



## 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>

### Quilt of Valor Presentation

The community is invited to a presentation of the Quilt of Valor that was quilted by friends here in Tremont in March. It will be presented to the Dillon family at 7PM on May 26, 2022, at the Tremont Library.

### Louisa Jane

**Merchants Day** - The Studio will be 10% off during Merchants Day.

**What's happening on Sampson Street** - Our New Building got a paint job this week. Follow our hashtag #StylingupSampson on Instagram and Facebook for updates as the building progresses!



### Did You Know...?

**Peeling back the layers:  
Many Personalities, One Building**  
212 South Sampson

The old building on South Sampson Street really doesn't show her age. But if those walls could talk...!

The lot at 212 South Sampson along with part of a second, adjoining lot was purchased by Tremont's Leslie Robison, President of the Gipps Brewing Company of Peoria. He had a building built there, which opened in 1898 as Ed Cooney's Saloon. Just three years later, the building became the Lou Smith Saloon, and then, three years later, it became the Stock Exchange Saloon.

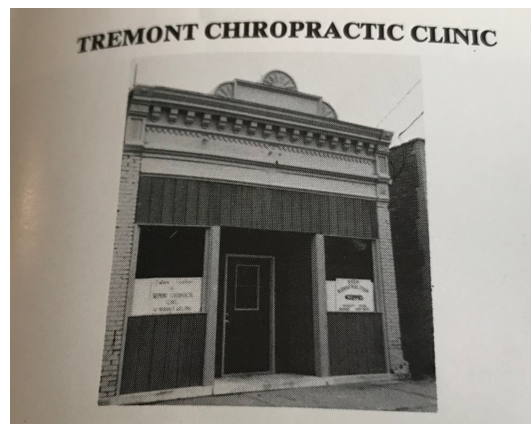
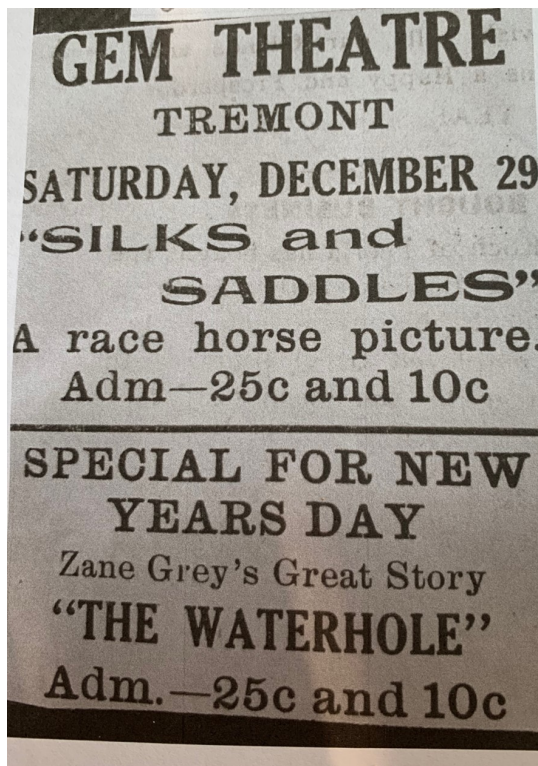
The building had a great location – it is today's Huddle Party Hall, next to Louisa Jane's newly purchased former Tremont Recreation building. 212 has been everything from restaurants to a billiard room, a chiropractor, a plumbing business, an insurance office and a few real estate offices.

Depending on whether Tremont was a "wet" town at the time, there were years of other saloons at this location: Jim Cooney's Tavern, Al Herman's Tavern, and The Morris Tap. In addition, in 1910, 212 was once the exotic-sounding "Tonsorial Artist and Laundry," which was a fancy term for a barber. And from 1917-1930, the shop was the Model Barbershop.

The longest-lasting business was the Morris Tavern, or Morris Tap, owned by Ernie Morris, from 1951-1969, followed by the Gem (Movie) Theatre. The Gem was owned by Jim Cooney from 1915 -1930. It shared space with the barber shop.

There are several other very old buildings in town that have interesting histories, too. However, 212 South Sampson holds a prize for the sheer number of businesses it has housed over the past 124 years!

The Tremont Museum has a timeline display of 212 South Sampson's history.



*A 1928 ad for the Gem Theatre and a 1984 photo of the building when it was the Tremont Chiropractic Clinic*

## **Tremont District Library**

### **Summer Reading starts June 1st**

Join us this summer to Read Beyond the Beaten Path!  
Summer Reading is for ALL AGES -- birth to adult!

Registration Week: June 1st - 4th  
Prizes available June 6th - August 13th

### **Turkey Festival Booksale Volunteers Needed**

Sign up at the front-desk to help the library with our annual booksale during the Turkey Festival!

### **Chapter One: Monthly Read-Alouds**

Tuesday, May 24th  
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Each month at our Chapter One meeting, participants can enjoy quiet activities while listening to the first

few chapters of a new book. If you like what you hear and want to finish the story yourself, extra copies will be available to check out! You aren't required to be at every meeting, just attend what months sound good to you! Upcoming reads:

May 24th – Flora & Ulysses by Kate Dicamillo  
Ages 8-12, no registration required.

### **Remy!**

Wednesday, May 25th  
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Remy is a facility dog, a calm and friendly golden retriever who works at Tremont schools but also visits us here at the library to greet new friends. Come say hi to Remy! All ages welcome.

### **Baby and Me**

Wednesdays  
10:30 am

New and experienced parents are invited to join Miss Nicole on Wednesday mornings for a parent/baby support group. Meet other parents in the area, make friends, enjoy new toys, lots of books, and a must: free coffee.

The focus of this group is parents and young children ages 0-3, but other siblings are always welcome! No registration required, drop in whenever works best for you.

### **Story Hour**

Thursday, May 26th  
10:30 am - 11:15 am

Story Hour is held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 10:30-11:15am. No registration is required.

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. Wiggles are welcome! Make Story Hour a step you take in preparing your child for life-long learning.

### **Minecraft Days**

Saturday, May 28th  
10-12:30PM

Kids ages 7+ are invited to bring your own device and connect to our library Realm\*. First-time participants and their parents will need to sign a Code of Conduct before joining (see more below).

\*Devices that work include PC's, Apple Devices, Nintendo Switch (Nintendo Online Subscription REQUIRED), and a few other handheld devices. Ask Miss Lizzi ahead of time for help if you're unsure of your device. Our server can host up to 10 players. If there are more participants we will switch on and off who is on the server.

Participants will need to sign a waiver saying they promise not to use bad language, be mean to other players, or destroy other's creations. Parents will need to sign saying that they understand their child will be playing online with other children.



## Camp Invention

Attention Parents and Guardians! If you are still looking for an exciting and fun summer learning opportunity for your child, check out Camp Invention®! For students entering grades K-6, this program is a one-of-a-kind experience that will introduce your child to STEM concepts through engaging, hands-on challenges. As they rotate through four all-new activities, campers collaborate with friends, develop problem-solving skills and bring their creative ideas to life. Students do NOT need to attend Tremont schools or live in the Tremont school district to attend camp.

Tremont Middle School is offering the program from June 13th to June 17th from 9:00AM-3:30PM daily.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Camp Invention.

Contact Steve Verdun at [steve.verdun@d702.org](mailto:steve.verdun@d702.org) with questions or to learn more.

## Tremont Museum - Save the Date

**Don't Forget: June 18, 10:00-11:00 AM**  
**The Underground Railroad Conductor Recognition Event**

**Where:** Tazewell County Court Administration, 342 Court Street #102, Pekin IL

Tremont's own Peter Logan will be remembered and recognized. Peter is a recently discovered conductor. He was the first formerly enslaved person to own property in Tazewell County. Then, at great risk, he helped escaped slaves pass through the Tremont area on their way to Canada and Freedom.

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## Monday

BB Regional Championship @ Olympia - 4:30PM

## Wednesday

SB Sectional HOME - 4:30PM

BB Sectional @ Millikin University - 5:00PM

## Thursday

Boys Track State Finals @ EIU

## Friday

SB Sectional Championship HOME - 4:30PM

## Saturday

BB Sectional Championship @ Millikin University - 1:00PM

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### Around Town



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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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Thank you,

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