



## Weekly News

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### Village Minutes

To view the most recent village board meeting minutes, please go to <http://www.tremontil.com/tremont-board-of-trustees.php>

### St. Jude Community Fundraiser

Come support the Tremont St. Jude Run on Tuesday, July 13th from 6:30-8:00PM at the Tremont Pool!

To view the St. Jude Fundraiser flyer, [click here](#).



### Did you know...?

#### Similar Homes in the Area

When decorators from Marshall Field's came to add their touches to a Tremont home in the early 1900s, people knew that home would be special. With white clapboard siding, gingerbread carving on the eaves and front porch pillars, two generous porches, and large driveway markers, the Jake Winsler home was impressive. To locals, it was known as the showplace of the county.

The house faced west, located south of Tremont on what used to be State Route 121. The photo below is from about 1915. Dan Steiner bought it in a rundown state in 1978 and remodeled it. Steiner bought the house from Alma Nord, and a man by the name of Deppert (her brother, possibly) who were involved in the house sometime between 1915 and 1948.

When State Route 155 was built in the early 1990s, it took a chunk out of the front yard. The home, minus the front porch, is in the original location, facing the newer Route 155.

There are at least five other houses in the Tremont area that look so similar as to have likely been built by the same (unknown) builder. The first is the 1845 Sawyer house on the corner of Harris and Tazewell Streets across from the City Park, which was once called the Public Square. It is a smaller version than the others that followed. Sawyer was an early, prominent settler.

Another fairly identical building is the Thomas Davis home. The Society has a photo of that home with some of the Davis family pictured. The obituary for Thomas J. Davis claims he was "...the first male child born in Tazewell County and reputed to be one of the wealthiest residents of that county...he owned considerable land and his farms are said to be the best in the state. He amassed an immense fortune."

The farm was located south of Tremont on Section 31 of Tremont Township. However, it is not known if it is still standing, or any other information about the home.

There are others. The 1864 Joseph Sommer home is on W. Franklin Street. Sommer was also the owner of 800 acres of land around here and more out west. He also was highly respected. He died at just 30 years old after an operation.

The home of Col. William Lackland is on Augustine Road. Col. Lackland served in the Civil War. The home has been completely remodeled. And another, the Curt Rassi home, is on Springfield Road. We have yet to determine the original owner.

Other similar homes can be found on Old Peoria Road, west of Danvers, and on State Route 9, also west of Danvers. All are still standing (2021), with the possible exception of the Davis home, and were built in the mid-1800s – early 1900s, most likely.

Either they were built by the same unknown builder, or they just represent a very popular style for prominent individuals in our area. In any case, they must have been well-built for so many to still be standing today.

*Information on Winslow home researched by Lee Roten. Located at [collections.carli.illinois.edu](http://collections.carli.illinois.edu). If you have photos or information about any of these homes, or if you if you have information on your own old home, please contact us at [lfuoss@telstar-online.net](mailto:lfuoss@telstar-online.net).*

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society



*Jacob Winsler Home*



*Col. Lackland Home*



*Sawyer Home (Allen Home)*



*Joseph Sommer Home*



*Thomas Davis Home*

## **Farmers' Market**

Tremont Farmers' Market began Saturday, July 3rd. The market will set up every Saturday from 9-12 AM

in the small shelter at City Park. The market NEEDS VENDORS! The market will start small and gradually build as the word and gardens "grow." Those wanting a "booth" can show up on Saturday - no need to register; it is \$5/week to set up. Those wanting to sell "cottage" goods, please contact the Tazewell County Health Dept. directly. Contact Mary Ann Vance with any questions via email at [mvance@maryannvance.com](mailto:mvance@maryannvance.com).

## **Tremont Library**

### **To Be Continued... (ages 7-12)**

Tuesdays, June 15th – July 27th, 2-3PM

Join Miss Lizzi for a virtual read-aloud book club weekly to hear a few chapters of our book. Book to be announced in late May.

### **Sidewalk Chalk Obstacle Courses (all ages)**

Dates/Times: June – July

Jump, spin, hopscotch, and balance! Stop by the library for a reward and get your picture on our Chalk Champions board. New courses throughout the summer, location to be announced.

### **Story Hour (ages 3-6)**

Dates/Times: Thursdays, June 10th – July 22nd

Check out our Virtual Read-Aloud Facebook group for read-alouds, rhymes, activities, and craft tutorials. Craft kits available at the library.

### **Story Walks (all ages)**

New story up each week, June 1st – July 12th

Location: South East Pond

Walk or ride around the pond & follow signs displaying fun picture books!

### **100 Books this Summer (Ages 1-5)**

Read 100 books w/ your child, June 1-August 7.

### **Summer Reading Game (Ages 5-12)**

Complete a reading goal & earn prizes, June 1-July 17

### **Adult & Teen Summer Reading**

Adults & teens, read 3 hours/week for a chance to win prizes! June 1-July 17

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## **Tuesday**

St. Jude Fundraiser - 6:30-8:00PM

Tremont Pool

## **Saturday**

Farmers Market - 9:00AM-12:00PM

City Park

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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,

Haas IT Solutions, Inc. on behalf of Tremont Winning Communities

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