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Tazewell County Schools Invite Investors to new CEO Program

TREMONT, IL. – 7/2026 – The Tremont, Midwest Central, Delavan and Dee-Mack school districts, businesses, and community leaders have united and partnered with Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship to bring an innovative entrepreneurship education program to our community's high school seniors in the 2027-2028 academic school year.

The Mackinaw Valley CEO Program will join a network of 82 CEO programs in 10 different states with 377 high schools involved across the country (Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Ohio, and Utah).

“CEO” stands for Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities. It is a year-long course for junior and seniors in high school designed to prepare our community's young people for life after high school and open their eyes to the opportunities that exist in the community around them.



CEO is never held in a classroom. Instead, students meet in area businesses. Throughout the program, they tour 40+ area enterprises, listen to 40+ local leaders speak about business skills and life tools, conceptualize and start their own functioning businesses, and build connections in this community that will last them a lifetime.

Students learn essential life skills about professionalism, follow up, communication skills, responsibility and - some would say the most important skill- the confidence in their ability to problem solve and innovate.

In short, the CEO program helps cultivate this community's next business leaders and future workforce by exposing them to business and showing them what it means to exercise an entrepreneurial mindset.

By investing in this program, our community is taking a proactive approach to economic growth and future workforce development.

Our partner, Midland Institute, has seen first-hand how building cross-generational relationships creates long-term impacts for communities and young people alike. Even more, instilling an entrepreneurial mindset in young people is actively cultivating problem solvers, creative thinkers, and future leaders of this community.

Young people emerge from the CEO program with a network in their community and skills that will fast track them to success.



**ESSENTIAL
SKILLS**
MATTER
everywhere

**CTE
MONTH**

ceo

**COMMUNICATION • PROBLEM-SOLVING • PROFESSIONALISM
ADAPTABILITY • TEAMWORK • CRITICAL THINKING**

To effectively launch the CEO program in our community, our local business network will partner with the schools in our area. However, the program is not funded by schools (though students do receive credit for it).

Rather, CEO utilizes partnerships in the community (i.e. local investors and businesses) to provide the funding, expertise, meeting space, business tours, and one-on-one mentoring for our CEO students throughout the academic year.

The Mackinaw Valley CEO Program is currently looking for community-minded investors to support the continuation of this program.

Thank you to those who have already committed their support: Tremont High School, Tremont First National Bank, Lori Venovich Country Financial, Christian Life Academy, Sun-Ag, Dee-Mack Education Foundation, Mr. & Mrs. Embry, Mr. & Mrs. Zobrist, Aunt Em's Popcorn, Louisa Jane, Northwestern Mutual, and 360 Yield Center.

If you are interested in getting involved contact Allison Whightsil:
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The Share Closet Connection...

SHARE CLOSET CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

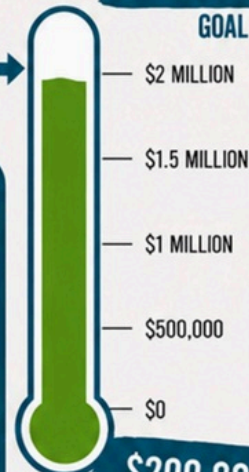


HELP US REACH
OUR GOAL!

\$2 MILLION

GOAL

\$1.8 MILLION
Raised to Date!



Building for Today. Sharing more Tomorrow

For more than a decade, Share Closet has been turning stuff into relationships that matter to God. Now, with your help, we're building for the future and expanding our impact.

OUR PLANS *Building Expansion*

The Share Closet plans to construct a new 8,750 sq ft facility adjacent to the existing building.

Features include increased thrift store space, easier donation drop-off, and safer and more efficient material handling and processing for volunteers.

This new facility will help us better meet the growing needs of Tremont and surrounding communities with programs like free-loan medical equipment, senior meals, food pantry, benevolence funds, and more.

With your help, we can **SHARE MORE!**



TOGETHER, WE'VE ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH:

2025 YEAR-END
key metrics

56,500+
People Served



650+
Medical
Equipment
Items Loaned

4,500
Senior Meals

1,700
Prayers for
People

1,200
Ministry
Open Hours

\$5,750
in Closet Cash
Provided

*Thank you to our donors, volunteers, and community for making this impact possible.
Now, let's finish strong—Together!*



**WE NEED OUR
COMMUNITY SUPPORT**
to complete this addition!

QUESTIONS OR TO GET INVOLVED CONTACT:

Matt Miller
 Shareclosetcares@gmail.com
 309-645-7251

Your gift—big or small—brings us one step closer to a space that will allow us to serve more people and love our neighbors even better.

DONATE TODAY!

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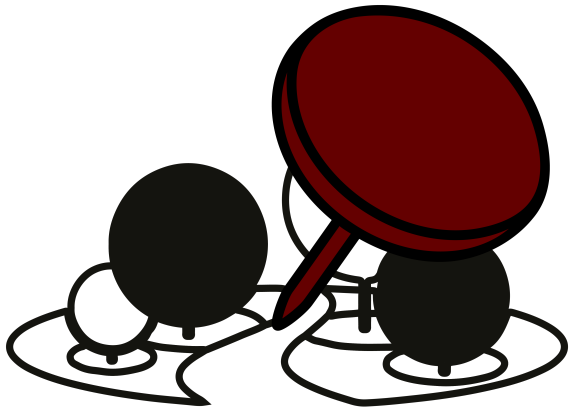
Have you heard that we are expanding? You can find out more about this next step in our ministry by visiting our [website](#) or by watching our [expansion video](#).

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Organization Updates

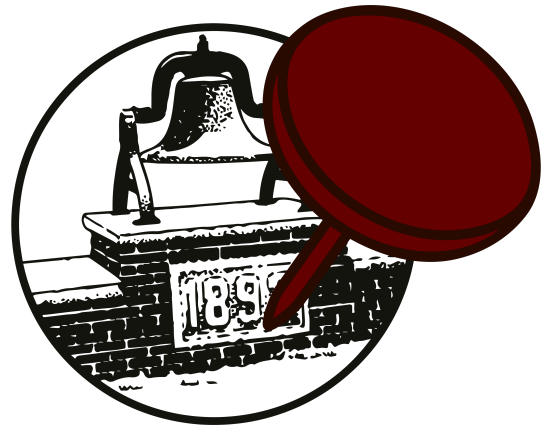


Village of Tremont

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

Students will be back in school in just two short weeks. First day of attendance is on August 12th!

['26-'27 School District Calendar](#)

Did You Know? *Tremont, in History*

Brought to you by the Tremont Museum & Historical Society

America 250: Tremont Soldiers Saw History Being Made

It is incredible to think of the young boys who joined the war effort from Tremont during the Civil War. The sights they were soon to see were unlike any they had ever imagined. Some of these soon-to-be-men participated in some of the most historic battles and events of the war, as we can see from excerpts of some of the letters found in the Tremont Museum:

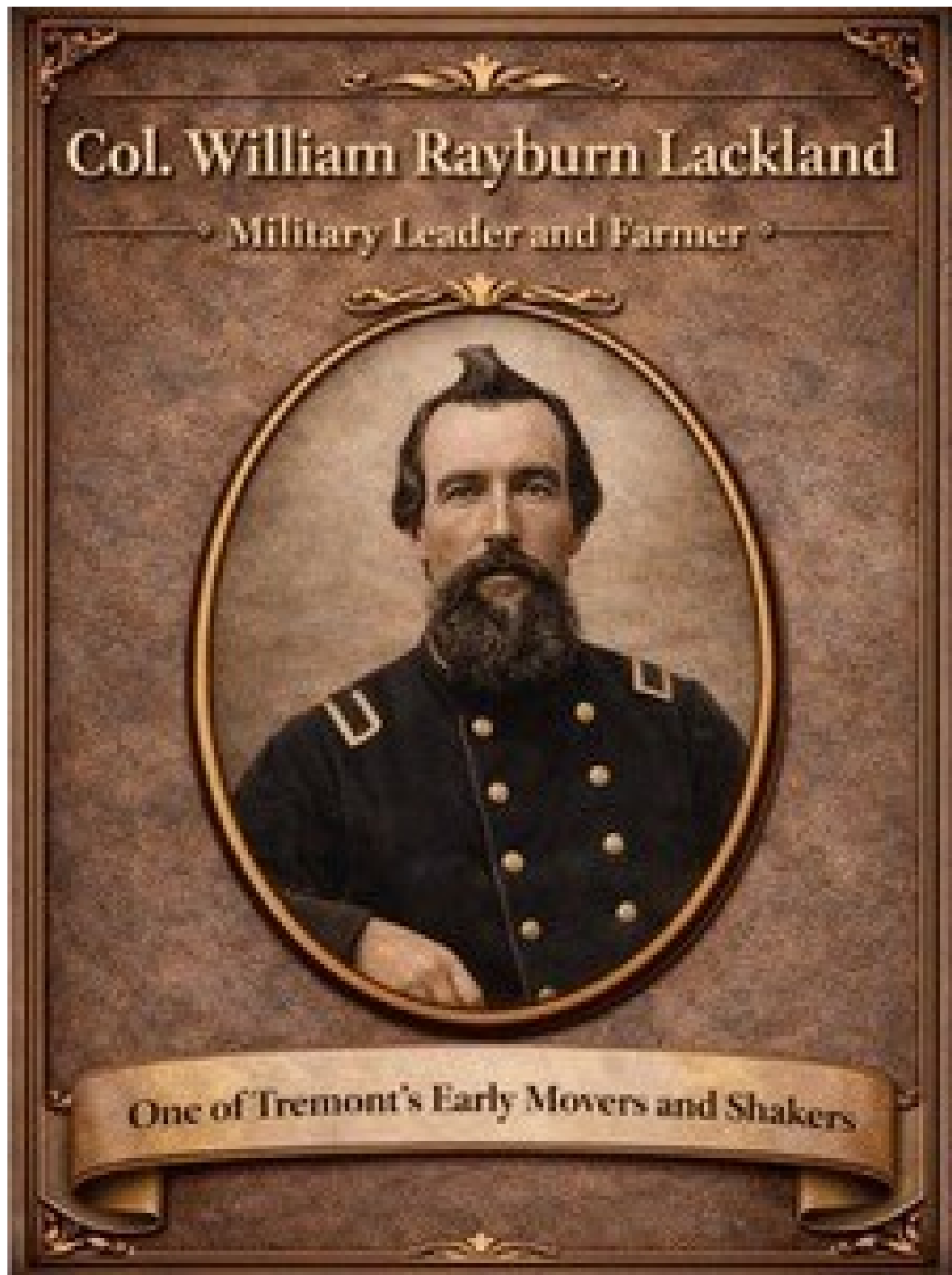
From Captain Wm. R. Lackland on the Battle of Vicksburg, January 14, 1862...

"The battle of Vicksburg is one that will be remembered by all. Many a loyal heart sank... about 800 killed and about 800 wounded. Loss on the rebel side not known definitely {but we captured} 8,000 prisoners and all their army stores including a large lot of corn. The 108th regiment behaved well ... give me 1000 such and I would not fear the devil itself..."

Letter from (an unreadable name) about Sherman's March to the Sea, September 18, 1864:

"... a great many of the citizens have dug caves in the ground and covered them over to protect them and their families from our shells. I guess they had rather a miserable time of it while we were besieging the city as they were obliged to occupy holes when our batteries were shelling the place and that was almost constantly for about a month or six weeks.

"General Sherman has issued an order compelling all citizens leave Atlanta either to the north or South by the 22nd day of this month. Those that can prove their loyalty to the satisfaction of the author are permitted to go North, all others are required to go South. This order grinds their citizens to the quick. They hate most grievously to leave their homes... but it is just the style I like and Sherman is just the kind of man to put down the rebellion."



Corporal Thomas McClure, (the author of some poignant letters that appeared here recently), wrote a Letter on May 8, 1865 from Montgomery, Alabama:

"...sad news that is the death of our father, Abraham Lincoln... yesterday our Stars and Stripes waved over the city of Montgomery at half-mast and the heavy roar of the nightly Cannon was heard every half hour all day and minute guns was fired from 12 until one in

obedience to the corps of Abraham.

"...in the first place you know that the Confederate states declare that they never would Surrender under the administration of old Abe & now they have succeeded in the assassination of him who filled the president's chair under the most critical circumstances ever was known in the world...

"...the roaring of cannons has Ceast (sic) and the Confederates are laying down their arms & the time will soon come when their spears will be made into pruning hooks and their Soards (sic) will be beat to plough shares. Peace is echoing through the air and the cries of peace is heard on every street and in every house in town."

Many times these letters were written on paper in schooled penmanship using any flat surface available, or even on a soldier's lap. Despite exhaustion, the need to communicate with loved ones was intense. These letters are treasures, giving following generations first-person insights into events of the Civil War.

**Letters above are printed with the exact spellings used.*

Tremont Museum and Historical Society
Lori Fuoss, 2023

Tremont Historical Society's
Fundraising Event ~

Tea & Timeless Hats

Speaker:

Mary Penn



Saturday, September 12, 2026 • 2:00 PM

Tremont Methodist Church

\$20.00 per person • Cash only

Tickets must be purchased by September 1



Guests are invited to wear a hat if they'd like!

Tickets available at
**Beecham's Market &
Tremont Eli's Coffee Shop**

ANNOUNCING OUR SPECIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT!

Guests will enjoy a variety of vintage hats, a little hat history, and a lovely assortment go refreshments. Mark your calendar and bring a friend or two! Tickets will be available August 1 through September 1 at Beecham's Market or Eli's Coffee Shop in Tremont.

Become an EMT with Tremont Rescue

A flyer for Tremont Rescue's EMT course. The background is dark with a red and white ambulance and a helicopter. The title 'TREMONT RESCUE' is in large, bold, white and red letters, with 'EMT COURSE' in a white banner below it. A circular logo for 'E.M.S. TREMONT RESCUE' is on the left. The text 'THIS EMT COURSE PREPARES YOU TO TAKE THE LICENSURE EXAM FOR EMT BASIC.' is in the center. At the bottom, there are three boxes with icons and text: a calendar icon for 'MONDAYS & THURSDAYS AUGUST 17 - DECEMBER 10', a clock icon for '1800-2200 (6PM - 10PM)', and a dollar sign icon for 'COST \$1,000'. Below these is a red banner with 'JOIN US. SAVE LIVES.' and 'YOUR COMMUNITY. YOUR CALLING.' At the very bottom, there are two contact options: 'CONTACT ANNE ZUERCHER rescu6@gmail.com' and 'OR TEXT 309.696.6829'.

Have you been wanting to serve your community, but unsure how? Tremont Rescue is hosting an EMT class this fall taught by Anne Zuercher, PHRN. See the flyer above for details, but we would LOVE to have you take the class and join our Rescue 702 team serving the residents of Tremont!



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