



## Weekly News

### Press Release - First National Bank



#### Josh Dickey named next President of the First National Bank in Tremont

**TREMONT, IL** – July 10, 2023 – The Board of Directors of The First National Bank in Tremont is pleased to announce Josh Dickey has been named to succeed June A. Kidd as President of the Bank, effective March, 2024. Ms. Kidd will remain at the Bank as CEO until her retirement on June 30, 2024.

Dickey started his banking career as a teller at United Community Bank in 2009. In 2013, he was hired by The First National Bank in Tremont as a loan officer. Since that time, he has served as the bank's primary mortgage lender, as well as supervisor of the bank's loan department staff. Mr. Dickey is a graduate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville as well as a graduate of CBAI's Community Bankers School. He is currently serving as the treasurer of the Tremont Education Foundation. Josh and his wife, Shanna, reside in Tremont with their four children.

#### ABOUT THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN TREMONT

The First National Bank in Tremont has total assets of \$150 million with offices in Tremont, Hopedale, New Holland, and Lincoln, offering a full range of financial products and services. The First National Bank in Tremont is an Equal Housing Lender and Member FDIC. More information about The First National Bank in Tremont is available at [www.tremontbank.com](http://www.tremontbank.com).

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#### Did you know...?

The History of the Building on the Corner

In 1881, John Tisserat sold hardware from his newly built building on the south end of block 28, lot 7, in Tremont, according to a plat map from that year. It became known as the Tisserat Building. We would know that area today as the corner of South Sampson and West South Streets, or as the location of Gauger Motors, owned by Bob Boston.

A 1905 article in the *Peoria Herald Transcript* recalls that Tisserat's Hardware store was sold to H.J. Schmitt in 1894. Schmitt's Hardware sold hardware and seeds. In 1906, J.W. Baylor bought the building and opened his hardware store.



*The Tisserat Building when it became Stegner Hardware, 1907*

George Gerstner bought the building in 1927, opening Gerstner's Hardware. Later, his son, John also known as Socky, joined him. Some may still remember his pet bulldog, Pepper, who would sit on the steps of the store, checking out the action on the street. Everyone knew Pepper.

In 1934, George received a Chrysler-Plymouth agency in partnership with his son John. The move from hardware store to auto agency was likely a natural one, given that owners of the first autos bought fuel at hardware stores before gas stations became common

The building has been altered through the years. The part of the building closest to Sampson Street was Joe Pfleiderer's tire shop. Later, Joe became a mechanic there. When John took over the auto dealership in 1945, he built an addition with a large window for the auto showroom. In 1964 George retired, and John had the front of the building removed. An office was erected, along with a parking lot for the agency.



*Tisserat Building as Gerstner Hardware and Chrysler-Plymouth Agency, October, 1944.*

Around 1976, Foster Marine moved in when their building burned down. It had been located on the alley facing the First National Bank. Immediately after, they set up shop in the large building that is today Louisa Jane, Inc. But a heavy snow caused the flat roof to cave in, so Foster's moved to the vacated Tisserat Building, where they continued to operate their boat business.

From the time Foster's closed until about 2004, the building saw a succession of businesses. In that time, the building housed a chop shop, Howlett Industries, a karate studio, an arcade, a dance studio, and possibly others. Don Gunther then owned the building, which he later sold to the Tremont First National Bank.



*The Tesserat Building, after many alterations, as Gauger Motors, Fall 2022*

In 2004, Bob Boston's business relocated from the corner of Walnut and South Sampson Street to the Tesseret building. His old building was demolished to make way for the (1964) First National Bank's new drive-up area. The bank had worked out a trade with Bob. The original location of Gaugers was started in the 1920s by Eli Gauger and was later run by his son Wally. After Bob purchased the business, he kept the name of Gauger Motors. When Gauger Motors opened in it's new location, it was obvious the building was very old, just judging from the worn wood floors.

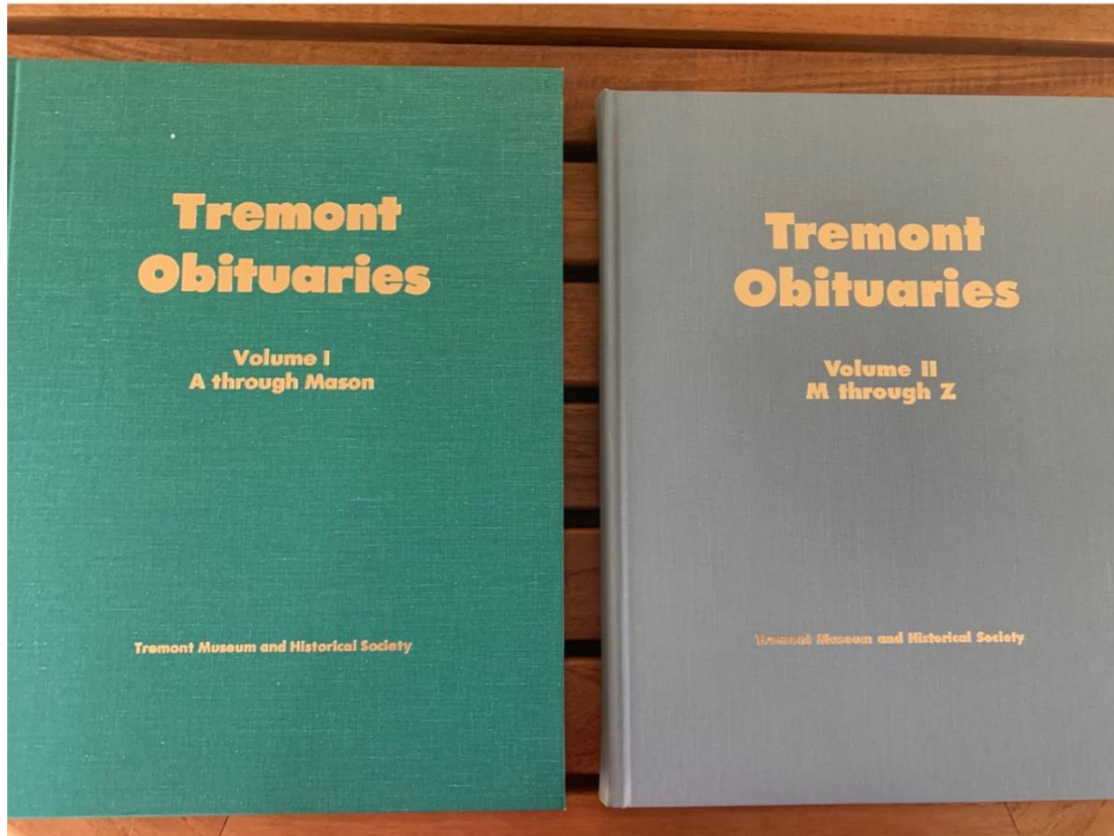
This July (2023), Gauger Motors closed for good, and Bob Boston retired, with many words of praise from his customers. It is also the end for the old Tisseret building on that corner. The 142-year-old building is showing its age. In need of major repairs, it will be torn down to make room for a parking lot for the popular Share Closet next door. The Share Closet has said there are other plans down the road for the corner. And a new chapter begins...

*Tremont Museum and Historical Society  
Lori Fuoss, 2023*

## **Tremont Museum**

\*The Tremont Museum has obituary books for sale. Volume I is "A through Mason" and Volume II is "M through Z." The obituaries that are included range from some of the earliest settlers in Tremont to those who died in 1988.

The price for each volume is \$10.00. Please contact Lori at 309-840-0094 or Kay at 419-296-2323 if you wish to buy a book.



## Tremont District Library News

### **Learn about Animals with Wildlife Prairie Park (all ages)**

Today! Monday, July 17th, 10:30am & 11:30am

Location: Tremont Grade School Gym, 200 S. Sampson St.

The Outreach Education Team at Wildlife Prairie Park will be visiting Tremont in July to showcase a few of their animals! All ages are invited to come learn about and meet them. Attendance is limited to 75 people per session (Choose 10:30am or 11:30am). First come, first serve.

### **Crafternoons (ages 6+)**

Mondays: July 24, & July 31, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

This week we're making Paracord Bracelets! Perfect for ages 6+! Please plan on staying in the room if your child needs help with materials. No registration required.

### **Baby & Me Group (ages 0-3)**

Wednesdays, 10:30 -11:30 am

A support group for new and experienced parents.

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

Thursdays, July 27th, 10:30 -11:15 am

Stories, rhymes, activities, and a craft. Prepare your child for lifelong learning! No registration.

### **Minecraft in the Meeting Room**

\*\*\*\*Thursdays, July 20th - Aug. 3rd

**IMPORTANT UPDATE:** To better fit the needs of our group we are making time and age updates to our Minecraft days. Starting at 1pm, ages 10+ can join Miss Lizzi in the Meeting Room for Minecraft. Then, at 2:30pm ages 7+ can join in until the end of the program at 4pm.

Minecraft participation requires: \*a signed Code of Conduct\* and your own personal

device with Minecraft on it. Please speak to Lizzi ahead of time if you have any questions about our weekly Minecraft days.

**[CLOSED] Staff Training Day**

Friday, July 28, 10:00am - 5:00pm

**Tremont Community Senior Meals**



We have loved seeing new folks continue to join us for Senior Meals and we have already served over 20 individuals in one gathering! If you want to be a part of the group, call 309-674-1131 Ext. 231 and leave a message saying you will be coming. Don't worry if you don't get a call back - if you have left a message then you have done all you need!

Also, we are still looking for people who would enjoy leading activities at these events. if you are interested, email Braden at [scsoulmanager@gmail.com](mailto:scsoulmanager@gmail.com).

**Community Calendar**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

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## 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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