



Weekly News

Tremont Board of Education - Meet the Candidates

Meet the Candidates Night

Election day is April 4th and five candidates are running for four seats on the Tremont CUSD 702 Board of Education. The Tremont PTO is sponsoring a Meet the Candidates forum on Tuesday March 7th from 6:30-8:00 pm at the high school. This event will provide voters an opportunity to learn more about the school board candidates and ask questions.

We hope to see you there!

Louisa Jane

It's Time For a Spring Refresh!

Spring is the perfect time to breathe new life into your home! Our spring market will be loaded with beautiful pieces to help you do just that.

We will be debuting a NEW rug collection available at Louisa Jane! Creating a new base in your home is the perfect first step in a great refresh, so we are beyond excited for you to take a look at our new beautiful rugs. Be sure to follow along on our Instagram and Facebook pages for sneak peaks leading up to the event. We can't wait to see you there!

Thursday, March 2nd - 5-8PM

Friday, March 3rd - 10AM-5PM

Saturday, March 4th - 10AM-2PM

SPRING MARKET!

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Tremont Museum Exhibit

SO.MUCH.FUN

Plan to visit the Tremont Museum for the Fab 50s exhibit! It promises to be one of our best ever exhibits, and so much fun!

Mark your calendars for the opening on Sunday, March 12, from 2-4 PM. We'll be open 2nd and 4th Sundays from 2-4 PM through the start of June.

We can only accept cash or checks. See you there!

Did You Know...

A Tremont Mover and Shaker: Colonel Charles Oakley

Colonel Charles Oakley was an honored and respected citizen of Tazewell County. He was one of the original settlers, part of the New York Association in Tremont. Before coming to Tremont from New York, he fought in the war of 1812 and the Black Hawk War. His original house was the first one built in the fledgling town, though some think he may have had the structure built to serve as the New York Association's company house, created as temporary housing for new settlers in Tremont. The house is no longer standing, but it was located at the corner of Elm and North James Street, not too far from what was the business center and Public Square back at that time. Additionally, he was able to purchase an immense amount of land in central and northwestern Illinois.

Colonel Oakley was a horse dealer, even importing fine racehorses from France. Later, he imported the first Morgan horses in this country. By 1843, he was not only importing horses, but cattle, sheep, and hogs as well. He is credited with being the first in Tazewell County, and among the first in Illinois, to improve the domestic animals of the state by his importation. At the time, few farmers saw the benefit of investing in pure bred livestock. However, his foresight in this activity had lasting effects on the quality of the breeds here.

In 1839, the state legislature appointed Oakley and two other men as commissioners under the Internal Improvement Act. The plan was to build a railroad from Pekin to Bloomington which would connect with other cities. According to a newspaper published nearly 100 years later, "The road was graded to Tremont, culverts being built, and ties laid for flat rails. While Mr. Oakley made a trip (unsuccessfully) to negotiate for loans, the state

became practically bankrupt, and the work was given up. The material was then removed.”

He then returned to England several more times to negotiate loans to finance the Indiana and Wabash Canal and the Illinois and Michigan Canal. Finally, he was able to borrow \$1,600.00. He earned a lifelong appointment to the board of Canal Commissioners for his efforts.

Oakley was also president when the first bank in the county was established in nearby Pekin. It was a branch of the Bank of Illinois, which opened in Pekin in 1840. He was the incorporator and first president of the Peoria Water Company, one of three incorporators of the Rock Island University, commissioner of the Tazewell Commercial and Fire Insurance Company, commissioner of the Wapello Manufacturing Company, commissioner of two highways, and held an abundance of other leadership positions, as well.

In 1843, former Illinois state Governor Ford described Oakley as “a man of good sense and middling intelligence...patient, gentlemanly, and plausible in his manners...” and [The History of Illinois](#), December, 1848, by Charles C. Chapman & Co., describes him in this way:

“He was one of the most popular men in Illinois and was once looked upon by his party as the proper person to secede Governor French as the chief executive of the state. In the very prime of his life, however, he was stricken down. He died at his home in Tremont on the 31st of December, 1848.”

Colonel Charles Oakley appears to have been a force of nature, busier and more involved in major endeavors than most people could dream of being. He was yet another of Tremont’s well-known citizens.

~ Tremont Museum and Historical Society
Lori Fuoss, 2023

Tremont High School Tackle Swap

There will be a tackle swap and St. Jude Fundraiser on March 4th at the High School Cafetorium from 10AM-2PM. There are 32 tables reserved and a food truck will be at the event (Nate Dawgs). Nate is a former Tremont Graduate. We will also be raffling off approximately \$1,500.00 in new merchandise. All proceeds will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

TACKLE SWAP

Buy, Sell, Trade! Open Free to the public!

Date: March 4th 10am -2pm

Tremont High School Cafetorium, Tremont, Illinois

UPDATE: We are now set for a great tackle swap & St. Jude Fundraiser! We have 31 Tables Reserved. We will have Tremont High School Fishing Team, Olympia High School Fishing Team, and members of Illinois Central College Fishing Team. We have several new tackle vendors as well as individuals selling pre-owned tackle. We will have food available. (Nate Dawgs) food truck will be on site! We will be raffling off 4 boxes. These boxes are full of great stuff. Approx. retail value of each box is over \$300.00 or more, all brand new merchandise. All proceeds of the raffles go to Benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please share on FB and let's pack the house as we raise money for St. Jude.

Some of our Vendors: Ballistic Baits, Sisco's Tackle Box, Little Frishys, SouthSide Bait & Tackle, Reag's Guide Service, TopHat Jigs, Trash Panda Baits, C & G Bait Cave, Hydro Baits, ON'EM Bait Co., Carl's Bait & Tackle, DNR, Hooked on Fishing Park, Classic Lures, Dave Blume Custom Baits, bigcityfishinggear.

Individuals: Kit Coryell, Joe Marion, Richard Manz, Brandon Neptune, Bob Parks, Kent Calvetti, Bill Beard, Matt Tinsman, Kenny Etter



Roboteers Open House

Team 2481 Roboteers is excited to announce we are hosting an Open House on Saturday, March 11 from 9:00-11:00am. Come for breakfast, to get first hand information about our new building, to see robot demonstrations, and to learn about the different sub-teams offered on the Roboteers. Our building is located by the Tremont Middle School entrance. We would love to see you there!



Tremont District Library News

Graphic Novel Book Club

Tuesday February 28th, 3:30-4:30pm

Ages 8-12 are invited to try out new Graphic Novels and share their love of old ones at our Graphic Novel Book Club! Here's how to participate:

1. Get a copy of the month's book. We'll have lots of extra copies behind the desk at Tremont District Library that you can checkout. Just ask us for one!
2. Read it!
3. On the day of book club, join Miss Lizzi in the Meeting Room to talk about your favorite and least favorite parts of the book, and hear what other kids have to say about it. We'll also do an activity or craft related to each month's book. Did I mention there will be snacks? There will! Miss Lizzi tries to be allergen free on snack days. Let her know if have any allergies she should watch out for.

...and that's it! Pretty simple right? We hope you'll join us! Each month we vote on next month's read. In February, we'll be discussing Dog Man by Dav Pilkey!

Baby & Me (ages 0-3)

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30am

A support group for new & experienced parents.

Tiny Art Show

In February we handed out mini canvases to artists of all ages in Tremont. (It was so popular we doubled the initial amount of canvases from 64 to 128...and all 128 have been taken!) We've been so excited to receive them and see Tremont's creativity. Starting March 1st, we'll put them on display. Stop by the library to check out our tiny art show!

If you received a canvas and haven't turned it in yet, please bring it to the library this week to be included in the show.

Lego Afternoons (ages 6+)

Mondays, Mar. 20th, Apr. 17th, & May 15th, 3-4:30pm

Work together to build amazing creations! Try out new sets, stop motion videos, and other challenges. Ages 6+, no registration required.

Move & Do (ages 0-5)

Third Fridays, Mar. 17th, Apr. 21st, & May 19th, 10am-12pm

Join us in the meeting room for educational based free-play, designed specifically for littles.

Minecraft in the Meeting Room (ages 7+)

Saturdays, Mar. 25th, Apr. 15th, & May 20th, 10am-12:30pm

Hop on our library realm to create with friends!

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

Monday, Mar. 13th

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.

Mark your calendars! STEAM Lab (ages 7+) will be held: Mar. 13th, Apr. 10th, & May 8th

STEAM Lab (ages 4-6)

Mondays Feb. 27, Mar. 27, Apr. 24, & May 22,

3:30-4:30pm

STEAM toys & activities for younger children.

Community Calendar

Thursday

Louisa Jane Spring Market - 5:00 - 8:00PM

Friday

Louisa Jane Spring Market - 10:00AM - 5:00PM

Saturday

Louisa Jane Spring Market - 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Tackle Swap and St. Jude Fundraiser - 10:00AM - 2:00PM
HS Cafetorium

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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