it is widely thought that it served as a stop on the Underground Railroad.

The Tremont Museum has a display on the Jones-Menard House, including many more facts photos, and original floor plans. The museum is open 2nd and 4th Sundays from 2-4 through Dec. 10, when the museum will close for the winter.

Next week: John Albert Jones

Tremont Museum and Historical Society
Lori Fuoss

Tremont Museum

Have you visited Tremont's Museum?

How about this coming Sunday, November 12? Hours are 2:00 - 4:00 PM the 2nd and 4th Sundays. The museum is located at the corner of S. Sampson Street and W. Madison Street. There's something fascinating for everyone and admission is free! (Donations are appreciated.)

The museum will close for the winter on December 11th.

To arrange personal or group tours at any time, call Rich at 309.231.1123, or Kay at 419.296.2323.



Mark your calendars!

Tremont Museum's November 21st program will be "Share and Tell." This is an event held once each year. Everyone is encouraged (but not required) to bring something antique to tell or ask the group about.

It is always an interesting program! Everyone is invited to the Tremont Community Center on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00. Refreshments will be served.

Tremont District Library News

Graphic Novel Book Club (ages 8-12)

Tuesday, Nov 7, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Graphic Novel Book Club is a great way for 8-12 year old to meet other Graphic Novel enthusiasts and share their feelings about new and old books! Ran just like a classic book club with a group discussion, but with the addition of snacks and a craft.

For more info on how to participate, check the website or contact us at the library!

Baby & Me Group (ages 0-3)

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am

A support group for new and experienced parents.

Tween Time: Pokemon: The Card Game (ages 8-12)

Thursday, Nov 2, 3:30 - 5:30 pm

All new for Fall 2023...Tween Times! Tweens ages 8-12 are invited to stop by the library for events made just for them!

In November we'll be featuring the Pokemon Card Game! Learn to play the game to help teach others, and trade cards. We'll have a few decks available to play with, feel free to bring your own.

Other Tween Times this Fall:

- Dec. 6th - Tween & Teen Paint Night

Story Hour (ages 3-6)

Thursday, Nov 9, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Story hour is perfect for ages 3-6. 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. We know a group setting is new for lots of kiddos this age, so wiggles are welcome! Make Story Hour a step you take in preparing your child for life-long learning.

Teen Night: Macrame (ages 12-19)

Friday, Nov 10, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Macrame is a way of using knots to make cool keychains, jewelry, home decor, bags, and so many more cool things! Join us to learn some basic knots and make a few small projects. Ages 12-19, no registration required.

Note: This program is scheduled from 6-8 pm, but can be treated as a drop-in program. Come when you can and stay as long as you'd like!

Doll Day (TDL's 2nd Annual Doll & Me Tea Party)

Saturday, Nov 11, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

We are so excited to be hosting our second annual Doll Day Tea Party! Children ages 3+ are invited to bring their dolls to the Community Center to enjoy a sweet treat and drink, do a craft, and take fun pictures.

No registration is required for this event, drop in and stay as long as you'd like!

Tremont Area Park District

Turk Gear available at TAPD

*Various sizes in t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, and hoodies
Prices range from \$10 - \$25*

JOIN TREMONT FITNESS

Cardio, weights, and classes offered. Workout hours 5 AM - 10 PM.

Rates: \$25.00 per month

-Additional member living in household: \$5.00

***All minors must have parents signature to obtain a membership. Must be 16 to work out without a parent. Ages 14/15 must work out with an adult.*

Fitness Class 10 Punch Pass: \$40.00

Tremont Community Senior Meals



Meals are served every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11am at the Tremont Community Center. These are for anyone 60 and up, there is no cost! If you want to join us you can stop in and sign up or call 309-674-1131 ext 231 for more information or to sign up.

If you would like to help support these meals, there are a few ways to get involved!

1. You can volunteer. Help us serve food and clean up from 10:45-12:15 in a relaxed and fun environment.
2. You can donate. Donations of disposable dinnerware (plates, cups, silverware, dessert plates, large and small take-home containers, rectangular tablecloths and napkins) can be dropped off at the Tremont Share Closet during their open hours. If you want a more detailed list of our current needs, you can see our Amazon wish list here.
3. You can entertain. We like to host fun activities from 11:45-12:15 on Fridays and are always looking for creative and fun ideas to fill that time.

If you have any questions about donations or want to get involved, you can reach out to Braden at scsoulmanager@gmail.com.

Community Calendar

Monday

MS Girls Basketball HOME vs Olympia - 5:00 PM

MS Boys Basketball @ Rankin - 5:00 PM

Tuesday

MS Boys Basketball HOME vs Eureka - 5:30 PM

Wednesday

MS Boys Basketball @ Dunlap - 4:30 PM

Thursday

MS Girls Basketball HOME vs Pekin Edison - 5:30 PM

MS Boys Basketball HOME vs Delevan - 6:00 PM

Friday

No Events

Saturday

MS Girls Basketball 7th Grade Regional vs Canton Ingersoll @ Germantown Hills - 11:00 AM

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.

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