



Weekly News

Community Shred Day

Free Community Shred Day

Saturday, May 6th
9:00 a.m. - Noon
The First National Bank in Tremont



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Did you know...?

The Enoch Morse Home and History 1893-Present 417 S. Locust Street

There are many homes on our tree-lined streets that have interesting stories to tell. Some of the articles in the coming weeks will attempt to tell stories we are aware of. Today's home is the Enoch Morse home on South Locust Street:

The Tremont News, Dec. 21, 1906, announced Enoch Morse's sudden death: "This community was shocked Monday morning to hear that E.G. Morse was dead...on every side one could hear only a kind word for him, as he was a friend to everyone who knew him. We do not believe that 'Uncle Enoch,' as he was familiarly called, had an enemy in the world."

In 1893, Enoch built the handsome home at 417 South Locust Street, which is still standing today. He came with his parents to Tazewell County in 1835, the same year that Tremont was founded. They settled in Elm Grove Township. While living and farming there as an adult, he served as Town Clerk for twelve years, Commissioner of Highways for seven years, and was a member of the Congregational Church, which stood where the new Methodist Church parking lot is today.

In September of 1893, he retired from the farm and built his residence in town. It is a well-built, stylish home. The three houses that stand to the north of the residence today are on lots that were once owned by Enoch Morse. A summer kitchen once stood in the back yard, though it burned down in the 1970s. There was a barn on the property, used at one

point for a horse and buggy.

Enoch and his wife, Elizabeth, had seven children; one died as an infant, and their only son died while a student in Champaign. Their youngest daughter, Marietta, is probably the best remembered in Tremont. She studied music in New York, and as an adult she continued to live in the family home, never marrying. She had many piano students, was active in the Methodist Church, and was a very well-thought-of member of the community.

In the years since, several owners have had the pleasure of living in the stately home. The Rick Jameson family has lived there for the past thirty years. With the Jameson's permission, there is a tragic story to share about the old house and the Morse family involving the Morses' granddaughter, Florence. Florence graduated from school in Tremont, and when her parents moved away, she stayed with her grandmother and Aunt Mattie, as Marietta was called. She took a teaching job in the Tremont schools.

Florence was a beautiful young primary school teacher. The 1907 Tremont News reported that Miss Florence Fuller was a most loveable girl with a cheerful way and charming manners. She had a large group of friends.

Apparently, the normally happy and popular teacher became troubled by something. The newspaper speculated it was possibly her recent ill health and that of her mother and sister. Others noticed that she seemed nervous the day before the tragedy. Several times she tried to talk to the principal of the school, but finally gave up, as he was always unavailable.

The next day, when Miss Fuller did not arrive at her classroom in the primary department, school authorities contacted her home. She was found by her aunt in her bedroom, dressed and apparently ready to go downstairs. The fatal wound through her heart was self-inflicted with a revolver. Of course, this horrific event was a deep shock to her aunt and her grandmother. And according to the News at that time, "...a deep gloom prevails in every home in the village."

Several people have lived in the old home through the years, and some have reported hearing footsteps in the night, or finding jammed or locked doors which had been open. Two people very clearly saw the ghost of an old, gentle-looking woman – maybe Elizabeth, or Marietta?

The handsome historic home is one of the town's most stately, having been cared for by many owners over the years. The Sinns, the Stevensons, the Gardners, a Yordy who rented to four teachers, and the Dunlaps all lived there before the Jamesons. The house holds memories of the many people who have resided there, and the village is fortunate that one of its oldest homes is still in such grand condition.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society
Lori Fuoss 2021



Tremont Museum

The Tremont Museum will be CLOSED on Easter Sunday.

PLANNING A REUNION? Call the Museum!

We will add to your reunion activities with a special tour of the museum. We'll provide photos and yearbooks, as well as other items your class would be interested in. Call Rich at 309-231-1123.

Tremont District Library News

YNAB Budget Workshop

Tonight! Monday, 4/3 at 6:30PM
Library Community Room

Rachel Snow of Snow Financial Coaching, will teach a one-hour workshop on the importance of budgeting and highlighting the popular app, You Need a Budget (YNAB). Great for adults and teens!

Baby & Me (ages 0-3)

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30am

A support group for new & experienced parents.

S.T.E.A.M. Lab Plus (ages 7+)

Mark your calendars for next week! Monday April 10th, 3:30-4:30pm

S.T.E.A.M. Lab Plus is perfect for ages 7+ that want to learn about the world around them. Participate in group activities to learn about the Scientific Method, learn about Cause and Effect, make something to take home, and so much more! No registration required.

Community Calendar

Monday

MS Track and Field @ Canton High School - 4:30PM

HS Softball HOME vs Leroy High School - 4:30PM

HS Baseball HOME vs Leroy High School - 4:30PM

Tuesday

HS Track and Field vs HOI Regular Meet - 4:00PM

HS Baseball HOME vs Midwest Central - 4:15PM

Wednesday

HS Softball @ GCMS High School - 4:30PM

HS Baseball @ GCMS - 4:30PM

Thursday

HS Track and Field HOME vs Heyworth, Tri-Valley, Elmwood, Ridgeview - 4:30PM

HS Track and Field HOME vs Bloomington Cornerstone, Ridgeview-Lex, CLA - 4:30PM

HS Softball HOME vs Illini Bluffs V-JV - 4:30PM

HS Baseball HOME vs Havana - 4:30PM

Friday

HS Softball @ Lexington High School - 4:30PM

HS Baseball @ Lexington High School - 4:30PM

Saturday

HS Softball @ UHigh - 10:00AM

HS Baseball HOME vs Williamsville, St Joe - 10:00AM, 12:00PM, 2:00PM

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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