



Weekly News

Tremont Turkey Festival Paint Night - May 30th, 6:00 PM



Flock the Block Paint Night!

Thursday, May 30th, 6:00 PM at the Tremont United Methodist Church

Before the Turkey Festival events begin, the community has a special opportunity to help "Flock the Block" by attending a paint night at the Tremont United Methodist Church's Family Life Center, where participants will be painting pre-selected yard or window display turkeys to flock the village during the Turkey Festival!

Limited space is available for this inaugural event, so please sign up in advance through this link: <https://shorturl.at/qyUY8>.

Sizing and Pricing:

2' x 2' Full Size Turkey: \$30

11" x 11" Small Turkey Trio (3): \$25

Gaggle of 5 Turkeys (2 Full Size + Small Turkey Trio): \$50

**Not feeling artsy? Order a painted turkey by selecting "Paint a Masterpiece for Me" for \$35

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[Information on the Turkey Festival](#)

Stay tuned for more information regarding additional events and opportunities for the community to flock together and flex your village pride! Not available to attend the May 30th Paint Night? Stay tuned for additional Flock Party details!

Tremont Turkey Festival 5K Race



The 58th Annual Tremont Turkey Festival will be underway June 7-9 to bring friends and neighbors from all around the area to enjoy a full weekend of food, fun, and festivities!

Start the second day of the festival off with a refreshing job in the country when you participate in the 48th annual Tremont Turkey Festival 5K Race on Saturday, June 8th at 7:30 AM! Interested participants may register online at this site:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2024/78022/tremont-turkey-festival-5k>.

Registrations received by May 26 are priced at \$30 and participants are guaranteed a race t-shirt. Entries received May 27 or after are at a higher price, and shirts are not guaranteed. Complete details on registration prices can be found on the race registration site linked above.

All runners must check in on race day from 6:15 AM to 7:30 AM. The start time for the 5K race is 7:30 AM. Please note that there are no pre-race day packet pick ups.

The race is professionally timed with splits provided at each mile. A trophy presentation at the pavilion will immediately follow the race. The following awards are given:

- Overall Awards: Top (1) Male and Top (1) Female (gun time)
- Tremont Resident Awards: Top (1) Male and Top (1) Female (gun time)
- Age Group Awards: Top 3 Male and Top 3 Female (gun time) in each of the following categories: 10 & Under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60 & Over

For more information, contact the race coordinator Sandy Cullette by email at gullette_sandy@yahoo.com or by phone at 309-256-7890.

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Roboteers 2024 Summer Science Camps - June 1st & 4th

Exciting news -- the Roboteers are hosting Science Camps this summer!

- The one-day camps are June 1st and June 4th for K-7th grade at the Roboteers Robotics Center behind the junior high school.
- Campers will be grouped based on current grade level: K/1st, 2nd/3rd, 4th/5th, 6th/7th graders.
- The cost is \$30 per camper per camp day or \$50 per camper if you participate in both camp days for their grade level.

Camps include:

Day 1: Current Kindergarteners-3rd Graders

June 1st - 9:00-11:30am

This camp will focus on learning basic skills we use in the robot shop (programming, electrical circuits, design, etc). Students will have an opportunity to see and interact with this year's robot.

Day 2: Current Kindergarteners-3rd Graders

June 4th - 9:00-11:30am

This camp will be a little crazy and a little wild! We will be exploring a vast array of fun science experiments and chemical reactions! We will also learn all about cotton candy and enjoy it as a tasty treat (no red dye 40)!

Day 1: Current 4th Graders - 7th Graders

June 1st - 12:30-3:00pm

Come learn about the various subgroups we have for building our robot! You'll learn about programming, computer aided design, electrical, and more!

Day 2: Current 4th Graders - 7th Graders

June 4th - 12:30-3:00pm

Design, design, design! That's the name of this camp! Come ready to make designs to accomplish a variety of tasks and see if your group can take 1st place in the race of testing your designs at the end of the camp session!

Sign up and more information is available at www.team2481.com.

Did You Know....?

Turn of the Century Obituaries

Francis Nabor* Dead

*Not actual last name

From the Tremont News, August 6, 1901:

"Francis Nabor died at the county farm Saturday evening, after a short illness, and was buried Sunday.

"It seems strange and hardly fair (that) one who was possessed of so much wealth a few years ago should die in the poor house. Money all gone, friends gone, and cast out without a place to lay his head, only at the county house. Some will say he ought to have known better; perhaps he had, but if he didn't there should have been a conservator appointed for him.

"We have known the deceased for a great many years, and we do not think that he ever saw the bright side of life for a single day, but perhaps he was not to blame. All that can be said now that he is gone is, 'poor old man.' "

Generally, obituaries do not speak ill of the dead, though some, like the one above, are the exception! In fact, around the turn of the century, the opposite was usually the case, with glowing and flowery tributes to the deceased, especially the women. An example is:

The Death of Mrs. Estella Norman

Tremont News, 1923:

"...She was a woman highly respected by all who knew her. One who was very generous

and kind to all her neighbors and friends and was never so happy as when she could do someone a kind act. While she was ill during the Holidays, she thought of others and sent presents, and to the sick, boxes of fruits and words of cheer. Her passing will be keenly felt in this community where she had resided most of her entire life and the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community goes out to the husband and children of a faithful and loving wife and kind and indulgent mother.”

Small town newspapers rarely had an obituary writer on staff. Often, the obituaries were written by the funeral home director. The trend was to extoll the virtues that were valued by the community, such as Christian faith, generosity, kindness, motherhood, and friendliness. Other adjectives included honorable, frank, honest and loving.

These obituaries were more like eulogies than objective death notices. They often contained flowery descriptions that could not always be trusted as fact.

During the Industrial Revolution, men were no longer remembered so much for their attributes. Instead, many obituaries focused on the prominence and wealth of the deceased, such as for Tremont's Thomas A. Davis in 1899:

“(He was) reputed to be one of the wealthiest residents...he owned considerable land... he amassed an immense fortune.”

Next week – More about early Tremont obituaries.

Note: The Tremont Museum is selling volumes one and two of Tremont obituary books for \$5.00 each. The obituaries are from very early Tremont through 1988. They can be purchased at the Museum on 2nd and 4th Sundays from 2-4:00 pm, cash or check, or call 309-840-0094. They make very interesting reading. Many generations of some Tremont families are included.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society
Lori Fuoss, 2024

Tremont Museum

THIS TUESDAY!!

Tuesday, May 21, 7 PM - Tremont Historical Society meeting
Program: Girls' Sports and the 'Cinderella' softball team of 1975

The Tremont Historical Society's May program will be presented by Jody Dudley, a 1976 Tremont softball team member. All are welcome, no charge, at the Tremont Community Center at 7 PM Tuesday!

Cash only admission.



Joan Uhlman poses with the exhibit featuring the softball team, of which she was a member.

TREMONT SPORTS ALL-STARS EXHIBIT OPEN

Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26
from 2-4 PM.

Out of town company? They'll enjoy this exhibit of incredible athletes from Tremont.

Admission is cash only.

Nathan O'Conner stopped in to see the exhibit. He was featured as a cheerleader, tumbler, cheer coach for the



Tremont District Library News

STEAM LAB, STEAM LAB+ (ages 4-6. 7+)

Monday, May 20, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Our May 20th Boat Challenge date has been combined with our STEAM Lab Plus Boat Challenge date. This even is now open to ages 4-6 and 7+, so bring the whole family!

No registration required.

Baby & Me Group (ages 0-3)

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am

A support group for new and experienced parents.

Loanable Technology

Ask at the front desk about availability.

Wifi Hotspots

Our loanable hotspots allow you to access internet from anywhere.

Rokus

Each of our Rokus has a different streaming service.

Choose from:

- Hulu + Disney (with ads)
- Paramount +
- Acorn TV

Check-out Rules for all technology:

- Must be a Tremont District Library Cardholders Only (aged 14 and older)
- Loan period: 7 days (1 renewal)
- Checkout Limit: 1 technology item at a time per household
- Checkout and return at the circulation desk. No returns in the book drops
- High-speed internet and a TV with HDMI is required for Rokus.

Tremont Area Park District

Turk Gear available at TAPD

Various sizes in t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, and hoodies

Prices range from \$10 - \$25

JOIN TREMONT FITNESS

Cardio, weights, and classes offered. Workout hours 5 AM - 10 PM.

Rates: \$25.00 per month

-Additional member living in household: \$5.00

***All minors must have parents signature to obtain a membership. Must be 16 to work out without a parent. Ages 14/15 must work out with an adult.*

Fitness Class 10 Punch Pass: \$40.00

Office Hours

Monday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Wednesday	-	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	8:30 AM - 11:00 PM	-
Sunday	Closed	Closed

Tremont Community Senior Meals



Meals are served every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11am at the Tremont Community Center. These are for anyone 60 and up, there is no cost! If you want to join us you can stop in and sign up or call 309-674-1131 ext 231 for more information or to sign up.

If you would like to help support these meals, there are a few ways to get involved!

1. You can volunteer. Help us serve food and clean up from 10:45-12:15 in a relaxed and fun environment.
2. You can donate. Donations of disposable dinnerware (plates, cups, silverware, dessert plates, large and small take-home containers, rectangular tablecloths and napkins) can be dropped off at the [Tremont Share Closet](#) during their open hours. If you want a more detailed list of our current needs, you can see our Amazon wish list [here](#).
3. You can entertain. We like to host fun activities from 11:45-12:15 on Fridays and are always looking for creative and fun ideas to fill that time.

If you have any questions about donations or want to get involved, you can reach out to Braden at scsoulmanager@gmail.com.

Community Calendar

Monday

HS Softball HOME vs Sectional - TBA

Tuesday

HS Softball HOME vs Sectional - TBA

Wednesday

HS Baseball HOME vs Sectional - TBA

HS Softball HOME vs Sectional - TBA

Thursday

HS Baseball HOME vs Sectional - TBA

HS Softball HOME vs Sectional - TBA

Friday

HS Baseball HOME vs Sectional - TBA

HS Softball HOME vs Sectional - TBA

Saturday

HS Baseball HOME vs Sectional - TBA

HS Softball HOME vs Sectional - TBA

Sunday

HS Baseball HOME vs Sectional - TBA

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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