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Tremont Winning Communities



Sampson Street
Commemorative and Memorial Engraved
Pavers – Round 2



Winning Communities is excited to announce the second round of engraved pavers to be installed this summer at the cutout on the southeast corner of Sampson and Walnut. This fundraising initiative assists with maintenance on the entire downtown beautification project and adds your personal touch to this endeavor.

Order forms are available at the Village Hall and the cost of each paver is \$125. Please note the deadline of **June 30, 2025**.

Cash or checks (along with your order form) may be written to Tremont Winning Communities and can be dropped off at the Village Hall or mailed to:

Tremont Winning Communities

PO Box 76

Tremont, IL 61568

In addition, several benches are available on the 100 and 200 block of S. Sampson for sponsorships or memorials at a cost of \$2000. If interested in more information, please leave your name and phone number at the Village Hall and someone will contact you.

[Download A Sponsorship Form](#)



2025 DAY OF ACTION

RESUME REVIEWS & MOCK INTERVIEWS

Come join us at the Pekin Public Library for our annual **Day of Action**. Take part in mock interviews to build confidence, have your resume professionally reviewed, learn about LinkedIn as a tool and gather information or resources from community partners!



- Expert resume reviews.
- Mock interviews (panel interviews).
- Learn about LinkedIn, and its various tools.
- Connect with resource providers.
- Additional resource providers being added soon.
- Great chance to learn how to stand out from the competition.



12 June 2025 at 2 - 6 PM



More information
309-346-2433



Visit our website
unitedwayofpekin.org

The United Way of Pekin is hosting a FREE resume review and mock interview session at the Pekin Public Library on June 12th as part of our Annual Day of Action. Visit the library with your resume, connect with resource vendors, practice your interview skills, learn about LinkedIn tools and more. Feel free to share with anyone you know who may benefit from this resource!

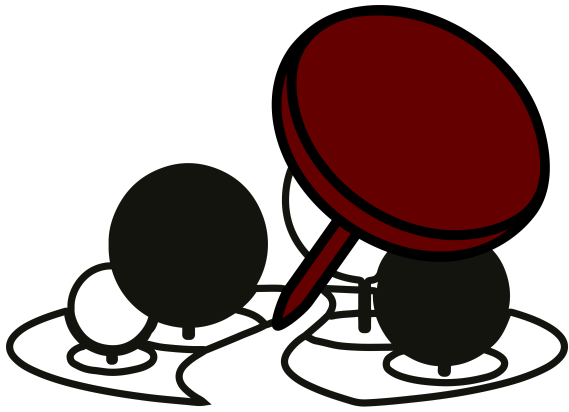
Camp Invention



This summer, boost your child's confidence and creativity at @CampInvention! This weeklong program will provide K-6 campers with unique #STEM challenges that encourage them to bring their big ideas to life! Camp is coming to Tremont Middle School the week of June 9th-13th. Register today using code SUM15 to SAVE \$15.

Register Today

Organization Updates

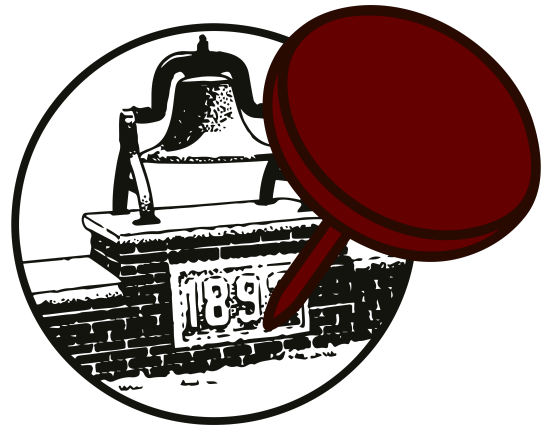


Village of Tremont

Village Board Meetings

The Tremont Village Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00pm. Meetings are held at Village Hall and public attendance is welcomed. All previous meetings' minutes can be found on the village website.

[Board Meeting Minutes](#)



District 702

Athletic Schedule

Stay up to date with all our student athletes at the link below.

[Athletic Calendar](#)

Did You Know? *Tremont, in History*

Brought to you by the Tremont Museum & Historical Society

Mark L. Cottingham, Editor, The Tremont News

Little did Mark Cottingham realize, when he set out to start a small newspaper in Tremont in 1893, that it would be in business for 60 years! He set up shop in a small one-story red frame building on East South Street, on the edge of the school grounds. The type, presses and other items were valued at \$480. At the start, he had 25 subscribers.

As for competitors in Tremont, he had one, called The Tremont Sun. But by 1899, Mark had purchased the Sun and so became the only town newspaper. By 1931, his business was valued at \$11,000, with 1,250 subscribers and an extensive line of job printing, "...turning out some of the best work in the county..." as reported by Ben Allensworth in his 1905 book, History of Tazewell County. Cottingham's shop was the first in Tazewell County to print a two-colored sale bill.

Newspapers were the main source of news at the time – and for \$1.00 you could subscribe to the Tremont News for one year. (By 1940 the rate was raised to \$1.50 per year.) Many homes received several newspapers at the time. In fact, at one time Tremont residents altogether subscribed as many as 15 area newspapers.

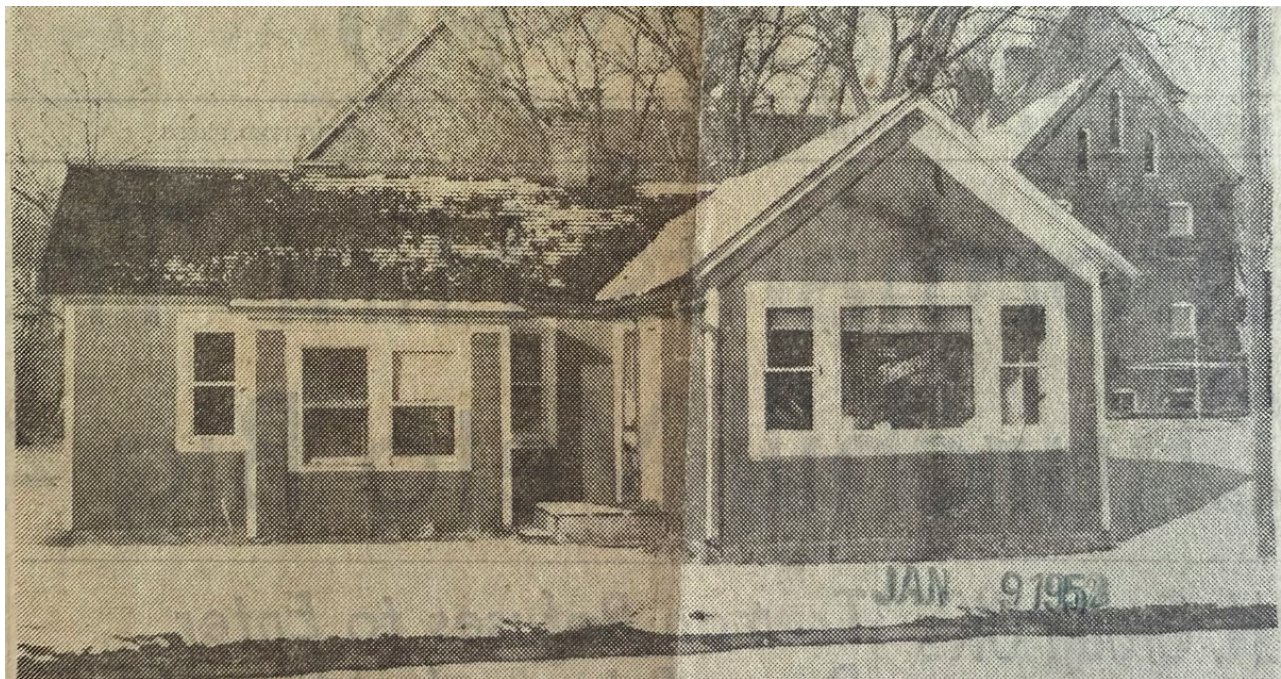


Photo: Tremont News Building

Mark was a true native to the Tremont area. His paternal grandfather, James Cottingham, came to Illinois in 1830 and settled in Tazewell County in 1834, just one year prior to the founding of Tremont. His maternal grandfather, Michael Trout, came from Tennessee in 1830 to settle at what was called, "Tennessee Point" just east of Tremont. Mark's father, James N. Cottingham, a respected citizen, was born in 1836 four miles east of Tremont in a log cabin.

Mark was born in 1861, was educated here, and later worked his parents' farm from age 18 until three years after he was married. For a time, he worked on the railroad, then began importing draft horses from Europe. He kept the draft horses and a stable on the property just west of where he later had a newspaper office.

When he retired, Mark could proudly say he held the record for not missing an issue in 37 years.

Mark died in 1946, though the paper continued until 1953 with three editors succeeding him: C.J. Beard, Mrs. M.C. Renner, and Loyd Pflederer. The building was torn down in the early 1950s and the lot was purchased by the Tremont School Board. Today's lovely grade school Learning Garden gives no hint of the property's past.

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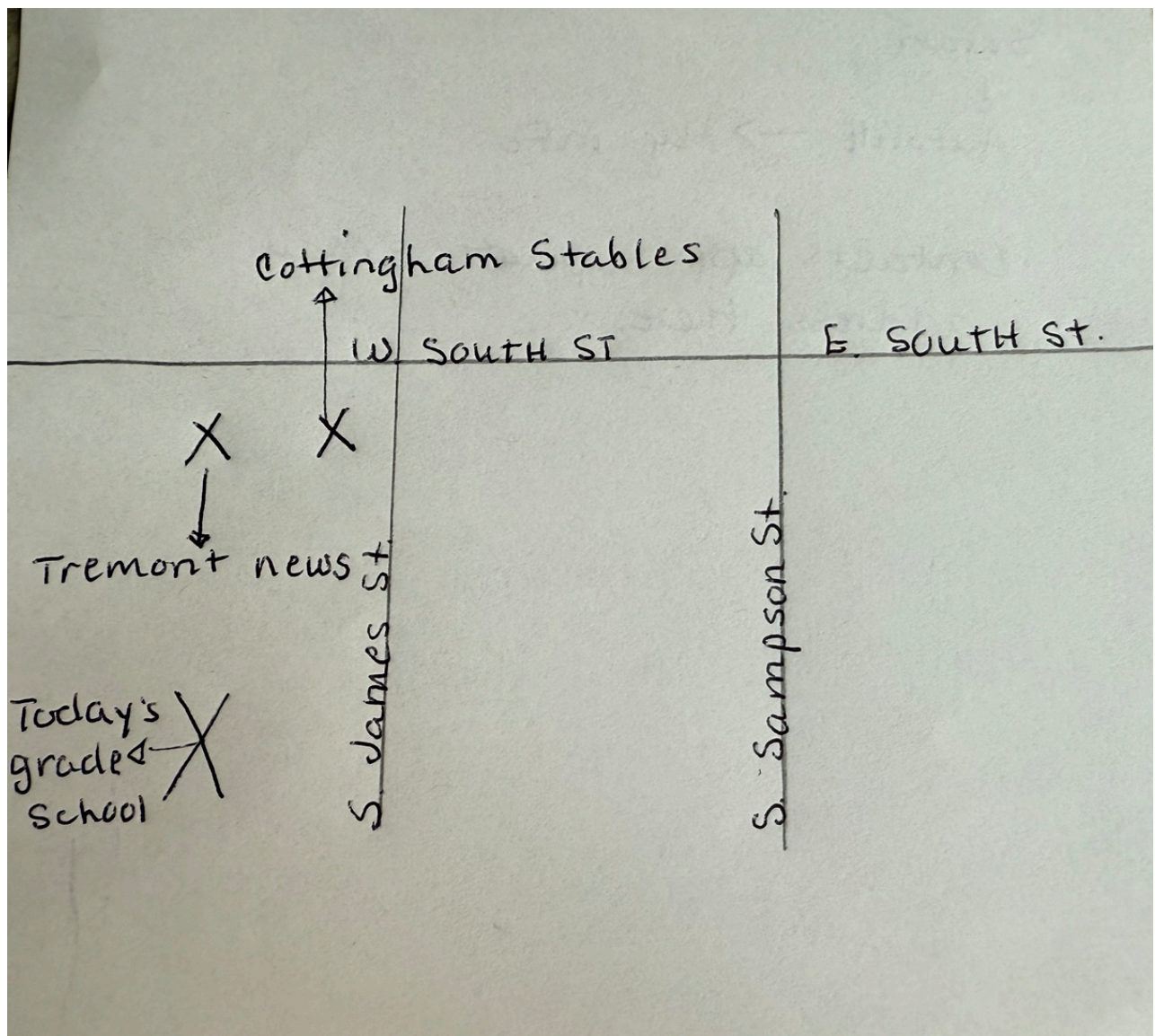


Photo: (very rough) sketch of property

COMING SOON! TUESDAY, MAY 20 @ 7PM

Our next program is an opportunity to see Tremont's Roboteers and their new Robotic Center. Of over 3,000 teams internationally, Tremont's TEAM 2481 FIRST Roboteers ranked in the top 2% for the past 9 years, and in 2016, took home the World Championship title!

In FIRST robotics competitions, high school teams use the latest technology to design, build and program industrial sized robots to compete in a unique game challenge. (In case you wonder, the acronym FIRST stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.")

The roboteers' team provides students the opportunity to grow and develop skills in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields. Among Roboteers alumni, an outstanding 86% have gone on to enter STEM-related jobs.

Come to show your support! Everyone is invited. The program will be held in the Robotics Center behind the Middle School/High School building. Mark your calendar now!

~ Text and photo taken in part from an article in a 2025 Ameren Illinois newsletter



Tremont High School Baccalaureate

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Tremont High School
Cafetorium

7:30 p.m.
(Graduates and Clergy 7:20)



A Baccalaureate service to honor this year's seniors will be held in the cafetorium of Tremont High School on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Please come and show your support for the Tremont Class of 2025!



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