



## 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>

### TCA Ribbon Cutting

Tremont Commerce Association held a ribbon cutting for Lori Venovich Country Financial for her new office at 100 S. Sampson on June 21st. Congrats to Lori & her team.



### Did You Know...?

#### Edward Cooney, Tremont Entrepreneur

The late 1800s in Tremont were exciting times, full of possibilities, risk-taking and spreading one's wings. Edward Cooney did just that. He was born in 1866, just east of Tremont, and later married Kathryn Loughlin, also of Tremont. Together, they had two sons, Edward A. and James.

Ed Cooney bought the building at 212 South Sampson in 1897 and opened a saloon together with a partner. Four years later, a February 1, 1901 Tremont News article stated, "Ed Cooney sold his saloon last week... to devote all his time to the livery business which he purchased recently."

By 1904, Cooney must have seen a need for a pool room in Tremont. He bought two pool tables, one from Chicago, and opened a pool hall in the basement of the Columbia Opera House.

Also in 1904, an article appeared, mentioning that Ed Cooney had gone into a completely unrelated venture... the bridge business. As the years progressed, he received more and more contracts for area bridges, such as the 1910 Waltmire Bridge, now on the National Registry of Historic Places. He became well-known for his bridge work in several townships.

While still in the bridge business, Cooney entered into yet another business in 1905, when he opened a restaurant at 200 South Sampson Street. Also, in 1910, an article mentioned that Ed Cooney would be completing his contract with the village to lay new sidewalks.

In 1917, Cooney built the People's Garage, for Trout (who owned and ran the Columbia Opera House) and Coulter (who owned and ran a grocery store with Baylor and then McGinnis in town.) This solid building still stands today. It is the larger building that makes up the Tremont District Library. Note the cement block exterior.

Besides sidewalks and local bridges, Cooney also left a lasting mark on Tremont in another way. He made the cement blocks for several homes he built in the Tremont area, including his own, which still stands today at 317 South Locust Street. Driving around Tremont, you'll spot several similar block homes. Some, if not all, were likely built by Cooney.

There were several Tremont men who also felt free to explore many professions at the turn of the century, but probably no one was more diversified than Edward Cooney.

*~Tremont Museum and Historical Society, Lori Fuoss*



*Part of Ed Cooney's work crew*



*Ed Cooney's home, 317 S. Locust - still standing*

## **Tremont District Library**

### **Hogwarts' Half-Bloods (YA Book Club)**

Tuesday, July 19th, 7-8pm

Ages 12-19 are invited to join us to discuss a monthly book (or two) pick and enjoy a drink from Eli's. Copies of each month's book are available at the library for anyone interested! If you'd like to keep up to date with Hogwarts' Half-Bloods, email Lizzi at [lizzi@tremontlibrary.com](mailto:lizzi@tremontlibrary.com) to be added to our Remind group. Upcoming read:

- July 19th – "A Good Girl's Guide to Murder" by Holly Jackson

### **Story Hour**

Summer sessions of Story Hour are held on Thursdays 10:30-11:15am. No registration is required, so join us whichever days you'd like!

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. We know a group setting is new for lots of kiddos this age, so wiggles are welcome! Make Story Hour a step you take in preparing your child for life-long learning.

### **Crafternoons**

Mondays 2-5pm

Join us on Mondays throughout the summer to make Camp themed crafts! Ages 6+, no registration required, supplies are first come, first serve!

- June 27th – Buttons
- July 11th – Sand Art
- July 18th – Perler Beads

## **Tremont First National Bank - Roboteers Donation**

The First National Bank in Tremont and their employees wanted to help Roboteers Team 2481 with their new building project. The Bank donated \$500.00 and the employees voted to use \$250.00 of their Jeans Day fund to add to the total. Pictured below are Vanessa Noreen, Josh Dickey, June Kidd, Shawne



## Tremont First National Bank - Job Opening

The First National Bank in Tremont has an opening for a part-time teller in their Tremont office. For more information about their work environment, visit their website at: <https://www.tremontbank.com/our-community/our-team>

If you are interested in joining their team, please email your information to [careers@tremontbank.com](mailto:careers@tremontbank.com).

## Tremont CUSD 702 Strategic Planning Survey

The Tremont CUSD 702 Board of Education is conducting a survey as part of its strategic planning process. The purpose of this survey is to gather information from the community so the Board can utilize the data to update its vision and goals. Some of the questions will be more directly aimed at parents of students, but it's important to the Board to gather as much information as possible from all stakeholders. Thank you in advance for taking time to complete this survey.

The Strategic Plan and Board of Education goals are based on six pillars -- School Climate, School Facilities, Curriculum, Strong Financial Position, Quality Staff, and Co-Curricular Activities. After an introductory section, the survey is divided into sections based on these six pillars. There are opportunities to add comments after each section of the survey and also an option to add overall comments at the end of the survey.

The survey will remain available for responses until July 17, 2022.

The survey is anonymous, but there is an option to include a name and email address for those interested in participating further in the strategic planning process, which may include follow-up meetings and further collaboration.

Strategic Planning Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/sKuBmEkM5D2oBWJc8>

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## Monday

Crafternoons (Ages 6+) - 2:00PM - 5:00PM  
Tremont Library

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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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