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2026 Tremont FFA Strawberry Fundraiser



Strawberries are \$30/flat or \$18/half-flat, available for preorder through February 11th. Strawberries will be delivered the week of February 23rd. Pickup will be in the Tremont Highschool Ag Shop.

[Order Here!](#)

PTO Seeking Book Donations

Book Donations February 2-13

Please bring your
donation of new or
gently used books to
the school for use as
prizes.



Questions? Interested in volunteering?
Email Tremont702PTO@gmail.com

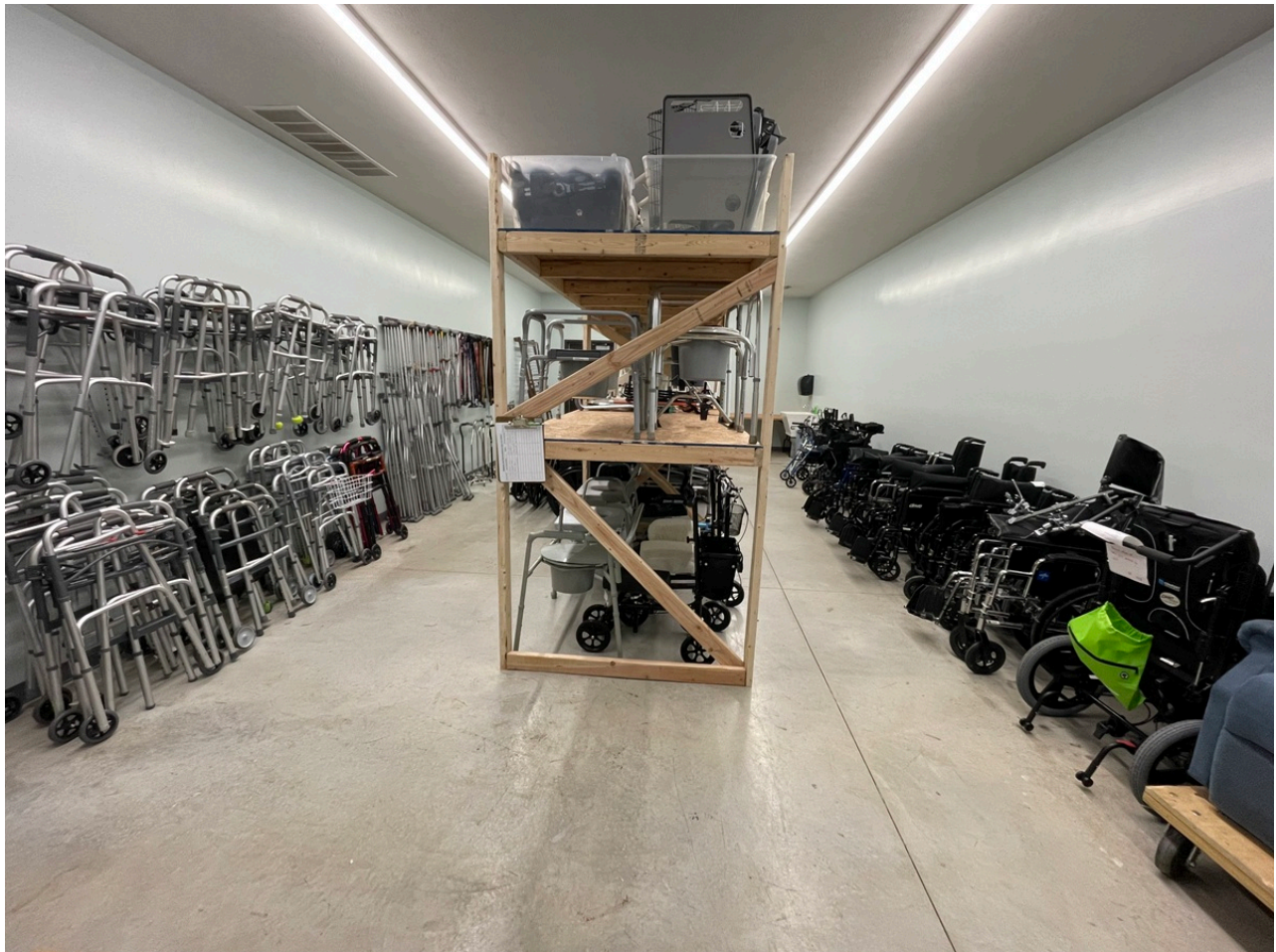
Do you have any new or gently used books your child has outgrown? PTO would love to help you clean out your bookcases! We are hosting an upcoming family Bingo for Books night on February 20th from 5:30 PM-7:30 PM and need book donations to be used as Bingo prizes. We are collecting new or gently used Pre-K through Middle School level books (picture books, early readers, chapter books, etc.) There will be a box at the grade school for all book donations during the weeks of Feb 2nd-Feb 13th.

A flyer with more information regarding the Bingo for Books event will be sent home with

your student soon! If you have any questions, please contact Karen Newell at mrsnewell12@yahoo.com.

Thanks for your support!

The Share Closet Connection



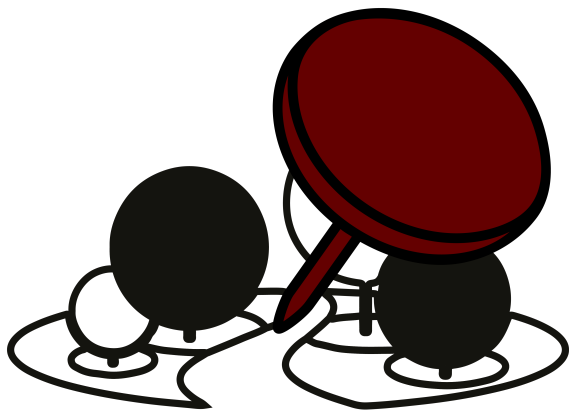
The Share Closet was able to provide over 650 medical equipment items for free in 2025! Items like wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, shower chairs, commodes and more were borrowed, used, and returned. Please contact our ministry if you are in need of equipment or if you would like to donate items you no longer need.

Visit us on [Facebook](#)

Phone: (309) 929-7095

The Share Closet - 227 S Sampson St, Tremont, IL 61568

Organization Updates

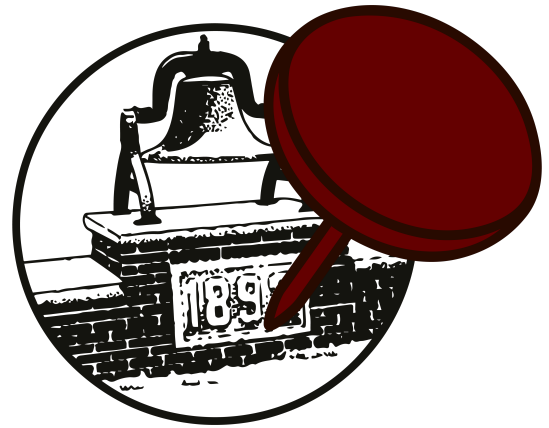


Village of Tremont

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

The spring semester has officially started, and our student athletes are busy! Check the calendar below for full details.

[Student Athletic Calendar](#)

Did You Know? *Tremont, in History*

Brought to you by the Tremont Museum & Historical Society

Tremont's Grecian Courthouse

From the highest point in the early days of the village, the new Tremont Court House, in all its grandeur, sat supreme. With few trees on the wide prairie, it could be plainly seen as far away as to the north of Morton.

Landing the county seat for Tremont was a key for achieving the prominence of the town the founders had planned. James Harris, William Sampson, and Josiah James set about doing that immediately. When they were able to accomplish their goal, they built a small, temporary court house until a permanent one could be built.

For the construction of the permanent building, contractor William F. Flagg of Bloomington was given specific instructions. The building was to be, "40 feet wide and 60 feet long, including a portico 10 feet wide. Windows are to be closed with good blinds, the latter to be painted with four coats of paint, two of which are to be French green. Outside doors to be fitted with best locks and the entire building to be fitted in full Grecian order of architecture...said building is to be surmounted by a cupola, finished with octagon blinds and containing a good bell deck, and the dome to be surmounted with an iron rod supporting three gilt balls." At a cost of \$14,450, the building was ready to occupy by 1839.

The interior was described by Eugenia Jones Hunt in her book, *My Personal Recollections of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln*. She recalled, "The Court House was three stories, a red brick with a high basement divided into office rooms similar to the first floor, which was reached by a wide flight of steps. The very large court and ante rooms were on the second floor. The cupola with attractive circular seats, which attracted many sightseers to climb the long flight of steps to view the picturesque landscape, and the wilderness of a hundred years ago, had a huge bell to summon the lawyers to court." Legend has it that the initials "A.L." were scratched on the wall inside the front door by none other than the young lawyer, Abraham Lincoln.



*Tazewell County Courthouse in Tremont
The painting currently hangs in the Tremont Village Hall*

The street leading to the courthouse, now James Street, was often called Lincoln Street because Lincoln frequented the courthouse so much while serving on the 8th Judicial Circuit. A large square planted with trees surrounded the building and a well sat off to the side to quench the thirst of the many travelers who came from around the county when court was in session.

The courthouse was frequented by several lawyers that history remembers, including the great orator and senator Stephen A. Douglas, who later challenged and debated Abraham Lincoln for the United States presidency, and Judge David Davis (later a U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice and then a U.S. Senator from Illinois).

It was at the Tazewell County Courthouse in Tremont that several notable events occurred, sealing its place in history. General James Shields famously challenged Lincoln to a duel there, which never occurred. Later, the two men even became friends. Lincoln also spoke in Tremont of seeing a Negro slave on a Mississippi riverboat, and about slavery saying, "I'll hit the thing someday, and I'll hit it strong." In 1847, in his last court case involving slavery,

Lincoln argued in Tremont for George Kern of rural Metamora and J. Randolph Scott of Washington for harboring slaves. He was successful in getting the case dropped for lack of evidence.

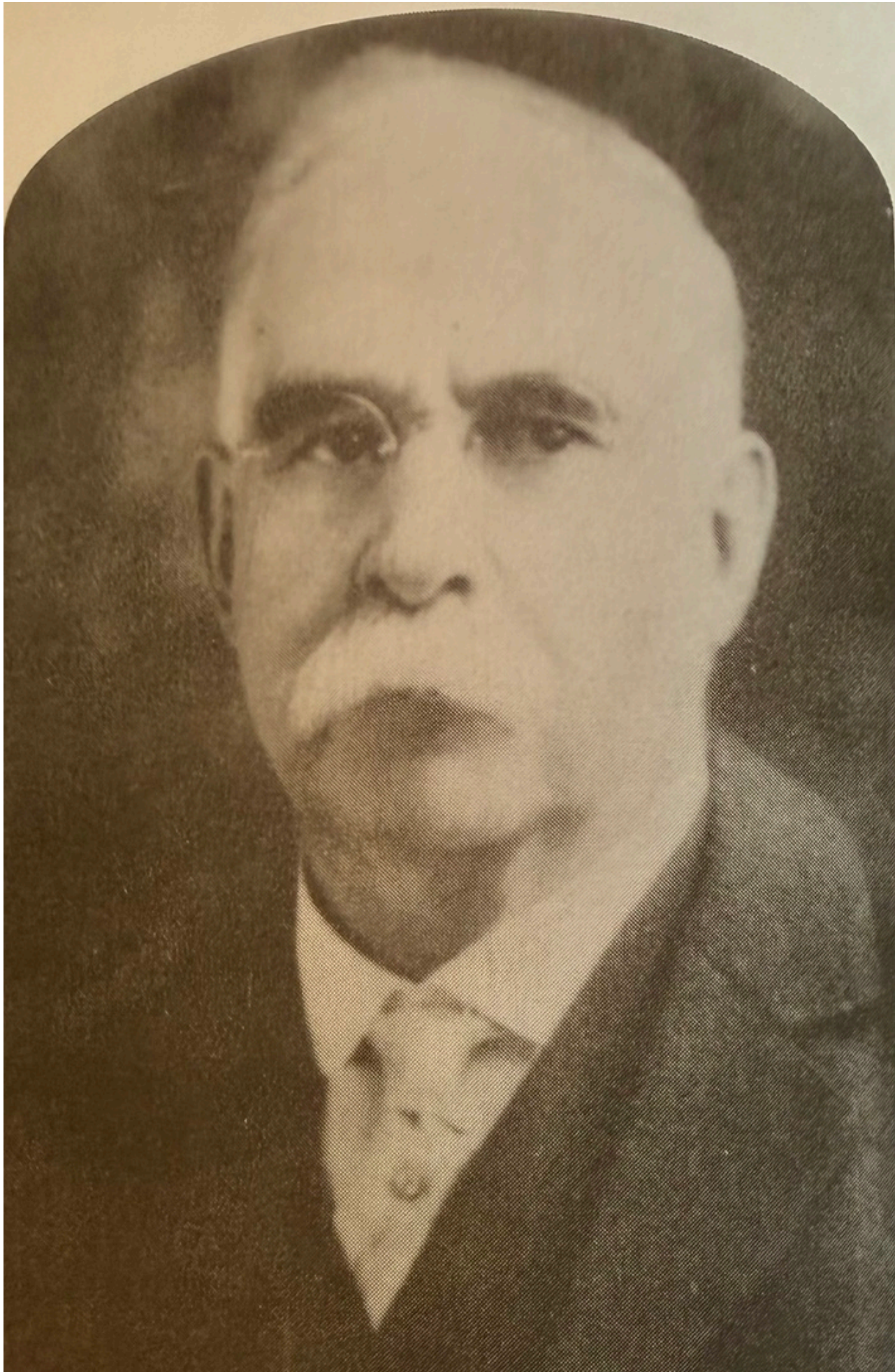
Lincoln last spoke at the Tazewell County Courthouse in Tremont on August 30, 1858.


Tremont Museum and Historical Society

Lori Fuoss

My Personal Recollections of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln written by Tremont resident and daughter of Lincoln friend John Albert Jones, is available for sale at the Tremont Museum.

NEEDED: MENS OLD BLACK SUITS





Our museum volunteers are busily researching and creating for our next exhibit in March. We are looking for donations of men's black suits, the older the better!

Our next exhibit is not about men's suits...but we need some men's suits!

Please contact Lori now at 309-840-0094.

Thank you in advance!

Little Dribblers Basketball Open Registration

TREMONT *Little Dribblers* BASKETBALL



2026 Basketball Registration

Registration opens 1/12/26 ends 2/13/26

Little Dribblers is our recreation basketball program for boys and girls between the ages of Kindergarten - 3rd grade. The program focuses on the basic skills including dribbling, passing, shooting & scrimmages at the end of the season. Classes are on Saturday afternoons in the South Gym.

K-1st, 12:00-12:50 and 2nd-3rd 1:00-2:00

****2/28 ONLY****K-1st, 9:00-9:50 and 2nd-3rd 10:00-11:00

Program instructors: TAPD Staff and High School Players

PROGRAM DATES:

2/21- 2/28- 3/7- 3/14

Registration is now open online and at the Park District Office.

www.tremontpark.org

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Dates: 2/21--2/28--3/7--3/14

***Time change 2/28 K-1st 9-9:50 and 2nd-3rd 10:00-11:00

Cost: \$45.00, includes a free t-shirt

Sign Up Now!



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